

21st July 1972

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Dear Tom,

1971 Booker Prize

JOHN FOWLES

I have heard from Marilyn Edwards that John Fowles wishes his Judges fee in respect of the 1971 Booker Prize to be paid direct to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

This has thrown everyone into confusion here since a new person is dealing with the Charitable Trust which makes these payments. The individual concerned is now on holiday and will be away for a fortnight but will deal with this matter on his return. Since the whole matter has been outstanding for several months, I assume a further few weeks delay won't matter.

For our records, could you please drop me a note stating that John Fowles wishes his Judges fee to be dealt with in this way.

I am sorry to bother you on this; it would have been so much easier if John Fowles had presented the cheque and then made the donation direct himself.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Weekes