

## PRESENTING THE 2026 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.

PARIS, FRANCE. 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. It is open to books in all genres, originally published in English. We are proud to present the 2026 longlist.

***Baldwin: A Love Story*** by Nicholas Boggs  
(Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

***Becoming George: The Invention of George Sand***  
by Fiona Sampson  
(W. W. Norton)

***First Emancipation: The Forgotten History of Abolition in Revolutionary France*** by Jeremy D. Popkin  
(Princeton University Press)

***Fractured France: A Journey through a Divided Nation***  
by Andrew Hussey  
(Granta Books)

***Hotel Exile: Paris in the Shadow of War***  
by Jane Rogoyska  
(Allen Lane)

***My Year in Paris with Gertrude Stein: A Fiction***  
by Deborah Levy  
(Hamish Hamilton)

***Riverwork*** by Lisa Robertson  
(Coach House Books)

***Rousseau's Lost Children*** by Gavin McCrea  
(John Murray)

***The Typewriter and the Guillotine: An American Journalist, a German Serial Killer, and Paris on the Eve of WWII*** by Mark Braude  
(Grand Central Publishing)

***A Vast Horizon: Artists and Lovers, Freedom and War***  
by Anna Thomasson  
(Picador)



The shortlist will be revealed in September, and the winner will be announced at a ceremony in Paris in November. The 2026 laureate will be selected by an independent jury chaired by last year's winner, Sue Prideaux, with fellow jurors Molly Ringwald and Dan Jones.

## About The American Library in Paris

The American Library in Paris is the largest English-language lending Library on the European continent, with a print collection of over 100,000 volumes. Since its establishment in 1920, the Library has been a meeting place for internationals and locals alike seeking to broaden their horizons and nurture their imagination. Every year, hundreds of events, lectures, and workshops bring together leaders in literature, arts, politics, and philosophy at the Library. Through its fellowships and social impact programs, the Library also supports emerging artists and young writers in their creative pursuits.

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