

# International Booker Prize

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**Context-** The 2023 International Booker Prize went to *Time Shelter*, written by Georgi Gospodinov and translated into English by Angela Rodel. This is the first time the annual award has gone to a Bulgarian-language novel.

## **Key Highlights**

- The novel, which came out for the first time in Bulgarian in 2020, is a funny and clever look at how humans are obsessed with the past and the future and what happens when they try to get out of the present.
- A diverse cast of characters in the book seek safety in the enigmatic *Time Shelter*, an underground facility where they can relive their memories or project themselves into various scenarios.
- Some of them are escaping from individual injuries, others are searching for a superior variant of themselves, and some are only inquisitive about the conceivable outcomes of time travel. *Time Shelter*, on the other hand, turns out to be a trap that reveals their deepest fears and desires, as they soon discover.
- Gospodinov and Rodel will share the £50,000 prize cash, which is granted yearly to a book converted into English and distributed in the UK or Ireland.

## **About the International Booker Prize**

- The International Booker Prize is given consistently to an unknown dialect book converted into English and distributed in England or Ireland.
- Since 2016, the prize has honored the work of both the author and the translator in equal measure.
- Short story collections and novels are both eligible.

- Geetanjali Shree's *Tomb of Sand*, translated into English by Daisy Rockwell, received the award the previous year.
- It is distinct from the Booker Prize, which is given to the best English-language fiction work published in the UK and Ireland.
- It has been won by Indian authors like Aravind Adiga and Arundhati Roy in the past.