

2026 PROSE All Award Winners

Finalists presented in alphabetical order

Biological and Life Sciences

Biology (includes Animal Science and Botany)

Category Winner

Insect Ecomorphology: Linking Functional Insect Morphology to Ecology and Evolution by Oliver Betz

Elsevier Inc.

Finalists

Doctors by Nature: How Ants, Apes, and Other Animals Heal Themselves by Jaap De Roode

Princeton University Press

The Life Machines: How Taking Care of Your Mitochondria Can Transform Your Health by Dr. Daria Mochly-Rosen and Emanuel Rosen/Maria Espinosa

Simon and Schuster

Biomedicine and Neuroscience (includes biochemistry and biophysics)

Category Winner

Brave Genomes: Microbial Genome Plasticity in the Face of Environmental Challenge by Silvia Bulgheresi

Elsevier Inc.

Finalists

Imaging Neuroscience by Stephen Smith

The MIT Press

What We Value: The Neuroscience of Choice and Change by Emily Falk

W. W. Norton & Company

Clinical Medicine

Category Winner

Slip: Life in the Middle of Eating Disorder Recovery by Mallery Tenore Tarpley Edited by Emily Graff

Simon and Schuster

Finalists

Procedures in Cosmetic Dermatology: Cosmetic Procedures in Skin of Color by Andrew F. Alexis

Elsevier Inc.

Deciding with Children in Pediatrics: Children's Participation in Healthcare Decision-Making by John Massie, Georgina Hall, and Lynn Gillam

Elsevier Inc.

Clinical Psychology and Psychiatry

Category Winner

Waves of Hope: Personal Stories of ECT by George Kirov

Cambridge University Press

Finalists

An EMDR Therapy Primer: From Practicum to Practice, 4e by Barbara J. Hensley, EdD

Springer Publishing

Nursing & Allied Health Services

Category Winner

Environmental Health: Foundations for Public Health by Natalie Sampson, PhD, MPH, Lindsay Tallon, PhD, MSPH, CPH, and Natasha DeJarnett, PhD, MPH, BCES

Springer Publishing

Finalists

Clinical Nursing Skills and Techniques, 11th Edition by Anne G. Perry, RN, MSN, EdD, FAAN, Patricia A. Potter, RN, MSN, PhD, FAAN, Wendy R. Ostendorf, RN, MS, EdD, CNE, and Nancy Laplante, PhD, RN

Elsevier

Humanities

Art Exhibitions

Category Winner

Wifredo Lam: When I Don't Sleep, I Dream by Beverly Adams and Christophe Cherix

The Museum of Modern Art

Finalists

Jack Whitten: The Messenger Edited by Michelle Kuo

The Museum of Modern Art

Queer Lens: A History of Photography by Paul Martineau, Ryan Linkof, Jordan Bear, Ken Gonzales-Day, and Alexis Bard Johnson

J. Paul Getty Museum

Art History and Criticism

Category Winner

Inside Abstraction: Interpreting Inka Visual Culture by Carolyn Dean

University of Texas Press

Finalists

Cubism and Reality: Braque, Picasso, Gris by Christopher Green

Bloomsbury

Biography and Autobiography

Category Winner

When Charlie Met Joan: The Tragedy of the Chaplin Trials and the Failings of American Law by Diane Kiesel

University of Michigan Press

Finalists

Tell Her Story: Eleanor Bumpurs & the Police Killing That Galvanized New York City by LaShawn Harris

Beacon Press

To Save and to Destroy: Writing as an Other by Viet Thanh Nguyen

The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press

Biological Anthropology, Archeology and Ancient History

Category Winner

Nature's Greatest Success: How Plants Evolved to Exploit Humanity by Robert N. Spengler III

University of California Press

Finalists

Native America: The Story of the First Peoples by Kenneth L. Feder

Princeton University Press

Classics

Category Winner

The World of Homer: Archaeology, Social Memory, and the Emergence of Greek Epic Poetry by Michael B. Cosmopoulos

Cambridge University Press

Finalists

Cicero: The Man and His Works by Andrew R. Dyck

Cambridge University Press

Translating Virgil: A Cultural History of the Western Tradition from the Eleventh Century to the Present by Susanna Morton Braund

Cambridge University Press

European History

Category Winner

Watching the Jackals: Prague's Covert Liaisons with Cold War Terrorists and Revolutionaries by Daniela Richterova

Georgetown University Press

Finalists

All Consuming: Germans, Jews, and the Meaning of Meat by John M. Efron

Stanford University Press

The Intellectual Origins of American Slavery: English Ideas in the Early Modern Atlantic World by John Samuel Harpham

Harvard University Press

Language and Linguistics

Category Winner

The Language Work of Speechwriters by Gwynne Mapes

Cambridge University Press

Finalists

Empanadas, Pupusas, and Greens on the Side: Language and Latinidad in the Nation's Capital
by Amelia Tseng

Georgetown University Press

Lost in Automatic Translation: Navigating Life in English in the Age of Language Technologies
by Vered Shwartz

Cambridge University Press

Literature

Category Winner

The Oxford Handbook of Slavic and East European Folklore by Margaret Hiebert Beissinger

Oxford University Press

Finalists

Petroforms: Oil and the Shaping of Nigerian Aesthetics by Helen Kapstein

West Virginia University Press

Prieta Is Dreaming: A cuentos-novela by Gloria Anzaldúa; Edited by Kelli D. Zaytoun, AnaLouise Keating, and Suzanne Bost

SUNY Press

Media and Cultural Studies

Category Winner

Deep House: The Gayest Love Story Ever Told by Jeremy Atherton Lin

Little, Brown and Company

Finalists

Fandom for Us, by Us: The Pleasures and Practices of Black Audiences by Alfred L. Martin, Jr.

New York University Press

Keep Your Ear to the Ground: A History of Punk Fanzines in Washington, DC by John R. Davis

Georgetown University Press

Music and the Performing Arts

Category Winner

Critical Dreaming: Feminist Performances across the Indigenous Americas by Lilian Mengesha

NYU Press

Finalists

Dreaming in Ensemble: How Black Artists Transformed American Opera by Lucy Caplan

Harvard University Press

Unsilenced: Women Musicians, Gender-Based Violence, and the Popular Music Industry by Rosemary Lucy Hill, Bianca Fileborn, and Catherine Strong

Bloomsbury

Nonfiction Graphic Novels

Category Winner

None Awarded

Finalists

None Awarded

North American/U.S. History

Category Winner

Distant Friends and Intimate Enemies: A History of American-Russian Relations by David S. Foglesong, Ivan Kurilla, and Victoria I. Zhuravleva

Cambridge University Press

Finalists

John Doe Chinaman: A Forgotten History of Chinese Life under American Racial Law by Beth Lew-Williams

The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press

Religion in the Lands That Became America: A New History by Thomas A. Tweed

Yale University Press

Outstanding Work by a Trade Publisher

Category Winner

Open Socrates: The Case for a Philosophical Life by Agnes Callard

W. W. Norton & Company

Finalists

Slip: Life in the Middle of Eating Disorder Recovery by Mallary Tenore Tarpley Edited by Emily Graff

Simon and Schuster

Superbloom: How Technologies of Connection Tear Us Apart by Nicholas Carr

W. W. Norton & Company

Philosophy

Category Winner

Open Socrates: The Case for a Philosophical Life by Agnes Callard

W. W. Norton & Company

Finalists

Death in a Shallow Pond: A Philosopher, a Drowning Child, and Strangers in Need by David Edmonds

Princeton University Press

Explaining our Actions: A Critique of Common-Sense Theorizing by Peter Carruthers

Cambridge University Press & Assessment, University Printing House, Shaftesbury Road

Theology and Religious Studies

Category Winner

Why Religion Went Obsolete: The Demise of Traditional Faith in America by Christian Smith

Oxford University Press

Finalists

Christianity at the Crossroads: The Global Church from the Print Revolution to the Digital Era
by David N. Hempton

Cambridge University Press

The Bible's First Kings: Uncovering the Story of Saul, David, and Solomon by Avraham Faust and Zev I. Farber

Cambridge University Press

World History

Category Winner

Atlantic Cataclysm: Rethinking the Atlantic Slave Trades by David Eltis

Cambridge University Press

Finalists

Fuji: A Mountain in the Making by Andrew W. Bernstein

Princeton University Press

Life of an Enslaved African in the Ottoman Empire and Iran: The Autobiography of Mahboob Qirvanian by Behnaz Mirzai

University of Toronto Press

Physical Sciences and Mathematics

Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, and Cosmology

Category Winner

Decoherence and Quantum Darwinism: From Quantum Foundations to Classical Reality by Wojciech Hubert Zurek

Cambridge University Press

Finalists

Titan After Cassini-Huygens by Rosaly M.C. Lopes, Charles Elachi, Ingo Mueller-Wodarg, and Anezina Solomonidou

Elsevier Inc.

Lectures on Theoretical Physics by David Tong

Cambridge University Press

Computing and Information Sciences

Category Winner

Archiving Machines: From Punch Cards to Platforms by Amelia Acker

The MIT Press

Finalists

Introduction to Human-Computer Interaction by Kasper Hornbæk, Per Ola Kristensson, and Antti Oulasvirta

Oxford University Press

Predatory Data: Eugenics in Big Tech and Our Fight for an Independent Future by Anita Say Chan

University of California Press

Earth Science

Category Winner

Earth History: Stories of Our Geological Past by Peter Copeland and Janok P. Bhattacharya

Cambridge University Press

Finalists

Earth System Geophysics by Steven R. Dickman

John Wiley & Sons

Plate Tectonics by Haakon Fossen and Christian Teysier

Cambridge University Press

Engineering and Technology

Category Winner

What Is Intelligence?: Lessons from AI About Evolution, Computing, and Minds by Blaise Agüera y Arcas

The MIT Press

Finalists

Civil Engineer's Handbook of Professional Practice, 2nd Edition by Karen Lee Hansen and Kent E. Zenobia

John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

The Geometry of Equilibrium: James Clerk Maxwell and 21st-Century Structural Mechanics by William F. Baker and Allan McRobie

Cambridge University Press

Environmental Science

Category Winner

Introduction to Catastrophe Risk Modelling: A Physics-based Approach by Arnaud Mignan

Cambridge University Press

Finalists

Banana Capital: Stories, Science, and Poison at the Equator by Benjamin Brisbois

University of Regina Press

Positive Tipping Points: How to Fix the Climate Crisis by Tim Lenton

Oxford University Press

History of Science, Medicine, and Technology

Category Winner

The World as We Know It: From Natural Philosophy to Modern Science by Peter Dear

Princeton University Press

Finalists

The Board of Longitude: Science, Innovation and Empire by Alexi Baker, Richard Dunn, Rebekah Higgitt, Simon Schaffer, and Sophie Waring

Cambridge University Press

The Essential Einstein: Public Writings and Scientific Writings by Albert Einstein, Diana Kormos Buchwald, and Tilman Sauer

Princeton University Press

Mathematics and Statistics

Category Winner

The Rising Sea: Foundations of Algebraic Geometry by Ravi Vakil

Princeton University Press

Finalists

Tensor Decompositions for Data Science by Grey Ballard and Tamara G. Kolda

Cambridge University Press

Popular Science and Popular Mathematics

Category Winner

Intraterrestrials: Discovering the Strangest Life on Earth by Karen G. Lloyd

Princeton University Press

Finalists

How to Change a Memory: One Neuroscientist's Quest to Alter the Past by Steve Ramirez

Princeton University Press

In Robots We Trust by Samuele Vinanzi

Oxford University Press

Social Sciences

Architecture and Urban Planning

Category Winner

Lineages of the Global City: Occult Modernism and the Spiritualization of Democracy by Shiben Banerji

University of Texas Press

Finalists

Model Schools in the Model School: Race, Planning, and Education in the Nation's Capital by Amber N. Wiley

University of Pittsburgh Press

Business, Finance, and Management

Category Winner

Flash Teams: Leading the Future of AI-Enhanced, On-Demand Work by Melissa Valentine and Michael S. Bernstein

The MIT Press

Finalists

Business School and the Noble Purpose of the Market: Correcting the Systemic Failures of Shareholder Capitalism by Andrew J. Hoffman

Stanford Business Books

Fixed: Why Personal Finance Is Broken and How to Make It Work for Everyone by John Y. Campbell and Tarun Ramadorai

Princeton University Press

Cultural Anthropology and Sociology

Category Winner

Raiding the Heartland: An American Story of Deportation and Resistance by William D. Lopez

Johns Hopkins University Press

Finalists

Inherited Inequality: Why Opportunity Gaps Persist between Black and White Youth Raised in Two-Parent Families by Christina J. Cross

Harvard University Press

Toward Just Transitions: Visions for Regenerative Communities in Appalachia Edited by Shaunna L. Scott and Kathryn Engle

University Press of Kentucky

Economics

Category Winner

How Progress Ends: Technology, Innovation, and the Fate of Nations by Carl Benedikt Frey

Princeton University Press

Finalists

Our Dollar, Your Problem: An Insider's View of Seven Turbulent Decades of Global Finance, and the Road Ahead by Kenneth Rogoff

Yale University Press

Shared Prosperity in a Fractured World: A New Economics for the Middle Class, the Global Poor, and Our Climate by Dani Rodrik

Princeton University Press

Education Theory and Practice

Category Winner

Leveled Reading, Leveled Lives: How Students' Reading Achievement Has Been Held Back and What We Can Do About It by Timothy Shanahan

Harvard Education Press

Finalists

Hacking College: Why the Major Doesn't Matter—and What Really Does by Ned Scott Laff and Scott Carlson

Johns Hopkins University Press

How to Mentor Anyone in Academia by Maria LaMonaca Wisdom

Princeton University Press

Government and Politics

Category Winner

Furious Minds: The Making of the MAGA New Right by Laura K. Field

Princeton University Press

Finalists

Iran's Grand Strategy: A Political History by Vali Nasr

Princeton University Press

We the Men: How Forgetting Women's Struggles for Equality Perpetuates Inequality by Jill Elaine Hasday

Oxford University Press

Legal Studies and Criminology

Category Winner

The Worst Trickster Story Ever Told: Native America, the Supreme Court, and the U.S. Constitution by Keith Richotte, Jr.

Stanford University Press

Finalists

Back from the Brink: Inside the NYPD and New York City's Extraordinary 1990s Crime Drop by Peter Moskos

Oxford University Press

The Coroner's Silence: Death Records and the Hidden Victims of Police Violence by Terence Keel

Beacon Press

Psychology and Applied Social Work

Category Winner

Black Religion in the Madhouse: Race and Psychiatry in Slavery's Wake by Judith Weisenfeld

New York University Press

Finalists

Mattering as a Core Need in Children and Adolescents: Theoretical, Clinical, and Research Perspectives by Gordon L. Flett

American Psychological Association

Principles of Self-Talk in Sport Settings: Theory, Research, and Practice by Jordan Thibodeaux, Judy L. Van Raalte, and Yani Dickens

American Psychological Association

Reference Works

eProducts

None Awarded

Journals

Best New Journal in Humanities and Social Sciences

Public Humanities by Jeffrey R. Wilson and Zoe Hope Bulaitis

Cambridge University Press

Multi Volume

None Awarded

Single Volume

None Awarded

Textbooks

None Awarded