

# Press Release

## German Book Prize 2019: Publishers submit 173 titles

*105 publishers from Germany, Austria and Switzerland submit novels / Jörg Magenau is speaker of the jury / Award ceremony on 14 October 2019 in the Kaisersaal of the Frankfurt Römer*

More than 100 German-language publishers have put their novels in the running for the German Book Prize 2019: 105 publishers submitted a total of 173 titles to compete for the best German-language novel of the year. Of these publishers, 77 are based in Germany, 15 in Austria and 13 in Switzerland.

Of the titles submitted, 84 are from the publishers' current spring catalogues, 71 will become available in the autumn and 18 were already published in autumn 2018. Each publisher was allowed to propose a maximum of two titles published (or to be published) between October 2018 and 17 September 2019, when the shortlist will be announced. In addition, they could also each recommend up to five additional titles from their own catalogues. This year, the list of recommendations comprises 104 novels. Jurors may request additional titles from amongst these.

During their first joint meeting, the members of the jury appointed the independent literary critic Jörg Magenau as their speaker. The jury also includes: Petra Hartlieb (Hartliebs Bücher bookstore, Vienna), Hauke Hückstädt (Literaturhaus, Frankfurt am Main), Björn Lauer (Hugendubel, Frankfurt), Alf Mentzer (Hessischer Rundfunk), Daniela Strigl (literary scholar) and Margarete von Schwarzkopf (author and literary critic).

The jury will choose the winning title through a multiple-stage selection process. On 20 August 2019, a longlist of 20 titles will be announced. From this list, the jurors will then select six titles for the shortlist, which will be published on 17 September 2019. The authors of these six novels will only find out which of them has won the German Book Prize on the evening of the award ceremony.

The German Book Prize is awarded by the Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels Stiftung (Foundation of the German Publishers and Booksellers Association). It receives funding from the Deutsche Bank Foundation, and additional partners include Frankfurter Buchmesse and the city of Frankfurt am Main. The television network Deutsche Welle supports the German Book Prize in its media activities both at home and abroad.

Information about the German Book Prize 2019 can be found at  
[www.deutscher-buchpreis.de/en/](http://www.deutscher-buchpreis.de/en/).

The hashtag for the German Book Prize 2019 is **#dbp19**

Press photo of the jury for download:

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