



2024 Booker Prize Front-Runners: Percival Everett and Samantha Harvey

Description

Percival Everett and Samantha Harvey are the top picks to win the 2024 Booker prize. Everett, an American author, is the favorite at Ladbrokes with 2/1 odds for his novel *James*, which reimagines Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* from a new perspective. William Hill also gives 2/1 odds to British writer Samantha Harvey for her book *Orbital*, about astronauts on the International Space Station. Harvey leads in sales, with nearly 29,000 copies of *Orbital* sold in the UK this year.

Rachel Kushner follows Harvey and Everett with odds of 9/2 for her novel *Creation Lake*, which tells the story of an American spy infiltrating an eco-activist group in France. Canadian author Anne Michaels is a contender with her book *Held*, exploring themes of trauma and memory.

The outsider is Charlotte Wood, author of *Stone Yard Devotional*, set in an Australian religious community. Yael van der Wouden's debut novel *The Safekeep* delves into postwar Netherlands' Jewish history.

Bookmakers have been accurate in recent years, predicting winners like Paul Lynch and Damon Galgut. The Booker Library, launching at Waterstones, will showcase over 600 Booker prize-nominated books for readers to explore.

To get all six shortlisted books for £70, visit guardianbookshop.com. Delivery charges may apply.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Contender** /kən'tendər/ (noun): A person or team competing for a title or honor.
2. **Reimagines** /,ri:'mædʒɪnz/ (verb): To reinterpret or think of something in a new way.
3. **Exploring** /ɪk'splɔːrɪŋ/ (verb): Investigating or examining something in detail.
4. **Showcase** /'ʃoʊkeɪs/ (verb): To display or present something in an attractive way.
5. **Nominees** /'nɒmɪniːz/ (noun): Individuals or groups that have been formally proposed for a position or award.
6. **Community** /kə'mjuː.nɪ.ti/ (noun): A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)



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1. What is the term for the identification of a disease or condition by means of a patient's symptoms?
Option: Treatment
Option: Diagnosed
Option: Prevention
Option: Recovery
 2. What term refers to the ability to recover quickly from difficulties?
Option: Depression
Option: Resilience
Option: Weakness
Option: Sensitivity
 3. What term describes the partial or complete disappearance of signs and symptoms of a disease?
Option: Progression
Option: Remission
Option: Exacerbation
Option: Relapse
 4. In an award ceremony who are the individuals selected as candidates for an award?
Option: Audience
Option: Nominees
Option: Winners
Option: Judges
 5. What term describes the process of providing or obtaining the food necessary for health and growth?
Option: Fitness
Option: Nutrition
Option: Medication
Option: Hygiene
 6. What is the identification of the nature of an illness or other problem by examination of the symptoms?
Option: Treatment
Option: Prevention
Option: Diagnosis
Option: Recovery
 7. Which term refers to a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common?
Option: Society
Option: Community
Option: Assembly
Option: Population



8. What term refers to a prolonged public dispute or debate often concerning a matter of opinion?

- Option: Compromise
- Option: Conformity
- Option: Contentment
- Option: Controversy

9. Which term describes the way in which one acts or conducts oneself especially toward others?

- Option: Character
- Option: Behavior
- Option: Personality
- Option: Attitude

10. What term is used to describe something that is widely recognized and well-established?

- Option: Modern
- Option: Iconic
- Option: Common
- Option: Unusual

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. _____ is a common treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells.

12. In order to achieve success it is important for your actions to be in _____ with your goals.

13. The elected official will act as the _____ of the people in the upcoming negotiations.

14. The author decided to write a _____ to share personal experiences and memories with readers.

15. After his passing his entire _____ was left to his only son.

16. The doctor emphasized the _____ of the patient's condition and the need for immediate treatment.

17. She _____ her gratitude to everyone who supported her during the difficult times.



18. With his exceptional skills and determination he emerged as a strong _____
for the championship title.

19. Despite facing numerous _____ she never gave up on her dreams and eventually
succeeded.

20. The company _____ its financial reports to provide transparency to its investors.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. Taking a approach can help in preventing potential issues before they arise.
22. The movie many young artists to pursue their passion for filmmaking.
23. The art gallery will the works of various local artists next month.
24. Traveling allows us to different cultures and traditions.
25. The new policy was widely by the opposition party.
26. His rude behavior towards the elders was seen as highly .
27. The artist classic artworks in a modern and abstract style.
28. Their relationship went through a period before finding stability.
29. Chemists study how different elements combine to form with unique properties.
30. The teacher the importance of revising for the upcoming exam.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Diagnosed 2. Resilience 3. Remission 4. Nominees 5. Nutrition 6. Diagnosis 7. Community
8. Controversy 9. Behavior 10. Iconic

Gap-Fill: 11. Chemotherapy 12. Alignment 13. Representative 14. Memoir 15. Estate 16. Seriousness
17. Expressed 18. Contender 19. Struggles 20. Disclosed

Matching sentence: 1. proactive 2. inspired 3. showcase 4. explore 5. criticized 6. disrespectful 7. reimagines
8. tumultuous 9. compounds 10. emphasized



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