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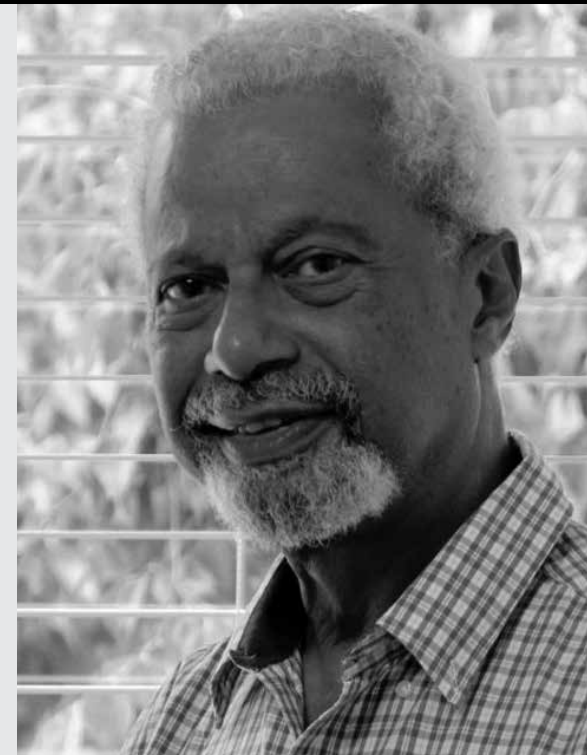
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J.M. Coetzee was born in Cape Town in 1940 and educated at the University of Cape Town and the University of Texas, where he earned his PhD in 1968. During a lengthy academic career, he held professorial appointments at the University of Cape Town and the University of Chicago, as well as visiting appointments at Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, Stanford University, and the Universidad San Martín (Buenos Aires). He has published twenty works of fiction, as well as literary criticism and translations. Among the awards he has won are the Booker Prize (twice) and, in 2003, the Nobel Prize for Literature. He lives in Adelaide, South Australia, where he is Professorial Research Fellow at the University of Adelaide.

Abdulrazak Gurnah was awarded the 2021 Nobel Prize in Literature. He is the author of eleven novels: *Memory of Departure*, *Pilgrims Way*, *Dottie*, *Paradise* (shortlisted for the 1994 Booker Prize and Whitbread Award), *Admiring Silence*, *By the Sea* (Longlisted for the 2021 Booker Prize and Shortlisted for the Los Angeles Times book award), *Desertion* (shortlisted for the Commonwealth Writer's Prize), *The Last Gift*, *Gravel Heart*, and *Afterlives* which was shortlisted for the 2021 Orwell Prize for Political Fiction and longlisted for the Walter Scott Prize, and *Theft*, which came out in 2025. He was Professor of English at the University of Kent and was a Man Booker Prize judge for 2016. He lives in Canterbury.



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