

Books of the Year



Some of this year's popular authors (L-R):
Anna Funder, David Marr, Alexis Wright, Amanda Lohrey, J.M. Coetzee

Each year we invite senior *ABR* contributors to nominate some of the favourite books of the year.
This year, 39 critics do so. It is always one of our most popular annual features.

Which work of history does Kieran Pender describe as 'an important exercise in truth-telling'?
According to Frances Wilson, which biography 'explores the contradictions at the heart of Orwell's beliefs about equality'? Of which book does Philip Mead claim 'there has never been another Australian novel like it'?

Discover these books and the other titles that *ABR* critics have most enjoyed reading in 2023.

Critics nominating Books of the Year include:

Kerryn Goldsworthy	Frances Wilson	Stuart Kells
Philip Mead	Joel Deane	Jennifer Mills
Felicity Plunkett	Geordie Williamson	Peter Rose
Yves Rees	Tony Birch	Glyn Davis
Frank Bongiorno	Beejay Silcox	Gideon Haigh
James Ley	Zora Simic	James Bradley

What are some of the books nominated in the feature?

Praiseworthy by Alexis Wright ♦ *Wifedom: Mrs Orwell's invisible life* by Anna Funder ♦
The Conversion by Amanda Lohrey ♦ *Killing for Country* by David Marr ♦
Frank Moorhouse: A life by Catherine Lumby ♦ *The Idealist* by Nicholas Jose ♦
Young Rupert: The making of the Murdoch empire by Walter Marsh ♦
Shirley Hazzard: A writing life by Brigitta Olubas ♦ *The Pole and Other Stories* by J.M. Coetzee

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