

The American Library in Paris

The 2015 Book Award Shortlist



Five books have been selected for the 2015 American Library in Paris Book Award:

The Marquis: Lafayette Reconsidered, by Laura Auricchio. (Knopf)

The Other Americans in Paris: Businessmen, Countesses, Wayward Youth 1880-1941, by Nancy L. Green. (University of Chicago Press)

Fatal Isolation: The Devastating Paris Heat Wave of 2003, by Richard C. Keller. (University of Chicago Press)

In Montmartre: Picasso, Matisse, and Modernism in Paris, 1900-1910, by Sue Roe. (Penguin/Fig Tree)

When Paris Went Dark: The City of Light Under German Occupation 1940-1944, by Ronald Rosbottom. (Little, Brown)

The annual Book Award and \$5,000 prize honors the most distinguished book of the year, written in English, about France or the French-American encounter. The Book Award is made possible by a generous gift from the Florence Gould Foundation.

The shortlist and the choice of the winning book is now in the hands of the award jury, in 2015 consisting of **Laura Furman**, the chair, editor of the O. Henry Prize Stories since 2002; novelist and biographer **Lily Tuck**, winner of the National Book Award in Fiction; and political scientist **Fredrik Logevall**, author of *Embers of War*, winner of the first American Library in Paris Book Award in 2013, who is joining the faculty of Harvard University this fall.

Their choice of the winning book will be announced in November in the presence of the author at a ceremony in Paris.

All the submissions for the Book Award are listed on these pages and are now in the American Library's circulating collection and available for checkout by members. The shortlisted books, if not checked out, can be found on display near the entrance of the Library.

Michaël Abecassis **French Cinema in Close-up:**
La Vie d'un acteur pour moi (Phaeton Publishing)

Laura Auricchio **The Marquis:** *Lafayette Reconsidered*
(Knopf)

PJ Adams **Intoxicating Southern France:**
Uncorking the Magic in the French Riviera, Provence, Languedoc, Dordogne, and Bordeaux
(Wandering Trail Media)

Elizabeth Bard **Picnic in Provence:** *A Tale of Love in France, with Recipes* (Little, Brown)

John Baxter **Five Nights in Paris:** *After Dark in the City of Light* (HarperPerennial)

William Alexander **Flirting with French:**
How a Language Charmed Me, Seduced Me, and Nearly Broke My Heart (Algonquin Books)

Elizabeth Berg **The Dream Lover** (Random House)

Ray Argyle **The Paris Game:** *Charles de Gaulle, the Liberation of Paris, and the Gamble that Won France*
(Dundurn)

Kate Betts **My Paris Dream:** *An Education in Style, Slang, and Seduction in the Great City on the Seine*
(Spiegel & Grau)

- Raymond Blake **Breakfast in Burgundy**: A Hungry Irishman in the Belly of France (Skyhorse Publishing)
- Heidi Brevik-Zender **Fashioning Spaces**: Mode and Modernity in Late-Nineteenth-Century Paris (University of Toronto Press)
- Jonathyne Briggs **Sounds French**: Globalization, Cultural Communities, and Pop Music, 1958-1980 (Oxford University Press)
- Carole Bumpus **A Cup of Redemption**: A Novel (SheWrites Press)
- Sharon Cameron **Rook** (Scholastic)
- James Cannon **The Paris Zone**: A Cultural History, 1840-1944 (Ashgate)
- Douglass Carver **Harvard Volunteers in World War I**: One Hundred Years After (CreateSpacePublishing)
- Helen Castor **Joan of Arc**: A History (Faber & Faber)
- Kimberley Chrisman-Campbell **Fashion Victims**: Dress at the Court of Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette (Yale University Press)
- Tim Clayton **Waterloo**: Four Days that Changed Europe's Destiny (Little, Brown)
- Elizabeth Cooke **There's a Small Hotel** (Abbot Press)
- Vanessa Couchman **The House at Zaronza**: A Tale of Corsica (Crooked Cat Publishing)
- Robert Darnton **Censors at Work**: How States Shaped Literature (Norton)
- Chris Dickon **Americans at War in Foreign Forces**: A History, 1914-1945 (McFarlane)
- David Downie **A Passion for Paris**: Romanticism and Romance in the City of Light (St Martin's)
- Don Doyle **The Cause of All Nations**: An International History of the American Civil War (Basic Books)
- Allison Drew **We are No Longer in France**: Communists in Colonial Algeria (Manchester University Press)
- Kathleen Benner Duble **Madame Tussaud's Apprentice**: An Untold Story of Love in the French Revolution (Merit Press)
- David Ebsworth **The Last Campaign of Marianne Tambour**: A Novel of Waterloo (Silverwood Books)
- Carl J. Ekberg & Sharon K. Person **St. Louis Rising**: The French Regime of Louis St. Ange de Bellerive (University of Illinois Press)
- Nina Wolff Feld **Someday You Will Understand**: My Father's Private WW II (Arcade Publishing)
- Ranulph Fiennes **Agincourt**: My Family, the Battle and the Fight for France (Hodder & Stoughton)
- Mary Fleming **Someone Else** (Rupicapra & Co)
- Thomas R. Flynn **Sartre**: A Philosophical Biography (Cambridge University Press)
- Leona Francombe **Sage of Waterloo**: A Tale (Norton)
- Eric Freeze **Hemingway on a Bike** (University of Nebraska Press)
- Francois Furstenberg **When the United States Spoke French**: Five Refugees Who Shaped a Nation (Penguin US)
- Rhonda K. Garelick **Mademoiselle**: Coco Chanel and the Pulse of History (Random House)
- Maureen Gibbon **Paris Red**: (Norton)
- David Gilman **Defiant Unto Death** (Head of Zeus)
- Phyllis Gobbell **Pursuit in Provence**: A Jordan Mayfair Mystery (Cengage Gale)
- Gloria Goldreich **The Bridal Chair** (Sourcebooks)
- Nancy Goldstone **The Rival Queens**: Catherine de' Medici, Her Daughter Marguerite de Valois, and the Betrayal that Ignited a Kingdom (Little, Brown)

- David Green **The Hundred Years War: A People's History** (Yale University Press)
- Roxanne Lowit **Yves Saint Laurent: Photographs** (Thames & Hudson)
- Nancy Green **The Other Americans in Paris: Businessmen, Countesses, Wayward Youth, 1880-1941** (University Of Chicago Press)
- Patrick McGuinness **Poetry and Radical Politics in Fin de Siècle France: From Anarchism to Action française** (Oxford University Press)
- Peter Grose **The Greatest Escape: How One French Community Saved Thousands of Lives from the Nazis** (Nicholas Brealey)
- Stanley Meisler **Shocking Paris: Soutine, Chagall and the Outsiders of Montparnasse** (Palgrave Macmillan)
- Anita Guerrini **The Courtiers' Anatomists: Animals and Humans in Louis XIV's Paris** (University Of Chicago Press)
- John Merriman **Massacre: The Life and Death of the Paris Commune** (Basic Books)
- Mireille Guiliano **Meet Paris Oyster: A Love Affair with the Perfect Food** (Grand Central Life & Style)
- Ian Moore **C'est Modnifique!: Adventures of an English Grump in Rural France** (Summersdale)
- Sheila Hancock **Miss Carter's War** (Bloomsbury)
- Caroline Moorehead **Village of Secrets: Defying the Nazis in Vichy France** (Chatto & Windus)
- Kristin Hannah **The Nightingale** (St Martin's Press)
- Jan Moran **Scent of Triumph: A Novel of Perfume and Passion** (St Martin's Press)
- Kristen Harnisch **Vintner's Daughter: A Novel** (SheWrites Press)
- Miranda Richmond Mouillot **A Fifty-Year Silence: Love, War, and a Ruined House in France** (Crown)
- Kathryn Harrison **Joan of Arc: A Life Transfigured** (Doubleday)
- Nikki Moustaki **The Bird Market of Paris: A Memoir** (Henry Holt & Co.)
- Marius Hentea **TaTa Dada: The Real Life and Celestial Adventures of Tristan Tzara** (MIT Press)
- Alix Nichols **What if it's Love?: Bistro La Boheme Series, book 1** (CreateSpacePublishing)
- Rachel Hore **A Week in Paris** (Simon & Schuster)
- Peter Joffre Nye **The Fast Times of Albert Champion: From Record-Setting Racer to Dashing Tycoon, An Untold Story of Speed, Success, and Betrayal** (Prometheus Books)
- Marie Houzelle **Tita** (Summertime Publications)
- Celia Imrie **Not Quite Nice** (Bloomsbury)
- Paul O'Keefe **Waterloo: The Aftermath** (The Bodley Head)
- Gary Inbinder **The Devil in Montmartre: A Mystery in Fin de Siècle Paris** (Pegasus)
- David R. Poe **French Kisses** (Serving House Books)
- Colin Jones **The Smile Revolution In Eighteenth Century Paris** (Oxford University Press)
- Munro Price **Napoleon: The End of Glory** (Oxford University Press)
- Richard C. Keller **Fatal Isolation: The Devastating Paris Heat Wave of 2003** (University of Chicago Press)
- Diane Ratican **Why LA? Pourquoi Paris?: An Artistic Pairing of Two Iconic Cities** (Benna Books)
- Benedict Leca **The World is an Apple: The Still Lifes of Paul Cezanne** (D. Giles Ltd)
- Andrew Roberts **Napoleon The Great** (Allen Lane)

- Imogen Roberts **The Paris Winter** (St Martins Press)
- Mara Rockliff **Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France** (Candlewick Press)
- Sue Roe **In Montmartre: Picasso, Matisse and Modernism in Paris, 1900-1910** (Penguin/Fig Tree)
- Ronald Rosbottom **When Paris Went Dark: The City of Light Under German Occupation, 1940-1944** (Little, Brown)
- Cheryl Sawyer **Murder at Cirey: A Victor Constant Investigation** (CreateSpacePublishing)
- Meryle Secrest **Elsa Schiaparelli: A Biography** (Knopf)
- T. Denean Sharpley-Whiting **Bricktop's Paris: African American Women in Paris Between the Two World Wars** (SUNY Press)
- Rebecca Sherm **Unbecoming: A Novel** (Viking)
- Brendan Simms **The Longest Afternoon: The 400 Men Who Decided the Battle of Waterloo** (Allen Lane & Basic Books)
- Johanna Skibsrud **Quartet for the End of Time:** (Norton)
- Christine Sneed **Paris, He Said** (Bloomsbury)
- Karen Stephen **Mother Tongue: Lingua Corsa** (Doc Flamingo Publishers)
- Ellen Sussman **Wedding in Provence: A Novel** (Ballantine Books)
- Andrew Taylor **The Silent Boy** (HarperCollins)
- Christopher Thomas **Paris, City of Light** (Prestel)
- Dana Thomas **Gods and Kings: The Rise and Fall of Alexander McQueen and John Galliano** (Penguin US)
- Susan Tiberghien **Side by Side: Writing your Love Story** (Red Lotus Studio Press)
- Rose Tremain **The American Lover: And Other Stories** (Norton)
- Samantha Vérant **Seven Letters from Paris: A Memoir** (Sourcebooks)
- Susan Vreeland **Lisette's List: A Novel** (Spiegel & Grau)
- Christopher Ward **Mac on the Road to Marseille** (Dundurn Press)
- Heather Webb **Rodin's Lover** (Plume)
- Robert Wheeler **Hemingway's Paris: A Writer's City in Words and Images** (Yucca Publishing)
- Francelle Bradford White **Andree's War: How One Young Woman Outwitted the Nazis** (Elliott & Thompson)
- Barney White-Spunner **Of Living Valour: The Story of the Soldiers of Waterloo** (Simon & Schuster)
- Chelsea Quinn Yarbo **Sustenance: A Novel of the Count Saint-Germain** (Tor Books)
- Adam Zamoyski **Phantom Terror: The Threat of Revolution and the Repression of Liberty 1789-1848** (William Collins)