

Press Release

The Duff Cooper Prize, awarded Thursday 26 February 2004

The 48th Duff Cooper Prize was awarded last night to Anne Applebaum, for her book *Gulag: A History of the Soviet Camps*, published by Penguin. She was chosen from a shortlist of six, the other contenders being

Kate Colquhoun	<i>A Thing in Disguise: A Life of Joseph Paxton</i>	4 th Estate
Norman Davies	<i>Rising '44: The Battle for Warsaw</i>	Macmillan
Roy Foster	<i>Yeats vol II: The Arch Poet</i>	Oxford U. Press
Adrian Hartley	<i>The Zanzibar Chest</i>	HarperCollins
Hilary Mantel	<i>Giving up the Ghost: A Memoir</i>	4 th Estate

At a party given in the Great Room of King's College, London, the historian Antony Beevor presented Anne Applebaum with the Prize: a cheque for £3,000 and a first edition copy of Duff Cooper's autobiography, *Old Men Forget*. Antony Beevor described *Gulag* as 'a tour de force of scholarship, judgement and humanity'.

Among the 350 guests, who celebrated the winner with Moët & Chandon champagne, were Joanna Lumley, David Attenborough, Bamber Gascoigne, Mollie Dineen and William Sieghart, as well as H.E. the Spanish Ambassador, the Marques de Tamarón. There were also numerous writers, biographers and historians including Humphrey Carpenter, Sarah Bradford, Anne Chisholm, Leonie Frieda, Philip Ziegler, Dr David Starkey, Hugo Vickers, Adam Zamoyski, Piers Paul Read, Sybille Bedford, and Frieda Hughes.