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# BOOKER INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

## "BOOKER PRIZE 1894"

Ion Trewin is working with Humphrey Carpenter of the Cheltenham Literary Festival; they are at an early stage in the planning and welcome ideas from us; but here are some details thus far:

### **judges**

Gillian Beer; Martyn Goff; possibly Bernard Levin; and another couple of well-known names yet to be decided. Their agreed fee is a full set of all c200 Everyman Library books.

### **shortlist**

Ella Hepworth Dixon	The story of a modern woman
George Gissing	In the year of jubilee
Thomas Hardy	Life's little ironies
Rudyard Kipling	The jungle book
George du Maurier	Trilby
George Moore	Esther Waters

### reserves

Arthur Conan Doyle	Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes
Antony Hope	The prisoner of Zenda
Robert Louis Stevenson	The ebb tide
Hall Caine	The Manxman

(The reserves are needed at this stage in case Orion cannot resolve a problem over the authoritative text of the Gissing.)

### **promotion**

Everyman will publish the six in a special edition and market them as "Booker books". The judging will take place at the Cheltenham Festival, possibly on the last Saturday evening. They are trying to work out an entertaining way to award the prize (since the author, obviously, is dead), and to involve the audience. Ion also recognises that the twin aims - of entertaining the reader, and protecting the literary credibility of the Booker Prize - need to be borne in mind.

Ion recognises that he must work closely with us to ensure that dates do not conflict with or overshadow the main Booker Prize. If Dotti Irving gets the contract for this year's Festival then this will be easier.

They are not yet ready to make any public announcements and so we should not discuss these ideas and plans outside.

Maggie

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*'I will go with thee and be thy guide'*

## THE BOOKER PRIZE SHORTLIST

1894

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