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## Prize



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Japanese author Haruki Murakami has been awarded the prestigious Premi Internacional Catalunya 2011 at a ceremony in Barcelona.

The jury of the prize decided by absolute majority to award the [23th Premi Internacional Catalunya 2011](#) to writer **Haruki Murakami**.

The Premi Internacional Catalunya, awarded by the Generalitat of Catalonia, is endowed with an award of 80,000 euros and the sculpture La clau i la lletra (The key and the Letter) by Antoni Tàpies. It is awarded annually to any person whose creative work has made a significant contribution to the development of cultural, scientific or human values anywhere in the world.

The president of the Generalitat, Artur Mas, presented the award to Murakami during a ceremony at the Palau de la Generalitat in Barcelona on 9th June.

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Murakami's acceptance speech was widely reported in the international press:

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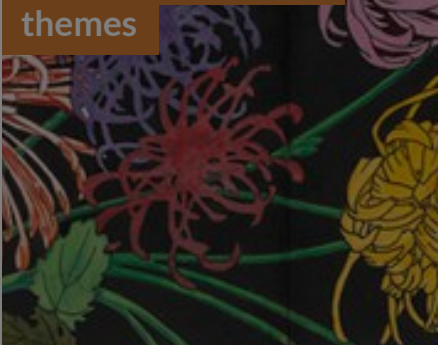
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