

Commonwealth Writers' Prize
Regional Winners

1987 - 2007

Year	Region	Award	Author	Title	Country	Publisher
2007	Africa	Best Book	Shaun Johnson	The Native Commissioner	South Africa	Penguin Books
2007	Africa	First Book	Maxine Case	All We Have Left Unsaid	South Africa	Kwela Books
2007	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	David Adams Richards	The Friends of Meager Fortune	Canada	Doubleday Canada
• 2007	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	DY Bechard	Vandal Love	Canada	Doubleday Canada
2007	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Naeem Murr	The Perfect Man	UK	Heinemann
2007	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Hisham Matar	In the Country of Men	UK	Viking
• 2007	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Lloyd Jones	Mister Pip	New Zealand	Penguin Books
2007	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Andrew O'Connor	Tuvalu	Australia	Allen and Unwin
2006	Africa	Best Book	Benjamin Kwayke	The Sun by Night	Ghana	Africa World Press
2006	Africa	First Book	Doreen Baingana	Tropical Fish: Stories out of Entebbe	Uganda	University of Makerere
2006	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Lisa Moore	Alligator	Canada	House of Anansi Press
• 2006	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Mark McWatt	Suspended Sentences: Fictions of Atonement	Guyana	Peepal Tree Press
2006	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Zadie Smith	On Beauty	UK	Hamish Hamilton
2006	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Donna Daley-Clarke	Lazy Eye	UK	Scribner
• 2006	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Kate Grenville	The Secret River	Australia	Text Publishing
2006	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Tash Aw	The Harmony Silk Factory	Malaysia	Harper Perennial
2005	Africa	Best Book	Lindsey Collen	Boy	South Africa	Bloomsbury
• 2005	Africa	First Book	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Purple Hibiscus	Nigeria	Fourth Estate
2005	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Alice Munro	Runaway	Canada	Douglas Gibson Books

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	2005	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	David Bezmozgis	Natasha and Other Stories	Canada	Flamingo
•	2005	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Andrea Levy	Small Island	UK	Review
	2005	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Rupa Bajwa	The Sari Shop	India	Viking
	2005	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Andrew McGahan	The White Earth	Australia	Allen & Unwin
	2005	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Larissa Behrendt	Home	Australia	University of Que
	2004	Africa	Best Book	Damon Galgut	The Good Doctor	South Africa	Viking
	2004	Africa	First Book	Diane Awerbuck	Gardening at Night	South Africa	Secker & Warburg
	2004	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Frances Itani	Deafening	Canada	Flamingo
	2004	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Kate Taylor	Madame Proust and the Kosher Kitchen	Canada	Doubleday
•	2004	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Caryl Phillips	A Distant Shore	UK	Secker & Warburg
•	2004	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Mark Haddon	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	UK	Jonathan Cape
	2004	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Michelle de Kretser	The Hamilton Case	Australia	Knopf
	2004	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Nada Awar Jarrar	Somewhere, Home	Australia	William Heineman
	2003	Africa	Best Book	André Brink	The Other Side of Silence	South Africa	Secker & Warburg
	2003	Africa	First Book	Helon Habila	Waiting for an Angel	Nigeria	Hamish Hamilton
•	2003	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Austin Clarke	The Polished Hoe	Canada	Thomas Allen Pub
	2003	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Paulo da Costa	The Scent of a Lie	Canada	Ekstasis Editions
	2003	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Michael Frayn	Spies	UK	Faber and Faber
•	2003	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Sarah Hall	Haweswater	UK	Faber and Faber
	2003	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Sonya Hartnett	Of a Boy	Australia	Viking
	2003	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Rani Manicka	The Rice Mother	Malaysia	Sceptre
	2002	Africa	Best Book	Nadine Gordimer	The Pick Up	South Africa	Bloomsbury
•	2002	Africa	First Book	Manu Herbstein	Ama	South Africa	e-reads
	2002	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Alice Munro	Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage	Canada	Douglas Gibson

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	2002	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Ian McEwan	Atonement	UK	Jonathan Cape
	2002	Europe and South Asia	First Book	William Muir	The 18th Pale Descendant	UK	Quartet
	• 2002	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Richard Flanagan	Gould's Book of Fish	Australia	Picador
	2002	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Meaghan Delahunty	In the Blue House	Australia	Bloomsbury
	2001	Africa	Best Book	Zakes Mda	The Heart of Redness	South Africa	Oxford University
	2001	Africa	First Book	K Sello Duiker	Thirteen Cents	South Africa	David Philip Publi
	2001	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Anita Rau Badami	The Hero's Walk	Canada	Knopf
	2001	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Pearl Luke	Burning Ground	Canada	Flamingo
	2001	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	J G Ballard	Super-Cannes	UK	Flamingo
	• 2001	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Zadie Smith	White Teeth	UK	Hamish Hamilton
	• 2001	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Peter Carey	True History of the Kelly Gang	Australia	University of Que
	2001	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Arabella Edge	The Company	Australia	Picador
	• 2000	Africa	Best Book	J M Coetzee	Disgrace	South Africa	Secker & Warburg
	2000	Africa	First Book	Funso Aiyejina	The Legend of the Rockhills and other Stories	Nigeria	TSAR Publications
	2000	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Shauna Singh Baldwin	What the Body Remembers	Canada	Doubleday
	• 2000	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Jeffrey Moore	Prisoner in a Red-Rose Chain	Canada	Thistledown Press
	2000	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Salman Rushdie	The Ground Beneath Her Feet	UK	Jonathan Cape
	2000	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Raj Kamal Jha	The Blue Bedspread	India	Picador
	2000	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Lily Brett	Too Many Men	Australia	Picador
	2000	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Kapka Kassabova	Reconnaissance	New Zealand	Penguin
	1999	Africa	Best Book	Marion Molteno	If You Can Walk, You Can Dance	South Africa	Shola Books
	1999	Africa	First Book	Benjamin Kwakye	The Clothes of Nakedness	Ghana	Heinemann Intern

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	1999	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Lawrence Scott	Aelred's Sin	Trinidad	Allison & Busby
•	1999	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Kerri Sakamoto	The Electrical Field	Canada	Knopf
	1999	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Beryl Bainbridge	Master Georgie	UK	Duckworth
	1999	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Manju Kapur	Difficult Daughters	India	Penguin
•	1999	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Murray Bail	Eucalyptus	Australia	The Harvill Press
	1999	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Catherine Chidgey	In a Fishbone Church	New Zealand	Victoria University
	1998	Africa	Best Book	Charles Mungoshi	Walking Still	Zimbabwe	Baobab Books
	1998	Africa	First Book	Pamela Jooste	Dance with a Poor Man's Daughter	South Africa	Doubleday
	1998	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Mordecai Richler	Barney's Version	Canada	Knopf
•	1998	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Tim Wynveen	Angel Falls	Canada	Key Porter Books
	1998	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Vikram Chandra	Love and Longing in Bombay	India	Faber and Faber
	1998	Europe and South Asia	First Book	A Sivanandan	When Memory Dies	UK	Arcadia Books
•	1998	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Peter Carey	Jack Maggs	Australia	University of Queensland
	1998	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Emma Tom	Deadset	Australia	Random House
	1997	Africa	Best Book	Yvonne Vera	Under the Tongue	Zimbabwe	Baobab Books
	1997	Africa	First Book	Ronnie Govender	At the Edge and other Cato Manor Stories	South Africa	Hibbard Publishers
•	1997	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Earl Lovelace	Salt	Trinidad	Faber and Faber
•	1997	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Ann-Marie MacDonald	Fall On Your Knees	Canada	Knopf
	1997	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Beryl Bainbridge	Every Man for Himself	UK	Duckworth
	1997	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Jeremy Poolman	Interesting Facts about the State of Arizona	UK	Faber and Faber
	1997	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Sue Woolfe	Leaning Towards Infinity	Australia	Random House
	1997	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Sia Figiel	Where We Once Belonged	Samoa	Pasifika Press
	1996	Africa	Best Book	—————	—————	—————	—————
	1996	Africa	First Book	Dene Coetzee	Winds of Change	South Africa	Hodder and Stoughton

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	1996	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Thomas Wharton	Icefields	Canada	NeWest Publisher
	1996	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	David Lodge	Therapy	UK	Secker & Warburg
•	1996	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Vikram Chandra	Red Earth and Pouring Rain	India	Penguin
	1996	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Gillian Mears	The Grass Sister	Australia	Random House
	1996	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Charlotte Randall	Dead Sea Fruit	New Zealand	Reed Publishing
	1995	Africa	Best Book	J M Coetzee	The Master of Petersburg	South Africa	Secker & Warburg
	1995	Africa	First Book	Margaret A Ogola	The River and the Source	Kenya	Focus Books
	1995	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	V S Naipaul	A Way in the World	Trinidad	Heinemann
	1995	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Hiromi Goto	Chorus of Mushrooms	Canada	NeWest Publisher
•	1995	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Louis de Bernières	Captain Corelli's Mandolin	UK	Secker & Warburg
	1995	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Derek Beaven	Newton's Niece	UK	Faber and Faber
	1995	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Tim Winton	The Riders	Australia	Pan Macmillan
•	1995	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Adib Khan	Seasonal Adjustments	Australia	Allen & Unwin
	1994	Africa	Best Book	Lindsey Collen	The Rape of Sita	Mauritius	Ledikasyon Pu Tra
	1994	Africa	First Book	Lucy Safo	Cry a Whisper	Ghana	Bogle-Louverture
	1994	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Margaret Atwood	The Robber Bride	Canada	McClelland & Stev
	1994	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Vanessa Spence	The Roads Are Down	Jamaica	Heinemann
•	1994	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Vikram Seth	A Suitable Boy	India	Penguin
•	1994	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Keith Oatley	The Case of Emily V	UK	Secker & Warburg
	1994	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	David Malouf	Remembering Babylon	Australia	Random House
	1994	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Fotini Epanomitis	The Mule's Foal	Australia	Allen & Unwin
	1993	Africa	Best Book	Isidore Okpewho	Tides	Nigeria	Longman
	1993	Africa	First Book	Paul Conton	ThePrice of Liberty	Sierra Leone	MacMillan

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	1993	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Michael Ondaatje	The English Patient	Canada	McClelland & Stev
	1993	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Alecia McKenzie	Satellite City	Jamaica	Longman
	1993	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Lee Langley	Persistent Rumours	UK	William Heinemar
•	1993	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Githa Hariharan	The Thousand Faces of Night	India	Penguin
•	1993	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Alex Miller	The Ancestor Game	Australia	Penguin
	1993	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Andrew McGahan	Praise	Australia	Allen & Unwin
	1992	Africa	Best Book	Ama Ata Aidoo	Changes	Ghana	The Women's Pre
	1992	Africa	First Book	Lawrence Darmani	Grief Child	Ghana	Lion Publishing
•	1992	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Rohinton Mistry	Such a Long Journey	Canada	McClelland & Stev
•	1992	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Robert Antoni	Divina Trace	Bahamas	Quartet
	1992	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Louis de Bernieres	Senor Vivo & the Coca Lord	UK	Secker & Warbur
	1992	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Amit Chaudhury	A Strange and Sublime Address	India	Heinemann
	1992	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Albert Wendt	Ola	Samoa/New Zealand	Penguin
	1992	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Beryl Fletcher	The Word Burners	New Zealand	Daphne Brasell A
	1991	Africa	Best Book	Syl Cheney-Coker	The Last Harmattan of Alusine Dunbar	Sierra Leone	Heinemann Intern
	1991	Africa	First Book	Karen King-Aribisala	Our Wife and Other Stories	Nigeria	Malthouse Press
	1991	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Alice Munro	Friend of My Youth	Canada	McClelland & Stev
•	1991	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Pauline Melville	Shape Shifter	Guyana	The Women's Pre
	1991	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	A. S. Byatt	Possession	UK	Chatto & Windus
	1991	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Louis de Bernieres	The War of Don Emmanuel's Nether Parts	UK	Secker & Warbur
•	1991	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	David Malouf	The Great World	Australia	Chatto & Windus
	1991	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Thea Welsh	The Story of the Year of 1912 in the Village of Etza Darzins	Australia	Simon & Schuster
	1990	Africa	Best Book	Shimmer Chinodya	Harvest of Thorns	Zimbabwe	Baobab Books

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	1990	Africa	First Book	M. G. Vassanji	The Gunny Sack	Kenya	Heinemann Intern
•	1990	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Mordecai Richler	Solomon Gursky Was Here	Canada	Viking
	1990	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Darlene Barry Quaife	Bone Bird	Canada	Turnstone Press
	1990	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Shashi Tharoor	The Great Indian Novel	India	Penguin
	1990	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Paul Griffiths	Myself and Marco Polo	UK	Chatto & Windus
	1990	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Robert Drewe	The Bay of Contented Men	Australia	Picador
•	1990	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	John Cranna	Visitors	New Zealand	Heinemann Reed
	1989	Africa	Best Book	Tsitsi Dangarembga	Nervous Conditions	Zimbabwe	The Women's Pre
	1989	Africa	First Book	-----	-----	-----	-----
	1989	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Erna Brodber	Myal	Jamaica	New Beacon Book
•	1989	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Bonnie Burnard	Women of Influence	Canada	Coteau Books
	1989	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Marina Warner	The Lost Father	UK	Chatto & Windus
	1989	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Allan Sealy	The Trotter-Nama	India	Viking
•	1989	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Janet Frame	The Carpathians	New Zealand	Century Hutchins
	1989	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	Gillian Mears	Ride a Cock Horse	Australia	Pascoe Publishing
•	1988	Africa	Best Book	Festus Iyayi	Heroes	Nigeria	Longman
	1988	Africa	First Book	Charles Mungoshi	The Setting Sun and the Rolling World	Zimbabwe	Heinemann Intern
	1988	Canada and the Caribbean	Best Book	Jack Hodgins	The Honorary Patron	Canada	McClelland & Stev
	1988	Canada and the Caribbean	First Book	Eric McCormack	Inspecting the Vaults	Canada	Penguin
	1988	Europe and South Asia	Best Book	Bruce Chatwin	Songlines	UK	Cape
	1988	Europe and South Asia	First Book	Jeanette Winterson	The Passion	UK	Bloomsbury
	1988	SE Asia and South Pacific	Best Book	Stevan Eldred-Grigg	Oracles and Miracles	New Zealand	Penguin
	1988	SE Asia and South Pacific	First Book	George Turner	The Sea and Summer	Australia	Faber and Faber
	1987	Africa		Ben Okri	Incidents at the Shrine	Nigeria	William Heinemar
	1987	Africa		Ken Saro-Wiwa	A Forest of Flowers	Nigeria	Saros Internation

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•	1987	Canada and the Caribbean		Olive Senior	Summer Lightning	Jamaica	Longman
	1987	Europe and South Asia		Nayantara Sahgal	Plans for Departure	India	William Heineman
	1987	Europe and South Asia		-----	-----	-----	-----
	1987	SE Asia and South Pacific		Blanche d'Alpuget	Winter in Jerusalem	Australia	Heinemann
	1987	SE Asia and South Pacific		Witi Ihimaera	The Matriarch	New Zealand	Heinemann

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