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The 2018 Book Award Winner

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The 2018 American Library in Paris Book Award goes to Julian Jackson



Congratulations to Julian Jackson, the sixth winner of The American Library in Paris Book Award for his outstanding biography, [A Certain Idea of France: The Life of Charles de Gaulle](#).

The jury, comprised of David Bellos, Diane Johnson, and Pierre Assouline, credited *A Certain Idea of France* as a triumph of scholarship and thoughtfulness:

With this magnificent biography of the strongest and most

The American Library in Paris Book Award is given annually to an exceptional book written in English about France or the French.

Previous Winners:

David Bellos

[The Novel of the Century: The Extraordinary Adventures of Les Misérables](#)

Ethan B. Katz

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Robert Harris

[An Officer and a Spy: A Novel](#)

Fredrik Logevall

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[Vietnam](#)

with this magnificent biography of the strangest and most significant figure to mark French history in the twentieth century, Julian Jackson confirms his already important place in the great Anglo-American tradition of French historiography, alongside Richard Cobb, Theodore Zeldin, and Philip Nord.

Jackson's book is a masterpiece of historical writing that provides an intimate portrait of an unusual man, a profound reflection on the history of France, and a gripping, stylish narrative at the same time. It is hard to imagine any other work being more worthy of the American Library's annual book award.

Jackson accepted the prize at a reception in front of an audience of the Library's most committed supporters at the George C. Marshall Center on Thursday 8 November. A photo gallery of the event is available [here](#).



The Library prize recognizes the most distinguished book of the year, written and published in English, about France or the French. The award is open to all genres. This year 76 entries were submitted by authors and publishers.

We are now welcoming submissions for the 2019 Book Award. Nominated books must be scheduled for publication between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.

Please see the [Library website](#) for further details and for the [submission form](#).

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