

Anna Burns' "Milkman" wins the Man Booker Prize 2018



Honouring the best written English novel in the world this year, the Man Booker Prize 2018 was awarded to the Irish author Anna Burns for her novel "Milkman".

The Man Booker Prize is awarded each year to best written English original novel and is considered to be one of the most honoured literary prize in the world. The winner of this award is assured to get international recognition and success as an author. Among hundreds of contestants from all around the world, the 2018 Man Booker Prize award was bagged by the Northern Irish author Anna Burns for her incredibly original novel 'Milkman'. This is the first time that a Northern Irish author to the Man Booker prize and was also awarded £50,000 for her incredible work.

This protagonist of the novel "Milkman" is a 18-year-old girl, known as "middle sister" who is pursued by a paramilitary character who is much older than her, the Milkman. The judges say that they have never read anything like this before and that the novel is "incredibly original" as stated by Kwame Anthony Appiah, one of the judges for the Man Booker Prize. While announcing Anna Burns as the winner of the Man Booker Prize, he said, "Anna Burns's utterly distinctive voice challenges conventional thinking and form in surprising and immersive prose. It is a story of brutality, sexual encroachment and resistance threaded with mordant humour."

The Milkman novel is written in lengthy blocks of paragraphs, making it somewhat difficult to read for the beginners. But, when you climb the mountain, the trekking is always hard and demands efforts, just like it, this novel is also hard to digest in the beginning, but when you read it, it is totally worth it. The author has deliberately avoided the character names, leaving it all to the character description. When 56-year-old Anna Burns was declared as the winner of the award, she ran out of words. And when she was asked that what she will do with all the prize money, she said she will clear-out all her debts and live her life with the rest of the money.