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JUDGES ANNOUNCED FOR THE WORLD'S RICHEST SHORT STORY PRIZE

SEBASTIAN FAULKES, PETINA GAPPAH, TESSA HADLEY, MARK LAWSON and ANDREW HOLGATE to judge The Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award 2018, now in its ninth year

A prestigious and highly experienced panel of judges has been announced for the world's most valuable prize for a single short story. The judging panel for the 2018 Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award will comprise former journalist and best-selling author Sebastian Faulks; award winning novelist and short story writer Petina Gappah; acclaimed author and short story writer Tessa Hadley and broadcast journalist and author Mark Lawson. Andrew Holgate, Literary Editor of *The Sunday Times*, completes the line-up. The award is worth £30,000 to the winning writer.

The Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award is a hugely prestigious international prize open to any novelist or short story writer from around the world who is published in the UK. Last year's winner was US author Bret Antony Johnson. Previous winners of the prize include three Pulitzer Prize-winning American authors - Junot Díaz, Anthony Doerr and Adam Johnson - as well as the Chinese-American author, Yiyun Li, CK Stead from New Zealand, Jonathan Tel from England and Kevin Barry from Ireland. Shortlisted authors include Colum McCann, Petina Gappah, Hilary Mantel, Emma Donoghue, David Vann and Gerard Woodward.

The judges are looking for an outstanding English-language story of 6,000 words or under from a fiction author from anywhere in the world who has been published in the UK or Ireland. The winner will receive £30,000, and the five shortlisted writers will each receive £1,000. The deadline for entries this year is 6pm on 28 September 2017 and entry forms can be found here: www.shortstoryaward.co.uk/enter. A longlist will be announced in February 2018, followed by a shortlist of six in March 2018. The winner will be announced at a gala dinner in London on Thursday 26th April 2018.

Previous judges for The Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award include Rose Tremain, Anne Enright, Joanna Trollope, Richard Eyre, Lionel Shriver, AS Byatt, Nick Hornby, Hanif Kureishi, Mark Haddon, Will Self, David Baddiel, Sarah Hall, Sir Melvyn Bragg and John Carey. The Award is managed by the Society of Authors.

Petina Gappah commented, "It's a huge honour for me to be asked to judge the Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award. I am, above all, a short story writer, and I know many brilliant writers for whom this is a natural medium, but who do not get nearly the same attention they would if they wrote novels. So, it is truly gratifying to see this amount of attention, not to mention money, being given to the form. I look forward to judging this year, and to participating in wider conversations about how to give short stories the higher profile they deserve in the UK and beyond."

For full details of the Award visit: www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/shortstoryaward

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Judges of The Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award 2018

SEBASTIAN FAULKS

Sebastian Faulks is the author of the bestsellers *A Week in December*, *A Possible Life*, *Human Traces*, *On Green Dolphin Street*, *Charlotte Gray* and *Birdsong*, which has sold more than three million copies. His latest novel, *Where My Heart Used to Beat*, was published in 2016 in Hutchinson hardback and then Vintage paperback. His latest book, *Pistache Returns*, is a collection of satirical and surprising parodies.

PETINA GAPPAH

An international lawyer and writer from Zimbabwe, Petina Gappah is the author of two critically acclaimed short story collections, *An Elegy for Easterly* and *Rotten Row*, and a novel, *The Book of Memory*. Her short stories have been published in *The New Yorker*, *A Public Space* and other journals, and have been shortlisted for the Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award. Her novel about the African companions of the Scottish explorer David Livingstone will be published in 2019. Having spent more than a decade in Geneva as an international trade lawyer, Petina now lives in Berlin where she is working on a series of interconnected stories set in the privileged bubble of the international civil service.

TESSA HADLEY

Tessa Hadley is the author of six highly praised novels, *Accidents in the Home*, which was longlisted for the Guardian First Book Award, *Everything Will Be All Right*, *The Master Bedroom*, *The London Train*, *Clever Girl* and *The Past*, and two collections of short stories, *Sunstroke* and *Married Love*. She lives in London and is Professor of Creative Writing at Bath Spa University. Her stories appear regularly in *The New Yorker* and other magazines.

ANDREW HOLGATE

Andrew Holgate has been the Literary Editor of *The Sunday Times* since 2008. Amongst many other prizes and awards, he has previously been a judge for the Samuel Johnson Prize, the Orwell Prize, the Somerset Maugham Award and the Betty Trask Award. He is also a member of the Folio Prize Academy.

MARK LAWSON

Mark Lawson is a writer, broadcaster and journalist. He recently published his fifth novel, *The Allegations*, and his latest radio play, *Holy Father*, was broadcast on BBC Radio 4. His work as a broadcaster includes *Front Row* and *Foreign Bodies* (Radio 4), *Mark Lawson Talks To...* (BBC FOUR), and *Late Review / Newsnight Review* (BBC TWO). He is a critic and feature writer for *The Guardian* and theatre critic of *The Tablet*.

Notes to editors:

About the Award

Launched by Lord Evans, the former chairman of EFG Private Bank, and Cathy Galvin of *The Sunday Times* in 2010, The Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award is the richest prize for a single short story in the English language. Worth £30,000 to the winner, the international annual award aims to promote and celebrate the excellence of the modern short story, and has attracted entries from some of the world's finest writers.

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