

Women's
Prize for
Fiction
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'The Women's Prize for Fiction was founded 25 years ago to honour, celebrate and champion women's voices, and to shine a spotlight on phenomenal fiction written by women. Over the past quarter of a century, the Prize has publicly championed and amplified a diverse breadth of women's voices, and holds the principle of freedom of expression among its core values.

'As a Prize which celebrates the voices of women and the experience of being a woman in all its varied forms, we are proud to include as eligible for submission full-length novels written in English by all women. In our terms and conditions, the word 'woman' equates to a cis woman, or a transgender woman who is legally defined as a woman. The Women's Prize Trust, the charity which runs the Women's Prize for Fiction, is legally bound to gender definitions as set out in law by its charitable articles and the endowment fund from a private donor which supports the Prize.

'The Trustees of the Women's Prize Trust would like to reassert that we are firmly opposed to any form of discrimination or prejudice on the basis of race, sexuality or gender identity.'

— **Joanna Prior, Chair of Trustees, Women's Prize Trust**