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2014 MAN BOOKER PRIZE FOR FICTION NOMINEES

On September 9 the 2014 Man Booker Prize for fiction shortlist was announced. This year’s list includes writers from Great Britain, the US and Australia. The shortlist nominees are:

To Rise Again at a Decent Hour by Joshua Ferris (US)

The Narrow Road to the Deep North by Richard Flanagan (AUS)

We are All Completely Beside Ourselves by Karen Joy Fowler (US)

J by Howard Jacobson (GB) (available in the US on Oct. 14th)

The Lives of Others by Neel Mukherjee (GB) (available in the US on Oct. 1st)

How to be Both by Ali Smith (GB) (available in the US on Dec. 2nd)

2014 is the first time the Man Booker Prize was opened to any author writing originally in English and published in the UK. Previously, the award was open only to authors from the UK & Commonwealth, the Republic of Ireland and Zimbabwe.

The Man Booker Prize was established in 1969 to promote great fiction by rewarding the best novel of the year written by a citizen of the UK, The Commonwealth, The Republic of Ireland or Zimbabwe. The winner will receive 50,000 Euro and all the shortlisted authors receive 2,500 Euro.

Previous winners include The Luminaries by Eleanor Catton (2013), Bring up the Bodies by Hilary Mantel (2012) and The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes (2011).

The winner will be announced on October 14, 2014 in London. Congratulations and good luck to all the nominees. For additional information regarding the Man Booker Prize, please visit www.themanbookerprize.com.

- Lisa Jones, Readers’ Service Librarian

To refuse awards is another way of accepting them with more noise than is normal.

- Mark Twain
Summer’s End Book Club Picks
Looking for your next Book Club selection? I have read the following titles this past summer and all would make excellent Book Club Picks. I chose *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck to discuss for our Afternoon Book Club this past June. Not only is it one of my favorite books EVER, but 2014 also marks the 75th Anniversary of its’ publication. In fact, any John Steinbeck title would make an excellent choice, but in case you want something more contemporary, see my picks below:

*Broken for You* by Stephanie Kallos
“Margaret Hughes, a septuagenarian living in Seattle, takes in a series of boarders who help her cope with her illness, and whose lives become unexpectedly connected to each other.”

*The Lover’s Dictionary* by David Levithan
“A modern love story told through a series of dictionary-style entries is a sequence of intimate windows into the large and small events that shape the course of a romantic relationship.”

*Once We Were Brothers* by Ronald H. Balson
“When Ben Solomon accuses Elliot Rosenzweig, a respected civic leader and wealthy philanthropist, of being a former Nazi SS officer named Otto Piatek, two lives, two worlds, and sixty years converge in a race to redemption.”

*The Wind is Not a River* by Brian Payton
“A husband and wife -- separated by the only battle of World War II to take place on American soil --fight to reunite in Alaska's starkly beautiful Aleutian Islands.”

*The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck – Celebrating 75 years of publication!
“First published in 1939, Steinbeck’s Pulitzer Prize winning epic of the Great Depression chronicles the Dust Bowl migration of the 1930s and tells the story of one Oklahoma farm family, the Joads, driven from their homestead and forced to travel west to the promised land of California.”

Summaries from the publishers. – Jackie Ranaldo, Head of Readers’ Services

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**Gone Girl** by Gillian Flynn, an international bestselling novel which has been on the New York Times best-seller list for 95 weeks will be coming to theatres on Friday October 3, 2014. The movie stars Ben Affleck as Nick Dunne and Rosamund Pike as his wife, Amy Dunne. *Gone Girl* is the third book that Gillian Flynn has published. The other books are:

**Dark Places** After witnessing the murder of her mother and sisters, 7-year-old Libby Day testifies against her brother Ben, but twenty-five years later she tries to profit from her tragic history and admit that her story might not have been accurate.

**Sharp Objects** Returning to her hometown after an eight-year absence to investigate the murders of two girls, reporter Camille Preaker is reunited with her neurotic mother and enigmatic, thirteen-year-old half-sister as she works to uncover the truth about the killings.

If you enjoyed *Gone Girl* there are many other Gillian Flynn read alikes. The top five recommended books by Goodreads are:

1. *Before I Go To Sleep* by S.J. Watson
2. *Reconstructing Amelia* by Kimberly McCreight
3. *Precious Thing* by Colette McBeth
4. *The Silent Wife* by A.S.A. Harrison
5. *Defending Jacob* by William Landay

The rest of the Gillian Flynn read alikes can be found on the Goodreads website: http://www.goodreads.com/list/show/76780.Gillian_Flynn_Read_Alikes

Please contact Readers’ Services at 921-7161 ext 239 or 241 if you would like us to reserve any of the above titles.

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