

Press Release

German Book Prize 2019: Jury nominates 20 novels

Longlist published / 203 titles were in the running / Shortlist to be announced on 17 September / Blogger reviews on www.deutscher-buchpreis-blog.de

The jury for the German Book Prize 2019 has chosen 20 novels for the longlist. Since the call for submissions went out, the seven members of the jury have reviewed 203 titles published – or yet to be published – between October 2018 and 17 September 2019, when the shortlist will be announced.

Jury spokesman Jörg Magenau (independent literary critic) released the following statement: “For the jury, the selection process was an enriching and stimulating discussion about contemporary German-language literature. The longlist that emerged from this shared adventure in reading reflects the diversity of material and stylistic wealth of this year’s new literary releases. It includes social analyses and historical research, paranoia and fantasy, and wishes and global exploration, from California to the German provinces all the way to the Caucasus. We were particularly pleased that there were so many successful debuts to discover, which we are happy to pass on. We see no reason to worry about the future of reading and writing.”

The nominated novels (in alphabetical order) are:

- Nora Bossong, **Schutzzone** (Suhrkamp, September 2019)
- Jan Peter Bremer, **Der junge Doktorand** (Berlin Verlag, September 2019)
- Raphaela Edelbauer, **Das flüssige Land** (Klett-Cotta, August 2019)
- Andrea Grill, **Cherubino** (Paul Zsolnay, July 2019)
- Karen Köhler, **Mirolói** (Carl Hanser, August 2019)
- Miku Sophie Kühmel, **Kintsugi** (S. Fischer, August 2019)
- Angela Lehner, **Vater unser** (Hanser Berlin, February 2019)
- Emanuel Maeß, **Gelenke des Lichts** (Wallstein, February 2019)
- Alexander Osang, **Die Leben der Elena Silber** (S. Fischer, August 2019)
- Katerina Poladján, **Hier sind Löwen** (S. Fischer, June 2019)
- Lola Rándl, **Der Große Garten** (Matthes & Seitz Berlin, March 2019)
- Tonio Schachinger, **Nicht wie ihr** (Kremayr & Scheriau, September 2019)
- Norbert Scheuer, **Winterbienen** (C.H.Beck, July 2019)
- Eva Schmidt, **Die untalentierte Lügnerin** (Jung und Jung, March 2019)
- Saša Stanišić, **Herkunft** (Luchterhand, March 2019)

- Marlene Streeruwitz, **Flammenwand**. (S. Fischer, May 2019)
- Jackie Thomae, **Brüder** (Hanser Berlin, August 2019)
- Ulrich Woelk, **Der Sommer meiner Mutter** (C.H.Beck, January 2019)
- Norbert Zähringer, **Wo wir waren** (Rowohlt, March 2019)
- Tom Zürcher, **Mobbing Dick** (Salis, March 2019)

In addition to Jörg Magenau, the members of the jury include: 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 next step will be for the jurors to select six titles from the longlist for inclusion on the shortlist, which will be announced on 17 September 2019. The six shortlisted authors will only find out who amongst them has won the German Book Prize on the evening of the award ceremony itself. The winner will receive 25,000 euros, the five finalists 2,500 euros each.

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

The prize will be awarded on 14 October 2019 at the start of the Frankfurter Buchmesse in the Kaisersaal of the Frankfurt Römer.

Get to know the longlist: reading samples, audio samples, blog reviews

Beginning next week, the paperback “Deutscher Buchpreis 2019. Die Nominierten” (“German Book Prize 2019. The Nominees”) will be available in bookstores. The book contains reading samples from and background information about the nominated novels and is published by the trade magazine *Börsenblatt*, issued by the technology and information provider MVB. An [interactive map](#) created by JETZT EIN BUCH!, an initiative of the German book industry, shows in which bookstores the titles are available.

Audio samples from the 20 longlisted titles are available on www.detektor.fm/deutscher-buchpreis. They were recorded by the online radio and podcast provider detektor.fm and are also available on the detektor.fm app. Starting on 20 August, the radio station will present a different nominated title

daily from Monday through Friday at 10:15 a.m. on the programme “detektor.fm – am Vormittag” and at 5:40 p.m. on the programme “detektor.fm – der Tag”. The German Book Prize audio samples are also available as a podcast on the platforms Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Deezer and Spotify.

In the coming weeks, under the hashtag #buchpreisbloggen, 20 literary bloggers will each present one of the nominated titles. The reviews will be published on www.deutscher-buchpreis-blog.de and shared through the social media channels of the German Book Prize.

[Press photo of the jury for download](#)

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From left to right: Jörg Magenau, Daniela Strigl, Alf Mentzer, Margarete von Schwarzkopf, Björn Lauer, Petra Hartlieb, Hauke Hückstädt

More information about the German Book Prize 2019 can be found at www.deutscher-buchpreis.de/en/

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

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