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## Four novels in Booker short list

FOUR novels have been shortlisted for Britain's largest literary award, the £5,000 Booker Prize.

They are "The Dressmaker", by Beryl Bainbridge, "The Black Prince" by Iris Murdoch, "A Green Equinox" by Elizabeth Mavor and "The Siege of Kirshnapur" by J. G. Farrell.

Karl Miller, chairman of the judges — the other are Mary McCarthy and Edna O'Brien — said: "The high proportion of women on the shortlist should not be taken as a clumsy bow in the direction of women's lib, nor as a reflection of the fact that two of the three judges this year were women".

Their choice will be announced on 28 November.