

John Gross

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In relation to the rules of the 1971 Booker Prize for Fiction (a copy of which is attached) and in particular to:

Rule 1 (a) The Prize is £5,000 and it will be awarded in November 1971 to the author of "the best full length novel in the opinion of the judges" that is eligible for the Prize

and to

Rule 2 (a) All full-length novels written in English etc. etc.

Do you consider the book entitled "In a Free State" by V.S. Naipaul to be a full length novel and therefore eligible for the 1971 Booker Prize.

If you do, will you answer YES plus your signature.

If you do not, will you answer NO plus your signature.

Will you in either case please return this paper signed to me.

YES

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