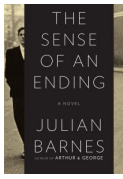


Man Booker Prize



Julian Barnes was awarded the Man Booker prize this week for his recent short novel,

The Sense of an Ending. Reviews of the book include key words like "compelling", "memorable" and "dexterously crafted".

Barnes is well known in Britain, and has made the Booker short list three times in the past. He was the front runner going into the final days of the Booker, a prize awarded to British authors and authors from the Commonwealth. Usually considered one of the more prestigious literary awards, the Booker prize wasn't without it's own controversy this year. Critics complained that the short list was less literary in an effort to be more accessible and reward popular titles.

Can a book be accessible and popular while also being literary? Color me intrigued - I've just added this to my to-read list.

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