



## Nobel Prize in Literature 2023

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Why in News?

Recently, the [Nobel Prize in Literature for 2023](#) was awarded to **Jon Fosse** "for his innovative **plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable.**"

### Note

- The Nobel Prize in Literature 1913 was awarded to **Rabindranath Tagore** "because of his **profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful verse**, by which, with consummate skill, he has made his poetic thought, expressed in his own English words, a part of the literature of the West".

### Who is Jon Fosse?

- Jon Fosse, a **Norwegian author and dramatist**, writes in **Norwegian Nynorsk**, the less common of the two official versions of Norwegian language.
- Jon Fosse is celebrated for his writing style, often referred to as "**Fosse minimalism.**"
- His style is characterized by simple, minimal, and searing dialogue, drawing comparisons to literary giants like **Samuel Beckett and Harold Pinter**, both of whom have previously been awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.
  - His themes explore the **absurdity, the futility and yet the power of the human condition**; everyday confusions and irresolutions; and the **difficulty of forming actual connections.**
- **Notable works** by Fosse include "A New Name: Septology VI-VII," "I Am the Wind," "Melancholy," "Boathouse," and "The Dead Dogs."



## Who are the Other Recent Nobel Laureates in the Field of Literature?

- **2022:**
  - **Annie Ernaux** “for the courage and clinical acuity with which she uncovers the roots, estrangements and collective restraints of personal memory”.
- **2021:**
  - **Abdulrazak Gurnah** “for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents”.
- **2020:**
  - **Louise Glück** “for her unmistakable poetic voice that with austere beauty makes individual existence universal”.

**Reference to Other Announcements of the Nobel Prizes 2023: Nobel Prize in [Chemistry](#), [Physics](#), [Physiology or Medicine](#).**

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