

Press Release

German Book Prize 2017: 174 novels submitted

More submissions than ever before / 106 publishers from Germany, Austria and Switzerland participating / Katja Gasser is speaker of the jury

There was a record number of submissions for the German Book Prize this year: German-language publishers submitted 174 novels. That's 18 more titles than last year and one novel more than in the previous leading year, 2011. 106 publishers entered their candidates in the running for best German-language "novel of the year" in 2017: 69 publishers based in Germany, 20 in Austria and 17 in Switzerland.

Of the titles submitted, 81 are from the current spring programme, while 82 others will be available in the autumn. 11 of the titles were published last autumn. Each publisher may propose a maximum of two titles published (or to be published) between October 2016 and 12 September 2017, when the shortlist is announced. Up to five additional titles may be recommended. This year, the list of recommendations comprises 118 novels. Jurors may request additional titles from amongst these during the selection process.

During their first joint meeting, the members of the jury appointed Katja Gasser as their speaker. The jury also includes: Silke Behl (Radio Bremen), Mara Delius (*Die Welt*), Christian Dunker (autorenbuchhandlung berlin), Maria Gazzetti (Casa di Goethe), Tobias Lehmkuhl (independent critic) and Lothar Schröder (*Rheinische Post*).

The jury chooses the winning title through a multiple-stage selection process. On 15 August 2017, 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 12 September 2017. These six authors will only find out which of them has won the German Book Prize on the evening of the award ceremony.

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Information about the German Book Prize 2017 can be found at
www.deutscher-buchpreis.de.

Press photo of the jury for download (JPG):

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From left to right: Tobias Lehmkuhl, Maria Gazzetti, Katja Gasser, Lothar Schröder, Silke Behl, Mara Delius, Christian Dunker

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