

Press Release

German Book Prize 2017: Jury nominates 20 novels for the longlist

200 titles were in the running / Shortlist to be announced on 12 September / "Book Prize bloggers" present the titles on www.deutscher-buchpreis-blog.de

The nominees for the German Book Prize 2017 have been selected. The jury has chosen 20 novels for the longlist. Since the call for submissions went out, the seven members of the jury have reviewed 200 titles published – or yet to be published – between October 2016 and 12 September 2017.

Jury spokeswoman Katja Gasser (Österreichischer Rundfunk) released the following statement: "Expanding our world is one of literature's most important capacities. And it is especially important in times when perspectives seem to be narrowing increasingly. The 2017 longlist is an expression of the attempt to reflect the diversity of the current German-language literary landscape. The books on the longlist include different literary answers to life and to the state of the world and humanity: political as well as explicitly apolitical, traditional as well as language-focused and risk-taking narratives, lyrically woven as well as realistically knitted prose. What all the books have in common is that they stung or nipped the jury in one way or another – that is, touched them, in the best sense of the word. Perhaps the books on the 2017 longlist will make our view of the world a bit bigger, broader, again."

The nominated novels (in alphabetical order) are:

- Mirko Bonné: **Lichter als der Tag** (Schöffling & Co, July 2017)
- Gerhard Falkner: **Romeo oder Julia** (Berlin Verlag, September 2017)
- Franzobel: **Das Floß der Medusa** (Paul Zsolnay, January 2017)
- Monika Helfer: **Schau mich an, wenn ich mit dir rede!** (Jung und Jung, March 2017)
- Christoph Höhtker: **Das Jahr der Frauen** (Weissbooks, August 2017)
- Thomas Lehr: **Schlafende Sonne** (Carl Hanser, August 2017)

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- Jonas Lüscher: **Kraft** (C.H. Beck, March 2017)
- Robert Menasse: **Die Hauptstadt** (Suhrkamp, September 2017)
- Birgit Müller-Wieland: **Flugschnee** (Otto Müller, February 2017)
- Jakob Nolte: **Schreckliche Gewalten** (Matthes & Seitz Berlin, March 2017)
- Marion Poschmann: **Die Kieferninseln** (Suhrkamp, September 2017)
- Kerstin Preiwuß: **Nach Onkalo** (Berlin Verlag, March 2017)
- Robert Prosser: **Phantome** (Ullstein fünf, September 2017)
- Sven Regener: **Wiener Straße** (Galiani Berlin, September 2017)
- Sasha Marianna Salzmann: **Außer sich** (Suhrkamp, September 2017)
- Ingo Schulze: **Peter Holtz** (S. Fischer, September 2017)
- Michael Wildenhain: **Das Singen der Sirenen** (Klett-Cotta, September 2017)
- Julia Wolf: **Walter Nowak bleibt liegen** (Frankfurter Verlagsanstalt, March 2017)
- Christine Wunnicke: **Katie** (Berenberg, March 2017)
- Feridun Zaimoglu: **Evangelio** (Kiepenheuer & Witsch, March 2017)

In addition to Katja Gasser, the members of the jury for the German Book Prize 2017 include: Silke Behl (Radio Bremen), Mara Delius (*Die Welt*), Christian Dunker (autorenbuchhandlung berlin), Maria Gazzetti (Casa di Goethe, Rome), Tobias Lehmkuhl (independent critic, Berlin) und Lothar Schröder (*Rheinische Post*).

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 12 September 2017. The six shortlisted authors will only find out which of 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.

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The prize will be awarded on 9 October 2017 at the start of the Frankfurter Buchmesse in the Frankfurt Römer.

For more information about the German Book Prize 2017, please visit www.deutscher-buchpreis.de. You can also find information, news and stories about the German Book Prize 2017 on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DeutscherBuchpreis.

The hashtag for the German Book Prize 2017 is **#dbp17**

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