

Abdulrazak
Gurnah
Winner of
the Nobel
Prize for
Literature




What is the
Nobel Prize?

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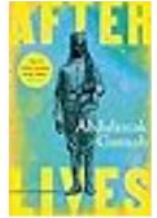
- **Abdulrazak Gurnah** was born in 1948 in Zanzibar.
 - He lives in England, where he teaches at the University of Kent. The most famous of his novels are *Paradise*, shortlisted for both the Booker and the Whitbread Prize;
 - *By the Sea*, longlisted for the Booker Prize and shortlisted for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize; and
 - *Desertion*, shortlisted for the Commonwealth Prize.
 - He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2021 "for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents".
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- What is the Booker Prize?

https://youtu.be/sPf9pYunR6Q?si=lyDcE_cNz25Gnt9L



Gurnah's Book Covers (from Goodreads)



Afterlives

by Abdulrazak Gurnah

★★★★★ 3.77 avg rating — 12,0



Paradise

by Abdulrazak Gurnah

★★★★★ 3.60 avg rating — 11,0



By the Sea

by Abdulrazak Gurnah

★★★★★ 3.90 avg rating — 4,15



Gravel Heart

by Abdulrazak Gurnah

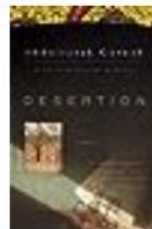
★★★★★ 3.99 avg rating — 3,23



The Last Gift

by Abdulrazak Gurnah

★★★★★ 3.79 avg rating — 2,1



Desertion

by Abdulrazak Gurnah

★★★★★ 3.90 avg rating — 1,1



Admiring Silence

by Abdulrazak Gurnah

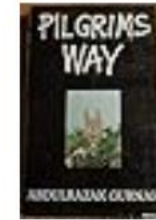
★★★★★ 3.98 avg rating — 1,31



Memory of Departure

by Abdulrazak Gurnah

★★★★★ 3.71 avg rating — 896



Pilgrims Way

by Abdulrazak Gurnah

★★★★★ 3.75 avg rating — 2,1



Dottie

by Abdulrazak Gurnah

★★★★★ 4.00 avg rating — 2,1

Paradise and By The Sea

- Review

<https://readingandwatchingtheworld.home.blog/2020/08/17/review-no-1Interview>

- Interview

<https://youtu.be/QsIvqEUuEbY>

- Reads from By The Sea

<https://youtu.be/mT8sZ6MKYbA>

- PBS Interview

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=975225467204085>

The image shows the cover of the book 'By the Sea' by Abdulrazak Gurnah. The cover art depicts a scene with a large, textured rock formation on the right and a building with a window on the left. The title 'BY THE SEA' is written in large, orange, serif capital letters at the bottom, with the author's name 'ABDULRAZAK GURNAH' in smaller, white, serif capital letters below it. A quote from 'The Times' is visible at the very bottom of the cover.

Quote from the book By The Sea

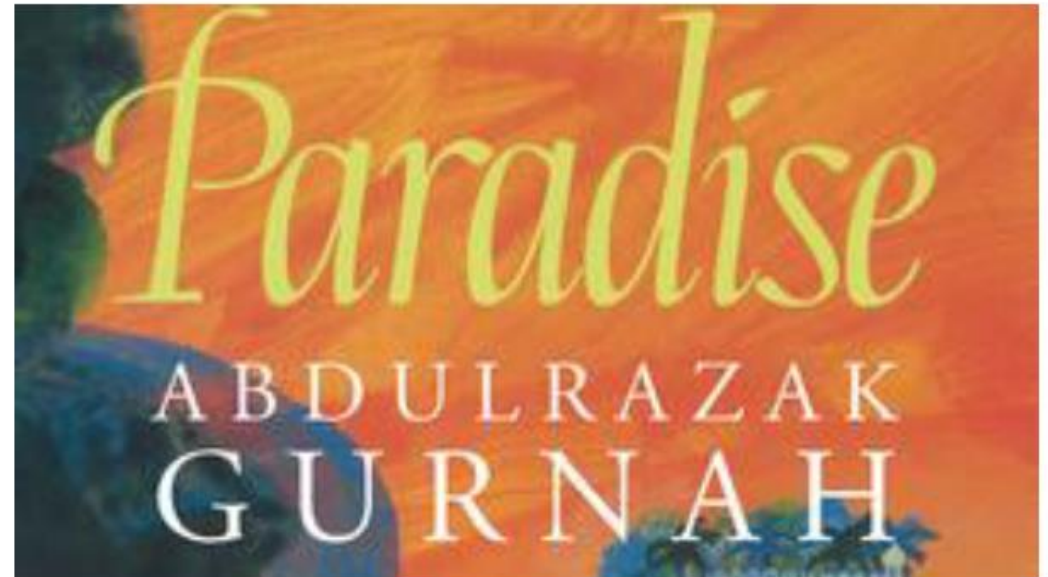
“I speak to maps. And sometimes they something back to me. This is not as strange as it sounds, nor is it an unheard of thing. Before maps, the world was limitless. It was maps that gave it shape and made it seem like territory, like something that could be possessed, not just laid waste and plundered. Maps made places on the edges of the imagination seem graspable and placable.”

— Abdulrazak Gurnah, [By the Sea](#)

Quote from Paradise

“Respect yourself and others will come to respect you. That is true about all of us, but especially true about women. That is the meaning of honour.”

— **Abdulrazak Gurnah**, [Paradise](#)



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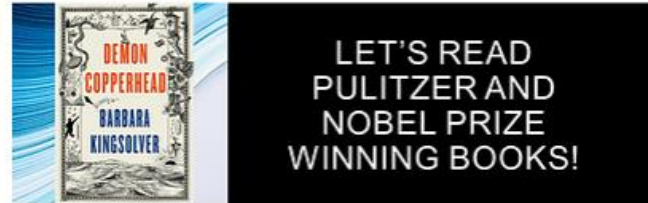
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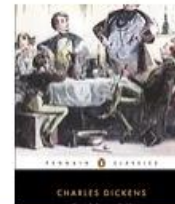
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November 29th

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver, Pulitzer 2023

And...Dicken's David Copperfield, as it was Kingsolver's inspiration. We will read a summary



December's Author