

Nobel Prize in Literature: Women Winners

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*Note: I have not received all copies of the books I am considering, however I do know which authors we will be covering.

Sigrid Undset. *Kristin Lavransdatter*, vol. I, *The Wreath* (also known as *The Bridal Wreath*).

Nadine Gordimer. (either *The Conservationist* or *The Burger's Daughter*).

Toni Morrison. (either *Tar Baby* or short stories and essays).

Herta Müller. *The Land of Green Plums*.

Alice Munro. (one of the collections of her stories; she is a short-story specialist).

(There may be a few additional short pieces which will be provided by handouts or online.)

I hope to provide thought and discussion questions in advance for each author.

PowerPoint presentations with accompany class discussions & lecture materials.

Lectures will cover material such as a brief biography of the author, her over-all body of work, why so few women received the award, particularly before 1966; 11 women have been awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature since 2024! We will also discuss why the Academy was so reluctant to honor great women writers.