

Nobel in Literature Laureates Cheat Sheet

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*Selected winners of the Nobel Prize in Literature since 1970.
Authors are listed chronologically by the date of their award.
Bolded terms appear frequently in questions.*

Laureate Award Year, Nation	Works	Details
Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn 1970, USSR	awarded the prize in 1970, but was unable to accept the award until 1974, when he had been expelled from the USSR One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich; The Gulag Archipelago	
Pablo Neruda 1971, Chile	Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair Canto General Elemental Odes; "Ode to My Socks"	"The Song of Despair" includes the lines " Tonight I can write the saddest lines " and " in you everything sank! " includes the poem " The Heights of Macchu Picchu "
Gabriel García Márquez 1982, Colombia	One Hundred Years of Solitude Love in the Time of Cholera; Chronicle of a Death Foretold; "A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings"	follows the rise and fall of the Buendia family in the town of Macondo , including numerous family members named Aureliano and a baby born with the tail of a pig
Wole Soyinka 1986, Nigeria	Death and the King's Horseman The Lion and the Jewel	play; after colonial ruler Simon Pilkings stops Elesin's ritual suicide, Elesin's son, Olunde , dies in his place play; Baroka; Sidi
Octavio Paz 1990, Mexico	The Labyrinth of Solitude "Sunstone"	essay collection including " The Day of the Dead ," " The Sons of La Malinche ," and " The Conquest and Colonialism " 584-line poem based structurally on the Aztec calendar
Nadine Gordimer 1991, South Africa	July's People Burger's Daughter The Conservationist	the title former servant takes in her former employers, Bam and Maureen Smales , the latter of whom ends the book by running toward a helicopter
Toni Morrison 1993, USA	Beloved The Bluest Eye Song of Solomon	after the Civil War, Sethe lives at 124 Bluestone Road with her daughter Denver , and struggles with the effects of her time as a slave at Sweet Home plantation and her memories of killing her baby to save them from salvery Pecola Breedlove obsesses over Shirley Temple and white standards of beauty, and is raped by her father, Cholly
Oe Kenzaburo 1994, Japan	A Personal Matter The Silent Cry Nip the Buds, Shoot the Kids	Bird has an affair with Himiko after learning that his newborn son has been diagnosed with a brain hernia
Günter Grass 1999, Germany	The Tin Drum Cat and Mouse; Dog Years	part of the Danzig Trilogy ; Oskar Matzerath chooses to stop growing at age three the other novels in the Danzig Trilogy
J.M. Coetzee 2003, South Africa	Disgrace The Life and Times of Michael K	describes the decline of professor David Lurie
Mario Vargas Llosa 2010, Peru	Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter The Time of the Hero	in odd chapters, Mario Varguitas has an affair with Aunt Julia; the even chapters are scripts by Pedro Camacho , a scriptwriter for Radio Panamericana
Alice Munro 2013, Canada	Lives of Girls and Women; The Moons of Jupiter; Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage	
Kazuo Ishiguro 2017, UK	The Remains of the Day Never Let Me Go	the butler Stevens mourns the dying of his profession while working at Darlington Hall , and commiserates over the loss of old-fashioned nobility with Miss Kenton follows the lives of young clones raised to be harvested for their organs