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1973 Prize

2 November 1973

Lord Butler of Saffron Walden, PC, CH
The Masters Lodge
Trinity College
Cambridge

Dear Lord Butler,

Further to my letter of October 4, I now have pleasure in enclosing the formal invitation to the Prize Giving Dinner for the 1973 Booker Prize on Wednesday 28 November at the Cafe Royal.

I am also enclosing some notes for you on the history of the Booker Prize for fiction and a copy of the press releases announcing the names of the judges and the short-listed books. Nearer the date of the dinner I will be in a position to advise you, in strict confidence, the name of the winner of the 1973 Booker Prize, which is not announced until the dinner itself.

The brief form of the evening, after the dinner, will be that you will be introduced by the president of the Publishers Association, who this year is Mr Colin Eccleshare, a director of the Cambridge University Press. We would then ask you to speak for approximately ten to fifteen minutes on a subject which you feel might be of interest to a literary audience, mainly made up of authors, publishers and literary press. This need not preclude the subject of literary prizes, if you should wish to discuss them.

After you have finished speaking, the chairman of the judges will then announce the winner of the 1973 Booker Prize for fiction, who will be invited to approach the top table to receive from you his statuette and a cheque for £5,000. The winner will probably then make a short speech



and after a concluding speech from a director of Booker McConnell, the formal part of the evening will draw to a close at approximately 9.40 pm.

I hope that I have given you all the information that you require, but please do not hesitate to let me know if there is any other way in which I can be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Smith".

Peter Smith
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