

Man Booker Prize / 2007 - 1971

The Man Booker Prize is awarded by the Booker Prize Foundation to the best novel written by a citizen of the British Commonwealth or the Republic of Ireland. Booker McConnell, a multinational conglomerate company, established the prize in 1969. Winners receive £50,000.

The 2007 Winner



[The Gathering](#) by [Enright, Anne](#)

A dazzling writer of international stature, Anne Enright is one of Ireland's most singular voices. Now she delivers *The Gathering*, a return to an intimate canvas and moving, evocative portrait of a large Irish family haunted by the past. The nine surviving children of the Hegarty clan are gathering in Dublin for the wake of their wayward brother, Liam, drowned in the sea. His sister, Veronica, collects the body and keeps the dead man company, guarding the secret she shares with him--something that happened in their grandmother's house in the winter of 1968. As Enright traces the line of betrayal and redemption through three generations, she shows how memories warp and secrets fester. *The Gathering* is a family epic, clarified through Anne Enright's unblinking eye. This is a novel about love and disappointment, about how fate is written in the body, not in the stars. *The Gathering* sends fresh blood through the Irish literary tradition, combining the lyricism of the old with the shock of the new. As in all of Anne Enright's work, this is a book of daring, wit, and insight, her distinctive intelligence twisting the world a fraction and giving it back to us in a new and unforgettable light.

“I could not put this family, this sweep of Ireland aside as I was reading this novel, and tried to put the book down to do daily chores. So many euphemisms that confused me, as the Irish language, culture and nuances are ever-flowing as you turn the chapters. But do not worry...keep your focus on the two generations as they come together...you won't forget your time with this book. Enright's words are lyrical, heart-wrenching and honest.”

Ann Lacefield

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[The Sea](#)

by [Banville, John](#)

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[The Line of Beauty](#)

by [Hollinghurst, Alan](#)

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[Vernon God Little](#)

by [Pierre, DBC](#)

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[Life of Pi](#)

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[True History of the Kelly Gang](#)

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[The Blind Assassin](#)

by [Atwood, Margaret](#)

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[Disgrace](#)

by [Coetzee, J. M.](#)

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[Amsterdam](#)

by [McEwan, Ian](#)

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[The God of Small Things](#)

by [Roy, Arundhati](#)

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[The Remains of the Day](#)

by [Ishiguro, Kazuo](#)

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[Oscar and Lucinda: Movie Tie-In Edition](#)

by [Carey, Peter](#)

1987

[Moon Tiger](#)

by [Lively, Penelope](#)

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[The Bone People](#)

by [Hulme, Keri](#)

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[Hotel Du Lac](#)

by [Brookner, Anita](#)

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[Life & Times of Michael K](#)

by [Coetzee, J. M.](#)

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[Schindler's List](#)

by [Keneally, Thomas](#)

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[Midnight's Children](#)

by [Rushdie, Salman](#)

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[Rites of Passage](#)

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The Ghost Road

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Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha

by [Doyle, Roddy](#)

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The English Patient

by [Ondaatje, Michael](#)

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Sacred Hunger

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The Famished Road

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Possession: A Romance

by [Byatt, A. S.](#)

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The Sea, the Sea

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Staying on

by [Scott, Paul](#) , [Scott](#)

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Heat and Dust

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The Conservationist

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The Siege of Krishnapur

by [Farrell, J. G.](#)

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by [Berger, John](#) , [Laslocky, J.](#)

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In a Free State

by [Naipaul, V. S.](#)