

# Nobel Prize in Literature, 2021

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**In news- Tanzanian-born novelist Abdulrazak Gurnah** won the Nobel Literature Prize on October 7, 2021.

## ***About the prize and awardee-***

- His work focused on colonialism and the trauma of the refugee experience.
- He is the **fifth African to win the Nobel Literature Prize.**
- He was honoured “for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents”.
- He has published 10 novels and a number of short stories.
- He is best known for his 1994 breakthrough **novel ‘Paradise’**, set in colonial East Africa during World War I, which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize for Fiction.

So far, 117 people have been awarded the literature prize, out of which 16 are women.