

2025 PROSE Awards Category Winners and Finalists

Biological and Life Sciences

Biology (includes Animal Science and Botany)

Category Winner

WHY WE DIE: The New Science of Aging and the Quest for Immortality by Venki Ramakrishnan

William Morrow, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers

Finalists

The Evolution of Biological Information: How Evolution Creates Complexity, from Viruses to Brains by Christoph Adami

Princeton University Press

Biomedicine and Neuroscience (includes biochemistry and biophysics)

Category Winner

The Human Disease: How We Create Pandemics, from Our Bodies to Our Beliefs by Sabrina Sholts

The MIT Press

Finalists

The History of Gynecological Treatment of Women's Pelvic Pain and the Recent Emergence of Pain Sensitization by John F. Jarrell

Elsevier Inc.

The Power of Prions: The Strange and Essential Proteins That Can Cause Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and Other Diseases by Michel Brahic

Princeton University Press

Clinical Medicine

Category Winner

Comprehensive Hematology and Stem Cell Research by Nima Rezaei

Elsevier Inc.

Finalists

Differential Diagnoses in Surgical Pathology Tumors and their Mimickers, 1st Edition, A Volume in the Foundations in Diagnostic Pathology series by Fadi W. Abdul-Karim and Charles Sturgis

Elsevier Inc.

Encyclopedia of Food Allergy by Scott H. Sicherer

Elsevier Inc.

Clinical Psychology and Psychiatry

Category Winner

Out of Her Mind: How We Are Failing Women's Mental Health and What Must Change by Linda Gask

Cambridge University Press

Finalists

Clinical Depression: An Individualized, Biopsychosocial Approach to Assessment and Treatment by Keith S. Dobson

American Psychological Association

Toxic Stress: How Stress Is Making Us Ill and What We Can Do About It by Lawson R. Wulsin

Cambridge University Press

Nursing & Allied Health Services

Category Winner

The Mindful Health Care Professional: A Path to Provider Wellness and Patient-centered Care
by Dr. Carmelina D'Arro

Elsevier Inc.

Finalists

Before the Word Was Queer: Sexuality and the English Dictionary, 1600–1930 by Stephen Turton
Cambridge University Press

Health Communication Fundamentals: Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation in Public Health by Suruchi Sood, PhD and Amy Henderson Riley, DrPH, MCHES

Springer Publishing Company

Humanities

Art Exhibitions

Category Winner

Elizabeth Catlett: A Black Revolutionary Artist and All That It Implies by Dalila Scruggs

Published by the National Gallery of Art, Washington and the Brooklyn Museum, New York;
Copublished by The University of Chicago Press

Finalists

Brilliant Exiles: American Women in Paris, 1900–1939 by Robyn Asleson

Yale University Press

Hippolyte Bayard and the Invention of Photography Edited by Karen Hellman and Carolyn Peter

J. Paul Getty Museum

Art History and Criticism

Category Winner

Momentum: Art and Ecology in Contemporary Latin America by Inés Katzenstein, María Del Carmen Carrion, and Madeline Murphy Turner

The Museum of Modern Art

Finalists

Divine Music in Archaic and Classical Greek Art: Seeing the Songs of the Gods by Carolyn Laferrière

Cambridge University Press

Biography and Autobiography

Category Winner

Squanto: A Native Odyssey by Andrew Lipman

Yale University Press

Finalists

My Brother, My Land: A Story from Palestine by Sami Hermez with Sireen Sawalha

Redwood Press, an imprint of Stanford University Press

Ruth Asawa: An Artist Takes Shape by Sam Nakahira

Getty Publications

Biological Anthropology, Archeology and Ancient History

Category Winner

Father Time: A Natural History of Men and Babies by Sarah Blaffer Hrdy

Princeton University Press

Finalists

Age of Wolf and Wind: Voyages through the Viking World by Davide Zori

Oxford University Press

Ancient Maya Teeth: Dental Modification, Cosmology, and Social Identity in Mesoamerica by Vera Tiesler

University of Texas Press

Classics

Category Winner

A Noble Ruin: Mark Antony, Civil War, and the Collapse of the Roman Republic by W. Jeffrey Tatum

Oxford University Press

Finalists

The New Roman Empire: A History of Byzantium by Anthony Kaldellis

Oxford University Press

The Trojan Horse and Other Stories: Ten Ancient Creatures That Make Us Human by Julia Kindt

Cambridge University Press

European History

Category Winner

The Basque Witch-Hunt: A Secret History by Jan Machielsen

Bloomsbury Publishing

Finalists

For Russia with Hitler: White Russian Émigrés and the German-Soviet War by Oleg Beyda

University of Toronto Press

Lucky Valley: Edward Long and the History of Racial Capitalism by Catherine Hall

Cambridge University Press

Language and Linguistics

Category Winner

A Practical Guide to Second Language Teaching and Learning by Shawn Loewen and Masatoshi Sato

Cambridge University Press

Finalists

Becoming the System: A Raciolinguistic Genealogy of Bilingual Education in the Post-Civil Rights Era by Nelson Flores

Oxford University Press

Speech and the City: Multilingualism, Decoloniality and the Civic University by Yaron Matras

Cambridge University Press

Literature

Category Winner

How to Draw the World: Harold and the Purple Crayon and the Making of a Children's Classic
by Philip Nel

Oxford University Press

Finalists

Like Children: Black Prodigy and the Measure of the Human in America by Camille Owens

New York University Press

The Rough Poets: Reading Oil-Worker Poetry by Melanie Dennis Unrau

McGill-Queen's University Press

Media and Cultural Studies

Category Winner

The Flesh of the Matter: A Critical Forum on Hortense Spillers by Margo Natalie Crawford and C. Riley Snorton

Vanderbilt University Press

Finalists

Food Sustainability and the Media: Linking Awareness, Knowledge and Action by Marta Antonelli and Pierangelo Isernia

Elsevier Inc.

Natural: Black Beauty and the Politics of Hair by Chelsea Mary Elise Johnson

New York University Press

Music and the Performing Arts

Category Winner

Blacksound: Making Race and Popular Music in the United States by Matthew D. Morrison

University of California Press

Finalists

Disability Works: Performance After Rehabilitation by Patrick McKelvey

New York University Press

Music and Musicians in Late Mughal India: Histories of the Ephemeral, 1748–1858 by Katherine Butler Schofield

Cambridge University Press

Nonfiction Graphic Novels

Category Winner

Toxic: A Tour of the Ecuadorian Amazon by Amelia Fiske and Jonas Fischer

University of Toronto Press

Finalists

Freedom Was in Sight: A Graphic History of Reconstruction in the Washington, D.C., Region by Kate Masur and Liz Clarke

Ferris & Ferris Books an imprint of the University of North Carolina Press

North American/U.S. History

Category Winner

Freeman's Challenge: The Murder That Shook America's Original Prison for Profit by Robin Bernstein

University of Chicago Press

Finalists

Puerto Rico: A National History by Jorell Meléndez-Badillo

Princeton University Press

Treaty Justice: The Northwest Tribes, the Boldt Decision, and the Recognition of Fishing Rights by Charles Wilkinson

University of Washington Press

Outstanding Work by a Trade Publisher

Category Winner

Takeover: Hitler's Final Rise to Power by Timothy W. Ryback

Alfred A. Knopf, PRH

Finalists

Don't Build, Rebuild: The Case for Imaginative Reuse in Architecture by Aaron Betsky

Beacon Press

WHY WE DIE: The New Science of Aging and the Quest for Immortality by Venki Ramakrishnan

William Morrow an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers

Philosophy

Category Winner

Cosmic Connections: Poetry in the Age of Disenchantment by Charles Taylor

Belknap Press

Finalists

Begetting: What Does It Mean to Create a Child? by Mara van der Lugt

Princeton University Press

The AI Mirror: How to Reclaim Our Humanity in an Age of Machine Thinking by Shannon Vallor

Oxford University Press

Theology and Religious Studies

Category Winner

The Widening of God's Mercy: Sexuality Within the Biblical Story by Christopher B. Hays and

Richard B. Hays

Yale University Press

Finalists

Some New World: Myths of Supernatural Belief in a Secular Age by Peter Harrison

Cambridge University Press

Yochanan's Gamble: Judaism's Pragmatic Approach to Life by Marc Katz

Jewish Publication Society

World History

Category Winner

The Cambridge History of the Vietnam War by Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, Edward Miller, Andrew Preston, and Pierre Asselin

Cambridge University Press

Finalists

Form Follows Fever: Malaria and the Construction of Hong Kong, 1841–1849 by Christopher Cowell

The Chinese University of Hong Kong Press

They Called It Peace: Worlds of Imperial Violence by Lauren Benton

Princeton University Press

Physical Sciences and Mathematics

Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, and Cosmology

Category Winner

The Restless Cell: Continuum Theories of Living Matter by Christina Hueschen and Rob Phillips

Princeton University Press

Finalists

Atlas of Earth's Meteor Showers by Peter Jenniskens

Elsevier Inc.

Introduction to Quantum Cryptography by Thomas Vidick and Stephanie Wehner

Cambridge University Press

Computing and Information Sciences

Category Winner

The Importance of Being Educable: A New Theory of Human Uniqueness by Leslie Valiant

Princeton University Press

Finalists

AI Snake Oil: What Artificial Intelligence Can Do, What It Can't, and How to Tell the Difference

by Arvind Narayanan and Sayash Kapoor

Princeton University Press

Earth Science

Category Winner

Data Science for the Geosciences by Lijing Wang, David Zhen Yin, and Jef Caers

Cambridge University Press

Finalists

Mineral Systems, Earth Evolution, and Global Metallogeny by David Ian Groves and M. Santosh

Elsevier Inc.

Mysteries of the Deep: How Seafloor Drilling Expeditions Revolutionized Our Understanding of Earth History by James Lawrence Powell

The MIT Press

Engineering and Technology

Category Winner

Sustainable Innovations in the Textile Industry by Roshan Paul and Thomas Gries

Elsevier Inc.

Finalists

Device by Marshall Brennan (Editor-in-Chief), Yuen Yiu (Senior Editor), and Ioanna Bakaimi (Associate Editor)

Cell Press

Environmental Science

Category Winner

The Presidents and the Planet: Climate Change Science and Politics from Eisenhower to Bush
by Jay Hakes

LSU Press

Finalists

Applied Statistical Modelling for Ecologists: A Practical Guide to Bayesian and Likelihood Inference Using R, JAGS, NIMBLE, Stan and TMB by Marc Kéry and Kenneth F. Kellner

Elsevier Inc.

The Science of Our Changing Climate by Michael A. Box and Gail P. Box

Cambridge University Press

History of Science, Medicine, and Technology

Category Winner

Tripping on Utopia: Margaret Mead, the Cold War, and the Troubled Birth of Psychedelic Science by Benjamin Breen

Grand Central Publishing

Finalists

Attention Is Discovery: The Life and Legacy of Astronomer Henrietta Leavitt by Anna Von Mertens

The MIT Press

The Last of Its Kind: The Search for the Great Auk and the Discovery of Extinction by Gísli Pálsson

Princeton University Press

Mathematics and Statistics

Category Winner

Active Statistics: Stories, Games, Problems, and Hands-on Demonstrations for Applied Regression and Causal Inference by Andrew Gelman and Aki Vehtari

Cambridge University Press

Finalists

N/A

Popular Science and Popular Mathematics

Category Winner

Do Plants Know Math?: Unwinding the Story of Plant Spirals, from Leonardo da Vinci to Now by Stéphane Douady, Jacques Dumais, Christophe Golé, and Nancy Pick

Princeton University Press

Finalists

Making Democracy Count: How Mathematics Improves Voting, Electoral Maps, and Representation by Ismar Volić

Princeton University Press

Social Sciences

Architecture and Urban Planning

Category Winner

Mies van der Rohe: An Architect in His Time by Dietrich Neumann

Yale University Press

Finalists

City of Wood: San Francisco and the Architecture of the Redwood Lumber Industry by James Michael Buckley and Robert Devens

The University of Texas Press

The Computable City: Histories, Technologies, Stories, Predictions by Michael Batty

The MIT Press

Business, Finance, and Management

Category Winner

Conscience Incorporated: Pursue Profits While Protecting Human Rights by Michael H. Posner

New York University Press

Finalists

The Divine Economy: How Religions Compete for Wealth, Power, and People by Paul Seabright

Princeton University Press

Tribal: How the Cultural Instincts That Divide Us Can Help Bring Us Together by Michael W. Morris

Thesis

Cultural Anthropology and Sociology

Category Winner

Exit Wounds: How America's Guns Fuel Violence across the Border by Ieva Jusionyte

University of California Press

Finalists

Life under Pressure: The Social Roots of Youth Suicide and What to Do About Them by Anna S. Mueller and Seth Abrutyn

Oxford University Press

Long Live Queer Nightlife: How the Closing of Gay Bars Sparked a Revolution by Amin Ghaziani

Princeton University Press

Economics

Category Winner

Atlas of Finance by Dariusz Wojcik, Maps and Graphics by James Cheshire and Oliver Uberti

Yale University Press

Finalists

Busting the Bankers' Club: Finance for the Rest of Us by Gerald Epstein

University of California Press

Growth: A History and a Reckoning by Daniel Susskind

Belknap Press

Education Theory and Practice

Category Winner

Class Dismissed: When Colleges Ignore Inequality and Students Pay the Price by Anthony Abraham Jack

Princeton University Press

Finalists

The Bloomsbury Handbook of Prison Education by Erin S. Corbett

Bloomsbury Publishing

The Privateers: How Billionaires Created a Culture War and Sold School Vouchers by Josh Cowen

Harvard Education Press

Government and Politics

Category Winner

Takeover: Hitler's Final Rise to Power by Timothy W. Ryback

Alfred A. Knopf, PRH

Finalists

The Hollow Parties: The Many Pasts and Disordered Present of American Party Politics by Daniel Schlozman and Sam Rosenfeld

Princeton University Press

The Line: AI and the Future of Personhood by James Boyle

The MIT Press

Legal Studies and Criminology

Category Winner

Academic Freedom: From Professional Norm to First Amendment Right by David M. Rabban

Harvard University Press

Finalists

The Supreme Court Footnote: A Surprising History by Peter Charles Hoffer

New York University Press

Psychology and Applied Social Work

Category Winner

Private Violence: Latin American Women and the Struggle for Asylum by Carol Cleaveland and Michele Waslin

New York University Press

Finalists

The Cambridge Handbook of Ethics and Education by Sheron Fraser-Burgess, Jessica Heybach, and Dini Metro-Roland

Cambridge University Press

The Psychology of Revolution by Fathali M. Moghaddam

Cambridge University Press

Reference Works

eProducts

None Awarded

Journals

Best New Journal in Humanities and Social Sciences

Rochester History by Christine Ridarsky and Rebecca Edwards

RIT Press

Multi Volume

Category Winner

The Cambridge History of the Vietnam War by Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, Edward Miller, Andrew Preston, and Pierre Asselin

Cambridge University Press

Single Volume

Category Winner

Atlas of Finance: Mapping the Global Story of Money by Dariusz Wojcik, Maps and Graphics by James Cheshire and Oliver Uberti

Yale University Press

Textbooks

Category Winner

The Restless Cell: Continuum Theories of Living Matter by Christina Hueschen and Rob Phillips

Princeton University Press