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10th Annual Fun Festival Luncheon Tuesday, December 11, 2018

The major literary award winners of 2018 are:

The Nobel Prize for Literature – not awarded in 2018

The Lionel Gelber Prize for the best book in English on Foreign Affairs. *Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine*, Anne Applebaum. *The Economist* has called the Gerber Prize the most important book award in the world.

The Man Booker Prize for the best book written in English. *Milkman*, Anna Burns, the first winner from Northern Ireland.

The Pulitzer Prize for Non Fiction. *The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea*, Jack E. Davis.

Columbia University's Bancroft Prizes for writing on American Diplomacy or History.
Implacable Foes: War in the Pacific 1944-1945, Waldo Heinrichs & Marc Galicchio.
God's Red Son: The Ghost Dance Religion and the Making of Modern America, Louis S. Warren.
Darkness Falls on the Land of Light: Experiencing Religious Awakenings in Eighteenth Century New England, Douglas L. Winiarski

The National Book Award for Non Fiction. *The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke*, Jeffrey C. Stewart

The Broadway play that received the most positive feedback. "Come From Away"
On September 11, 2001, 38 planes flying west across the Atlantic were ordered to land in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador. All the 7,000 passengers were ordered off and the people of this small town took them in, fed them, loaned them warm clothing, and kept their spirits up. This musical has been called a cathartic reminder of the capacity for human kindness in the darkest of times and a triumph of humanity over hate. The play/musical has won many awards and is planned to open in London in February 2019.

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For additional reading, *The Foreign Service Journal* recommends:

Pamela Quanrud, "[The Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS: A Success Story](http://www.afsa.org/global-coalition-defeat-isis-success-story)," *The Foreign Service Journal*, January-February 2018. <http://www.afsa.org/global-coalition-defeat-isis-success-story>

Amb. Thomas Shannon, Jr., "[Reimagining the Future of American Leadership](http://www.afsa.org/reimagining-future-american-leadership)," *The Foreign Service Journal*, January-February 2018. <http://www.afsa.org/reimagining-future-american-leadership>

Leslie Bassett, "[#StateToo: Ending Harassment at the State Department](http://www.afsa.org/statetoo-ending-harassment-state-department)," *The Foreign Service Journal*, March 2018. <http://www.afsa.org/statetoo-ending-harassment-state-department>

Dmitry Filipoff and Susan Maitra, "[The Journal Through Time](http://www.afsa.org/journal-through-time)," *The Foreign Service Journal*, April 2018. <http://www.afsa.org/journal-through-time>

Chris Painter, "[Diplomacy in Cyberspace](http://www.afsa.org/diplomacy-cyberspace)," *The Foreign Service Journal*, April 2018. <http://www.afsa.org/diplomacy-cyberspace>

Alex Karagiannis, "[Straight Talk on Diplomatic Capacity](http://www.afsa.org/straight-talk-diplomatic-capacity)," *The Foreign Service Journal*, May 2018. <http://www.afsa.org/straight-talk-diplomatic-capacity>

Kala Bokelman, "[DS Diplomacy Works: Breaking Up a Child Pornography Trafficking Ring](http://www.afsa.org/ds-diplomacy-works-breaking-child-pornography-trafficking-ring)," *The Foreign Service Journal*, June 2018. <http://www.afsa.org/ds-diplomacy-works-breaking-child-pornography-trafficking-ring>

William Hammink, "[USAID in Afghanistan: What Have We Learned?](http://www.afsa.org/usaid-afghanistan-what-have-we-learned)" *The Foreign Service Journal*, July-August 2018. <http://www.afsa.org/usaid-afghanistan-what-have-we-learned>

"Reflections on the U.S. Embassy Bombings in Kenya and Tanzania," *The Foreign Service Journal*, July-August 2018. <http://www.afsa.org/reflections-us-embassy-bombings-kenya-and-tanzania>

Harry Kopp, "[Blue-Ribbon Blues: Why So Many Great Reports and Good Ideas Go Nowhere](http://www.afsa.org/blue-ribbon-blues-why-so-many-great-reports-and-good-ideas-go-nowhere)," *The Foreign Service Journal*, September 2018. <http://www.afsa.org/blue-ribbon-blues-why-so-many-great-reports-and-good-ideas-go-nowhere>

Matt Boland, "[You Have a Strategy. Now What? — How to Turn Any U.S. Mission Strategy into Results](http://www.afsa.org/you-have-strategy-now-what-how-turn-any-us-mission-strategy-results)," *The Foreign Service Journal*, September 2018. <http://www.afsa.org/you-have-strategy-now-what-how-turn-any-us-mission-strategy-results>

James B. Angell, "[None Swifter Than These](http://www.afsa.org/none-swifter-these)," *The Foreign Service Journal*, November 2018. <http://www.afsa.org/none-swifter-these>

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For additional reading, our members suggest:

Government/Politics/Business

- *Accessory to War: the Unspoken Alliance between Astrophysics and the Military*, Neil deGrasse Tyson and Avis Lang, 2018
- *The Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age*, David E. Sanger, 2018
- *Secret Wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan*, Stephen Coll, 2018
- *Hit Refresh: The Quest to Rediscover Microsoft's Soul and Imagine a Better Future for Everyone*, Satya Nadella, 2017

Science/History/Sociology

- *Origin Story: A Big History of Everything*, David Christian, 2018
- *The Order of Time*, Carlo Rovelli, 2018
- *iGen*, Jean M. Twenge, 2017
- *When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing*, Daniel H. Pink, 2018

General Fiction/Mysteries

- *The Last Equation of Issac Severy*, Nova Jacobs, 2018
- *Magpie Murders*, Anthony Horowitz, 2017
- *Sourdough*, Robin Sloan, 2017

Reviewer's Top Pick

A Gentleman in Moscow, Amor Towles (2016)

Well-crafted tale with intriguing plot and characters done with sly, humorous style following the life and antics of Count Alexander Ilyich Rostov, sentenced to serve his life within the confines of the Hotel Metropol in Moscow - absolutely brilliant plotting and writing from a new American talent

BARNES & NOBLE

BOOKSELLERS

Barnes & Noble – Arboretum (Austin, Texas) suggests:

Albright, Madeleine. *Fascism: A Warning*. 2018, HarperCollins, 304pp

Beschloss, Michael. *Presidents of War*. 2018, Crown/Archetype, 752pp

Fukuyama, Francis. *Identity: The Demand for Dignity and the Politics of Resentment*. 2018, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 240pp

Giridharadas, Anand. *Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World*. 2018, Knopf Doubleday, 304pp

Goodwin, Doris Kearns. *Leadership In Turbulent Times*. 2018. Simon & Schuster, 496pp

Harari, Yuval Noah. *21 Lessons for the 21st Century*. 2018, Random House, 400pp

Hersh, Seymour M. *Reporter*. 2018, Knopf Doubleday, 368pp

Kaplan, David A. *The Most Dangerous Branch: Inside the Supreme Court's Assault on the Constitution*. 2018, Crown/Archetype, 464pp

Lepore, Jill. *These Truths: A History of the United States*. 2018, W.W. Norton, 960pp

Levitsky, Steven and Daniel Ziblatt. *How Democracies Die*. 2018, Crown/Archetype, 320pp

Lewis, Michael. *The Fifth Risk*. 2018, W.W. Norton, 256pp

McChrystal, Jeff Eggers and Jay Mangone. *Leaders: Myth and Reality*. 2018, Penguin, 480pp

Meacham, Jon. *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*. 2018, Random House, 416pp

Schulten, Susan. *A History of America in 100 Maps*. 2018, University of Chicago Press, 256pp

Snyder, Timothy. *The Road to Unfreedom: Russia, Europe, America*. 2018, Crown/Archetype, 368pp

Tyson, Neil deGrasse. *Accessory to War: The Unspoken Alliance Between Astrophysics and the Military*. 2018, W.W. Norton, 576pp