

Lady Antonia Fraser,

13th December, 1971

Dear Antonia,

Thank you very much for your letter of 30th November. I am sure you are right that the Booker Prize has now 'taken off' and I hope that in future years it will begin to do some of the things that we hoped for it when we started it.

I am not being ironical when I say thank you very much for the suggestion that Bookers should give another £500 because I think it is in many ways very logical and perhaps right. Of course one must retain the £5,000 first prize. This is a rather crucial round sum. Apart from saying thank you for your thought now, I would like to have time to consult various people here and see whether it is felt that we should adopt your suggestion. I will let you know as soon as we have gone through our deliberations.

With best wishes,

Yours,

(J.N. Murphy)