

Media quotes - The Man Booker Prize 2009

“the most prestigious prize for fiction in the English-speaking world.” **New York Times, July 2011**

“The Man Booker Prize is the best-known, most hotly debated and eagerly sought literary award in Britain. The announcement of the names of the six final contestants - the famous Booker shortlist - has been known to cause furious rows in pubs and taxis across London, along with debates over who was excluded and why the winners were chosen. The announcement of the award has frequently caused a huge spike in sales, sometimes making the careers of little-known authors.” **New York Times, October 2009**

“Yet Booker remains a truly important prize because it’s about so much more than the winner, or the shortlist. It has become the indispensable literary thermometer with which to take the temperature of contemporary fiction (outside the US).”

Robert McCrum, The Observer, 4 October 2009

“The UK’s most prestigious fiction prize” **Financial Times, 2009**

“One of the most unpredictable and exciting contests for years... For readers keen to sample new voices unmediated by an excess of hype and criticism, this is the place to look” **Alex Clark, The Observer, 2007**

Let’s hear it for the thinking man’s Oscars

The glitz of the Man Booker dinner is fun - but the main point is to celebrate writing

What does the annual Man Booker Prize ceremony have in common with the Oscars? ... in the vaulted dining room of London’s Guildhall, there is a certain glamour, and it undoubtedly changes the life of one artists and his or her supporting cast”