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GUIDANCE TO JUDGES OF BOOKER PRIZE

This is simply a guidance to judges, drawing their attention to specific areas of responsibility incumbent upon them as set out in the Rules of the Booker Prize for fiction. (Please see attached Rules).

Judges' attention is drawn to the whole of Clause 2, and particularly to Clause 2a. If any question should arise in an individual judge's mind as to the eligibility of a book either submitted by a publisher or called in by another judge, he should inform the administrator who will then accordingly inform the other judges in order to seek their opinions. It is extremely important that the judges should be satisfied as to the eligibility of a short-listed or winning title, as the decision of the judges as to whether a book is eligible shall be binding.

Judges may call in any title published between 1 January 1972 and 16 November 1972, and to aid them in this publishers are invited to submit lists of titles that they feel qualify as possible entries for the Prize. The judges may not call in any titles after 1 September 1972. Publishers may submit up to two titles with publication dates between 31 July and 16 November 1972, which they should have submitted by 1 July 1972 and at the latest 31 July 1972 (see Clause 3a and 3b).

It is hoped that the judges will be ready to announce a short-list of six titles in mid-October and that the winner will be announced on 16 November 1972.