

Press Release

German Book Prize 2019: The six finalists

The jury has selected six novels for the shortlist of the German Book Prize 2019:

- Raphaela Edelbauer, **Das flüssige Land** (Klett-Cotta, August 2019)
- Miku Sophie Kühmel, **Kintsugi** (S. Fischer, August 2019)
- Tonio Schachinger, **Nicht wie ihr** (Kremayr & Scheriau, August 2019)
- Norbert Scheuer, **Winterbienen** (C.H.Beck, July 2019)
- Saša Stanišić, **Herkunft** (Luchterhand, March 2019)
- Jackie Thomae, **Brüder** (Hanser Berlin, August 2019)

Regarding this selection, Jörg Magenau (independent literary critic), jury spokesperson for the German Book Prize 2019, says: “The shortlist presents six outstanding finds, six novels that couldn’t be more different formally and stylistically and in terms of tone yet which are united by one great theme: All of them are about family connections, about the place in a global world from which one can understand one’s own existence. They describe, sometimes from a female and sometimes from a male point of view, how male identity in particular has become problematic. Perhaps the generational shift signalled by the three debuts in the final round has something to do with the fact that younger people have a sharper eye for these issues. The jury was united in the pleasure we took in reading these books and in our constructive disagreement. We hope that this will also be the case for all other readers.”

Since the submission process began, the seven members of the jury have reviewed 203 titles published between October 2018 and 17 September 2019. In addition to Jörg Magenau, the members of the jury for the German Book Prize 2019 are: 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 Stiftung Buchkultur und Leseförderung des Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels (Foundation for Book Culture and the Promotion of Reading of the German Publishers and Booksellers Association) awards the German Book Prize 2019 to the best German-language novel of the year. The winner receives 25,000 euros, the five finalists 2,500 euros each. The award

ceremony will be held on 14 October 2019 in the Kaisersaal of the Frankfurt Römer to coincide with the start of the Frankfurter Buchmesse.

The German Book Prize receives financial support from the Deutsche Bank Stiftung (Deutsche Bank Foundation), and other 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. Those interested can watch the award ceremony via live stream at www.deutscher-buchpreis.de. The radio stations Deutschlandfunk and Deutschlandfunk Kultur will also broadcast the ceremony as part of the “Dokumente und Debatten” programme on digital radio and on www.deutschlandradio.de/debatten.

Starting on 1 October 2019, the website www.new-books-in-german.com will feature English translations of excerpts from the shortlisted titles, along with an English-language dossier about the shortlist. In addition, under the hashtag #buchpreisbloggen, 20 literary bloggers will present this year’s nominated titles. Their reviews will appear on www.deutscher-buchpreis-blog.de and will be shared across the social media channels of the German Book Prize.

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

Downloads

[Press photo and information about the nominated titles for download](#)

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