

## THE BOOKER PRIZE FOR FICTION

Rules of the competition for the Prize  
to be awarded for 1963 in 1969

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### 1. The Prize

- (a) The Prize is £5,000 and it will be awarded between the 15th March and the 15th April, 1969 to the author of 'the best work of fiction in the opinion of the judges' that is entered for the Prize.
- (b) The panel of judges will be chosen jointly by the Publishers Association and Booker McConnell Limited.

### 2. Eligible books

- (a) All works of fiction written in English by citizens of the British Commonwealth, Eire and South Africa and first published in the United Kingdom between the 1st December, 1967 and the 30th November, 1968 by a United Kingdom publisher who publishes works of fiction are eligible for entry for the Prize.
- (b) An English translation of a book written originally in some other language is not eligible.
- (c) Previous publication of a book outside the United Kingdom does not disqualify it.
- (d) The decision of the judges as to whether a book is eligible shall be binding.

### 3. Entry of books

- (a) Each United Kingdom publisher who publishes works of fiction may enter not more than two eligible books published by him between the 1st December, 1967 and the 30th November, 1968. Entries must be submitted not later than the 30th November, 1968.
- (b) The judges may not later than the 31st December 1968 call for any other eligible books to be submitted to them.
- (c) Six printed copies of each entry must be submitted to 'The judges of the 1968 Booker Prize For Fiction' care of The Publishers Association, 19 Bedford Square, London, W.C. 1.

3. Entry of Books

- (a) Each United Kingdom publisher who publishes works of fiction may enter not more than two eligible books published by him between the 1st December 1968 and the 30th November 1969. Entries must be submitted not later than the 30th November, 1969. ~~1969~~ 1969.

Six printed copies of each entry must be submitted to 'The Judges of the 1969 Booker Prize for Fiction', care of The Publishers Association, 19, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.

- (b) In addition, each publisher may submit a list of further eligible titles which will be passed on to the judges who will decide whether any of the books listed should be called in for consideration.

Six copies of each such list must be submitted to the address above and six copies of any book called in by the judges must be sent if requested.

- (c) The judges may also, not later than the 31st December 1969, call in any other eligible books to be submitted to them. ~~As before~~, six printed copies of each such book must be submitted to the above address.

Any book entered by publishers or called in by the judges will not be returned to the publishers.

4. Condition of Award

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

- (i) to spend not less than £500 on direct advertising of the winning book within the three months following the announcement of the award, and
- (ii) to have not less than 3,000 copies of the winning book in stock and available to booksellers on the day of the announcement of the award. (A minimum of six weeks notice will be given to the winning author's publisher), and
- (iii) not to divulge the name of the winning author or book before the award is announced by the judges.

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In addition, publishers may submit a list only of further titles which will be passed on to the judges who may decide whether any of the books mentioned should be called in for consideration. Six copies of the list must be supplied and six copies of any books the judges wish to see will be requested at a later stage.

Miss Mortimer thinks that the undermentioned should also be included.

- (e) Any book entered or called in by the judges will not be returned to their publishers.

Item 4

- (3) to contribute up to £40 towards co-operative advertising if a book reaches the short list.