

Announcing the 2025 American Library in Paris Book Award Longlist



The Book Award celebrates outstanding works of literature, both fiction and nonfiction, that draw on France as a timeless source of inspiration.

Created in 2013, the Book Award builds on the Library's century-long tradition of bringing France, its culture, and history into dialogue with the wider world. The Award is open to books in all genres, originally published in English. The 2025 longlist features 8 titles, from captivating biographies to spellbinding novels:



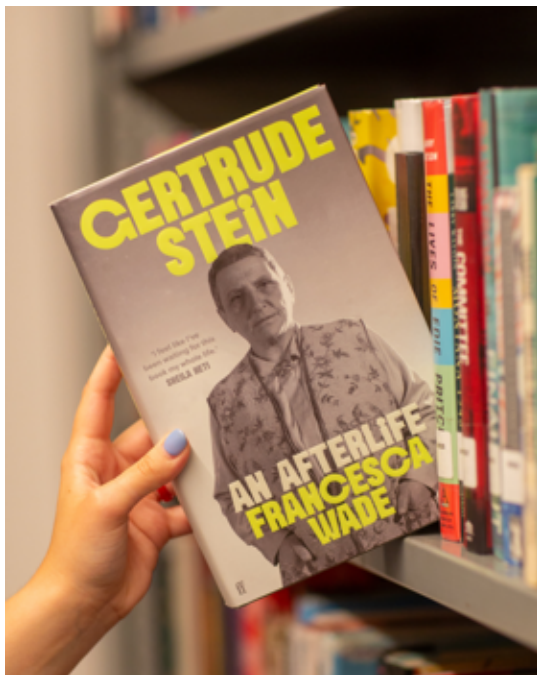
Isola by Allegra Goodman

A young woman and her lover are marooned on an island in this epic saga of love, faith, and defiance set in 16th-century France.



The Art Spy by Michelle Young

An unlikely heroine infiltrates the Nazi leadership during World War II in Paris to save the world's most treasured masterpieces.



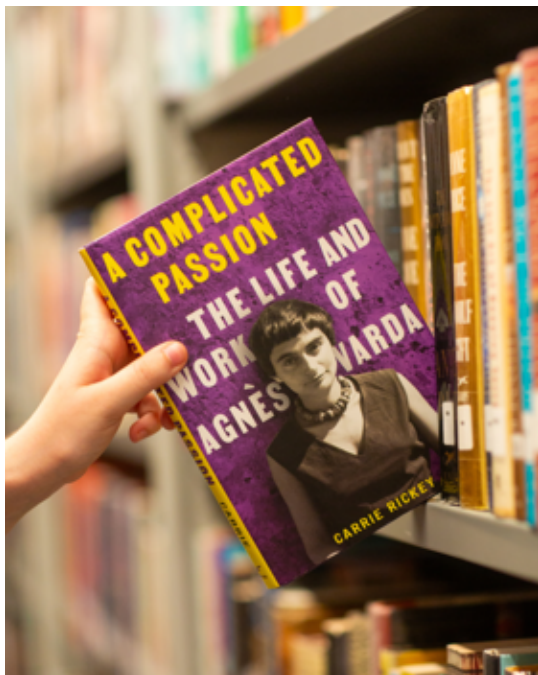
Gertrude Stein: An Afterlife by Francesca Wade

A biography as unconventional as the life it tells, this literary detective story delves into the creation of the Stein myth.



Wild Thing: A Life of Paul Gauguin by Sue Prideaux

An original and revealing portrait of the misunderstood French Post-Impressionist artist.



A Complicated Passion: The Life and Work of Agnès Varda by Carrie Rickey

The first major biography of the French New Wave filmmaker hailed as “one of the Gods of Cinema” by Martin Scorsese.



Creation Lake by Rachel Kushner

A seductive and cunning American woman infiltrates an anarchist collective in France in this propulsive page-turner.



Paris Undercover by Matthew Goodman

Two women in Nazi-occupied Paris create a daring escape line that rescues dozens of Allied servicemen.



The Elements of Marie Curie by Dava Sobel

A luminous chronicle on the most famous woman in the history of science, and the many young women trained in her laboratory.

Stay tuned for the announcement of the shortlist in September!

More about the 2025 Book Award



**Join us at
the 2025 American Library in Paris Book Award Ceremony**

The winner of the 2025 Book Award will be announced at a ceremony in Paris in November, in a special evening that brings together writers, readers, and champions of the Library. Invitations are extended to our Folio Society donor program. [Join us today](#) to secure your place at one of our most anticipated events of the year.



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