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**BOOKER
INTERNAL
MEMORANDUM**

BOOKER PRIZE RULES

I have been through the attached revised rules and all seems fine.
Let the publishers have them!

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1993 BOOKER PRIZE FOR FICTION

DETAILS AND RULES OF THE PRIZE

1 THE PRIZE

- a** The Prize is worth £20,000. It will be awarded to the author of the best full-length novel, in the opinion of the judges, that is eligible for the Prize. The Prize may not be divided nor withheld.
- b** The judges will be responsible for compiling a shortlist of not more than six and not less than three of the outstanding books submitted for the Prize. For inclusion in this shortlist a title should have the full support of at least one judge in whose opinion it is a valid contender for the Prize itself.
- c** The panel of judges is chosen by the Prize Management Committee, appointed by Booker and the Prize is administered by Book Trust.

2 CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Any eligible book which is entered for the Prize shall not qualify for the award unless its publisher agrees:

- (a) to spend not less than **£1,000** on direct, paid for media advertising of the winning book, including a winning poster or showcard, within the three months following the announcement of the award.
- (b) to contribute **£1,750** towards general publicity if the book reaches the shortlist.
- (c) to comply with Rule 4g.

3 ELIGIBLE BOOKS

- a Any full-length novel, written in English by a citizen of the Commonwealth, the Republic of Ireland or South Africa, is eligible. Such a book must be a unified and substantial work. Neither a book of short stories nor a novella is eligible. Entry of books is dealt with under Rule 4.
- b A book submitted on behalf of an author who was deceased at the date of publication will not be eligible for consideration.
- c No English translation of a book written originally in any other language is eligible.
- d All entries must be published in the United Kingdom between the required dates (rule 4a) but previous publication of a book outside the UK does not disqualify it.
- e The decision of the judges as to whether a book is eligible shall be binding.
- f No entry shall be ineligible because its author has won either the Booker or any other prize previously.

4 ENTRY OF BOOKS

- a** United Kingdom publishers may enter up to three full-length novels, with scheduled publication dates between 1 October 1992 and 30 September 1993. In addition, they may enter eligible titles by authors who have previously won the Booker Prize. Finished copies only may be submitted.
- b** Each publisher may also submit, by 1 July 1993, a list of up to five further titles. These should each be accompanied by a justification for the submission of not more than 250 words. The judges will be required to call in not less than 5 or more than 15 of these titles.
- c** Entries must be submitted by 1 July 1993 but if publishers know that copies of an eligible book which they wish to submit will be available between 1 July 1993 and 31 July 1993 they must inform Book Trust by 1 July and submit copies by 31 July 1993. Six copies of each entry must be submitted to the Judges of the Booker Prize, care of Book Trust and not direct to the judges.
- d** Publishers are particularly requested to send entries as soon as they are published. Even if some titles are not available until July, it is nonetheless extremely helpful to the judges to receive the entries as early as possible.
- e** The judges may also, not later than 1 September 1993 call for any book published between 1 October 1992 and 30 September 1993, even if such a book does not appear on publishers' lists referred to in 4b. In that event the publishers will be asked to submit six printed copies of the book to Book Trust.
- f** No book entered by publishers or called in by the judges will be returned to publishers.
- g** Two copies of each shortlisted book in folded and collated form should be retained by the publisher. These must be delivered to a nominated bookbinder for leather binding within 48 hours of the announcement of the shortlist. If this should prove impossible, Book Trust must be informed immediately. Book Trust will supply shortlisted publishers with the name and address of the bookbinder to which copies must be sent.

ENTRY FORM FOR THE 1993 BOOKER PRIZE FOR FICTION

Please return the form by 1 July and six copies of each title by 31 July to :-
 The Judges of the Booker Prize for Fiction
 Book Trust
 Book House
 45 East Hill
 London SW18 2QZ

Title

Author

Publication Date

Title

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A list of not more than five further titles for consideration by the judges is enclosed/will follow by 1 July.

We have been given a copy of the Rules of the competition for the above Prize. We undertake that should a book published by us be shortlisted for the Booker Prize and/or win we will comply with the relevant Conditions of Award set out in paragraph 2 of the Rules of the competition.

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR

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ADDRESS

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DATE