

The Elected Member

1947: One year before the Israeli War of Independence and Palestine is still under the British Mandate. However, young Israelis are flocking to the leadership of Menachim Begin and his Irgun terrorist movement in an attempt to overthrow their rulers. Two British sergeants are kidnapped by the Irgun. They will be executed unless there is a widespread amnesty for the Irgun freedom fighters - and so begins a hunt throughout Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the whole of Palestine to find and liberate the two innocent young men. Based on a true story, THE SERGEANTS' TALE illuminates an historical episode, and also has enormous contemporary poignancy.

First pub. 1983. The story of four generations of the Bindel family. From Imperial Russia in 1825, they head to Western Europe and return to modern Russia. Rubens won the Booker Prize for The elected member.

George Verrey Smith, a suburban teacher, is bored. Bored with his wife, his life, his job. He endures each bleak day with his joyless wife named Joy. The only bright spot in George's life is Sunday. On Sunday George looks his best. On Sunday George dresses up. On Sunday, George becomes Emily. Adorned in his wife's discarded dresses, a blond wig and a slathering of make-up, George feels at ease in drag. It is during a stint as 'Emily' that one of George's colleagues is murdered. George is a prime suspect and must remain in his alter-ego as a genteel older woman to avoid arrest. Will he remain as Emily for the rest of his life? Would he be happy to do so? Booker Prize winner Bernice Ruben's witty and intelligent novel is as entertaining as it is unusual. 'An absorbing book. It's tightly constructed, with a vivid and entertaining plot...Bernice Rubens is capable of powerful writing' - Book World

It is now generally recognized that public sector managers need to be politically sensitive and to have an understanding of the world of politics and politicians. This title presents the views of elected members responsible for public library services and reflects their opinions on the mission, management and organization of public libraries while examining the factors that influence their attitudes and behaviour.

Conventional wisdom has it that the successful functioning of the UN Security Council almost completely depends on the role played by its five permanent members and the extent to which they can agree—or avoid to fundamentally disagree—on the many issues on the Council's agenda. But the Council also consists of ten non-permanent or elected members who represent five different regions of the world, and who, though not vested with the right of veto, play an indispensable role in Council decision-making. This book aims to take a closer look at that role.

A novel based loosely on the life of the Turkish-born 17th-century Jew, Shabbatai Zevi. Hailed as the Messiah, forced to convert to Islam, five times married, he is an eccentric and exotic character. In 1970 the author won the Booker Prize for her fourth novel, The Elected Member.

Norman is the clever one of a close-knit Jewish family in the East End of London. Infant prodigy; brilliant barrister; the apple of his parents' eyes . . . until at forty-one he becomes a drug addict, confined to his bedroom, at the mercy of his hallucinations and paranoia. For Norman, his committal to a mental hospital represents the ultimate act of betrayal. For Rbbi Zweck, Norman's father, his son's deterioration is a bitter reminder of his own guilt and failure. Only Bella, the unmarried sister, still in her childhood white

ankle socks, can reach across the abyss of pain to bring father and son the elusive peace which they both desperately crave.

Madame Sousatzka is a gifted piano teacher who specializes in child prodigies and hosts her lessons in the dilapidated London home she shares with three other eccentrics: a 'countess' in retirement, a gay osteopath, and a 'woman-of-the-evening'. Madame Sousatzka's newest student is an astonishing talent, and in her hands, the new boy will blossom into musical genius. But the public cannot hear him yet: until his debut he belongs to Sousatzka and her bizarre hot-house tenants. One day he will be a great pianist - until that day he must play only for Sousatzka ... This moving and entertaining novel by Booker Prize-winning author Bernice Rubens was adapted into the 1988 film starring Shirley MacLaine. 'A story of delectable charm and wit.

Passionate, comical, touchingly unaware of oddity, Madame Sousatzka is Ms Rubens' most engaging creation, inimitable and unforgettable.'-The Times

The killer's modus operandi is the same in each instance: strangulation, always with a guitar string, pulled tight from behind until life is taken. And though the murders are taking place up and down country, there is one other similarity that Inspector Wilkins can't help noticing. Each and every victim is a psychotherapist . . . Donald Dorricks is on a mission. Nine psychotherapists to go and his crusade is complete. Yet even after giving himself up and confessing to the killings, he still protests his innocence. And just as Inspector Wilkins struggles to catch the killer, Dorricks' wife Verine attempts to understand the reasoning behind the murders . . .

At 'The Hollyhocks' old people's home, the inhabitants are 'waiting for the scythe'. But while they are waiting...Lady Celia is running a blackmailing business on the side, Mr Cross keeps a tally of fellow residents' deaths on the back of his wardrobe, and then there is the rabid old Scots nationalist, and Mrs Green, a woman with a mysterious past. Hardly surprising in this environment that Mrs Bellamy decides she can't take any more and slits her throat. When Matron hushes it up because it would be bad for business, Lady Celia sees an opportunity to expand her blackmailing operation. Meanwhile two new incomers disturb the life of the home further; Mrs Feinberg, a sprightly Jewish woman of whom the other residents are immediately suspicious, and the elegant Mr Rufus. Hidden pasts, unusual sexual preferences and wickedly dark humour are mixed to delicious effect in Bernice Rubens' wonderful new novel.

It's the year 2185, and in two weeks, Aloy will turn eighteen and take her father's place as president of the country. But to do so, she must masquerade as a boy to avoid violating the Eco-Accords, four treaties designed to bring the world back from the brink of environmental extinction. Aloy hopes to govern like her father, but she is inheriting a different country. The long concealed Technology Faction is stepping out of the shadows, and as turmoil grows within her country, cryptic threats also arrive from beyond their borders. As she struggles to lead, Aloy maintains her cover by marrying a woman, meanwhile battling feelings for the boy who knows her secret--the boy who is somehow connected to her country's recent upheaval. When assassination attempts add to the turmoil, Aloy doesn't

know whom to trust. She understood leadership required sacrifice. She just didn't realize the sacrifice might be her life.

Jack has been unfaithful, and Ruth also tries adultery, but doesn't like it - all she wants to do is repair their marriage. Then, on a free trip to South Africa they find, as pawns in life's great chess game, that nothing is as they expect. The author won the Booker Prize for *The Elected Member*.

Norman is the clever one of a close-knit Jewish family in the East End of London. Infant prodigy; brilliant barrister; the apple of his parents' eyes... until at forty-one he becomes a drug addict, confined to his bedroom, at the mercy of his hallucinations and paranoia. For Norman, his committal to a mental hospital represents the ultimate act of betrayal. For Rabbi Zweck, Norman's father, his son's deterioration is a bitter reminder of his own guilt and failure. Only Bella, the unmarried sister, still in her childhood white ankle socks, can reach across the abyss of pain to bring father and son the elusive peace which they both desperately crave.

A Booker Prize runner up. Miss Hawkins looked at her watch. It was 2.30. If everything went to plan, she would be dead by six o'clock. But instead, having been sentenced to live, she embarked on a mission to taste life's secret pleasures. The author won the Booker Prize for *The Elected Member*.

A story which attempts to capture the fierce heat of the Italian landscape as well as the rhythm of London days and evenings. The author is also known for her novels *The Elected Member*, *Kingdom Come* and *Five Year Sentence*.

Luke Wakefield's life is one of catastrophe. Then one day a new kind of disaster occurs, when the man in front of him in the Post Office queue drops dead. Wakefield launches a crusade in search of truth and justice, with hilarious results. The author won the Booker Prize for *The Elected Member*.

Annotation pending.

Winner of the 2004 Man Booker Prize and a finalist for the Lambda Literary Award and the NBCC award. From Alan Hollinghurst, the acclaimed author of *The Sparsholt Affair*, *The Line of Beauty* is a sweeping novel about class, sex, and money during four extraordinary years of change and tragedy. In the summer of 1983, twenty-year-old Nick Guest moves into an attic room in the Notting Hill home of the Feddens: conservative Member of Parliament Gerald, his wealthy wife Rachel, and their two children, Toby-whom Nick had idolized at Oxford-and Catherine, who is highly critical of her family's assumptions and ambitions. As the boom years of the eighties unfold, Nick, an innocent in the world of politics and money, finds his life altered by the rising fortunes of this glamorous family. His two vividly contrasting love affairs, one with a young black clerk and one with a Lebanese millionaire, dramatize the dangers and rewards of his own private pursuit of beauty, a pursuit as compelling to Nick as the desire for power and riches among his friends. Richly textured, emotionally charged, disarmingly comic, this is a major work by one of our finest writers.

Sir Alfred Dreyfus is in jail, innocent of the charges against him, guilty of a lifetime of denial. Headmaster of one of Britain's most prestigious schools, knighted for his services to education, he has built a distinguished career whilst carefully concealing his Jewish roots. When he is falsely imprisoned for a horrific crime, he realises it is not just his enemies who have difficulty with his identity.

[Copyright: a36f4b0bdea332c5897c3fc43a6f98f3](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/111111111-The-Elected-Member)