

## Award Winners in Literature

### [The Man Booker Prize](#)

The prize, which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2008, aims to reward the best novel of the year written by a citizen of the Commonwealth or the Republic of Ireland. The Man Booker judges are selected from the country's finest critics, writers and academics to maintain the consistent excellence of the prize. The winner of the Man Booker Prize receives £50,000 and both the winner and the shortlisted authors are guaranteed a worldwide readership plus a dramatic increase in book sales.

2012

Troubles

JG Farrell

2011

The Sense of an Ending

Julian Barnes

2010

The Finkler Question

Howard Jacobson

2009

Wolf Hall

Hillary Mantel

2008

The White Tiger

Aravind Adiga

### [The National Book Awards](#)

On March 15, 1950, a consortium of book publishing groups sponsored the first annual National Book Awards Ceremony and Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. Their goal was to enhance the public's awareness of exceptional books written by fellow Americans, and to increase the popularity of reading in general.

Since then, The National Book Awards have become the nation's preeminent literary prizes, and The National Book Awards Ceremony and Dinner the most important event on our literary calendar.

Today, the Awards are given to recognize achievements in four genres: Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, and Young People's Literature. The Winners, selected by five-member, independent judging panels for each genre, receive a \$10,000 cash award and a crystal sculpture.

2011

Salvage the Bones

Jesmyn Ward

2010  
Lord of Misrule  
Jaimy Gordon

2009  
Let the Great World Spin  
Colum McCann

2008  
Shadow Country  
Peter Mattheissen

2007  
Tree of Smoke  
Denis Johnson

#### [Pulitzer Prize in Fiction](#)

The Pulitzer Prize is awarded for distinguished fiction by an American author, preferably dealing with American life. The monetary award is \$10,000.

2011  
A Visit from the Goon Squad  
Jennifer Egan

2010  
Tinkers  
Paul Harding

2009  
Olive Kitteridge  
Elizabeth Strout

2008  
The Brief and Wonderous Life of Oscar Wao  
Junot Diaz

2007  
The Road  
Cormac McCarthy

#### [Nobel Prize in Literature](#)

On 27 November 1895, Alfred Nobel signed his last will and testament, giving the largest share of his fortune to a series of prizes, the Nobel Prizes. As described in Nobel's will one part was

dedicated to “the person who shall have produced in the field of literature the most outstanding work in an ideal direction”. Learn more about the Nobel Prize in Literature from 1901 to 2011.

2011

Tomas Transtromer

2010

Mario Vargus Llosa

2009

Herta Muller

2008

Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clézio

2007

Doris Lessing

#### [PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction](#)

The PEN/Faulkner award for fiction is awarded to living American citizens annually by a peer jury. The winner receives \$15,000 from the award namesake’s foundation and each of the 4 runners- up receives \$5,000. The award was created to encourage new American writers of fiction.

2011

The Collected Stories of Deborah Eisenberg

Deborah Eisenberg

2010

War Dances

Sherman Alexie

2009

Netherland

Joseph O’Neill

2008

Kate Christensen

The Great Man

2007

Everyman

Philip Roth

#### [Newberry Award and Honor Winners](#)

The Newbery Medal was named for eighteenth-century British bookseller John Newbery. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

2012

Breaking Stalin's Nose

Eugene Yelchin

Inside Out and Back Again

Thanhha Lai

Dead End in Norvelt

Jack Gantos

2011

One Crazy Summer

Rita Williams-Garcia

Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night

Joyce Sidman

Heart of a Samurai

Margi Preus

Turtle in Paradise

Jennifer L. Holm

Moon Over Manifest

Clare Vanderpool

2010

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg

Rodman Philbrick

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

Grace Lin

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate

Jacqueline Kelly

Claudette Colvin: Twice Towards Justice

Phillip Hoose

When you Reach Me

Rebecca Stead

2009

After Tupac and D. Foster

Jacqueline Woodson

Saavy  
Ingrid Law

The Surrender Tree  
Margaritta Engel

The Underneath  
Kathy Appelt

The Graveyard Book  
Neill Gaiman

### [The Caldecott Award](#)

The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

2012  
A Ball for Daisy  
Chris Raschka

2011  
A Sick Day for Amos McGee  
illustrated by Erin E. Stead, written by Philip C. Stead

2010  
The Lion and the Mouse  
Jerry Pinkney

2009  
The House in the Night  
illustrated by Beth Krommes, written by Susan Marie Swanson

2007  
The Invention of Hugo Cabret  
Brian Selznick