



## Penguin wins Man Booker Prize for Fiction 2006

*London 11 October 2006*, Last night Penguin scooped its third major literary prize of the year as *The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai won the Man Booker Prize for Fiction 2006.

Man Booker success follows wins at the Whitbread Award (Hilary Spurling's biography of Matisse) and The Orange Prize (Zadie Smith's *On Beauty*) for the hardback imprint, Hamish Hamilton and its publishing director, Simon Prosser. It is also the first Penguin Booker winner since Pat Barker's *The Ghost Road*, which won in 1995.

*The Inheritance of Loss*, Kiran Desai's second novel is a radiant, funny and moving family saga and has been described by reviewers as 'the best, sweetest, most delightful novel'. Chairman of the Judges, Hermione Lee commented, "*The Inheritance of Loss* [is] a magnificent novel of humane breadth and wisdom, comic tenderness and powerful political acuteness."

Simon Prosser said, "Kiran is a fantastically talented writer, whose writing resonates with all the forces of our globalising world. She's serious and funny at the same time, and her characters live in the mind long after you finish reading the book. She's also a complete pleasure to be with and work with."

Penguin Books is proud to publish *The Inheritance of Loss* in India and Canada as well as the UK and will sell the book throughout Europe, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the Far East. This win ensures the book will become a bestseller around the globe.

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