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COMPREHENSIVE SIGNED BOOKER PRIZE COLLECTION (1969-2023)

554 books

Sold as a collection: Offers in the region of £150,000.

INTRODUCTION

Offered for sale for the first time is a comprehensive signed collection of the Booker Prize 1969-2023. This unique collection is the most complete signed collection of Booker Prize first edition winners and nominees ever made public.

Highlights include:

- Every Booker Prize Winner: 58 books (100% signed)
- Every Booker Prize Shortlisted book: 263 books (99%+ signed)
- Every Booker Prize Longlisted book: 207 books (99%+ signed)
- The complete 'Lost' Booker Prize 1970: 6 books (100% signed)
- The complete 'Follow the Flag / True First' Winners: 20 books (100% signed)

There are 554 books in total with no missing books or gaps. All books are UK First Edition / First Printings apart from the 'Flag' books and a small number of books on the longlist that were not published in the UK. All dustwrappers are the correct 'first state' dustwrappers.

The signatures include rarities such as J. G. Farrell and Paul Scott. All of the Winners are signed directly to the page. A very small number of shortlisted and longlisted books (less than 1%) are signed on bookplates. A tiny number of books are unsigned – two authors died prior to publication and some very recent (post Covid-19) books are unsigned, but those authors are still touring and should sign in the near future.

ABOUT THE COLLECTION

The Booker Prize is the world's highest profile literary prize, bringing instant success and a huge readership to winners and nominees. The prize is awarded to the best novel published in English each year (the prize period runs October to October) and is open to any author writing in English. The competition began in 1969 and 58 novels have won the prize to date (a joint award has been issued three times). High profile winners include William Golding, Iris Murdoch, Salman Rushdie, J. M. Coetzee and Hilary Mantel. Many of the winning novels can be found on bookshelves across the globe, including 'Schindler's Ark', 'The English Patient' and 'Life of Pi'. Five of the winners are also Nobel laureates.

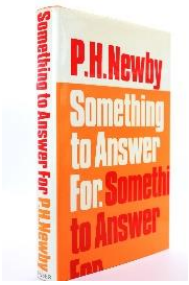
Collecting the Booker Prize has been popular amongst book collectors and institutions for many years, and the value of signed first editions has increased rapidly. Each year collectors scramble to acquire signed copies of the winning and nominated books.

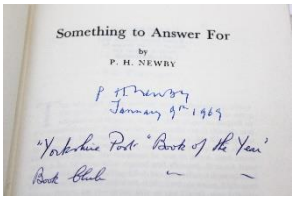
See **page 40** for more information about book condition, signatures, postage and viewing arrangements.

ABOUT THE COLLECTOR

This collection was acquired over a lengthy period by Richard Alston from Melbourne, Australia. Richard is a former Australian Cabinet Minister (he remains Australia's longest serving Minister for both Communications and the Arts) and he also served as Australia's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom between 2005 and 2008, where he was a regular guest at the Booker Prize awards dinner.

Richard is a long-term collector of rare books, Australian indigenous art and oriental rugs. His obsession with collecting an entire set of signed Booker Prize novels is set out in his memoirs: 'More to Life than Politics?' (2019). His collection was also profiled in The Australian newspaper in 2023. Richard has read every Booker Prize shortlisted book, so he is a genuine 'Booker aficionado'.




Something to Answer For
by
P. H. NEWBY
P H Newby
January 9th 1969
"Yorkshire Post "Book of the Year"

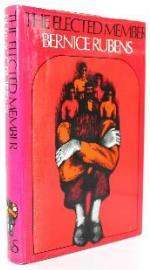
1969: In 1969 the prize was awarded to books published in 1968 (this approach was dropped in 1971). The winner was P. H. Newby's 'Something to Answer For' which is easy to find. However, the shortlisted books are all extremely rare, especially signed. Muriel Spark's 'The Public Image' and Barry England's 'Figures in a Landscape' are very hard to find signed. Gordon Williams' 'From Scenes Like These' is very scarce, even unsigned.

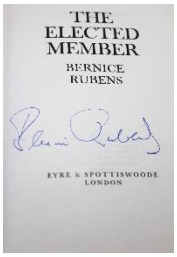
Winner

1968	P. H. Newby	Something to Answer For	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED and dated 1969 on title page. VG/NF. Other awards noted in pen.

Shortlist

1968	Barry England	Figures in a Landscape	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF. Name on FEP.
1968	Nicholas Mosley	The Impossible Object	Hodder	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1968	Iris Murdoch	The Nice and the Good	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	Inscribed. VG/VG.
1968	Muriel Spark	The Public Image	Macmillan	HB in DW	Inscribed. VG/VG. DW spine faded.
1968	Gordon Williams	From Scenes Like These	Secker	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.




THE ELECTED MEMBER
BERNICE RUBENS
EYRE & SPOTTISWOODE
LONDON

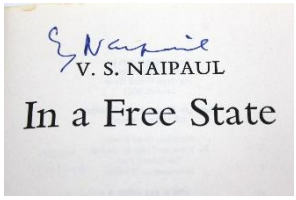
1970: The 1970 winner is very rare – 'The Elected Member' by Bernice Rubens had a very small print run and many copies were sent to libraries. Many of the shortlisted books are also rare – especially 'The Conjunction' by Terence Wheeler.

Winner

1969	Bernice Rubens	The Elected Member	Eyre & Spottiswoode	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. NF/VG.

Shortlist

1969	A L Barker	John Brown's Body	Hogarth	HB in DW	Inscribed. VG/VG.
1969	Elizabeth Bowen	Eva Trout	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	Inscribed. VG/VG. Name on FEP.
1969	Iris Murdoch	Bruno's Dream	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG. Date on FEP.
1969	William Trevor	Mrs Eckdorf in O'Neill's Hotel	Bodley Head	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF.
1969	Terence Wheeler	The Conjunction	Angus & Robertson	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF. Review slip laid in.



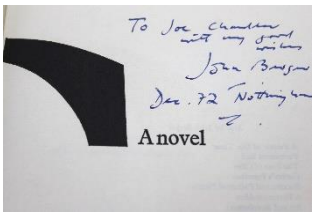
1971: In 1971 the rules were changed so that the prize was selected from books published in the UK between October 1970 and October 1971. V. S. Naipaul won for the brilliant 'In a Free State' which is really a combination of a novella and two short stories. The shortlist is very challenging for collectors as 'St Urbain's Horseman' by Mordecai Richler is almost impossible to find signed.

Winner

1971	V. S. Naipaul	In a Free State	Deutsch	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. VG/NF. Name on FEP, mild spotting to top of text block.

Shortlist

1971	Thomas Kilroy	The Big Chapel	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1971	Doris Lessing	Briefing for a Descent into Hell	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF.
1971	Mordecai Richler	St Urbain's Horseman	Weidenfeld & Nicolson	HB in DW	Inscribed. VG/VG.
1971	Derek Robinson	Goshawk Squadron	Heinemann	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1971	Elizabeth Taylor	Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	Signed on a loose slip. NF/NF.



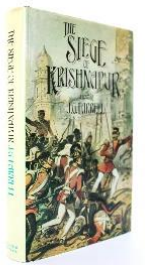
1972: In 1972 John Berger won for his novel 'G'. It remains one of the most experimental novels to win the Booker Prize. Only four books were shortlisted – this was a period where the length of the shortlist varied between two and seven, before settling down in the 1990s to a consistent 6.

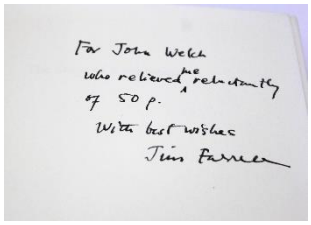
Winner

1972	John Berger	G.	Weidenfeld & Nicolson	HB in DW	Inscribed and dated (1972) on title page. NF/NF.

Shortlist

1972	Susan Hill	The Bird of Night	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1972	Thomas Keneally	The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith	Angus & Robertson	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF.
1972	David Storey	Pasmore	Longman	HB in DW	Inscribed. VG/VG.





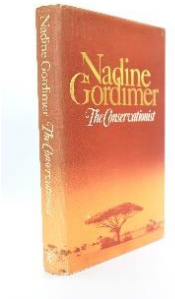
1973: A signed copy of the 1973 winner - 'The Siege of Krishnapur' by J. G. Farrell - is on the wishlist of every Booker Prize collector and is the rarest signed Booker Prize winner. The author died shortly after receiving the prize and very few signed copies have emerged. On the shortlist, 'The Green Equinox' is another rarity.

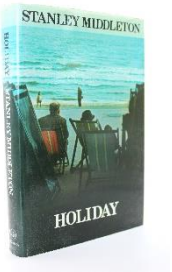
Winner

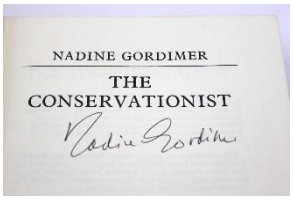
1973	J. G. Farrell	The Siege of Krishnapur	Weidenfeld & Nicolson	HB in DW	Inscribed on end paper. NF/NF.

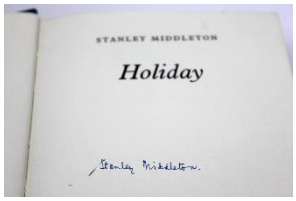
Shortlist

1973	Beryl Bainbridge	The Dressmaker	Duckworth	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1973	Elizabeth Mavor	The Green Equinox	Michael Joseph	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF.
1973	Iris Murdoch	The Black Prince	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.









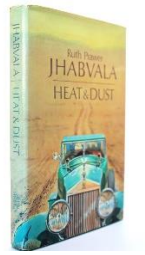
1974: 1974 was the first time a joint prize was awarded. Nadine Gordimer and Stanley Middleton are both worthy winners, but for collectors it is the Middleton that is the real gem. He was not a high-profile author and very few first printings were issued. Fortunately, he lived and worked into his 90s and happily signed copies for anyone lucky enough to find one.

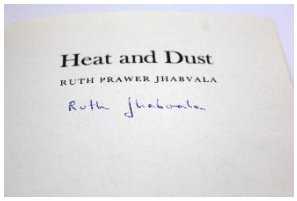
Winners

1974	Nadine Gordimer	The Conservationist	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. VG/VG.
1974	Stanley Middleton	Holiday	Hutchinson	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. NF/NF.

Shortlist

1974	Kingsley Amis	Ending Up	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1974	Beryl Bainbridge	The Bottle Factory Outing	Duckworth	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1974	C. P. Snow	In Their Wisdom	Macmillan	HB in DW	Inscribed. VG/VG.





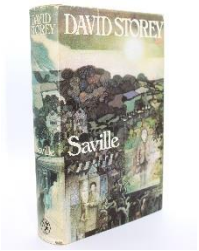
1975: From a shortlist of just two Ruth Prawer Jhabvala emerged as the 1975 winner for 'Heat and Dust'. She remains the only person to win both the Booker Prize and an Oscar (for her screenplays with Merchant Ivory).

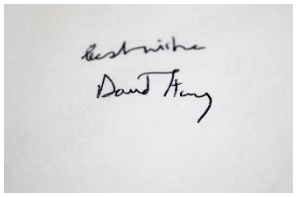
Winner

1975	Ruth Prawer Jhabvala	Heat and Dust	John Murray	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. NF/NF.

Shortlist

1975	Thomas Keneally	Gossip from the Forest	Collins	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.





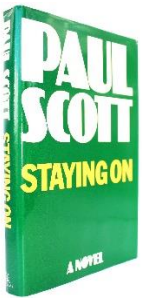
1976: David Storey was the 1976 winner for 'Saville' – a very difficult book to find signed. The 1976 shortlist was notable for the inclusion of 'Rising' by R. C. Hutchinson. The author died before publication, so this book is always unsigned.

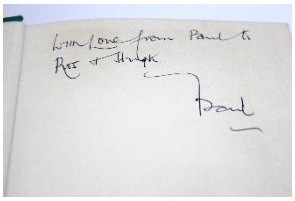
Winner

1976	David Storey	Saville	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED on end paper. NF/VG.

Shortlist

1976	André Brink	An Instant in the Wind	W. H. Allen	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1976	R. C. Hutchinson	Rising	Michael Joseph	HB in DW	Unsigned. VG/VG. Price sticker on FEP.
1976	Brian Moore	The Doctor's Wife	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF. Name on FEP.
1976	Julian Rathbone	King Fisher Lives	Michael Joseph	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1976	William Trevor	The Children of Dynmouth	Bodley Head	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.





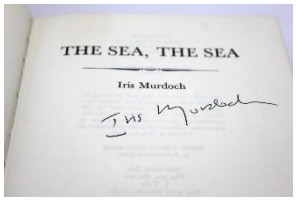
1977: 'Staying On' by Paul Scott is probably the second rarest Booker Prize winner to find signed. Like J. G. Farrell the author died shortly after receiving the prize. The shortlist also includes two super challenges, as both the Caroline Blackwood and Barabra Pym books are extremely scarce signed.

Winner

1977	Paul Scott	Staying On	Heinemann	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. Also inscribed on end paper. NF/NF.

Shortlist

1977	Paul Bailey	Peter Smart's Confessions	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF. Review slip laid in.
1977	Caroline Blackwood	Great Granny Webster	Duckworth	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1977	Jennifer Johnston	Shadows on our Skin	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/VG. DW spine evenly faded
1977	Penelope Lively	The Road to Lichfield	Heinemann	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1977	Barbara Pym	Quartet in Autumn	Macmillan	HB in DW	Inscribed. NF/VG. Price clipped.



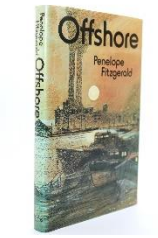
1978: Iris Murdoch was a popular winner in 1978 for 'The Sea, The Sea' - she was nominated numerous times both before and after this win. The highlight of the shortlist is 'The Bookshop' by Penelope Fitzgerald – very rare signed.

Winner

1978	Iris Murdoch	The Sea, the Sea	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. NF/NF.

Shortlist

1978	Kingsley Amis	Jake's Thing	Hutchinson	HB in DW	Inscribed. VG/VG.
1978	André Brink	Rumours of Rain	W. H. Allen	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1978	Penelope Fitzgerald	The Bookshop	Duckworth	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG. DW spine evenly faded.
1978	Jane Gardam	God on the Rocks	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1978	Bernice Rubens	A Five-Year Sentence	W. H. Allen	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.



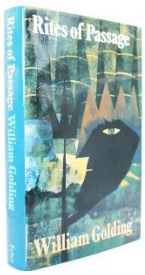
1979: 1979 provided a full set of legendary authors, but it was 'Offshore' by Penelope Fitzgerald who prevailed. The DW of this title is famously prone to sun fading.

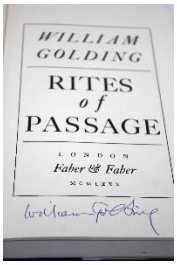
Winner

1979	Penelope Fitzgerald	Offshore	Collins	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. NF/VG. DW is price clipped and DW spine is evenly faded.

Shortlist

1979	Thomas Keneally	Confederates	Collins	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1979	V. S. Naipaul	A Bend in the River	Deutsch	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1979	Julian Rathbone	Joseph	Michael Joseph	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/VG.
1978	Fay Weldon	Praxis	Hodder & Stoughton	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.





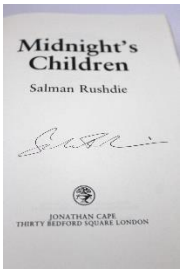
1980: The 1980 prize had a shortlist of seven and was largely seen as a tussle between William Golding and Anthony Burgess. Golding won for 'Rites of Passage' – the first of several winners where the novel formed part of a Trilogy. 'A Month in the Country' by J. L Carr is a popular highlight from the shortlist, and extremely rare signed.

Winner

1980	William Golding	Rites of Passage	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. NF/NF.

Shortlist

1980	Anthony Burgess	Earthly Powers	Hutchinson	HB in DW	Inscribed. VG/NF.
1980	J. L. Carr	A Month in the Country	Harvester	HB in DW	Inscribed. NF/VG. DW spine evenly faded.
1980	Anita Desai	Clear Light of Day	Heinemann	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1980	Alice Munro	The Beggar Maid	Allen Lane	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1980	Julia O'Faolain	No Country for Young Men	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1980	Barry Unsworth	Pascali's Island	Michael Joseph	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.



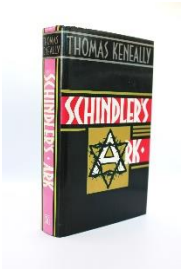
1981: Salman Rushdie won in 1981 for 'Midnight's Children' – one of the most influential novels in the entire Booker Prize library. The shortlist was once again seven books long.

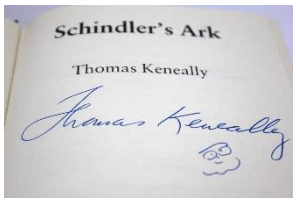
Winner

1981	Salman Rushdie	Midnight's Children	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. NF/NF. Includes Booker Prize Winner wrap around band.

Shortlist

1981	Molly Keane	Good Behaviour	Deutsch	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1981	Doris Lessing	The Sirian Experiments	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1981	Ian McEwan	The Comfort of Strangers	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1980	Ann Schlee	Rhine Journey	Macmillan	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1981	Muriel Spark	Loitering with Intent	Bodley Head	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF. Name on FEP.
1981	D. M. Thomas	The White Hotel	Gollancz	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/VG.





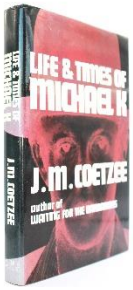
1982: Thomas Keneally won in 1982 for 'Schindler's Ark' (published in the US as 'Schindler's List'). This is perhaps the book that sails closest to non-fiction in the history of the Booker Prize. A challenging book from the shortlist is 'Sour Sweet' by Timothy Mo, as several states exist of both the book and DW. The rare true first has green boards and a pictorial DW.

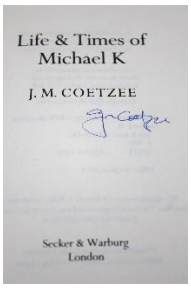
Winner

1982	Thomas Keneally	Schindler's Ark	Hodder & Stoughton	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. NF/NF.

Shortlist

1982	John Arden	Silence Among the Weapons	Methuen	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1982	William Boyd	An Ice-Cream War	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF.
1982	Lawrence Durrell	Constance or Solitary Practices	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1982	Alice Thomas Ellis	The 27th Kingdom	Duckworth	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1982	Timothy Mo	Sour Sweet	Deutsch	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG. (First state green boards).





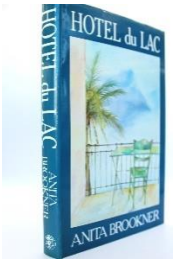
1983: J. M. Coetzee received his first of many nominations in 1983 and promptly won the prize for 'Life and Times of Michael K'. Graham Swift's 'Waterland' is the highlight of the shortlist.

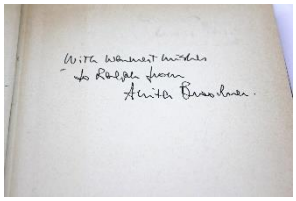
Winner

1983	J. M. Coetzee	Life & Times of Michael K	Secker & Warburg	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. NF/NF.

Shortlist

1983	Malcolm Bradbury	Rates of Exchange	Secker & Warburg	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF.
1983	John Fuller	Flying to Nowhere	Salamander	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF. Includes Booker shortlist band.
1983	Anita Mason	The Illusionist	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1983	Salman Rushdie	Shame	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1983	Graham Swift	Waterland	Heinemann	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.





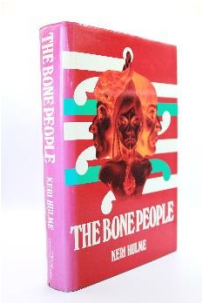
1984: Anita Brookner beat a strong field, including J. G. Ballard and Julian Barnes, to win the 1984 prize with 'Hotel du Lac'. Sadly, numerous fake signed copies of this book are in circulation, so collectors need to take care when purchasing this title.

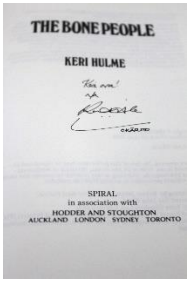
Winner

1984	Anita Brookner	Hotel du Lac	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED and inscribed on end paper. VG/NF.

Shortlist

1984	J. G. Ballard	Empire of the Sun	Gollancz	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF.
1984	Julian Barnes	Flaubert's Parrot	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1984	Anita Desai	In Custody	Heinemann	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/VG. DW spine evenly faded.
1984	Penelope Lively	According to Mark	Heinemann	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1984	David Lodge	Small World	Secker & Warburg	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.





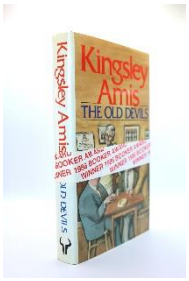
1985: Keri Hulme became New Zealand's first Booker Prize winner in 1985 for her astounding novel 'The Bone People'. The book has a complicated publishing history and is a challenge for collectors. Signed copies of the correct UK first printing / first state are rare. They state: 'printed in Singapore' and the DW has no mention of the Booker Prize. The first state is also a slightly different size to the more common reprint.

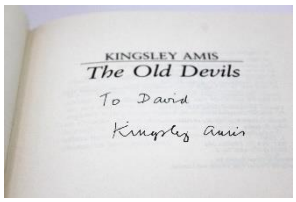
Winner

1985	Keri Hulme	The Bone People	Hodder & Stoughton	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. NF/NF. First state book printed in Singapore in first state DW.

Shortlist

1985	Peter Carey	Illywhacker	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1985	J. L. Carr	The Battle of Pollocks Crossing	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1985	Doris Lessing	The Good Terrorist	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1985	Jan Morris	Last Letters from Hav	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1985	Iris Murdoch	The Good Apprentice	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.





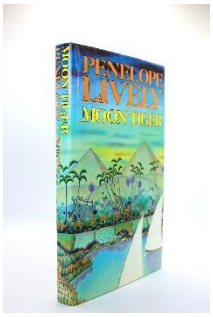
1986: 1986 is one of those years where a shortlisted book is much more famous than the winner. Margaret Atwood's 'The Handmaid's Tale' lost to Kingsley Amis's 'The Old Devils'. For collectors the Atwood is rare signed or unsigned.

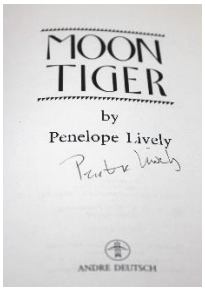
Winner

1986	Kingsley Amis	The Old Devils	Hutchinson	HB in DW	Inscribed on title page. NF/NF. Includes Booker Prize Winner wrap around band.

Shortlist

1986	Margaret Atwood	The Handmaid's Tale	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1986	Paul Bailey	Gabriel's Lament	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/VG.
1985	Robertson Davies	What's Bred in the Bone	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1986	Kazuo Ishiguro	An Artist of the Floating World	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF. Name on FEP. (First state, printed by Clays).
1986	Timothy Mo	An Insular Possession	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG. DW price clipped.





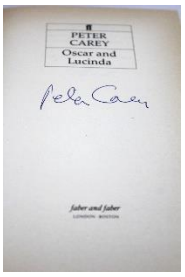
1987: Penelope Lively's World War 2 tale 'Moon Tiger' won in 1987. The first and second printings are nearly identical, so collectors need to read the fine print on the copyright page carefully.

Winner

1987	Penelope Lively	Moon Tiger	Deutsch	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

1987	Chinua Achebe	Anthills of the Savannah	Heinemann	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1987	Peter Ackroyd	Chatterton	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF.
1987	Nina Bawden	Circles of Deceit	Macmillan	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF
1987	Brian Moore	The Colour of Blood	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1987	Iris Murdoch	The Book and the Brotherhood	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/VG. Shortlist sticker on inner flap.



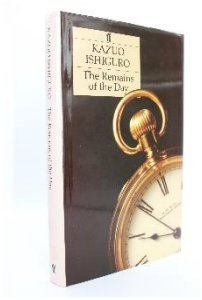
1988: Peter Carey won his first Booker Prize in 1988 for 'Oscar and Lucinda'. The shortlist is notable for Salman Rushdie's 'Satanic Verses' – now considered rare, and Bruce Chatwin's 'Utz', which is a common book but rare signed as the author was very ill at the time of publication.

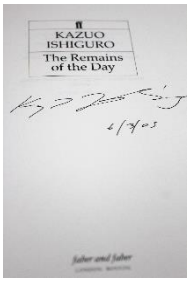
Winner

1988	Peter Carey	Oscar and Lucinda	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. VG/NF.

Shortlist

1988	Bruce Chatwin	Utz	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	Signed to an attached Booker shortlist bookplate. NF/NF.
1988	Penelope Fitzgerald	The Beginning of Spring	Collins	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1988	David Lodge	Nice Work	Secker & Warburg	HB in DW	Inscribed. VG/VG.
1988	Salman Rushdie	The Satanic Verses	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1988	Marina Warner	The Lost Father	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.





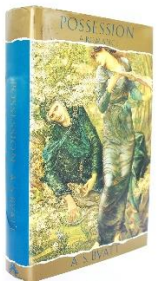
1989: Kazuo Ishiguro was a popular winner for 'The Remains of the Day'. 'Jigsaw' by Sybil Bedford is the rarest signed book on the 1989 shortlist.

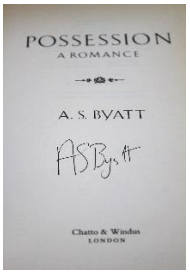
Winner

1989	Kazuo Ishiguro	The Remains of the Day	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

1989	Margaret Atwood	Cat's Eye	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1989	John Banville	The Book of Evidence	Secker & Warburg	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1989	Sybille Bedford	Jigsaw	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page and inscribed on FEP. VG/VG.
1989	James Kelman	A Disaffection	Secker & Warburg	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1989	Rose Tremain	Restoration	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF





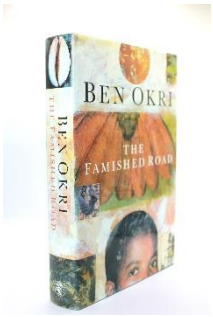
1990: A.S. Byatt won the 1990 prize for 'Possession: A Romance'. Interestingly, Hilary Mantel was a member of the judging panel in 1990 – her first involvement in the Booker Prize.

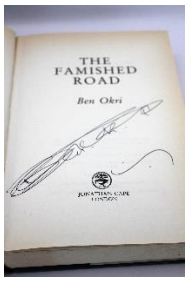
Winner

1990	A. S. Byatt	Possession: A Romance	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. NF/NF.

Shortlist

1989	Beryl Bainbridge	An Awfully Big Adventure	Duckworth	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1990	Penelope Fitzgerald	The Gate of Angels	Collins	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1990	John McGahern	Amongst Women	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1990	Brian Moore	Lies of Silence	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1990	Mordecai Richler	Solomon Gursky Was Here	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.





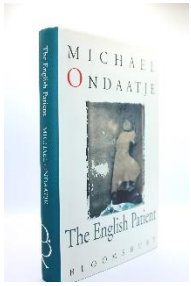
1991: The 1991 Booker Prize winner was Ben Okri for 'The Famished Road'. He was just 32 at the time, and remained the youngest winner for many years (the record is now held by Eleanor Catton's who won in 2013 at the age of just 28).

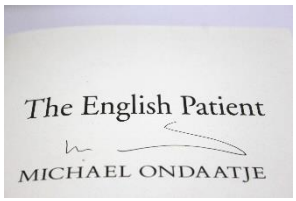
Winner

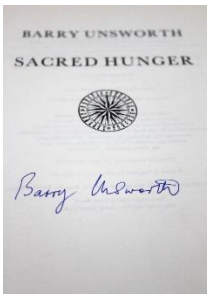
1991	Ben Okri	The Famished Road	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. VG/NF. Mild spotting to text block edges.

Shortlist

1991	Martin Amis	Time's Arrow	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1991	Roddy Doyle	The Van	Secker & Warburg	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1991	Rohinton Mistry	Such a Long Journey	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1991	Timothy Mo	The Redundancy of Courage	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1991	William Trevor	Reading Turgenev	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.







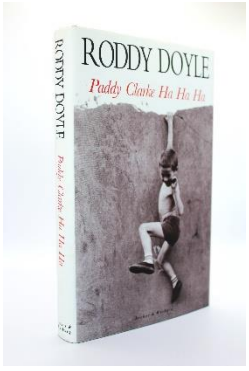
1992: In 1992 a joint prize was awarded to Michael Ondaatje and Barry Unsworth. 'The English Patient' by Ondaatje has become one of the highest profile Booker Prize winners. On the 50th anniversary of the prize the novel won a special 'Golden Booker' award.

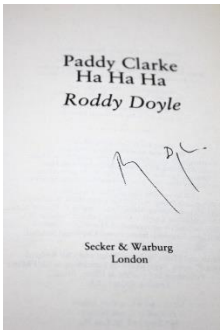
Winners

1992	Michael Ondaatje	The English Patient	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.
1992	Barry Unsworth	Sacred Hunger	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F. First state DW with price of £14.99.

Shortlist

1992	Christopher Hope	Serenity House	Macmillan	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
1992	Patrick McCabe	The Butcher Boy	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/VG. Booker shortlist sticker on inner flap.
1992	Ian McEwan	Black Dogs	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1992	Michèle Roberts	Daughters of the House	Virago	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.





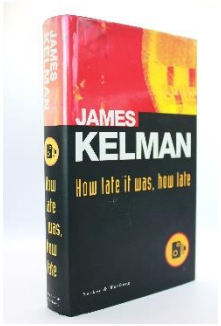
1993: Roddy Doyle was a popular winner in 1993 for 'Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha'. The most challenging title for collectors from the 1993 shortlist is 'Under the Frog' by Tibor Fischer. It is the first book in the collection to be issued as a paperback original (PBO) rather than a hardback. It was published in small numbers and the first printing is scarce.

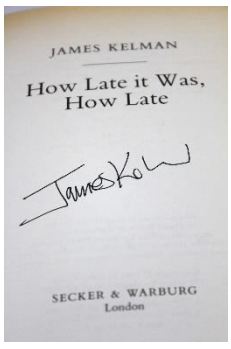
Winner

1993	Roddy Doyle	Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha	Secker & Warburg	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

1993	Tibor Fischer	Under the Frog	Polygon	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
1993	Michael Ignatieff	Scar Tissue	Chatto & Windus	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
1993	David Malouf	Remembering Babylon	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1993	Caryl Phillips	Crossing the River	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1993	Carol Shields	The Stone Diaries	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.





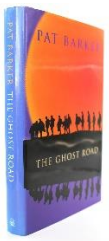
1994: James Kelman was the first Scottish author to win the Booker Prize in 1994. Quite an achievement considering 'How Late it Was, How Late' was called a disgrace by one of the Booker judges! From the shortlist, the Mackay Brown book is very scarce signed.

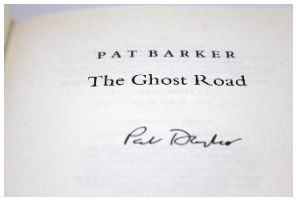
Winner

1994	James Kelman	How Late it Was, How Late	Secker & Warburg	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. NF/NF.

Shortlist

1994	Romesh Gunesekera	Reef	Granta Books	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1994	Abdulrazak Gurnah	Paradise	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1994	Alan Hollinghurst	The Folding Star	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1994	George Mackay Brown	Beside the Ocean of Time	John Murray	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1994	Jill Paton Walsh	Knowledge of Angels	Green Bay	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.





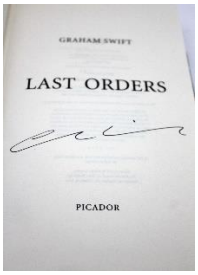
1995: Pat Barker's 'The Ghost Road' was the final novel in her World War 1 'Regeneration' trilogy.

Winner

1995	Pat Barker	The Ghost Road	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. NF/NF.

Shortlist

1995	Justin Cartwright	In Every Face I Meet	Sceptre	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1995	Salman Rushdie	The Moor's Last Sigh	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1995	Barry Unsworth	Morality Play	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1994	Tim Winton	The Riders	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.



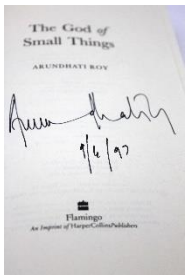
1996: 'Last Orders' by Graham Swift won the 1996 Booker Prize. The author's brief, scrawling signature competes with Michael Ondaatje and Roddy Doyle for brevity.

Winner

1996	Graham Swift	Last Orders	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

1996	Margaret Atwood	Alias Grace	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1996	Beryl Bainbridge	Every Man for Himself	Duckworth	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1996	Seamus Deane	Reading in the Dark	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1995	Shena Mackay	The Orchard on Fire	Heinemann	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1996	Rohinton Mistry	A Fine Balance	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.



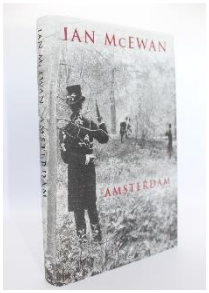
1997: 'The God of Small Things' by Arundhati Roy remains one of the most popular Booker Prize winners. She was India's first non-expatriate winner of the Booker Prize.

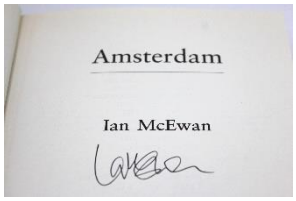
Winner

1997	Arundhati Roy	The God of Small Things	Flamingo	HB in DW	SIGNED and dated (1997) on title page. NF/NF.

Shortlist

1997	Jim Crace	Quarantine	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1997	Mick Jackson	The Underground Man	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1997	Bernard MacLaverty	Grace Notes	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1997	Tim Parks	Europa	Secker & Warburg	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
1997	Madeleine St John	The Essence of the Thing	Fourth Estate	PBO	SIGNED. NF.





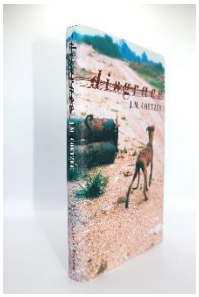
1998: The choice of 'Amsterdam' by Ian McEwan as the 1998 winner is often cited as an example of the Booker Prize being awarded for an author's collected work, rather than a specific novel. His earlier and later works are rated more highly.

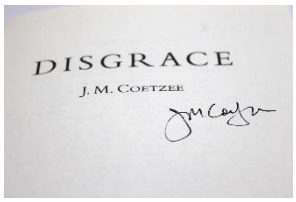
Winner

1998	Ian McEwan	Amsterdam	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

1998	Beryl Bainbridge	Master Georgie	Duckworth	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1998	Julian Barnes	England, England	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1998	Martin Booth	The Industry of Souls	Dewi Lewis	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
1998	Patrick McCabe	Breakfast on Pluto	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1998	Magnus Mills	The Restraint of Beasts	Flamingo	PBO	SIGNED. NF.





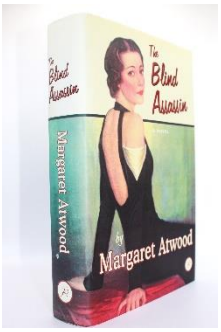
1999: J. M. Coetzee won his second Booker Prize for 'Disgrace' in 1999. Finding the rare first state of this book is challenging – it is printed by Biddles and the DW has no mention of the Booker Prize. The second state has a full number line on the copyright page but it is actually a reprint printed by Clays and the DW states: 'Winner of the Booker Prize'.

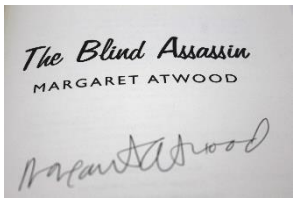
Winner

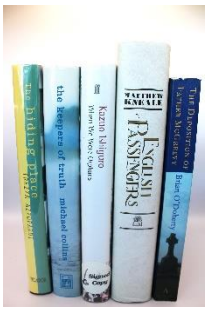
1999	J. M. Coetzee	Disgrace	Secker & Warburg	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F. True first state, printed by Biddles.

Shortlist

1999	Anita Desai	Fasting, Feasting	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1999	Michael Frayn	Headlong	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1999	Andrew O'Hagan	Our Fathers	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1999	Ahdaf Soueif	The Map of Love	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1999	Colm Tóibín	The Blackwater Lightship	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.







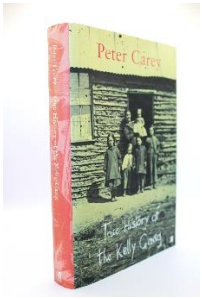
2000: Margarat Atwood won her first Booker Prize in 2000 for 'The Blind Assassin'. 'The Deposition of Father McGreevy' by US/Irish author Brian O'Doherty is the main challenge for collectors for this year – signed copies of the first UK printing are very rare.

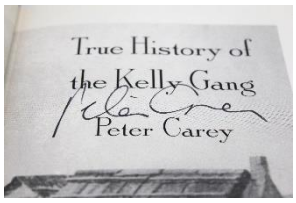
Winner

2000	Margaret Atwood	The Blind Assassin	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2000	Trezza Azzopardi	The Hiding Place	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2000	Michael Collins	The Keepers of Truth	Phoenix House	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2000	Kazuo Ishiguro	When We Were Orphans	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2000	Matthew Kneale	English Passengers	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
1999	Brian O'Doherty	The Deposition of Father McGreevy	Arcadia	PBO	SIGNED. NF.





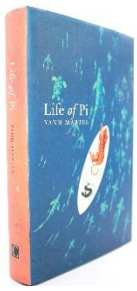
2001: Peter Carey won his second Booker Prize for 'True History of the Kelly Gang'. The book is widely available but the accompanying Map of Kelly Country is now scarce. 'Atonement' by Ian McEwan was the standout title in a strong shortlist. 2001 was also the first year that the Booker Prize longlist was officially published – the announcement of the longlist in July each year has become an important part of the literary calendar.

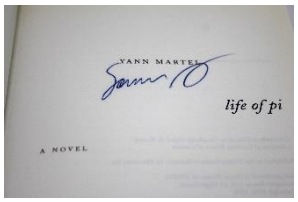
Winner

2001	Peter Carey	True History of the Kelly Gang	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F. Includes loose 'Map of Kelly Country'.

Shortlist

2001	Ian McEwan	Atonement	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2001	Andrew Miller	Oxygen	Sceptre	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2001	David Mitchell	number9dream	Sceptre	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
2001	Rachel Seiffert	The Dark Room	William Heinemann	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2001	Ali Smith	Hotel World	Hamish Hamilton	PBO	SIGNED. VG.





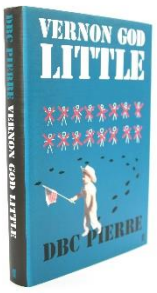
2002: 'Life of Pi' by Canadian author Yann Martel was an immensely popular winner in 2002. Like many Booker Prize winners the novel has been adapted for stage and screen. 'Unless' by Carol Shields is signed on a bookplate – this is always the case for the UK version of this title as the author was ill and died shortly after publication.

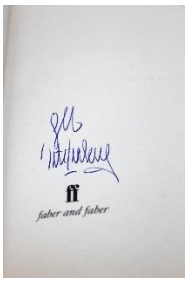
Winner

2002	Yann Martel	Life of Pi	Canongate	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2002	Rohinton Mistry	Family Matters	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2002	Carol Shields	Unless	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED on an attached bookplate. NF/NF.
2002	William Trevor	The Story of Lucy Gault	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2002	Sarah Waters	Fingersmith	Virago	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2002	Tim Winton	Dirt Music	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.





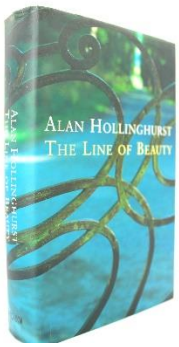
2003: DBC Pierre is the pseudonym of Australian author Peter Finlay. His debut novel 'Vernon God Little' won the 2003 Booker Prize and swept up many other literary awards that year.

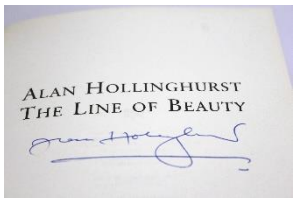
Winner

2003	DBC Pierre	Vernon God Little	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page twice (using both his names). NF/F.

Shortlist

2003	Monica Ali	Brick Lane	Doubleday	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2003	Margaret Atwood	Oryx and Crake	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2003	Damon Galgut	The Good Doctor	Atlantic	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
2003	Zoë Heller	Notes on a Scandal	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2003	Clare Morrall	Astonishing Splashes of Colour	Tindal Street	PBO	SIGNED. NF.





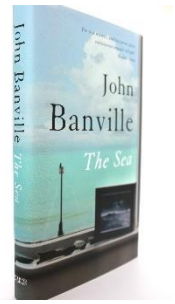
2004: Allan Hollinghurst won the 2004 prize for 'The Line of Beauty'. 'Cloud Atlas' by David Mitchell was also a strong contender and is a highlight of the 2004 shortlist.

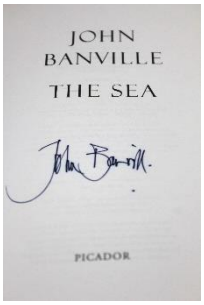
Winner

2004	Alan Hollinghurst	The Line of Beauty	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2003	Achmat Dangor	Bitter Fruit	Atlantic	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
2004	Sarah Hall	The Electric Michelangelo	Faber & Faber	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
2004	David Mitchell	Cloud Atlas	Sceptre	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2004	Colm Tóibín	The Master	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2004	Gerard Woodward	I'll Go to Bed at Noon	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.





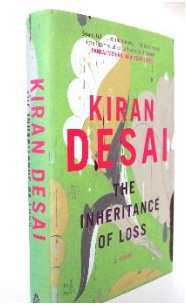
2005: John Banville's 'The Sea' pipped Kazuo Ishiguro's 'Never Let Me Go' for the 2005 prize, following the casting of a deciding vote by the chair of the judging panel. Book collectors were pleased to see popular rare book dealer Rick Gekoski on the judging panel that year.

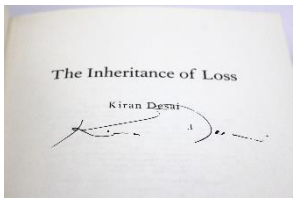
Winner

2005	John Banville	The Sea	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2005	Julian Barnes	Arthur & George	Jonathan Cape	IB	SIGNED. NF.
2005	Sebastian Barry	A Long Long Way	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2005	Kazuo Ishiguro	Never Let Me Go	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2005	Ali Smith	The Accidental	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2005	Zadie Smith	On Beauty	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.





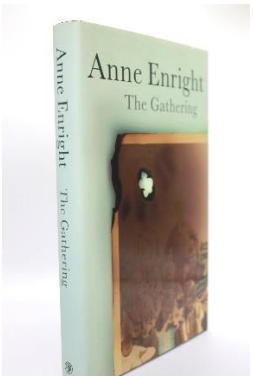
2006: Kiran Desai won the 2006 prize for 'The Inheritance of Loss'. Her mother Anita Desai had appeared regularly in the Booker Prize shortlist but had never won.

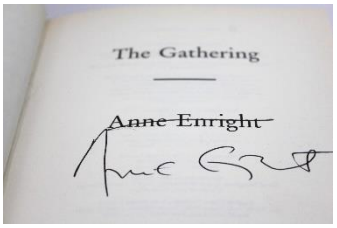
Winner

2006	Kiran Desai	The Inheritance of Loss	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2006	Kate Grenville	The Secret River	Canongate	PBO	SIGNED. F.
2006	M. J. Hyland	Carry Me Down	Canongate	PBO	SIGNED. F.
2006	Hisham Matar	In the Country of Men	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2006	Edward St Aubyn	Mother's Milk	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2006	Sarah Waters	The Night Watch	Virago	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.





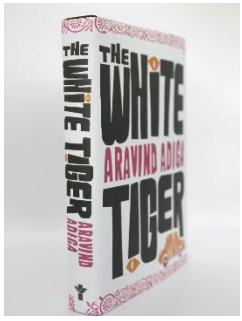
2007 : 'The Gathering' by Anne Enright is a great Irish family novel, and a deserved winner of the Booker Prize in 2007.

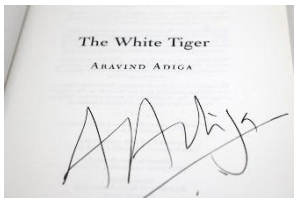
Winner

2007	Anne Enright	The Gathering	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2007	Nicola Barker	Darkmans	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2007	Mohsin Hamid	The Reluctant Fundamentalist	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2007	Lloyd Jones	Mister Pip	John Murray	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2007	Ian McEwan	On Chesil Beach	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2007	Indra Sinha	Animal's People	Simon & Schuster	PBO	SIGNED. NF.





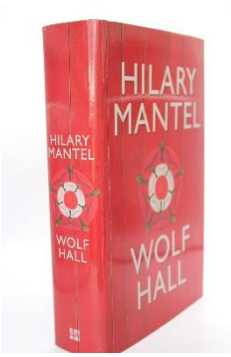
2008: Aravinda Adiga delivered a fast-paced story of modern India in 'The White Tiger' – the winner of the Booker Prize in 2008.

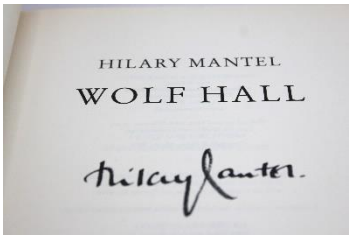
Winner

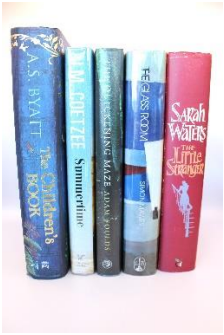
2008	Aravind Adiga	The White Tiger	Atlantic	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2008	Sebastian Barry	The Secret Scripture	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2008	Amitav Ghosh	Sea of Poppies	John Murray	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2008	Linda Grant	The Clothes on Their Backs	Virago	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2008	Philip Hensher	The Northern Clemency	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2008	Steve Toltz	A Fraction of the Whole	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.







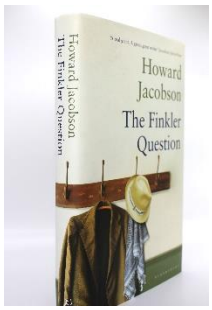
2009: Hilary Mantel's 'Wolf Hall' may have been the strongest favourite in the history of the Booker Prize. The 2009 winner was simply everywhere that year. It can be a tricky title for collectors because its weight and poor quality paper often results in the book appearing in poor condition. First printings in collectible condition are becoming scarce.

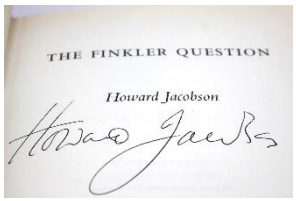
Winner

2009	Hilary Mantel	Wolf Hall	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2009	A. S. Byatt	The Children's Book	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2009	J. M. Coetzee	Summertime	Harvill Secker	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2009	Adam Foulds	The Quickening Maze	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2009	Simon Mawer	The Glass Room	Little, Brown	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2009	Sarah Waters	The Little Stranger	Virago	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.





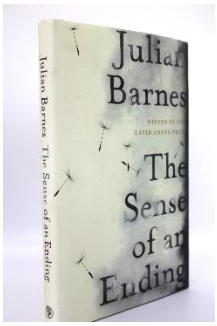
2010: Howard Jacobson delivered some fun and satire to the Booker Prize with his 2010 winner 'The Finkler Question'. Emma Donoghue's 'Room' is the highlight of the shortlist.

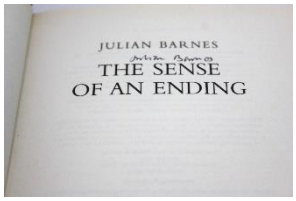
Winner

2010	Howard Jacobson	The Finkler Question	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2010	Peter Carey	Parrot and Olivier in America	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2010	Emma Donoghue	Room	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2010	Damon Galgut	In a Strange Room	Atlantic Books	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2010	Andrea Levy	The Long Song	Hachette	IB	SIGNED. F.
2010	Tom McCarthy	C	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.





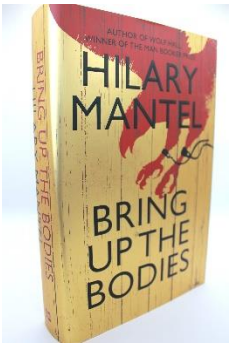
2011: Julian Barnes had been nominated several times for the Booker Prize and finally won in 2011 for 'The Sense of an Ending'.

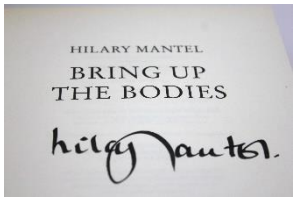
Winner

2011	Julian Barnes	The Sense of an Ending	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2011	Carol Birch	Jamrach's Menagerie	Canongate	PBO	SIGNED. F.
2011	Patrick deWitt	The Sisters Brothers	Granta Books	PBO	SIGNED. F.
2011	Esi Edugyan	Half-Blood Blues	Serpent's Tail	PBO	SIGNED. F.
2011	Stephen Kelman	Pigeon English	Bloomsbury	PBO	SIGNED. F.
2011	A D Miller	Snowdrops	Atlantic Books	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.





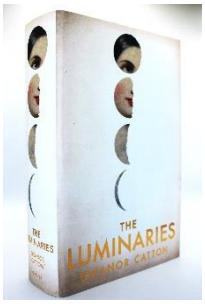
2012: Hilary Mantel returned quickly to the winners' circle with 'Bring up the Bodies'. This continued a long tradition of books in a trilogy winning the Booker Prize. 2012 saw the emergence of small independent publishers on the shortlist, presenting some welcome diversity for readers, but delivering new challenges for collectors.

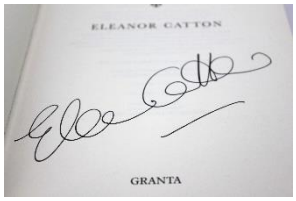
Winner

2012	Hilary Mantel	Bring Up the Bodies	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2012	Tan Twan Eng	The Garden of Evening Mists	Myrmidon Books	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2011	Deborah Levy	Swimming Home	Faber & Faber	PBO	SIGNED. F.
2012	Alison Moore	The Lighthouse	Salt Publishing	PBO	SIGNED. F.
2012	Will Self	Umbrella	Bloomsbury	IB	SIGNED. F.
2012	Jeet Thayil	Narcopolis	Faber & Faber	PBO	SIGNED. F.





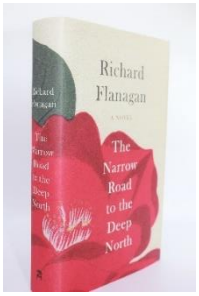
2013: Eleanor Catton became the youngest winner of the Booker Prize (at 28) for 'The Luminaries'. A brilliant, weighty jigsaw puzzle of a book.

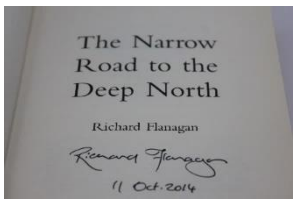
Winner

2013	Eleanor Catton	The Luminaries	Granta	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2013	NoViolet Bulawayo	We Need New Names	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2013	Jim Crace	Harvest	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2013	Jhumpa Lahiri	The Lowland	Bloomsbury	IB	SIGNED. F.
2013	Ruth Ozeki	A Tale for the Time Being	Canongate	IB	SIGNED. F.
2012	Colm Tóibín	The Testament of Mary	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.





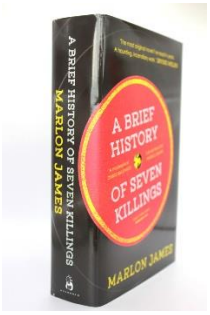
2014: In 2014 the Booker Prize rules were changed to allow entries from any author writing in English (including US authors) as long as the books were published in the UK or Ireland. Richard Flanagan won the expanded competition for his World War 2 novel 'The Narrow Road to the Deep North'. Ali Smith's 'How to be Both' is an innovative highlight of the shortlist – it was published in two versions, both of which are included in the current collection.

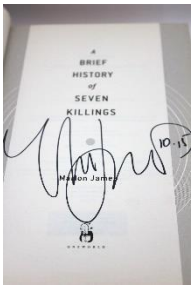
Winner

2014	Richard Flanagan	The Narrow Road to the Deep North	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED and dated (October 2014) on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2014	Joshua Ferris	To Rise Again at a Decent Hour	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2014	Karen Joy Fowler	We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves	Serpent's Tail	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2014	Howard Jacobson	J	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2014	Neel Mukherjee	The Lives of Others	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2014	Ali Smith	How to Be Both	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F. (Both versions are included).





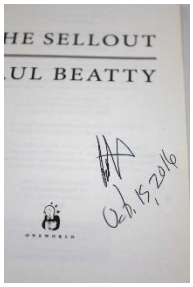
2015: Marlon James won the 2015 prize for 'A Brief History of Seven Killings'. It was a year for lengthy books as both the winner and the shortlisted 'A Little Life' came in at around 700 pages.

Winner

2015	Marlon James	A Brief History of Seven Killings	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED and dated (October 2015) on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2015	Tom McCarthy	Satin Island	Virago	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2015	Chigozie Obioma	The Fishermen	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2015	Sunjeev Sahota	The Year of the Runaways	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2015	Anne Tyler	A Spool of Blue Thread	Unbound	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2015	Hanya Yanagihara	A Little Life	Hodder	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.



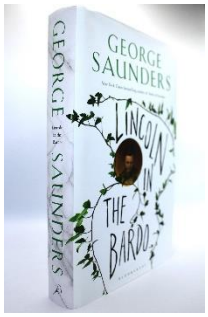
2016: In 2016 Paul Beatty became the first US author to win the Booker Prize (following rule changes introduced in 2014). His novel 'The Sellout' is also the first winner to be published in the UK as a paperback original (PBO) rather than a hardback. The challenge for Booker Prize collectors is to find a first printing of 'His Bloody Project' by Graeme Macrae Burnet – a rarity even unsigned.

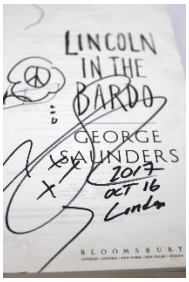
Winner

2016	Paul Beatty	The Sellout	Oneworld Publications	PBO	SIGNED and dated (October 2016) on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2016	Deborah Levy	Hot Milk	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2015	Graeme Macrae Burnet	His Bloody Project	Contraband	PBO	SIGNED. F.
2016	Ottessa Moshfegh	Eileen	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2016	David Szalay	All That Man Is	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2016	Madeleine Thien	Do Not Say We Have Nothing	Granta Books	PBO	SIGNED. F.





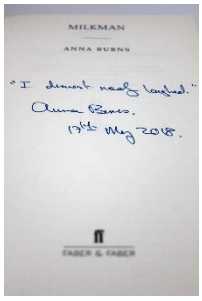
2017: George Saunders is popular for his short stories and essays, but he won the 2017 Booker Prize for his novel 'Lincoln in the Bardo'. Ali Smith was unlucky to miss out for the brilliant 'Autumn' and later withdrew her books from prize consideration to concentrate on finishing her Seasons quartet – each book written in only a year. 'Autumn' is a highlight for collectors and is difficult to find in a first printing.

Winner

2017	George Saunders	Lincoln in the Bardo	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED and dated (October 2017) on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2017	Paul Auster	4 3 2 1	Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2017	Emma Fridlund	History of Wolves	Weidenfeld	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2017	Mohsin Hamid	Exit West	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2017	Fiona Mozley	Elmet	John Murray	PBO	SIGNED. F.
2016	Ali Smith	Autumn	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.



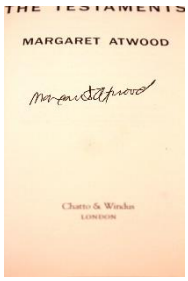
2018: The brilliant 'Milkman' by Anna Burns introduced Booker Prize fans to "reading while walking" and was a deserved winner in 2018. 'The Overstory' by Richard Powers appeared on the Booker Prize shortlist and also won the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for fiction – understandably it has become a very valuable book amongst collectors.

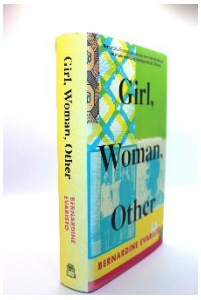
Winner

2018	Anna Burns	Milkman	Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED, lined and dated (May 2018) on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2018	Esi Edugyan	Washington Black	Serpent's Tail	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2018	Daisy Johnson	Everything Under	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2018	Rachel Kushner	The Mars Room	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2018	Richard Powers	The Overstory	Heinemann	HB in DW	SIGNED on an attached bookplate. F/F.
2018	Robin Roberston	The Long Take	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.





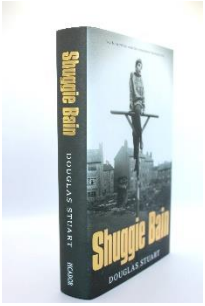
2019: Once again the prize was shared by two winners: Margaret Atwood for 'The Testaments' – a sequel to 'The Handmaid's Tale', and Bernadine Evaristo for 'Girl, Woman, Other'. The shortlist included the epic 'Ducks, Newburyport' by Lucy Ellman – over a thousand pages of stream of consciousness and three letter acronyms.

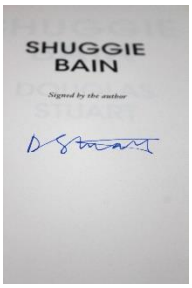
Winners

2019	Margaret Atwood	The Testaments	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.
2019	Bernardine Evaristo	Girl, Woman, Other	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2019	Lucy Ellmann	Ducks, Newburyport	Galley Beggar	PBO	SIGNED. F.
2019	Chigozie Obioma	An Orchestra of Minorities	Little Brown	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2019	Salman Rushdie	Quichotte	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2019	Elif Shafak	10 Minutes 38 Seconds in This Strange World	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.





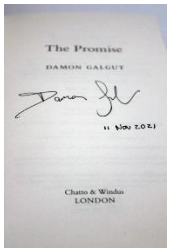
2020: 2020 saw many books signed via bookplates following the impact of Covid-19 on book signing events and literary festivals. US / Scottish author Douglas Stuart won for 'Shuggie Bain' - a popular choice in a very competitive year.

Winner

2020	Douglas Stuart	Shuggie Bain	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED on half title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2020	Diane Cook	The New Wilderness	Oneworld Publications	HB in DW	SIGNED on a loose bookplate. F/F.
2020	Tsitsi Dangarembga	This Mournable Body	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2020	Avni Doshi	Burnt Sugar	Hamish Hamilton	PBO	SIGNED on a loose bookplate. F
2019	Maaza Mengiste	The Shadow King	Canongate	HB in DW	SIGNED on a loose bookplate. F/F.
2020	Brandon Taylor	Real Life	Daunt	PBO	SIGNED. F.



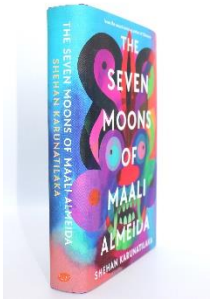
2021: South African author Damon Galgut won the 2021 prize for 'The Promise'. He had made previous appearances on the Booker Prize longlist and shortlist.

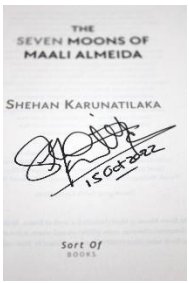
Winner

2021	Damon Galgut	The Promise	Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED and dated (November 2021) on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2021	Anuk Arudpragasam	A Passage North	Granta	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2021	Patricia Lockwood	No One Is Talking About This	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2021	Nadifa Mohamed	The Fortune Men	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2021	Richard Powers	Bewilderment	Hutchinson	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2021	Maggie Shipstead	Great Circle	Doubleday/Transworld	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.





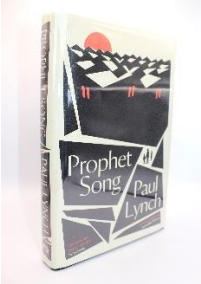
2022: Shehan Karunatilaka's 'The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida' has a very unusual publishing history. It began as 'Chats with the Dead' published in India in 2020, but it was so heavily revised for the UK publication that they are now considered two separate books. Alan Garner became the oldest Booker Prize nominee (at 87) for 'Treacle Walker' – signed first printings are very scarce.

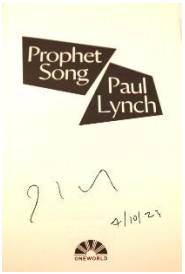
Winner

2022	Shehan Karunatilaka	The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida	Sort of Books	HB in DW	SIGNED and dated (October 2022) on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2022	NoViolet Bulawayo	Glory	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2022	Percival Everett	The Trees	Influx	PBO	SIGNED. F.
2021	Alan Garner	Treacle Walker	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2021	Claire Keegan	Small Things Like These	Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2021	Elizabeth Strout	Oh William!	Viking	IB	SIGNED. F.





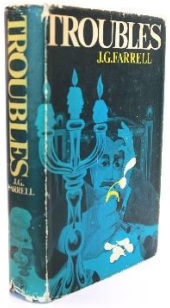
2023: Paul Lynch beat a strong field with his Irish dystopian novel 'Prophet Song' to win the 2023 Booker Prize. Small independent publishing house Oneworld continued their impressive run of Booker Prize nominations and winners with their third winner since 2015.

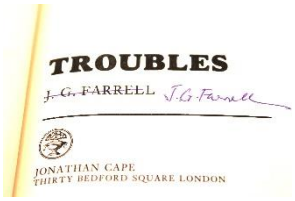
Winner

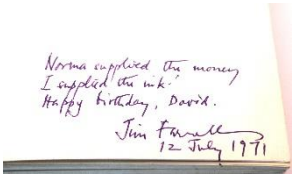
2023	Paul Lynch	Prophet Song	Oneworld	HB in DW	SIGNED and dated (October 2023) on title page. F/F.

Shortlist

2023	Sarah Bernstein	Study For Obedience	Granta	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2023	Jonathan Escoffery	If I Survive You	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2023	Paul Harding	This Other Eden	Hutchinson	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2023	Chetna Maroo	Western Lane	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2023	Paul Murray	The Bee Sting	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.







1970 – The 'Lost Booker': In 2010 a special award was organised for books published in 1970 as they had not been eligible for the Booker Prize (until 1970 the prize was awarded to books published in the previous year, while from 1971 onwards it was awarded to books published the same year as the award). Judges selected a shortlist and J. G. Farrell won the overall prize for 'Troubles' following a public vote. The 'Lost Booker' represents a huge challenge for collectors. The books are nearly impossible to find signed (as they were not promoted under the Booker Prize banner 40 years earlier!), and the winner is very scarce even unsigned. This collection includes a rare double signed copy of 'Troubles' in an unclipped DW, along with several very rare signed books from the shortlist.

Winner

1970	J. G. Farrell	Troubles	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED on title page. Also inscribed and dated 1971 on the FEP. VG/VG. Small loss to softened lower spine. DW chipped at corners and small loss to lower spine.

Shortlist

1970	Nina Bawden	The Birds on the Trees	Longman	HB in DW	Inscribed. VG/NF.
1970	Shirley Hazzard	The Bay of Noon	Macmillan	HB in DW	Signed on a loose slip. NF/NF.
1970	Mary Renault	Fire from Heaven	Longman	HB in DW	Inscribed. VG/VG. Name on FEP.
1970	Muriel Spark	The Driver's Seat	Macmillan	HB in DW	Inscribed. NF/NF.
1970	Patrick White	The Vivisector	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.

'FOLLOW THE FLAG / TRUE FIRSTS'

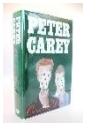
The majority of Booker Prize collectors are interested in the UK first editions, as these are the versions read by the judges. However, there is also strong interest in two other types of first editions, and these have become very collectible (for the Winners, not the shortlist or longlist):

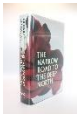
'Follow the Flag' – these are the first editions in the country of birth / nationality of the author.

'True Firsts' – these are first editions published before the UK edition.

There is considerable crossover between the two categories. Many of these books are now extremely rare, especially signed, reflecting the enormous interest in acquiring these titles.

The current collection includes a comprehensive signed set of both 'follow the flag' and 'true first' categories for the Booker Prize winners. Highlights include a super rare signed copy of the New Zealand edition of 'The Bone People' and a rare signed copy of the Indian edition of 'The God of Small Things'.

Year	Author	Title	Publisher	Flag	True First	Book	Condition	Cover
1981	Salman Rushdie	Midnight's Children	Knopf USA		Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.	
1982	Thomas Keneally	Schindler's Ark	Hodder Australia	Yes	Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.	
1983	J. M. Coetzee	Life and Times of M K	Ravan South Africa	Yes	Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/VG. DW spine evenly faded.	
1983	Keri Hulme	The Bone People	Spiral NZ	Yes	Yes	PBO	SIGNED. VG. First state.	
1988	Peter Carey	Oscar and Lucinda	QUP Australia	Yes	Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF. Age toning to text block.	
1992	Michael Ondaatje	The English Patient	M & S Canada	Yes	Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F	
1997	Arundhati Roy	The God of Small things	India Ink	Yes	Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.	
2000	Margaret Atwood	Blind Assassin	M & S Canada	Yes	Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.	
2000	Peter Carey	True History Kelly Gang	QUP Australia	Yes	Yes	IB	SIGNED. F. First state. Includes glassine cover.	
2001	Yann Martel	Life of Pi	Knopf Canada	Yes	Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.	

2006	Kiran Desai	Inheritance of Loss	Atlantic USA		Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.	
2008	Aravind Adiga	White Tiger	Atlantic India	Yes		HB in DW	Signed on a loose slip. F/NF.	
2013	Eleanor Catton	Luminaries	Victoria Uni NZ	Yes	Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.	
2013	Richard Flanagan	Narrow Road to the Deep North	Knopf Australia	Yes	Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.	
2014	Marlon James	Brief History of Seven Killings	Riverhead Books USA		Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.	
2015	Paul Beatty	The Sellout	FSG USA	Yes	Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.	
2017	George Saunders	Lincoln in the Bardo	Random House USA	Yes	Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.	
2019	Margaret Atwood	The Testaments	M & S Canada	Yes	Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.	
2020	Douglas Stuart	Shuggie Bain	Grove, USA	Yes	Yes	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.	
2021	Damon Galgut	The Promise	Umuzi, South Africa	Yes	Yes	PBO	SIGNED. F.	

THE LONGLIST

The Longlist has been published since 2001. It contains numerous literary gems and highly collectible books. The longlist is stacked with authors who have won the Booker Prize, the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the Nobel Prize in Literature.

The longlist represents a serious challenge for collectors because many of the books are from independent publishers with small print runs. The books are hard to find signed as the longlisted authors do not attend the same number of festivals and signing events as the shortlisted authors.

There are 207 books in the longlist and it grows by seven each year. In the early years the longlist was often 16 or 17 additional books long, and finding all of the titles from those years is very difficult. Since 2007 the Booker Prize longlist has been thirteen – or 'A Booker's Dozen' (apart from 2012 when the longlist was twelve books).

Highlights of the collection include a signed copy of 'Normal People' by Sally Rooney and an extremely rare signed copy of 'The Schooldays of Jesus' by J. M. Coetzee. Even a brief search online and in bookstores will demonstrate just how difficult it is to find most of the longlist titles – especially signed. Note: One author died shortly after publication so no signed books are available for that title (Harry Thompson – 'This Thing of Darkness').

Prize year	Issued	Author	Title	Publisher	Book	Condition
2001	2001	Derek Beaven	If the Invader Comes	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2001	Melvyn Bragg	A Son of War	Hodder	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2001	Clarah Carson	Shamrock Tea	Granta	HB in DW	Inscribed. NF/NF.
	2001	Stevie Davies	The Element of Water	Women's Press	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
	2001	Nadine Gordimer	The Pickup	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2001	Patricia Grace	Dogside Story	Women's Press	PBO	Signed on a loose slip. VG.
	2001	Abdulrazak Gurnah	By the Sea	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2001	Nick Hornby	How to be Good	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF.
	2001	Zvi Jagendorf	Wolfy and the Strudelbakers	DI	PBO	Signed on a loose slip. NF.
	2001	James Kelman	Translated Accounts	Secker	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2001	Eoin McNamee	The Blue Tango	Faber & Faber	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
	2001	Ferdinand Mount	Fairness	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2001	V S Naipaul	Half a Life	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2000	Phillip Pullman	The Amber Spyglass	Scholastic	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2001	Maril Suni	The Death of Vishnu	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2001	Jane Urquhart	The Stone Carvers	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2001	Marina Warner	The Leto Bundle	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2002	2002	Dannie Abse	The Strange Case of Dr Simmonds and Dr Glas	Robson	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.

	2002	John Banville	Shroud	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2001	Joan Barfoot	Critical Injuries	Key Porter	PBO	SIGNED. NF. (Canadian edition)
	2002	William Boyd	Any Human Heart	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2002	Anita Brookner	The Next Big Thing	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2002	Robert Edric	Peacetime	Doubleday	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2002	Michael Frayn	Spies	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2002	Linda Grant	Still Here	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2002	Philip Hensher	The Mulberry Empire	Flamingo	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2002	Howard Jacobson	Who's Sorry Now	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2002	John McGregor	If Nobody Speaks of Remarkable Things	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	Inscribed. NF/NF.
	2002	Will Self	Dorian	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2002	Zadie Smith	The Autograph Man	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF. Sticker on FEP.
	2002	Colin Thubron	To the Last City	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2003	2003	Martin Amis	Yellow Dog	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2003	Carol Birch	Turn Again Home	Virago	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2003	Melvyn Bragg	Crossing the Lines	Sceptre	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2003	J M Coetzee	Elizabeth Costello	Secker	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2003	Julia Darling	The Taxi Driver's Daughter	Viking	HB in DW	Inscribed. VG/NF.
	2003	Gerard Donovan	Schopenhauer's Telescope	Scribner	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2003	Barbara Gowdy	The Romantic	Flamingo	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2003	Mark Haddon	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2003	Francis King	The Nick of Time	Arcadia	PBO	SIGNED. VG.
	2003	Shena Mackay	Heligoland	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2003	John Murray	Jazz Etc	Flambard	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
	2003	Julie Myerson	Something Might Happen	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2003	Tim Parks	Judge Savage	Secker	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2003	Caryl Philips	A Distant Shore	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2003	Jonathan Raban	Waxwings	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2003	Graham Swift	The Light of Day	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/F.
	2003	Barbara Trapido	Frankie and Stankie	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2004	2004	Nadeem Aslam	Maps For Lost Lovers	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2004	Nicola Barker	Clear: A Transparent Novel	Flamingo	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2003	John Bemrose	The Island Walkers	McClelland	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2004	Ronan Bennett	Havoc In Its Third Year	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.

	2004	Susanna Clarke	Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF.
	2004	Neil Cross	Always the Sun	Scribner	PBO	Signed on a loose slip. NF.
	2004	Louise Dean	Becoming Strangers	Scribner	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2004	Lewis Desoto	A Blade of Grass	Maia	PBO	SIGNED. F/F.
	2004	James Hamilton-Paterson	Cooking With Fernet Branca	Faber & Faber	PBO	SIGNED. VG.
	2004	Justin Haythe	The Honeymoon	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2003	Shirley Hazzard	The Great Fire	Virago	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2004	Gail Jones	Sixty Lights	Harvill	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/NF.
	2004	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Purple Hibiscus	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/F.
	2004	Sam North	The Unnumbered	Scribner	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2004	Nicholas Shakespeare	Snowleg	Harvill	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2004	Matt Thorne	Cherry	Weidenfeld	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/F.
2005	2005	Tash Aw	The Harmony Silk Factory	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2005	J M Coetzee	Slow Man	Secker	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF.
	2005	Rachel Cusk	In the Fold	Faber & Faber	PBO	SIGNED. NF/F.
	2005	Dan Jacobson	All For Love	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2005	Marina Lewycka	A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2005	Hilary Mantel	Beyond Black	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2005	Ian McEwan	Saturday	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2005	James Meek	The People's Act of Love	Canongate	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/F.
	2005	Salman Rushdie	Shalimar the Clown	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2005	Harry Thompson	This Thing of Darkness	Headline	HB in DW	Unsigned. VG/NF.
	2005	William Wall	This is the Country	Sceptre	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2006	2006	Peter Carey	Theft: A Love Story	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2006	Robert Edric	Gathering the Water	Doubleday	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/F.
	2006	Nadine Gordimer	Get a Life	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2006	Howard Jacobson	Kalooki Nights	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2006	James Lasdun	Seven Lies	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/F.
	2006	Mary Lawson	The Other Side of the Bridge	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2006	John McGregor	So Many Ways to Begin	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2006	Claire Messud	The Emperor's Children	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2006	David Mitchell	Black Swan Green	Hodder	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.

	2006	Naeem Murr	The Perfect Man	Heinemann	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2006	Andrew O Hagan	Be Near Me	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2006	James Robertson	The Testament of Gideon Mack	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/VG.
	2006	Barry Unsworth	The Ruby in Her Navel	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
2007	2007	Peter Ho Davies	The Welsh Girl	Sceptre	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2007	Edward Docx	Self Help	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2007	Tan Twan Eng	The Gift of Rain	Myrmidion	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2007	Nikita Laiwani	Gifted	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2007	Catherine O'Flynn	What Was Lost	Tindall	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
	2007	Michael Redhill	Consolation	Penguin	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2007	A N Wilson	Winnie & Wolf	Hutchison	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/F.
2008	2008	Gaynor Arnold	Girl in a Blue Dress	Tindall	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
	2008	John Berger	From A To X	Verso	IB	SIGNED. F. Limited edition in slipcase.
	2008	Michelle De Kretser	The Lost Dog	Allen & Unwin	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F. (Australian edition).
	2008	Mohammed Hanif	A Case of Exploding Mangoes	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2008	Joseph O'Neill	Netherland	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2008	Tom Rob Smith	Child 44	Simon Schuster	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2008	Salman Rushdie	The Enchantress of Florence	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2009	2009	Sarah Hall	How to Paint a Dead Man	Faber & Faber	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
	2009	Samantha Harvey	The Wilderness	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2008	James Lever	Me Cheeta	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	Signed on an attached bookplate. F/F.
	2009	Ed O Loughlin	Not Untrue and Not Unkind	Penguin	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2009	James Scudamore	Heliopolis	Secker	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
	2009	Colm Toibin	Brooklyn	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2009	William Trevor	Love and Summer	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2010	2010	Helen Dunmore	The Betrayal	Fig Tree	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2010	David Mitchell	The Thousand Autumns of Jacob De Zoet	Sceptre	IB	SIGNED. NF.
	2010	Lisa Moore	February	Chatto & Windus	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
	2010	Paul Murray	Skippy Dies	Hamish Hamilton	PBO	SIGNED. NF. Three small volumes in slipcase.
	2010	Rose Tremain	Trespass	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2010	Christos Tsiolkas	The Slap	Tuskar	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
	2010	Alan Warner	The Stars in the Bright Sky	Jonathan Cape	PBO	SIGNED. NF.

2011	2011	Sebastian Barry	On Canaan's Side	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/NF.
	2011	Yvette Edwards	A Cupboard Full of Coats	One World	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
	2011	Alan Hollinghurst	The Stranger's Child	Picador	HB in DW	SIGNED. VG/NF.
	2011	Patrick McGuiness	The Last Hundred Days	Seren	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
	2010	Alison Pick	Far to Go	Anansi	HB in DW	SIGNED.F/F. (Canadian edition)
	2011	Jane Rogers	The Testament of Jessie Lamb	Sandstone	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
	2011	D J Taylor	Derby Day	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2012	2012	Nicola Barker	The Yips	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/NF.
	2012	Ned Bauman	The Teleportation Accident	Sceptre	IB	SIGNED. NF.
	2012	Andre Brink	Philida	Secker	HB in DW	Signed on a loose SLIP. NF/NF.
	2012	Michael Frayn	Skios	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2012	Rachel Joyce	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry	Doubleday	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2012	Sam Thompson	Communion Town	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2013	2013	Tash Aw	Five Star Billionaire	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2013	Eve Harris	The Marrying of Chani Kaufman	Sandstone	PBO	SIGNED. NF.
	2013	Richard House	The Kills	Picador	IB	SIGNED. NF.
	2013	Alison Macleod	Unexploded	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2013	Colum McCann	Transatlantic	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/NF.
	2013	Charlotte Mendelson	Almost English	Pan	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2013	Donal Ryan	The Spinning Heart	Doubleday	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2014	2014	Siri Hustveldt	The Blazing World	Sceptre	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2014	Paul Kingsnorth	The Wake	Unbound	IB	SIGNED. NF.
	2014	David Mitchell	The Bone Clocks	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2014	David Nicholls	Us	Hodder	IB	SIGNED. NF.
	2014	Joseph O'Neill	The Dog	Fourth Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2014	Richard Powers	Orfeo	Atlantic	HB in DW	Signed on an attached bookplate. F/F.
	2014	Niall Williams	History of the Rain	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2015	2015	Bill Clegg	Did You Ever Have a Family	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2015	Anne Enright	The Green Road	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. NF/F.
	2015	Laila Lamani	The Moor's Account	Pantheon	PBO	Signed on a loose slip. NF.
	2015	Andrew O'Hagan	The Illuminations	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2015	Marilynne Robinson	Lila	Virago	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2015	Anuradha Roy	Sleeping On Jupiter	Quercus	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.

	2015	Anna Smaill	The Chimes	Sceptre	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2016	2016	J M Coetzee	Schooldays of Jesus	Harvill Secker	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2016	A L Kennedy	Serious Sweet	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2016	Ian McGuire	The North Water	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2016	David Means	Hystopia	Scribner	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2016	Wyl Menmuir	The Many	Faber	PBO	SIGNED. F.
	2016	Virginia Reeves	Work Like any Other	Salt Publishing	HB in DW	Inscribed. F/F.
	2016	Elizabeth Strout	My Name is Lucy Barton	Scribner	IB	SIGNED. F.
2017	2016	Sebastian Barry	Days Without End	Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2017	Mike McCormack	Solar Bones	Canongate	IB	SIGNED. F.
	2017	Jon McGregor	Reservoir 13	Viking	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2017	Arundhati Roy	Ministry of Utmost Happiness	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2017	Kamila Shamsie	Homefire	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2016	Zadie Smith	Swing Time	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2017	Colson Whitehead	Underground Railroad	Fleet	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2018	2018	Belinda Bauer	Snap	Bantam	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2018	Nick Drnaso	Sabrina	Granta	IB	Signed on an attached bookplate. F.
	2018	Guy Gunaratne	In Our Mad and Furious City	Tinder	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2018	Sophie Mackintosh	The Water Cure	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2018	Michael Ondaatje	Warlight	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2018	Sally Rooney	Normal People	Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2018	Donal Ryan	From a Low and Quiet Sea	Doubleday	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2019	2019	Kevin Barry	Night Boat to Tangier	Canongate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2019	Oyinkan Braithwaite	My Sister, The Serial Killer	Atlantic	HB in DW	Inscribed on a loose slip. NF/NF.
	2019	John Lanchester	The Wall	Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2019	Deborah Levy	The Man Who Saw Everything	Hamish Hamilton	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2019	Valeria Luiselli	Lost Children Archive	4th Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2019	Max Porter	Lanny	Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2019	Jeanette Winterson	Frankissstein	Jonathan Cape	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2020	2020	Gabriel Krauze	Who They Was	4th Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2020	Hilary Mantel	The Mirror & The Light	4th Estate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2020	Colum McCann	Apeirogon	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.

	2020	Kiley Reid	Such a Fun Age	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2020	Anne Tyler	Redhead by the Side of the Road	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2020	Sophie Ward	Love and Other Thought Experiments	Corsair	IB	SIGNED. F.
	2020	C Pam Zhang	How Much of These Hills is Gold	Virago	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2021	2021	Rachel Cusk	Second Place	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2021	Nathan Harris	The Sweetness of Water	Tinder Press	HB in DW	Unsigned. F/F.
	2021	Kazuo Ishiguro	Klara and the Sun	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2021	Karen Jennings	An Island	Holland House Books	PBO	Unsigned. F.
	2021	Mary Lawson	A Town Called Solace	Chatto & Windus	HB in DW	Signed on an attached bookplate. NF/NF.
	2021	Sunjeev Sahota	China Room	Harvill Secker	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2021	Francis Spufford	Light Perpetual	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
2022	2021	Graeme Macrae Burnet	Case Study	Saraband	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2022	Hernan Diaz	Trust	Pan Macmillan	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2022	Karen Joy Fowler	Booth	Profile Books	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2022	Audrey Magee	The Colony	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2022	Maddie Mortimer	Maps of our Spectacular Bodies	Pan Macmillan	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2022	Leila Mottley	Nightcrawling	Bloomsbury	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2022	Selby Wynn Schwartz	After Sappho	Galley Beggar Press	PBO	SIGNED. F.
2023	2023	Ayobami Adebayo	A Spell of Good Things	Canongate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2023	Sebastian Barry	Old God's Time	Faber & Faber	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2023	Tan Twan Eng	The House of Doors	Canongate	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/NF.
	2023	Elaine Feeney	How to Build a Boat	Harvill Secker	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2023	Sian Hughes	Pearl	Indigo	PBO	Unsigned. F.
	2023	Viktoria Lloyd-Barlow	All the Little Bird-Hearts	Tinder	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.
	2023	Martin Macinnes	In Ascension	Atlantic	HB in DW	SIGNED. F/F.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions and Answers

1. Why is the date of publication different to the date of the award for some books?

Since 1971 the award has accepted books published in the UK and Ireland between October of the previous year and October of the current year.

2. I only need a specific book from the collection – are they available for separate sale?

At this stage the books are being sold as a collection. You can register your interest in a specific title by sending an email to info@firsteds.com. Many Booker Prize titles are listed individually at www.firsteds.com

3. I don't have the space for the Longlist, can I just purchase the Winners and the Shortlist?

The owner is willing to consider partial bids on substantial sections of the collection (not individual titles).

4. How can I view the books?

You can request further details or photos of a specific title or titles. You can also request a video tour of the collection (Zoom, WhatsApp or a similar service). Serious buyers may request an in person viewing, by appointment, in the UK.

5. How much will postage cost?

Postage will be the subject of additional negotiation with the buyer. All efforts will be made to select a suitable, affordable, safe delivery service. The collection is insured, including delivery.

6. What are the payment terms?

Cleared payment in UK sterling is required prior to delivery. An escrow service is available if desired.

Abbreviations

DW = Dustwrapper

FEP = Front End Paper

HB = Hardback

IB = Illustrated Boards

PBO = Paperback Original

Signing descriptions

SIGNED = Author's signature on the title page, half title page or end papers (may also include a date, location or 'best wishes', but no other writing)

Inscribed = Author's signature and brief message to a named person on the title page, half title page or end papers

Signed Bookplate = Author's signature on a publisher's or author's official bookplate

Signed Slip = Author's signature on any other paper or card

Book condition

VG = Very Good – Possible signs of age such as darkening of the paper, small bumps or softening of spine ends. Any writing or stickers are specifically mentioned in the description.

NF = Near Fine – Minimal shelf wear/rubbing, no other flaws.

F = Fine – No flaws, book appears almost new.

DW condition

VG = Very Good - Minimal creasing or rubbing, possible very small chips or closed tears. Price clipped DWs are specifically described in the text. Any significant spine fading is specifically described in the text.

NF = Near Fine - Minor shelf rubbing on DW extremities or tiny creases.

F = Fine - DW appears almost new.

A NOTE FROM THE COLLECTOR, RICHARD ALSTON

I have always enjoyed reading good books. Growing up in the 1950s, before television took over our lives, I read many of the classics and have kept up the pace ever since. It should therefore not be surprising that I eventually became the owner of what the experts regard as the world's largest collection in private hands of UK-published, author-signed, first editions of Booker Prize novels, including all the winners and nominees.

The Booker Prize, first awarded in 1969, is one of the world's most eminent literary awards, open to any author whose book is published in the UK and Ireland. The prize ceremony is normally held in London at the Mansion House and I was fortunate to attend for three years running, whilst living in London.

When I realised that I had read more than half of the Booker shortlist, it seemed worth trying to finish – and perhaps to buy – them all. But it also quickly dawned on me that collecting first editions was a very common practice, so I should aim higher and seek to acquire them all with author's signatures. I began building up a network of booksellers and other Booker aficionados, who helped me in my quest. By the time I left the UK in early 2008 my search was more than 80 per cent complete. Chasing the remainder proved to be quite difficult.

Six of the most difficult signed books I needed to find were by women. Even in the late 20th century there was a clear imbalance of female authors on the shortlist, and it seems that they didn't sign as many of their books, let alone go on as many author's tours or attend writers' festivals and book fairs. Since its inception, the male-female ratio for Booker winners and those on the shortlist has been around 2:1, although it is gradually rebalancing.

So, what have I learnt, from reading and collecting the Booker Prize?

I think I can confidently say that the relentless pursuit of novelty and diversity has meant that seriously good writers such as William Boyd and Sebastian Faulks have missed out (Faulks's Birdsong wasn't even short-listed). Likewise, outstanding writers like Julian Barnes and Howard Jacobson had to wait patiently for ultimate recognition, while others have come from nowhere to take the prize.

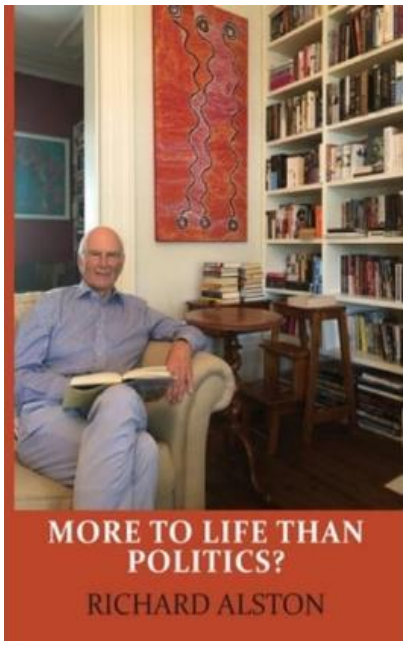
I'm pleased to be able to say that two Australian authors have won twice: Peter Carey, an expat Australian who resides in New York and JM Coetzee, an expat South African who resides in Australia. Three other Australians have been winners.

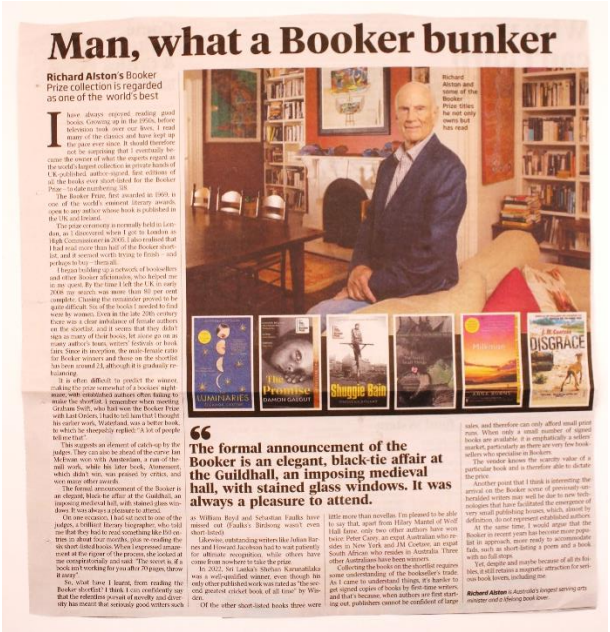
it's harder to get signed copies of books by first-time writers, and that's because, when authors are first starting out, publishers cannot be confident of large sales, and therefore can only afford small print runs. When only a small number of signed books are available, it is emphatically a sellers' market, particularly as there are very few booksellers who specialise in Bookers.

Another point that I think is interesting: the arrival on the Booker scene of previously-unheralded writers may well be due to new technologies that have facilitated the emergence of very small publishing houses, which, almost by definition, do not represent established authors. At the same time, I would argue that the Booker in recent years has become more populist in approach, more ready to accommodate fads, such as long-listing a poem and a book with no full stops.

Yet, despite and maybe because of all its foibles, it still retains a magnetic attraction for serious book lovers, including me.

(This is an edited summary of a profile that first appeared in The Australian newspaper in May 2023).




Man, what a Booker bunker

Richard Alston's Booker Prize collection is regarded as one of the world's best

"The formal announcement of the Booker is an elegant, black-tie affair at the Guildhall, an imposing medieval hall, with stained glass windows. It was always a pleasure to attend.

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