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83 nominating libraries

34 countries

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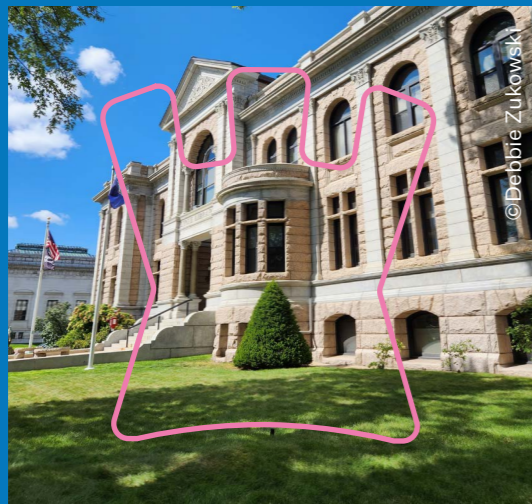
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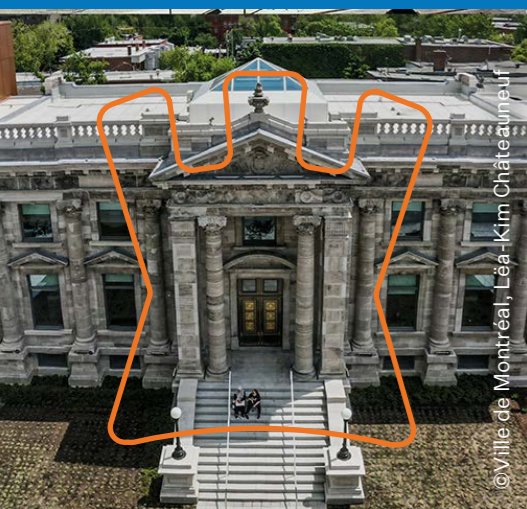
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Celebrating 30 years of the Dublin Literary Award

It's hard to believe that the Dublin Literary Award is turning thirty this year. It has become a coveted and much loved award by writers, translators and libraries across the globe. It remains the most valuable award in the world for a novel in English or translated into English.

Dublin's reputation as a city of literature prompted Gay Mitchell, Lord Mayor of Dublin 30 years ago to bring the idea of the award to Dublin City Council and this was unanimously supported. *Remembering Babylon* was the first novel to win The Dublin Literary Award by Australian writer, David Malouf in 1996.

This year, as always, we present a diverse range of world fiction comprising of 71 titles from 83 libraries representing 34 countries throughout the world. 26 novels are translated from other languages. We are certain you will find choices to excite you.

At the heart of the award is a shared reading experience across the world including 21 UNESCO cities of literature. The award has seen a few changes over the years but central to the annual process are public libraries who select novels that are popular among their own reading communities. For this reason, the Dublin Literary Award may have a surprising winner which has not come to the attention of other awards or indeed other readers.

After the longlist has been announced, the judging panel have the challenging role of selecting a shortlist and winner. This year's international expert judging panel of writers, translators and academics is led by Professor Chris Morash (TCD), non-voting

chair, and includes Gerbrand Bakker (Dublin Literary Award Winner 2010), Martina Devlin, Fiona Sze-Lorrain, Prof. Leonard Cassuto and Nidhi Zak/ Aria Eipe. I wish to acknowledge with appreciation their dedication to the Dublin Literary Award.

The award of €100,000 to a winner for a single work of fiction in English or translated into English sponsored by Dublin City Council demonstrates how literature is valued in Dublin and enhances our reputation as a UNESCO City of Literature.

Romanian author, Mircea Cărtărescu and American translator, Sean Cotter received the award in 2024 from the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Daithí de Róiste for the novel, *Solenoid*.

On accepting the award Mircea said "It's a great award, not only in Europe but in all the English speaking world – I'm very grateful to the judges who chose my book amongst many other wonderful books and I'm happy it happened in Dublin because I'm a great fan of the Irish culture & literature."

Each year, readers look forward to the Award ceremony, which takes place in Merrion Square Park in May during the International Literature Festival Dublin and this year promises to be a very special celebration to mark 30 years of the award.

In the meantime, I hope you will take time to familiarise yourself with the novels on this year's longlist choosing an author you haven't come across before. The longlisted novels are available to order from your local library or bookshop.

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What's next



Shortlist will be announced
on Tuesday 25th of March

Winner will be announced
on Thursday 22nd of May at
the International Literature
Festival Dublin and streamed
live via our channels.



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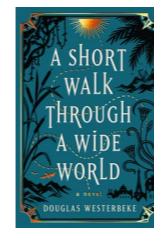


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The 2025 Longlist



A Short Walk Through a Wide World
Douglas Westerbeke
Published by *Avid Reader Press (Simon & Schuster)*
Nominated by *Cleveland Public Library, USA*



In this epic debut, Aubry Tourvel travels the world to escape a mysterious curse that will destroy her if she stops moving. Fiercely independent yet filled with longing, she seeks a place to call home. *A Short Walk Through a Wide World* is a spellbinding tale of resilience and self-discovery, reminding us that it's not the destination, but the journey itself, that shapes who we are.

Douglas Westerbeke is an author and storyteller whose work explores themes of identity, resilience, and the search for meaning in an ever-changing world.



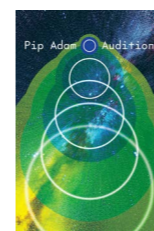
At the Grand Glacier Hotel
Laurence Fearnley
Published by *Penguin Random House (New Zealand)*
Nominated by *Dunedin Public Libraries, New Zealand*



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In *At the Grand Glacier Hotel*, Libby and Curtis return to the West Coast of New Zealand's South Island twenty years after a disastrous family holiday, fulfilling a promise to stay at the Grand Glacier Hotel. With Libby recovering from cancer, their reunion takes an unexpected turn when a storm separates them. Alone and isolated, Libby begins to explore the hotel, seeking answers that may help her reconnect with herself and the life she once knew.

Laurence Fearnley is an award-winning New Zealand writer known for her evocative novels that explore themes of memory, identity, and human connection.

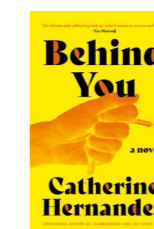


Audition
Pip Adams
Published by *Te Herenga Waka University Press*
Nominated by *Auckland Council Libraries & Wellington City Libraries | Te Matapihi Ki Te Ao Nui, New Zealand*



In *Audition*, three giants—Alba, Stanley, and Drew—are imprisoned aboard a spaceship hurtling toward an event horizon. If they talk, the spaceship keeps moving; if they are silent, they resume growing. Together, they recover memories of their past and uncover the violent forces that incarcerated them. Part science fiction, part social realism, the novel explores power, justice, and how we live with one another's violences, offering a new vision of justice in a broken world.

Pip Adams is an award-winning New Zealand writer and radio producer, known for her thought-provoking fiction that blends social realism with speculative themes.

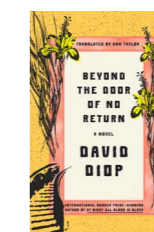


Behind You
Catherine Hernandez
Published by *Harper Collins Publishers*
Nominated by *Toronto Public Library, Canada*



Behind You by Catherine Hernandez follows a young girl confronting the trauma of sexual violence amidst a city gripped by terror. Weaving through time, it tells the story of her resilience and challenges the reader to reflect on complicity in sexual harm. A daring inversion of the Whodunit genre, it asks: "Who hasn't done it?"

Catherine Hernandez is an award-winning, queer, Canadian writer of Filipino, Spanish, Chinese and Indian heritage whose debut novel, *Scarborough*, was adapted into an acclaimed film.

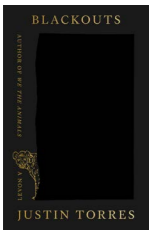


Beyond the Door of No Return
David Diop
Translated from the French by *Sam Taylor*
Published by *Farrar, Straus and Giroux*
Nominated by *Bibliothèque publique d'information Centre Pompidou, France*



Written with sensitivity and narrative flair, David Diop's *Beyond the Door of No Return* is a love story like few others. Drawing on the richness and lyricism of Senegal's oral traditions, Diop has constructed a historical epic of the highest order.

David Diop, born in Paris and raised in Senegal, is the head of the Arts, Languages, and Literature Department at the University of Pau. His novel *At Night All Blood Is Black* won the International Booker Prize. **Sam Taylor** is an award-winning translator, having translated over 60 books from French.



Blackouts

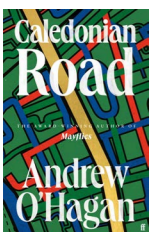
Justin Torres

Published by **Farrar, Straus & Giroux**
Nominated by **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh & Chicago Public Library, USA**



Blackouts by Justin Torres is a bold exploration of storytelling, history, and love, blending fiction with photographs, testimony, and illustrations. It reclaims lost histories, urging us to confront the shadows of the past and the truths we've inherited. A powerful meditation on art's transformative potential, *Blackouts* challenges the narratives that shape us.

Justin Torres is the author of *We the Animals*, translated into fifteen languages and adapted into a feature film.



Caledonian Road

Andrew O'Hagan

Published by **Faber & Faber**
Nominated by **Redbridge Central Library, UK**



Caledonian Road by Andrew O'Hagan follows Campbell Flynn, a celebrity art historian whose life of privilege and scandal unravels as secrets and crimes come to light. As his world shifts, Flynn must confront the fallout of his own hubris in a public and brutal exposure of his past.

Andrew O'Hagan is a three-time Booker Prize nominee, a winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Award, and a chronicler of contemporary Britain.



Christ on a Bike

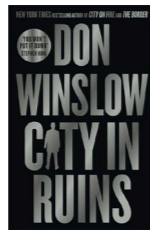
Orla Owen

Published by **Bluemoose Books**
Nominated by **Norfolk Library and Information Service, UK**



Cerys receives an unexpected inheritance but there are rules attached. Three simple rules that must be followed. As she settles into her new life, she begins to feel trapped: the past is ever present. She convinces herself that the villagers are watching her and, desperate to control her own future, she tries to break free...

Orla Owen is the author of *The Lost Thumb* and *Pah* and lives outside London with her family.



City in Ruins

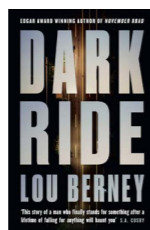
Don Winslow

Published by **Hemlock Press (HarperCollins UK); William Morrow (HarperCollins US)**
Nominated by **Stadtbücherei Frankfurt am Main, Germany**



Danny Ryan, once an Irish mob soldier, is now a successful casino mogul in Las Vegas, living a life he's always dreamed of. But when he attempts to buy an old hotel, he ignites a deadly war with old enemies. To protect everything he holds dear, Danny must embrace the ruthless fighter he hoped to leave behind.

Don Winslow is the author of twenty-five international bestsellers, including the *Cartel* trilogy, which is being adapted into a TV series.



Dark Ride

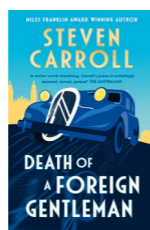
Lou Berney

Published by **William Morrow US; HarperCollins UK**
Nominated by **Oklahoma Department of Libraries, USA**



Hardy "Hardly" Reed, a scare actor at an amusement park, notices signs of child abuse and reports it. When authorities fail to act, he steps in, uncovering a dangerous drug operation run by the children's abusive father. As Hardy's commitment to saving them grows, he faces the risk of losing everything—including his life.

Lou Berney is the author of *November Road*, winner of the CWA Ian Fleming Steel Dagger for Best Thriller.



Death of a Foreign Gentleman

Steven Carroll

Published by **HarperCollins Publishers (Aus)**
Nominated by **State Library of South Australia**



German philosopher Martin Friedrich is killed by a speeding car, and Detective Sergeant Stephen Minter is tasked with uncovering the truth. As Minter investigates, he discovers Friedrich's dark past—his arrogance, womanising, and Nazi affiliations—making him a man many wanted dead. Was it random chance or a calculated act?

Steven Carroll is the award-winning author of fifteen novels, including *A World of Other People* and *The Time We Have Taken*.



Edenglassie

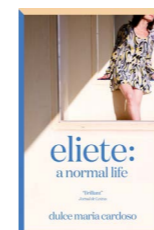
Melissa Lucashenko

Published by **University of Queensland Press**
Nominated by **State Library of New South Wales; State Library of Queensland, Australia**



In *Edenglassie*, Mulanyin dreams of taking his bride Nita to Yugambah Country as colonial unrest rises, but his quest for independence clashes with white justice. Two centuries later, activist Winona and Dr. Johnny care for Granny Eddie, a centenarian with ties to the past. Lucashenko powerfully examines how history shapes modern lives, challenging colonial myths and imagining a new Australian future.

Melissa Lucashenko is an award-winning Goorie author of *Bundjalung* and European heritage, best known for *Too Much Lip*.



Eliete: A Normal Life

Dulce Maria Cardoso

Translated from the Portuguese by **Ángel Gurría-Quintana**
Published by **MacLehose Press (Quercus imprint)**
Nominated by **Bibliotecas de Lisboa, Portugal**



Eliete, stuck in a dead-end job and marriage, turns to Tinder, creating fake profiles to spark excitement. As her liaisons unfold, her life takes an unexpected turn when her grandmother, diagnosed with dementia, moves in. The illness uncovers buried family secrets, threatening to unravel everything.

Dulce Maria Cardoso, a Portuguese writer, is known for her award-winning novels, including *Violeta Among the Stars*. Translator **Ángel Gurría-Quintana** is a historian and literary translator.



Farewell to the Little Coffee Shop of Kabul

Deborah Rodriguez

Published by **Hachette UK, Little Brown, Sphere**
Nominated by **Cork City Libraries, Ireland**



In Kabul, August 2021, Sunny Tedder returns to her beloved coffee shop, reuniting with her Afghan "family." Yazmina now runs women's shelters, Layla is a famous activist, and Halajan's secret rebellion takes on a new form. As US troops withdraw and the Taliban advance, the women must face an uncertain future together.

Deborah Rodriguez, founder of Oasis Rescue and former director of the Kabul Beauty School, is an advocate for women in post-conflict regions.



Fire Exit

Morgan Talty

Published by **Tin House**
Nominated by **Richland Library, USA**



Charles Lamosway has watched his daughter Elizabeth's life unfold from a distance, across the river on Maine's Penobscot Reservation. But when he can no longer keep the secret of their connection, he faces a dangerous truth that threatens to unravel everything.

Morgan Talty is a citizen of the Penobscot Indian Nation and the author of *Night of the Living Rez*, which won multiple prestigious awards, including the PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize.



Fishing for the Little Pike

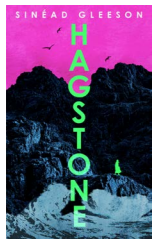
Juhani Karila

Translated from the Finnish by **Lola Rogers**
Published by **Restless Books (US); Pushkin Books (UK) (Published in the name Summer Fishing in Lapland in UK and Ireland)**
Nominated by **Tartu Public Library, Estonia & Helsinki City Library / Pasila Library, Finland**



In Juhani Karila's genre-defying debut, a young woman's annual pilgrimage to her home in rural Lapland to catch an elusive pike is complicated by a host of mythical creatures, a murder detective hot on her trail, and a deadly curse hanging over her head.

Juhani Karila is an award-winning Finnish author, known for his debut novel *Fishing for the Little Pike*, which won multiple prizes. **Lola Rogers** is a literary translator based in Seattle, specializing in Finnish-English translations.



Hagstone

Sinéad Gleeson

Published by **4th Estate**

Nominated by **Galway Public Libraries, Ireland**



On a remote island, artist Nell draws inspiration from the Iníons, a commune of women who consider the island a sanctuary. When invited to create a piece of art celebrating their history, Nell uncovers unsettling truths, challenged by mysterious sounds emanating from the island.

Sinéad Gleeson is the author of *Constellations* and editor of acclaimed anthologies, including *The Long Gaze Back*. *Hagstone* is her debut novel.



Hangman

Maya Binyam

Published by **One (Pushkin Press Imprint)**

Nominated by **San Diego Public Library, USA**



Returning to sub-Saharan Africa after 26 years in America, a man finds a country and people he no longer recognizes. A stranger at the airport calls him “brother” and guides him on a surreal journey to find his dying sibling. *Hangman* is a tragicomic odyssey of homecoming, loss, and self-discovery, full of phantoms, tricksters, and unexpected revelations.

Maya Binyam is a contributing editor at *The Paris Review*, and *Hangman* is her debut novel.



Headshot

Rita Bullwinkel

Published by **Daunt Books Publishing UK, Viking (Penguin Random House US)**

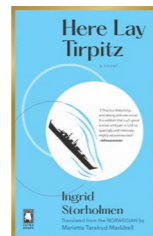
Nominated by **Edinburgh Libraries, UK**



Headshot follows eight of the best teenage female boxers in the U.S. over two days of a championship tournament, exploring the intense emotions and motivations driving their pursuit of excellence.

Through their rivalry, envy, and the joy and violence of the sport, the novel offers a vivid portrayal of girlhood, physicality, and coming-of-age.

Rita Bullwinkel is the author of *Headshot*, longlisted for the 2024 Booker Prize, and winner of a 2022 Whiting Award.



Here Lay Tirpitz

Ingrid Storholmen

Translated from the Norwegian by

Marietta Taralrud Maddrell

Published by **Yatra Books (Vani Prakashan Group)**

Nominated by **Deichman Bjørvika, Oslo Public Library, Norway**



In *Here Lay Tirpitz*, Ingrid Storholmen brings to life the men aboard the WWII ship Tirpitz, their families, and the Norwegians who encountered them. Through monologues and letters, the novel weaves an immersive chorus of voices, revealing the humanity, vulnerability, and ugliness in a world shaped by war.

Ingrid Storholmen is a celebrated Norwegian poet and novelist. Translator **Marietta Taralrud Maddrell** specializes in Norwegian and Swedish literature.



Home

Andrea Tompa

Translated from the Hungarian by

Jozefina Komporaly

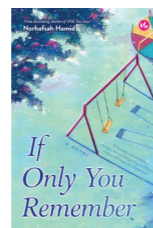
Published by **Istros Books**

Nominated by **Katona József Könyvtár, Hungary**



In *Home*, Andrea Tompa explores the emotional complexities of returning after a long absence. Caught between two worlds, the unnamed protagonist faces revelations that challenge their sense of belonging and identity. A poignant reflection on estrangement and self-discovery.

Andrea Tompa is an award-winning Hungarian novelist, academic theatre critic based in Budapest. Translator **Jozefina Komporaly** is a London-based academic and translator of Hungarian and Romanian literature.



If Only You Remember

Norhafsa Hamid

Published by **IMAN Publication, Malaysia**

Nominated by **National Library of**

Malaysia

Sofea, an independent librarian, and Shafique, a serious antiquarian, connect through their shared love of books. Their paths cross repeatedly, leading them to confront pain, sorrow, and the choices between remembering or forgetting. *If Only You Remember* is a story of love, perseverance, faith, and unexpected happiness amidst life's struggles.

Norhafsa Hamid is an award-winning author, former lawyer, and advocate for women's rights.



In Elvis's Room

Sebastijan Pregelj

Translated from the original Slovenian

by **Rawley Grau**

Published by **Sandorf Passage**

Nominated by **Mariborska knjižnica & Ljubljana City Library (Mestna knjižnica Ljubljana), Slovenia**

Sebastijan Pregelj's *In Elvis's Room* explores the impact of Yugoslavian disintegration on a young boy, Jan, growing up in 1980s Ljubljana. Against a backdrop of family, friendship, and pop culture, Jan's life shifts as political and social upheavals change everything. A poignant coming-of-age story set in a turbulent time.

Sebastijan Pregelj is a Slovenian novelist and historian. Translator **Rawley Grau** has translated several Slovenian authors, including Pregelj, and received the Lavrin Diploma for excellence in translation.



James

Percival Everett

Published by **Doubleday (Penguin**

Random House)

Nominated by **Miami-Dade Public Library & Seattle Public Library, USA**



In *James*, Percival Everett reimagines the story of Jim from *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. After learning he is to be sold away from his family, Jim escapes to Jackson Island, where he encounters Huck, also fleeing from his violent father. Their journey down the Mississippi River reveals Jim's humanity and intelligence in a powerful new light.

Percival Everett is a Distinguished Professor of English at University of Southern California and an acclaimed novelist.



Kukum

Micheal Jean

Translated from the original French by

Susan Ouriou

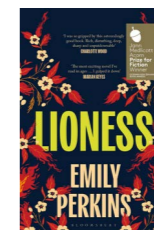
Published by **House of Anansi Press**

Nominated by **Bibliothèques de Montréal; Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Canada**



Kukum follows Almanda Siméon, an orphan who falls in love with an Innu man and joins the Pekuakami Innu community. Over a century, the novel chronicles the erosion of traditional Innu life, the loss of land, and the trauma of residential schools. Almanda's personal journey mirrors the larger struggles of her people.

Michel Jean is an award-winning writer and journalist. Translator **Susan Ouriou** is a Governor General's Award-winning translator of over sixty works.



Lioness

Emily Perkins

Published by **Bloomsbury Publishing Plc.**

Nominated by **Christchurch City**

Libraries Ngā Kete Wānanga o Ōtautahi, New Zealand



In *Lioness*, Therese enjoys a life of luxury until a corruption scandal surrounding her husband's business forces her to reconsider her privileged world. Meanwhile, her neighbour Claire offers an alternative, a space of freedom and authenticity that intrigues Therese, leading her to question her own choices and desires.

Emily Perkins is the author of several novels and short story collections, including *The Forrests* and *Novel About My Wife*.



Long Island

Colm Tóibín

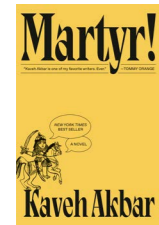
Published by **Scribner**

Nominated by **Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt & Libraries Northern Ireland, UK**



Long Island continues the story of Eilis Lacey, the heroine of *Brooklyn*. Now living in America, Eilis confronts the complexities of her past, her identity, and the choices that define her future. A moving exploration of fate, yearning, and regret, the novel showcases Colm Tóibín's signature lyrical style.

Colm Tóibín is the author of eleven novels, including *Brooklyn* and *The Magician*. He is the Laureate for Irish Fiction 2022–2024.



Martyr!

Kaveh Akbar

Published by **Alfred A. Knopf**

Nominated by **Winnipeg Public Library, USA**



Martyr! follows Cyrus, a sober, orphaned son of Iranian immigrants, as he embarks on a quest to uncover a family secret. His search leads him to a terminally ill painter at the Brooklyn Museum, blending humor, art, and the search for meaning in faith and identity.

Kaveh Akbar is a poet and the author of *Pilgrim Bell* and *Calling a Wolf a Wolf*. He lives in Iowa City.



My Heavenly Favourite

Lucas Rijnveld

Translated from the Dutch by **Michele Hutchison**

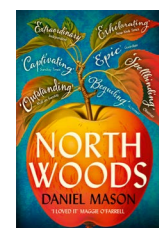
Published by **Faber & Faber**

Nominated by **KB National Library of the Netherlands**



In *My Heavenly Favourite*, a fourteen-year-old farmer's daughter forms an intense bond with a local veterinarian, both trying to escape their trauma through each other's stories. Their growing obsession leads to a dangerous and devastating secret that threatens their small community.

Lucas Rijnveld, a rising star in Dutch literature, is the author of *The Discomfort of Evening*, winner of the 2020 Booker International Prize. Translator **Michele Hutchison** has won acclaim for her translations of Dutch literature.



North Woods

Daniel Mason

Published by **Random House US; John Murray Press UK**

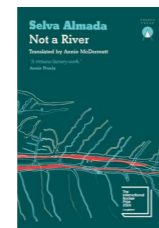
Nominated by **Iowa City Public Library, USA & Municipal Library of Prague, Czechia**



North Woods spans four centuries and a single house deep in New England, weaving together the lives of a young Puritan couple, a visionary soldier, twin sisters, a desperate mother, and more. Buried secrets, madness,

and hope intertwine in a dark, hauntingly beautiful narrative that reshapes how we see the world.

Daniel Mason is the author of *The Piano Tuner* and *The Winter Soldier*, among other works.



Not a River

Selva Almada

Translated from the Spanish by **Annie McDermott**

Published by **Charco Press**

Nominated by **Biblioteca Daniel Cosío Villegas, El Colegio de México**



In *Not a River*, three men return to a fishing spot haunted by a tragic accident. As they drink, talk, and dance through a sweltering day, the ghosts of their pasts resurface, and tension mounts with the locals and the surrounding forest. Violence looms, but can they avoid another tragedy?

Selva Almada, one of Latin America's most acclaimed voices, has been a finalist for the International Booker Prize. Award-winning translator **Annie McDermott** has translated dozens of books from Spanish and Portuguese, such as works by Mario Levrero, Ariana Harwicz, and more.

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One Hour of Fervor

Muriel Barbery

Translated from the French by **Alison Anderson**

Published by **Europa Editions**

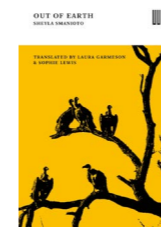
Nominated by **Los Angeles Public Library, USA**



From the bestselling author of *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*, *One Hour of Fervor* tells the story of Haru, a Japanese art dealer, and Maud, a French woman who leaves him with a heartbreaking promise.

Barbery's lyrical prose explores beauty, love, and the painful distance between people.

Muriel Barbery is the author of *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* and *Gourmet Rhapsody*. **Alison Anderson** has translated works by Amélie Nothomb and Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt, as well as Barbery's *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*.



Out of Earth

Sheyla Smanioto

Translated from the Portuguese by

Sophie Lewis & Laura Garmeson

Published by **Boiler House Press**

Nominated by **Biblioteca Demonstrativa Maria da Conceição Moreira Salles, Brazil**

This acclaimed Brazilian novel follows four generations of women in the arid Brazilian sertão, hinterland, exploring themes of exile, identity, and the harshness of life shaped by male figures. Winner of multiple prestigious awards, *Out of Earth* examines the interplay between personal and environmental destruction.

Sheyla Smanioto, a prize-winning Brazilian author, was named one of Forbes' "30 Under 30" in 2017. **Sophie Lewis**, a London-born translator, works from Portuguese and French. **Laura Garmeson** is a writer and translator from Portuguese and French.



Pale Shadows

Dominique Fortier

Translated from the French by **Rhonda Mullins**

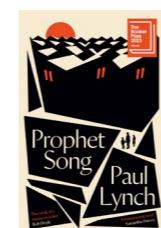
Published by **Coach House Books**

Nominated by **Bibliothèque de Québec, Canada**



In *Pale Shadows*, Dominique Fortier tells the remarkable story of Emily Dickinson's posthumous legacy. After her death, three women—her sister, her brother's mistress, and his wife—unite to shape Dickinson's fragmented writings into a book that would forever alter literature. Through her sensitive prose, Fortier explores the power of literature and the fragile forces that shape it.

Dominique Fortier is an award-winning Canadian author and translator, known for her work on *The Island of Books*. **Rhonda Mullins** is a renowned translator, whose work includes translations of Dominique Fortier's *Paper Houses* and *The Island of Books*.



Prophet Song

Paul Lynch

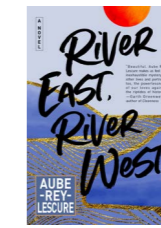
Published by **Oneworld Publications**

Nominated by **Jamaica Library Service**



In a near-future Ireland teetering on the edge of totalitarianism, Eilish Stack faces a heart-wrenching decision when her husband is abducted by the secret police. As the country descends into chaos, Eilish must navigate a perilous new world to protect her children, testing the limits of her courage.

Paul Lynch is the award-winning author of *Prophet Song*, *Grace*, *The Black Snow*, and more. He was appointed Distinguished Writing Fellow at Maynooth University in 2024.



River East, River West

Aube Rey Lescure

Published by **William Morrow US;**

Duckworth UK

Nominated by **South Dublin Libraries**



In her debut novel, Aube Rey Lescure weaves a powerful tale of two generations navigating the complexities of modern China. As family members struggle with identity, belonging, and opportunity in a rapidly changing society, the novel captures the tension between tradition and progress.

Aube Rey Lescure is a French-Chinese-American writer whose work spans politics, economics, and fiction.



Seaborne

Nuala O'Connor

Published by **New Island Books**

Nominated by **Openbare Bibliotheek Brugge, Belgium**



In *Seaborne*, Nuala O'Connor vividly portrays 18th-century Irish pirate Anne Bonny. As she embarks on a journey of adventure, passion, and self-discovery, Anne grapples with the realities of violence, love, and sacrifice. A thrilling tale of a woman out of step with her time yet driven by her heart.

Nuala O'Connor is an acclaimed Irish novelist and short story writer, known for *Nora* and *Becoming Belle*.



Sons, Daughters

Ivana Bodrožić

Translated from the Croatian by **Ellen Elias-Bursać**

Elias-Bursać

Published by **Seven Stories Press UK**

Nominated by **Rijeka City Library, Croatia**

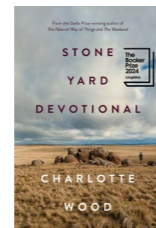


family life interferes with her search for adulthood. This fast-paced novel combines sharp humour, romance, and introspection, offering a surprisingly hopeful exploration of life's complexities.

LJ Pemberton is a writer and photographer whose work has appeared in *The Baffler*, *VICE*, and *Publishers Weekly*.

The power of Ivana Bodrožić's new novel is the ability to convey the experience of being locked in: socially, domestically, and intimately, told through three different perspectives. This is a story of hidden gay and trans relationships, the effects of a near-fatal accident, and an oppressed childhood, in which Ivana Bodrožić tackles the issues of otherness, identity and gender, pain and guilt, injustice and violence.

Ivana Bodrožić, born in Vukovar in 1982, is a Croatian author known for exploring themes of identity and trauma. **Ellen Elias-Bursać** is a translator of Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian literature, and has translated all of Bodrožić's works into English.



Stone Yard Devotional

Charlotte Wood

Published by **Allen & Unwin**

Nominated by **National Library**

of Australia



In *Stone Yard Devotional*, a woman retreats to a reclusive religious community in the Monaro plains, seeking solitude but finding only disruption. Faced with a mouse plague, the return of a missing sister's remains, and an unwelcome visitor from her past, she is drawn into a complex reckoning with faith, memory, and isolation.

Charlotte Wood is the author of ten books, including *The Natural Way of Things*, and has won multiple prestigious awards.



Study for Obedience

Sarah Bernstein

Published by **Granta Books**

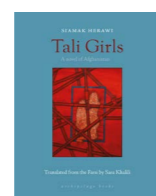
Nominated by **Ottawa Public Library,**

Canada



In *Study for Obedience*, a woman moves to a remote northern country to care for her ailing brother after his wife leaves him. As bizarre events unfold—collective bovine hysteria; the demise of a ewe and her nearly-born lamb; a local dog's phantom pregnancy; the containment of domestic fowl; a potato blight. She toils in service of the community, yet feels their hostility growing, pressing at the edges of her brother's property.

Sarah Bernstein, originally from Montreal, now lives in the Northwest Highlands. Her work has appeared in *Granta*, *Room Magazine*, and more.



Tali Girls

Siamak Herawi

Translated from the Farsi by **Sara Khalili**

Published by **Archipelago Books**

Nominated by **Hartford Public Library, USA**



Based on true stories, *Tali Girls* tells the intimate and harrowing tales of three young Afghan girls—Kowsar, Geesu, and Simin—living under Taliban rule. Their voices reveal the brutal realities faced by women in war-torn Afghanistan, while also highlighting love, resilience, and hope in the face of oppression.

Siamak Herawi is an Afghan writer and former journalist, recognized as one of Afghanistan's most vital voices. **Sara Khalili** is an editor and translator of contemporary Iranian and Afghan literature, known for her work on *Tali Girls*.



Terrace Story

Hilary Leichter

Published by **Ecco (HarperCollins imprint)**

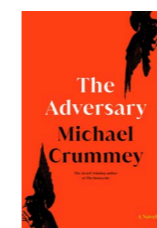
Nominated by **Biblioteca Vila de Gràcia –**

Rosa M. Arquimbau, Spain



In *Terrace Story*, Annie and her family find a beautiful terrace hidden in the closet of their cramped city apartment. It seems to only appear when their friend Stephanie visits. But every extra bit of space has a hidden cost, and the terrace sets off a seismic chain of events, forever changing the shape of the world.

Hilary Leichter is the author of *Temporary* and *Terrace Story*, and has been recognised with numerous literary prizes and honours.



The Adversary

Michael Crummey

Published by **Alfred A. Knopf Canada**

Nominated by **Newfoundland & Labrador**

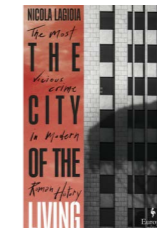
Public Libraries, Canada



In an isolated outpost on Newfoundland's northern coastline, a ruthless act of sabotage is the opening salvo in a battle between the man and woman who own Mockbeggar's largest mercantile firms, each fighting for the scarce resources of the north Atlantic fishery, each seeking a measure of revenge on the person they despise most in the world.

As their feud intensifies, even the innocent are forced to choose sides, leading to devastating consequences. This dark, gripping novel explores love, power, and corruption.

Michael Crummey is the author of multiple acclaimed novels, including *Galore* and *Sweetland*, and has received numerous literary awards.



The City of the Living

Nicola Lagioia

Translated from the Italian

by **Ann Goldstein**

Published by **Europa Editions**

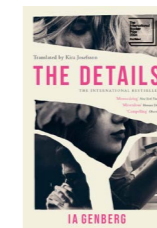
Nominated by **Biblioteca San Giorgio,**

Pistoia, Italy



The City of the Living unravels the shocking 2016 murder of Luca Varani in Rome, exploring the dark undercurrents of sexual confusion, societal disillusionment, and human violence. Lagioia delves into the motivations behind the brutal crime, questioning whether the killers were driven by evil, or by forces beyond their control.

Nicola Lagioia is an award-winning Italian novelist and the director of the Turin Book Fair. **Ann Goldstein** is renowned for translating Elena Ferrante's works and has won the Guggenheim Fellowship and PEN Translation Award.



The Details

Ia Genberg

Translated from the Swedish by **Kira**

Josefsson

Published by **Wildfire Books, Headline**

Publishing Group UK; HarperVia US

Nominated by **Bergen Public Library,**

Norway & Stadsbiblioteket Göteborg,

Sweden



In *The Details*, a woman bedridden with fever revisits a past novel, uncovering fragments of her life through inscriptions and memories of former lovers, friends, and fleeting encounters. As the narrative unravels, the line between the portrayed and the portrayer blurs, revealing the complexity of human experience and identity.

Ia Genberg is a Swedish novelist and journalist, with works translated into over 30 languages. **Kira Josefsson** is a literary translator between English and Swedish, nominated for the 2024 International Booker Prize for *The Details*.



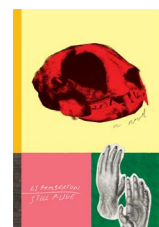
The Enigmatic Madam Ingram

Meihan Boey

Published by **Epigram Books**

Nominated by **National Library Board,**

Singapore



Still Alive

LJ Pemberton

Published by **Malarkey Books**

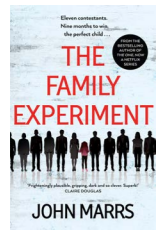
Nominated by **DC Public Library, USA**



In *Still Alive*, V hopes a romance with the charming yet distant Lex will cure her millennial ennui, but her chaotic

In this sequel to *The Formidable Miss Cassidy*, Letty Ingram, a half-Malayan woman, seeks the help of a Chinese medium in Singapore to break a curse tied to her mysterious mother. But Madam Kay's family, including the formidable Miss Cassidy, become embroiled in the intrigue, revealing hidden secrets.

Meihan Boey is the author of *The Formidable Miss Cassidy*, co-winner of the 2021 Epigram Books Fiction Prize, and a passionate comic and manga fan.



The Family Experiment

John Marrs

Published by **Macmillan, Pan Macmillan**

Nominated by **Exeter Library, UK**

In a world struggling with overpopulation, a UK company offers an alternative to parenthood: virtual children, raised in the metaverse. In *The Family Experiment*, ten couples compete on a reality show, raising a digital child in nine months for the chance to keep it — or risk everything for a real baby.

John Marrs is a bestselling author and former journalist, known for *The One*, *The Passengers*, and other gripping thrillers.



The Fox Wife

Yangsze Choo

Published by **Quercus Books UK; Henry Holt US**

Nominated by **Biblioteca Nazionale Vittorio Emanuele III Napoli, Italy**

In 1908 Manchuria, a young woman is found frozen in the snow, surrounded by rumours of fox spirits that can transform into alluring humans. Detective Bao, drawn to the myth of the fox gods, is tasked with solving her mysterious death. As he uncovers secrets, he follows the woman's vengeful spirit from northern China to Japan, unraveling a deadly pursuit.

Yangsze Choo is a bestselling author of *The Ghost Bride* and *The Night Tiger*, both of which have been internationally acclaimed.



The Frozen River

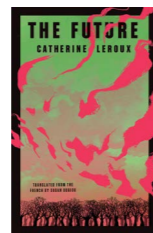
Ariel Lawhon

Published by **Penguin Random House**

Nominated by **New Hampshire State Library, USA**

In 1789 Maine, midwife Martha Ballard is summoned when a man is found frozen in the Kennebec River. Her detailed diary has chronicled the town's secrets, including an alleged rape involving two respected men. When one of them is found dead, Martha's conclusion of murder is challenged, and she must investigate the crime herself, uncovering dangerous truths about her community.

Ariel Lawhon is a New York Times bestselling author of historical fiction, with her works translated into multiple languages.



The Future

Catherine Leroux

Translated from the original French

by **Susan Ouriou**

Published by **Biblioasis**

Nominated by **Vancouver Public Library, Canada**

In an alternate Detroit, magical events unfold: children rule their own kingdom in the trees, and burned houses regenerate. Gloria searches for her missing granddaughters and finds herself drawn to Parc Rouge, a mysterious place where orphaned children have created a society. *The Future* is a powerful tale of community, resilience, and the hope we have to protect those we love.

Catherine Leroux is a Quebec writer and translator, winner of multiple awards, including the 2019 Governor General's Literary Award for Translation. **Susan Ouriou** is an award-winning translator, fiction writer, and editor, a finalist for the Governor General's Award multiple times.



The Girl with the Seven Lives

Vikas Swarup

Published by **Simon & Schuster India**

Nominated by **India International Library**

Twenty-five-year-old Devi is kidnapped and held hostage by a masked gunman, who threatens her life unless she confesses her past crimes. Her story is then auctioned

online, where the highest bidder controls her fate. Vikas Swarup's latest novel is a gripping tale of survival, mystery, and suspense, brimming with the immersive storytelling and energy that made *Slumdog Millionaire* a global phenomenon.

Vikas Swarup is a former diplomat and bestselling author, best known for *Q&A* (adapted into *Slumdog Millionaire*) and *Six Suspects*.



The Girl You Call

Tanguy Viel

Translated from the French

by **William Rodarmor**

Published by **Other Press**

Nominated by **Bibliothèques municipales de Genève, Switzerland**

In this noir-infused novel, aging boxer Max Le Corre and his daughter Laura fight back against corruption and abuse. Max, a rising star in the ring and a driver for the mayor, is drawn into a battle when Laura, a former model, faces exploitation. With evocative prose, *The Girl You Call* exposes the power dynamics that enable sexual abuse to persist, offering a sharp critique of societal flaws.

Tanguy Viel is a French novelist, known for *Article 353* and *The Absolute Perfection of Crime*. **William Rodarmor** has translated numerous works, including *Article 353* and *And Their Children After Them*, winner of the Albertine translation prize.



The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store

James McBride

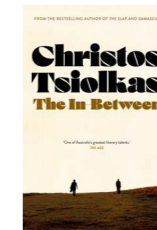
Published by **The Orion Publishing Group**

UK; Riverhead Books US

Nominated by **Milwaukee Public Library, USA**

In 1972, a skeleton is discovered at the bottom of a well in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, revealing long-held secrets of Chicken Hill, a neighbourhood where Jewish immigrants and African Americans lived side by side in the 1920s and '30s. In this powerful novel, McBride explores the bonds of love and community in the face of hardship and secrecy, showing that even in darkness, connection endures.

James McBride is the bestselling author of *Deacon King Kong*, *The Good Lord Bird*, and *The Color of Water*.



The In-Between

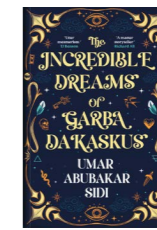
Christos Tsiolkas

Published by **Allen & Unwin**

Nominated by **State Library Victoria, Australia**

Two middle-aged men, both scarred by past relationships, meet on an internet date. Despite their reservations and fears of being hurt again, they feel an undeniable spark. *The In-Between* explores the complex emotions of love, vulnerability, and the risks of opening oneself to another after heartbreak. A tender, poignant novel from the author of *The Slap* and *Damascus*.

Christos Tsiolkas is the bestselling author of *The Slap*, *Damascus*, and *Barracuda*.



The Incredible Dreams Of Garba Dakaskus

Umar Abubakar Sidi

Published by **Masobe Books**

Nominated by **Abdullah'i Muhammad Public Library & Kofi Awoonor Memorial Library, Nigeria**

In *The Incredible Dreams of Garba Dakaskus*, a philosophical quest unfolds as the narrator searches for a mysterious book that may reveal the secrets of the alphabet and offer insight into the nature of existence. Weaving together characters from across time and space, this existential journey explores the meaning of life and the universe.

Umar Abubakar Sidi is a Nigerian poet, soldier, aviator, and author, whose work explores the body, soul, and spirit through Sufi and Surrealist lenses.



The Lost Love of Akbar Manzil

Shubnum Khan

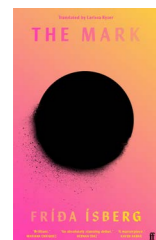
Published by **Pan Macmillan South Africa**

Nominated by **Durban Central Library, South Africa & City of Cape Town Library and Information Services, South Africa**

Set in a crumbling mansion on South Africa's east coast, *The Lost Love of Akbar Manzil* weaves the stories of Meena, who once loved the house, and Sana, who moves in decades later. As Sana uncovers the mansion's secrets, she embarks on a poignant journey of love, mystery,

and self-discovery in a place where memories linger and lives intersect.

Shubnum Khan is a South African author and artist. Her debut novel, *Onion Tears*, was shortlisted for multiple prestigious awards.



The Mark

Friða Ísberg

Translated from the Icelandic

by **Larissa Kyzer**

Published by **Faber & Faber**

Nominated by **The Reykjavik City**

Library, Iceland



In a near-future Iceland, a compulsory “sensitivity assessment” to measure empathy and potential anti-social behaviour is up for national vote. As the referendum nears, four individuals—Vetur, Eyja, Tristan, and Ólafur—are caught in the debate, unsure how to live with the outcome. *The Mark* explores the tension between societal safety and personal freedom, asking how we navigate the impact of a collective decision.

Friða Ísberg is an award-winning Icelandic author based in Reykjavík, with works translated into seventeen languages. **Larissa Kyzer** is an award-winning translator, with a focus on Icelandic literature, based in Brooklyn, New York.



The Most Secret Memory of Men

Mohamed Mbougar Sarr

Translated from the French by **Lara Vergnaud**

Published by **Harvill Secker, VINTAGE,**

Penguin Random House UK

Nominated by **Bibliothèque municipale**

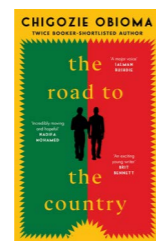
de Lyon, France



In *The Most Secret Memory of Men*, young Senegalese writer Diégane Faye is captivated by a legendary book, *The Maze of Inhumanity*, by T.C. Elimane, a writer whose reputation was destroyed by accusations of plagiarism. Obsessed with uncovering Elimane’s fate, Faye embarks on a journey across continents, exploring history’s great tragedies and seeking the truth at the heart of a literary mystery.

Mohamed Mbougar Sarr, from Senegal, won the 2021 Prix Goncourt for this novel, becoming the first sub-Saharan African author to do so.

Lara Vergnaud is an award-winning translator of French literature, with works including *The Most Secret Memory of Men* and *Demoiselles of Numidia*.



The Road to the Country

Chigozie Obioma

Published by **Cornerstone, Hutchinson**

Heinemann

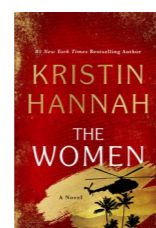
Nominated by **Aarhus Bibliotekerne,**

Denmark



Set during the Biafran War, *The Road to the Country* follows Kunle, a young man conscripted into the army, searching for his brother, Tunde, lost amidst the chaos. His journey of atonement and self-discovery is shaped by war, friendship, love, and courage. A powerful story of brotherhood and redemption in a nation torn apart by civil war.

Chigozie Obioma, a Nigerian author, is a Booker Prize finalist for *The Fishermen* and *An Orchestra of Minorities*. He teaches creative writing at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.



The Women

Kristin Hannah

Published by **St. Martin’s Press**

(Macmillan Publishers)

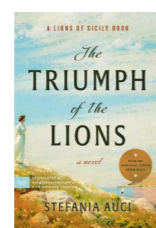
Nominated by **Laramie County Library**

System, USA



In *The Women*, Kristin Hannah crafts an intimate coming-of-age story set against the backdrop of a divided nation. As a young woman faces the challenges of growing up in a tumultuous time, she must navigate a world of conflict, survival, and love. This epic tale captures the resilience of the human spirit and the strength of women.

Kristin Hannah is a #1 New York Times bestselling author, known for *The Nightingale*, *The Four Winds*, and *The Great Alone*. She lives in the Pacific Northwest.



The Triumph of the Lions

Stefania Auci

Translated from the Italian by **Katherine**

Gregor & Howard Curtis

Published by **HarperVia (HarperCollins**

Publishers LLC)

Nominated by **Sistema Biblioteca**

di Milano, Italy



In *Triumph of the Lions*, Auci traces the rise of one of Italy’s most notorious families, exploring their ambition, political intrigue, and tragic romance. Set against the backdrop of exotic locales, the novel weaves a rich historical tapestry that delves into the foundations of modern Italian history, offering a tale as captivating as the works of Philippa Gregory and Adriana Trigiani.

Stefania Auci is the bestselling author of *The Florios of Sicily*, which has sold over 1.5 million copies in Italy. **Katherine Gregor** is a literary translator of Italian and French fiction, and **Howard Curtis** is an experienced translator of French, Italian, and Spanish works



Un Amor: A Novel

Sara Mesa

Translated from the Spanish by **Katie**

Whittemore

Published by **Open Letter Books**

Nominated by **Biblioteca de Andalucía,**

Spain



On the heels of a cryptic mistake, Nat arrives in La Escapa, an arid rural village in Spain’s interior, to work on her first literary translation, with a skittish and ill-tempered dog—a gift from the boorish landlord—her only company. As she interacts with the locals—a hippie, a dementia-stricken woman, and others—misunderstandings and alienation simmer beneath the surface, revealing the complexities of isolation and human connection.

Sara Mesa is a Spanish author known for her sharp, concise writing and acclaimed works like *Scar* and *Four by Four*. **Katie Whittemore** is a translator of Spanish literature, with works featured in *The Los Angeles Review*, *Two Lines*, and *The Common*.



Vladivostok Circus

Elisa Shua Dusapin

Translated from the original French by

Aneesa Abbas Higgins

Published by **Open Letter Books**

Nominated by **Universitätsbibliothek**

Bern, Switzerland



Fresh out of fashion school, Nathalie arrives in Vladivostok to design costumes for a daring Russian Bar act. As winter deepens, the circus season winds down, leaving her with the performers and their manager as they head to a festival. In this intimate, beguiling novel, four strangers learn to trust each other while navigating the challenges of their isolated world.

Elisa Shua Dusapin is a French author born in 1992, known for *Winter in Sokcho*. **Aneesa Abbas Higgins** has translated works by Vénus Khoury-Ghata, Ali Zamir, and Elisa Shua Dusapin.



Water

John Boyne

Published by **Doubleday**

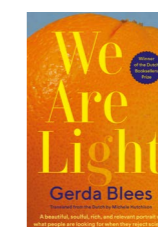
Nominated by **Waterford City and County**

Libraries, Ireland



Vanessa Carvin, escaping a troubled past in Dublin, arrives on a remote island and adopts a new identity—Willow Hale. But scandals follow, and Vanessa must confront her complicity in the darkness of her former life. On the island, she faces the harsh truths of her marriage and whether she is worthy of peace. *Water* is a psychological exploration of guilt, redemption, and the consequences of past choices.

John Boyne is an Irish author, best known for *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* and *The Heart’s Invisible Furies*. He has won multiple international literary awards.



We are Light

Gerda Blees

Translated from the original Dutch by

Michele Hutchison

Published by **World Editions NY LLC**

Nominated by **Bibliotheek Utrecht, The**

Netherlands



At the Sound & Love Commune, members believe they can live on light and love alone, but their experiment leads to tragedy when Elisabeth dies. As her housemates face arrest, the novel delves into themes of manipulation, vulnerability, and the pursuit of a better life. Winner of the 2021 European Union Literature Prize, *We Are Light* is an original and thought-provoking exploration of belief and consequence.

Gerda Blees is a Dutch author and poet. *We Are Light* is her debut novel. **Michele Hutchison** is an award-winning translator of Dutch literature, including works by Marieke Lucas Rijneveld and Ilja Leonard Pfeijffer.

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As one of the leading international literary prizes, the Dublin Literary Award offers €100,000 for a single work of fiction, written or translated into English. If the winning book is a translation, the prize is divided, with the author receiving €75,000 and the translator €25,000.

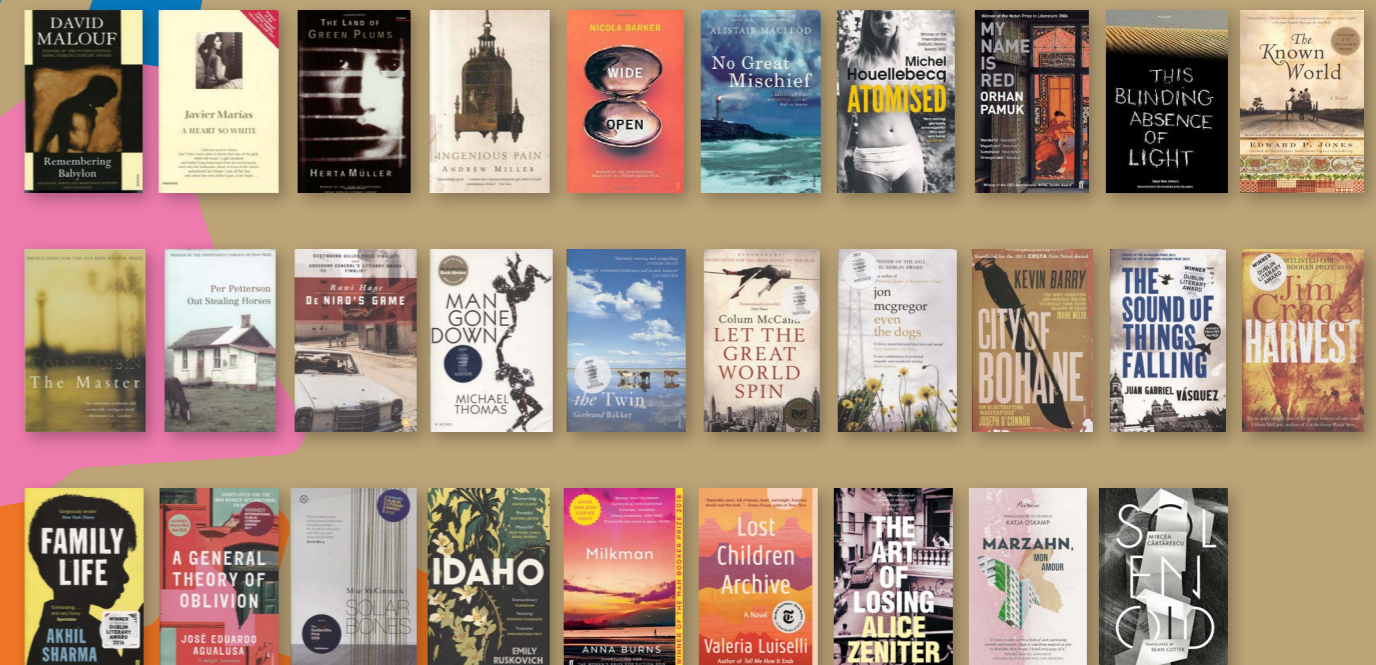
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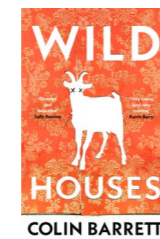


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Their late-in-life relationship opens new worlds, offering Lily unexpected liberation. As they navigate the challenges of familiarity, illness, and aging, they face the question: what will survive of them? This poignant novel explores the complexities of love, identity, and what endures when everything else fades away.

Howard Jacobson is the author of 17 novels, including *The Finkler Question*, winner of the 2010 Man Booker Prize.



Wild Houses

Colin Barrett

Published by **Jonathan Cape (Penguin Random House)**

Nominated by **Limerick City and County Libraries, Ireland**

As Ballina gears up for its biggest weekend, tensions escalate between small-time dealer Cillian English and the Ferdia brothers, leading to violence and a dangerous ultimatum. Dev, a reclusive man, is forced into a web of revenge when he answers the door to find Cillian's brother, Doll, in the hands of the Ferdias. Meanwhile, Nicky embarks on a frantic mission to rescue Doll, questioning her future in a town filled with ghosts and violence.

Colin Barrett is an award-winning Irish writer, known for *Young Skins* and *Homesickness*.



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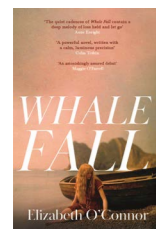
Translated from the original Korean by **Shanna Tan**

Published by **Bloomsbury Publishing Plc.**

Nominated by **Bucheon City Library, South Korea**

After her life unravels, Yeongju abandons her high-powered career to open a bookshop in a charming Seoul neighborhood. Surrounded by books, she and her eclectic customers—each with their own disappointments—find refuge and healing. In this warm, introspective tale, the bookshop becomes a sanctuary for rediscovering what it means to truly live.

Bo-reum Hwang is a South Korean writer and former software engineer. *Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop* is her first novel. **Shanna Tan** is a Singaporean translator specializing in Korean, Chinese, and Japanese literature.



Whale Fall

Elizabeth O'Connor

Published by **Picador, Pan Macmillan**

Nominated by **Leipziger Städtische Bibliotheken, Germany**

In 1938, on a remote Welsh island, eighteen-year-old Manod sees her future clouded by rumours of war. The villagers are haunted by the losses of the Great War, and ominous signs abound. When two strangers arrive, Manod seizes a chance to escape, guiding them across the island's wild terrain. But as she becomes entwined in their lives, the world outside grows ever more distant and terrifying.

Elizabeth O'Connor, a winner of The White Review Short Story Prize, holds a Ph.D. in English Literature and lives in Birmingham. *Whale Fall* is her debut novel.



What Will Survive of Us

Howard Jacobson

Published by **Jonathan Cape (Penguin Random House)**

Nominated by **Bibliotheek Gent, Belgium**

Lily, rational and independent, falls in love with Sam, a passionate romantic. Sam takes longer to fall for her.

Meet the 2025 judges

Martina Devlin



'It's an opportunity to discover hidden literary gems. For years, I've made a point of reading the winning book, plus as many shortlisted books as possible. The prize is a useful signpost towards works that might not be on my radar otherwise.'

Martina Devlin is an award-winning author and columnist, with nine novels, two non-fiction books, a short story collection, and two plays. Her latest novel, *Charlotte*, is about Charlotte Brontë. Other works include *Edith* and *The House Where It Happened*. She writes a weekly column for the Irish Independent and holds a PhD from Trinity College Dublin.

Chris Morash



'As non-voting Chair of the Judging Panel for five years now, the Dublin Literary Award has become an important part of my life, a connection to the great work of Dublin City Libraries and a growing network of the fascinating and talented people who have made up our judging panels from around the world.'

Chris Morash is the Seamus Heaney Professor of Irish Writing in Trinity College Dublin. His most recent book, *Dublin: A Writer's City* was published in 2023. He is currently editing the *Cambridge History of the Irish Novel* and writing a new book about Irish literary salons. He was the 2022 Macgeorge Fellow at the University of Melbourne and curated the Unseen Plays series for the Abbey Theatre (2021).

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Gerbrand Bakker



'After having been on the shortlist twice and winning it once this prize will forever stay with me. And not only the prize, Dublin as well. No one is ever allowed to say something bad or unfavourable about Dublin ever!'

Gerbrand Bakker (1962), is a Dutch author and winner of the Dublin Literary Award in 2010. He is the third son of a Dutch farmer, a landscape gardener and former ice speedskating trainer. He also works as a columnist, translator and writer. Novels include *The Twin*, *June* and - most recently - *The Hairdresser's Son*. His novel *The Detour* is set to be filmed in Wales in 2025.

Fiona Sze-Lorrain



'Libraries are a bastion of literature and equality, all the more crucial in an increasingly digital capitalism that isolates experiences, commodifies books, bans truth and authenticity.'

Fiona Sze-Lorrain is a writer, poet, translator, musician, and editor, working in English, French, and Chinese. Her works include *Dear Chrysanthemums* (2023), five poetry collections, and fifteen translated books. A former Abigail R. Cohen Fellow at Columbia, she was also the inaugural writer-in-residence at MALBA. She lives in Paris, where she edits at Vif Éditions.

Leonard Cassuto



'I particularly appreciate its democratic aspect, with the nominations coming from librarians. We should all value and enjoy literature together, and this award exemplifies that.'

Leonard Cassuto is a professor at Fordham University, a freelance literary journalist, and a columnist for *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, advocating for graduate school reform. He has written or edited ten books on topics including race, slavery, detective stories, and graduate education. His latest book, *Academic Writing as if Readers Matter* (Princeton, 2024), covers various disciplines.

Nidhi Zak/Aria Eipe



'The Dublin Literary Award is an endeavour of generosity and recognition and celebration; of belief in the power of a single story to transform our thoughts, and subsequently our worlds.'

Nidhi Zak/Aria Eipe is a poet, pacifist, and fabulist. Her debut collection, *Auguries of a Minor God* (2021), was published by Faber & Faber. She is the commissioning editor at Skein Press, poetry editor at Fallow Media, and contributing editor at *The Stinging Fly*. A 'Next Generation' Artist with the Arts Council of Ireland, she also supports underrepresented writers.

List of nominating libraries

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 Rijeka
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 Aarhus
 Alexandria
 Tartu
 Helsinki
 Lyon
 Paris
 Bremen
 Leipzig
 Frankfurt
 Kecskemét
 Reykjavik
 New Delhi
 Galway
 Waterford
 Cork
 Dublin
 Limerick
 Napoli
 Pistoia
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 Kingston
 Kuala Lumpur
 México
 The Hague
 Auckland
 Wellington
 Christchurch
 Dunedin
 Madinah
 Oslo

Country	Library	Book
Australia	State Library Victoria	The In-Between
Australia	State Library of Queensland	Edenglassie
Australia	National Library of Australia	Stone Yard Devotional
Australia	State Library of New South Wales	Edenglassie
Australia	State Library of South Australia	Death of a Foreign Gentleman
Belgium	Bibliotheek Gent	What Will Survive of Us
Belgium	Openbare Bibliotheek Brugge	Seaborne
Brazil	Biblioteca Demonstrativa Maria da Conceição Moreira Salles	Out of Earth
Canada	Bibliothèques de Montréal / Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec	Kukum
Canada	Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries	The Adversary
Canada	Vancouver Public Library	The Future
Canada	Ottawa Public Library	Study For Obedience
Canada	Bibliothèque de Québec	Pale Shadows
Canada	Toronto Public Library	Behind You
Canada	Winnipeg Public Library	Martyr!
Croatia	Rijeka City Library	Sons, Daughters
Czechia	Municipal Library of Prague	North Woods
Denmark	Aarhus Bibliotekerne	The Road to the Country
Egypt	Bibliotheca Alexandrina	Long Island
Estonia	Tartu Public Library	Fishing for the Little Pike (Summer Fishing in Lapland)
Finland	Helsinki City Library (Pasila Library)	Fishing for the Little Pike (Summer Fishing in Lapland)
France	Bibliothèque municipale de Lyon	The Most Secret Memory of Men

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Author	Translator	Publisher
Christos Tsiolkas		Allen & Unwin
Melissa Lucashenko		University of Queensland Press
Charlotte Wood		Allen & Unwin
Melissa Lucashenko		University of Queensland Press
Steven Carroll		Harper Collins Australia
Howard Jacobson		Jonathan Cape (Penguin Random House)
Nuala O'Connor		New Island Books
Sheyla Smanioto	Sophie Lewis; Laura Garmeson	Boiler House Press (imprint of UEA Publishing)
Michel Jean	Susan Ouriou	House of Anansi Press
Michael Crummey		Alfred A. Knopf Canada
Catherine Leroux	Susan Ouriou	Biblioasis
Sarah Bernstein		Granta Publications
Dominique Fortier	Rhonda Mullins	Coach House Books
Catherine Hernandez		HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.
Kaveh Akbar		Alfred A. Knopf
Ivana Bodrožić	Ellen Elias-Bursac	Seven Stories Press UK
Daniel Mason		Random House US; John Murray press UK
Chigozie Obioma		Cornerstone, Hutchinson Heinemann
Colm Tóibín		Scribner
Juhani Karila	Lola Rogers	Restless Books US; Pushkin UK
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Mohamed Mbougar Sarr	Lara Vergnaud	Harvill Secker, VINTAGE, Penguin Random House UK

Country	Library	Book
France	Bibliothèque publique d'information	Beyond the Door of No Return
Germany	Stadtbibliothek Bremen	Star 111
Germany	Leipziger Städtische Bibliotheken	Whale Fall
Germany	Stadtbücherei Frankfurt am Main	City in Ruins
Hungary	Katona József Könyvtár	Home
Iceland	The Reykjavik City Library	The Mark
India	India International Library	The Girl with Seven Lives
Ireland	Galway Public Libraries	Hagstone
Ireland	Waterford City and County Libraries	Water
Ireland	Cork City Libraries	Farewell to the Little Coffee Shop of Kabul
Ireland	South Dublin Libraries	River East, River West
Ireland	Limerick City and County Libraries	Wild Houses
Italy	Biblioteca Nazionale Vittorio Emanuele III Napoli	The Fox Wife
Italy	Biblioteca San Giorgio, Pistoia	The City of the Living
Italy	Sistema Biblioteca di Milano	The Triumph of the Lions
Jamaica	Jamaica Library Service	Prophet Song
Malaysia	National Library of Malaysia	If Only You Remember
Mexico	Biblioteca Daniel Cosío Villegas - El Colegio de México	Not a River
Netherlands	KB National Library of the Netherlands	My Heavenly Favourite
New Zealand	Auckland Council Libraries	Audition
New Zealand	Wellington Central Library Te Matapihi Ki Te Ao Nui	Audition
New Zealand	Christchurch City Libraries Ngā Kete Wānanga o Ōtautahi	Lioness
New Zealand	Dunedin Public Libraries	At the Grand Glacier Hotel
Nigeria	Abdullahi Muhammad Public Library	The Incredible Dreams Of Garba Dakaskus
Nigeria	The Kofi Awoonor Memorial Library	The Incredible Dreams of Garba Dakaskus
Norway	Deichman Bjørvika (Oslo Public Library)	Here Lay Tirpitz
Norway	Bergen Public Library	The Details
Portugal	Bibliotecas de Lisboa	Eliete: A Normal Life
Singapore	National Library Board, Singapore	The Enigmatic Madam Ingram
Slovenia	Mariborska knjižnica	In Elvis's Room
Slovenia	Mestna knjižnica Ljubljana	In Elvis's room
South Africa	Durban Central Library	The Lost Love of Akbar Manzil
South Africa	City of Cape Town Library & Information Services	The Lost Love of Akbar Manzil
South Korea	Bucheon City Library	Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop
Spain	Biblioteca Vila de Gràcia -Rosa Maria Arquimbau	Terrace Story
Spain	Biblioteca de Andalucía	Un Amor: a novel
Sweden	Stadsbiblioteket Göteborg	The Details

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David Diop	Sam Taylor	Farrar, Straus and Giroux
Lutz Seiler	Tess Lewis	And Other Stories
Elizabeth O'Connor		Picador, Pan Macmillan
Don Winslow		William Morrow (HarperCollins US); Hemlock Press (Harper Collins) UK
Andrea Tompa	Jozefina Komporalý	Istros Books
Frída Ísberg	Larissa Kyzer	Faber & Faber
Vikas Swarup		Simon & Schuster India
Sinéad Gleeson		4th Estate
John Boyne		Doubleday
Deborah Rodriguez		Hachette UK, Little Brown, Sphere
Aube Rey Lescure		HarperCollins (William Morrow) US; Duckworth UK
Colin Barrett		Jonathan Cape (Penguin Random House)
Yangsze Choo		Quercus Books UK; Henry Holt USA
Nicola Lagioia	Ann Goldstein	Europa Editions
Stefania Auci	Katherine Gregor; Howard Curtis	HarperVia (an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers LLC)
Paul Lynch		Oneworld Publications
Norhafsa Hamid		IMAN Publication Sdn. Bhd.
Selva Almada	Annie McDermott	Charco Press
Lucas Rijneveld	Michele Hutchison	Faber & Faber
Pip Adam		Te Herenga Waka University Press
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Emily Perkins		Bloomsbury Publishing PLC
Laurence Fearnley		Penguin Random House New Zealand
Umar Abubakar Sidi		Masobe Books
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Ingrid Storholmen	Marietta Taralrud Maddrell	Yatra Books(Vani Prakashan Group)
Ia Genberg	Kira Josefsson	Wildfire Books, Headline Publishing Group UK; HarperVia US
Dulce Maria Cardoso	Ángel Gurria-Quintana	MacLehose Press (an imprint of Quercus)
Meihan Boey		Epigram Books
Sebastijan Pregelj	Rawley Grau	Sandorf Passage
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Shubnum Khan		Pan Macmillan South Africa
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Bo-reum Hwang	Shanna Tan	Bloomsbury Publishing Plc.
Hilary Leichter		Ecco (an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers)
Sara Mesa	Katie Whittemore	Open Letter Books
Ia Genberg	Kira Josefsson	Wildfire Books, Headline Publishing Group UK; HarperVia US

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- Queensland
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- Québec
- Newfoundland & Labrador
- Vancouver
- Ottawa
- Toronto

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Switzerland	Universitätsbibliothek Bern	Vladivostok Circus
Switzerland	Zentralbibliothek Zürich	Star 111
Switzerland	Bibliothèques municipales de Genève	The Girl You Call
The Netherlands	Bibliotheek Utrecht	We Are Light
United Kingdom	Redbridge Central Library	Caledonian Road
United Kingdom	Exeter Library	The Family Experiment
United Kingdom	Norfolk Library and Information Service	Christ on a Bike
United Kingdom	Edinburgh Libraries	Headshot
United Kingdom	Libraries Northern Ireland	Long Island
USA	Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh	Blackouts
USA	San Diego Public Library	Hangman
USA	Los Angeles Public Library	One Hour of Fervor
USA	DC Public Library	Still Alive
USA	Hartford Public Library	Tali Girls: A Novel of Afghanistan
USA	Chicago Public Library	Blackouts
USA	Iowa City Public Library	North Woods
USA	New Hampshire State Library	The Frozen River
USA	The Seattle Public Library	James
USA	Miami-Dade Public Library	James
USA	Laramie County Library System	The Women
USA	Richland Library	Fire Exit
USA	Oklahoma Department of Libraries	Dark Ride
USA	Cleveland Public Library	A Short Walk Through a Wide World
USA	Milwaukee Public Library	The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store

Author	Translator	Publisher
Elisa Shua Dusapin	Aneesa Abbas Higgins	Open Letter Books
Lutz Seiler	Tess Lewis	And Other Stories
Tanguy Viel	William Rodarmor	Other Press
Gerda Blees	Michele Hutchison	World Editions NY LLC
Andrew O'Hagan		Faber & Faber
John Marrs		Macmillan, Pan Macmillan
Orla Owen		Bluemoose Books
Rita Bullwinkel		Viking (imprint of Penguin Putnam)US: Daunt Books Publishing UK
Colm Tóibín		Scribner
Justin Torres		Farrar, Straus and Giroux
Maya Binyam		ONE (an imprint of Pushkin Press) UK; Farrar, Straus and Giroux (US)
Muriel Barbery	Alison Anderson	Europa Editions
LJ Pemberton		Malarkey Books
Siamak Herawi	Sara Khalili	Archipelago Books
Justin Torres		Farrar, Straus and Giroux
Daniel Mason		Random House US; John Murray press UK
Ariel Lawhon		Penguin Random House
Percival Everett		Doubleday (Penguin Random House)
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Kristin Hannah		St. Martin's Press (Macmillan Publishers)
Morgan Talty		Tin House
Lou Berney		William Morrow US; HarperCollins UK
Douglas Westerbeke		Avid Reader Press (Simon and Schuster)
James McBride		The Orion Publishing Group

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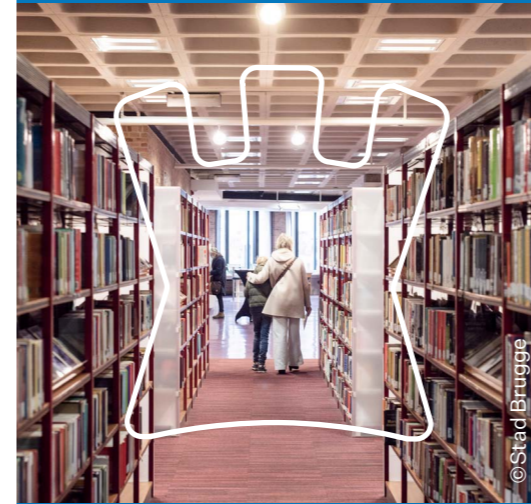
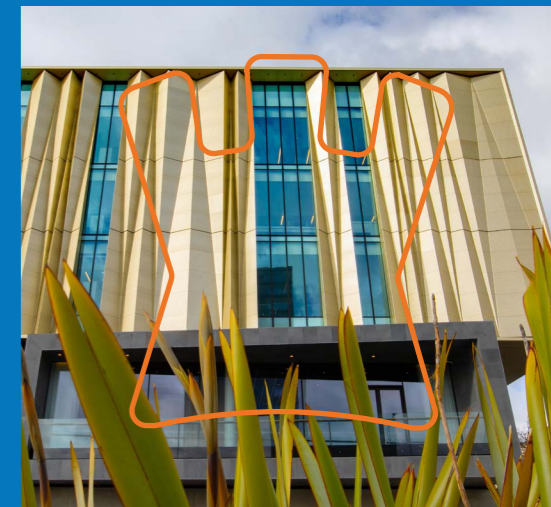
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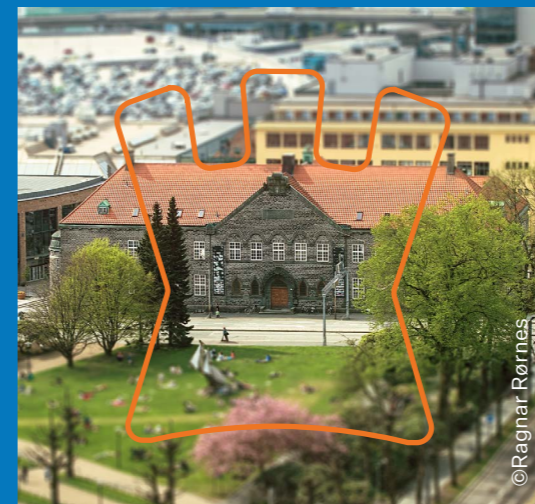
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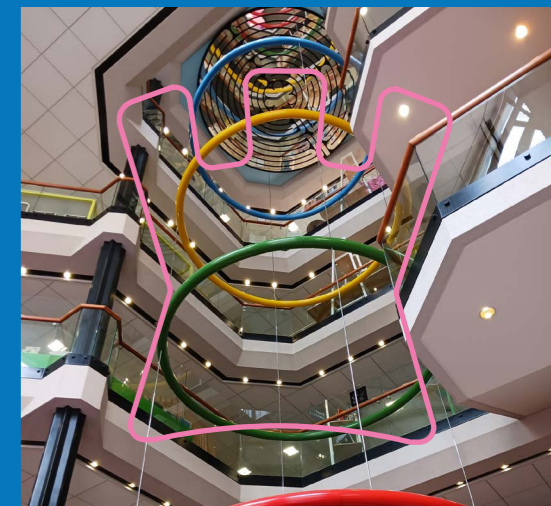
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