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Isaac Singer wins Nobel Prize for Literature

STOCKHOLM, Oct 5.—Polish-born Isaac Bashevis Singer today won the 1978 Nobel prize for literature 'for his impassioned narrative art which with roots in a Polish-Jewish cultural tradition, brings universal human conditions to life, reports AFP.

Mr. Singer, 74, went to the United States in 1934. Among his most recent works are the 'Manor' (1967), the 'Seanca' (1968) and 'The Estate' 1969).

Also recent are 'A friend of Kafka and other stories' (1970) 'Enemies' (1972), 'A love story' (72) and 'A crown of feathers' (74).

This year's prizes worth 725,000 Swedish crowns (169,000 dollars) 25,000 crowns more than last year.

The prize money will be awarded in a solemn ceremony here on December 10, the anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite and founder of the coveted awards.

The winners of this year's Nobel prizes in the sciences and economics—to be announced in the coming two weeks, will also pick up their prizes then.

Mr. Singer, who was born at Radzymin, Poland, has regularly serialized his stories in the Jewish Daily Forward, a New York based newspaper.

He generally writes in Yiddish, a dialect of German spoken chiefly by Jews in eastern Europe and in areas to which eastern Jews have migrated.

In the current edition of the International Who's Who Mr. Singer lists his leisure interest as 'walking in the bad air of New York City.'