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We have just seen in the March 21st issue of the BOOK SELLER the novels that have been short listed for the Booker prize. We have, in fact, had two (2) of these in stock previously but have now sold them out.

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