Meet Barnes the Booker prizewinner

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There is no greater achievement for a novelist in Britain than winning the Man Booker prize. After being shortlisted three times, Julian Barnes finally won the big one this year with his acute, intriguing and poignant *The Sense of an Ending.* (As soon as you finish it, you want to re-read it. Two books for the price of one!))

He has largely withdrawn from public events but has decided to devote the evening of Thursday 8 December to talking about this book in order to raise funds for his pet charity Freedom from Torture. I'm spreading the word here because he is a very good friend, a very good blind taster, and has one of the best cellars I know. So he is very sympathetic to lovers of good wine.

The event will be held from 7.30 pm at The Institute of Engineering and Technology, 2 Savoy Place, London WC2, and Julian will be discussing the book with his friend (and co-presenter of a series of programmes on BBC Radio 4) Professor Hermione Lee. This is a rare chance to buy this book and have it signed by the author.

Every penny raised, both through ticket and book sales, will go to the admirable Freedom from Torture, which does such valuable work helping victims of torture.

WHAT An evening with Booker prizewinner Julian Barnes and Professor Hermione Lee discussing the winning book *The Sense of an Ending*

WHEN 7.30 pm, Thursday 8 December

WHERE The Institute of Engineering and Technology, 2 Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL

HOW MUCH £18 per ticket

HOW Book online here