

# Nobel Prize for Literature

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Selected by the Swedish Academy for the Nobel Foundation

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- 2004 Elfriede Jelinek Austria
- 2003 John Maxwell Coetzee South Africa
- 2002 Imre Kertesz Hungary
- 2001 V S Naipaul Great Britain
- 2000 Gao Xingjian China
- 1999 Gunter Grass Germany
- 1998 Jose Saramago Portugal
- 1997 Dario Fo Italy
- 1996 Wislawa Szymborska Poland
- 1995 Seamus Heaney Ireland
- 1994 Kenzaburo Oe Japan
- 1993 Toni Morrison U.S.A.
- 1992 Derek Walcott Trinidad
- 1991 Nadine Gordimer South Africa
- 1990 Octavio Paz Mexico
- 1989 Dr. Camilo Jose Cela Spain
- 1988 Najib Mahfuz Egypt
- 1987 Joseph Brodsky U.S.S.R.
- 1986 Wole Soyinka Nigeria
- 1985 Claude Simon France
- 1984 Jaroslav Seifert Czechoslovakia
- 1983 William Golding United Kingdom
- 1982 Gabriel Garcia Marquez Colombia
- 1981 Elias Canetti United Kingdom
- 1980 Czeslaw Milosz Poland/U.S.A.
- 1979 Odysseus Elytis Greece
- 1978 Isaac Bashevis Singer U.S.A
- 1977 Vicente Aleixandre Spain
- 1976 Saul Bellow U.S.A.
- 1975 Eugenio Montale Italy
- 1974 Eyvind Johnson Sweden
- 1973 Patrick White Australia
- 1972 Heinrich Boll Federal Republic of Germany
- 1971 Pablo Neruda Chile
- 1970 Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn U.S.S.R.
- 1969 Samuel Beckett Ireland
- 1968 Yasunari Kawabata Japan
- 1967 Miguel A. Asturias Guatemala
- 1966 Shmuel Y. Agnon Israel
- 1966 Nelly Sachs Germany
- 1965 Mikhail Sholokhov U.S.S.R.
- 1964 Jean-Paul Sartre France (declined)
- 1963 Giorgos Seferis Greece
- 1962 John Steinbeck U.S.A.
- 1961 Ivo Andric Yugoslavia
- 1960 Saint-John Perse France
- 1959 Salvatore Quasimodo Italy
- 1958 Boris Pasternak U.S.S.R.
- 1957 Albert Camus France
- 1956 J.R. Jimenez Spain
- 1955 Halldor Laxness Iceland
- 1954 Ernest Hemingway U.S.A.

- 1953 Winston Churchill United Kingdom
- 1952 Francois Mauriac France
- 1951 Par Lagerkvist Sweden
- 1950 Bertrand Russell United Kingdom
- 1949 William Faulkner U.S.A.
- 1948 T.S. Eliot United Kingdom
- 1947 Andre Gide France
- 1946 Hermann Hesse Switzerland
- 1945 Gabriela Mistral Chile
- 1944 Johannes V. Jensen Denmark
- 1943 No Award
- 1942 No Award
- 1941 No Award
- 1940 No Award
- 1939 F.E. Sillanpaa Finland
- 1938 Pearl S. Buck U.S.A.
- 1937 Roger Martin du Gard France
- 1936 Eugene O'Neill U.S.A.
- 1935 No Award
- 1934 Luigi Pirandello Italy
- 1933 Ivan Bunin Stateless
- 1932 John Galsworthy United Kingdom
- 1931 Erik Axel Karlfeldt Sweden
- 1930 Sinclair Lewis U.S.A.
- 1929 Thomas Mann Germany
- 1928 Sigrid Undset Norway
- 1927 Henri Bergson France
- 1926 Grazia Deledda Italy
- 1925 George Bernard Shaw United Kingdom
- 1924 Wladyslaw Reymont Poland
- 1923 William Butler Yeats Ireland
- 1922 Jacinto Benavente Spain
- 1921 Anatole France France
- 1920 Knut Hamsun Norway
- 1919 Carl Spitteler Switzerland
- 1918 No Award
- 1917 Karl Gjellerup Denmark
- 1917 Henrik Pontoppidan Denmark
- 1916 Verner von Heidenstam Sweden
- 1915 Romain Rolland France
- 1914 No Award
- 1913 Rabindranath Tagore India
- 1912 Gerhart Hauptmann Germany
- 1911 Maurice Maeterlinck Belgium
- 1910 Paul Heyse Germany
- 1909 Selma Lagerlof Sweden
- 1908 Rudolf Eucken Germany
- 1907 Rudyard Kipling United Kingdom
- 1906 Giuseppe Carducci Italy
- 1905 Henryk Sienkiewicz Poland
- 1904 Jose Echegaray Spain
- 1904 Frederic Mistral France
- 1903 Bjornstjerne Bjornson Norway
- 1902 Theodor Mommsen Germany
- 1901 Sully Prudhomme France