

Press Release

German Book Prize 2018: 165 novels in the running

*105 publishers from Germany, Austria and Switzerland participating /
Christine Lötscher is speaker of the jury / Award ceremony on 8 October 2018
in the Kaisersaal of the Frankfurt Römer*

The reading list for the jury has been determined: More than 100 German-language publishers have submitted novels for the German Book Prize 2018. 105 publishers recommended a total of 165 titles to compete for the best German-language novel of the year. Of these publishers, 72 are based in Germany, 16 in Austria and 17 in Switzerland.

Of the titles submitted, 75 are from the publishers' current spring catalogues, while 75 others will be available in the autumn. 15 of the titles were already published in autumn 2017. Each publisher may propose a maximum of two titles published (or to be published) between October 2017 and 11 September 2018, when the shortlist is announced. They may also each recommend up to five additional titles from their own catalogues. This year, the list of recommendations comprises 94 novels. Jurors may request additional titles from amongst these.

During their first joint meeting, the members of the jury appointed Christine Lötscher (independent critic) as their speaker. The jury also includes: Christoph Bartmann (Goethe-Institut Warsaw), Luzia Braun (ZDF), Tanja Graf (Literaturhaus Munich), Paul Jandl (independent critic), Uwe Kalkowski (literary blog "Kaffeehaussitzer") and Marianne Sax (Bücherladen Marianne Sax bookstore, Frauenfeld).

The jury chooses the winning title through a multiple-stage selection process. On 14 August 2018, 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 11 September 2018. The authors of these six novels will only find out which of them has won the German Book Prize on the evening of the award ceremony.

The German Book Prize is awarded by the Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels Stiftung (Foundation 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.

Information about the German Book Prize 2018 can be found at
www.deutscher-buchpreis.de.

The hashtag for the German Book Prize 2018 is **#dbp18**

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From left to right: Christine Lötscher, Paul Jandl, Marianne Sax, Christoph
Bartmann, Tanja Graf, Uwe Kalkowski, Luzia Braun.

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