

Booker Prize 2024

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Recently, British author Samantha Harvey won the **Booker Prize 2024** for her novel **Orbital**.

- *Orbital* is the **first space boo**k to win the Booker Prize.
- It explores Earth through the experiences of six astronauts aboard the <u>International Space</u>
 <u>Station (ISS)</u>, witnessing 16 sunrises and sunsets daily.
- It is the second-shortest novel in Booker Prize history, with the shortest being Offshore by Penelope Fitzgerald (132 pages).
- Harvey is the first woman to win the Booker Prize since Margaret Atwood in 2019.
- The Booker Prize: Established in the UK in 1969.
 - Awarded annually to the best sustained work of fiction.
 - Initially awarded to writers from Commonwealth nations. Now open to writers worldwide, regardless of origin.
 - Must be written in English and published in the UK or Ireland.

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