

PRESENTING THE 2026 AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS BOOK AWARD SHORTLIST

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 shortlist.

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

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)

An advisory screening panel chaired by **John Burnham Schwartz** selected the shortlist from a longlist of ten titles, which was announced in June 2026. The winning title will be selected by an independent jury and announced at a ceremony in November.

The 2026 American Library Book Award Jury in charge of selecting the winning title consists of:

Sue Prideaux (Jury Chair), author of *Wild Thing: A Life of Paul Gauguin*, winner of the 2025 American Library in Paris Book Award, and named one of the best books of 2025 by the *New York Times*, the *New Yorker*, *Vogue*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. She is also the author of the award-winning biographies *Edvard Munch: Behind the Scream*, *Strindberg: A Life*, and *I Am Dynamite! A Life of Friedrich Nietzsche*.

Molly Ringwald, author of two bestselling books, *Getting the Pretty Back* and *When It Happens to You*, and translator of the award-winning and bestselling novels *Lie With Me* by Philippe Besson and *My Cousin Maria Schneider* by Vanessa Schneider.

Dan Jones, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Templars*, *Henry V*, *The Plantagenets*, *Powers & Thrones*, and the acclaimed *Essex Dogs* novel trilogy, and writer and presenter of the popular weekly Sony Music Entertainment podcast *This Is History*.



About The American Library in Paris

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