

2020 Pulitzer Prize: Books



Fiction

Winner: *The Nickel Boys*, by Colson Whitehead

A spare and devastating exploration of abuse at a reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida that is ultimately a powerful tale of human perseverance, dignity and redemption.

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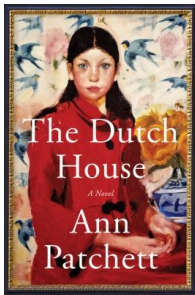
Finalists

The Dutch House, by Ann Patchett

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The Topeka School, by Ben Lerner

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Poetry

Winner: *The Tradition*, by Jericho Brown

A collection of masterful lyrics that combine delicacy with historical urgency in their loving evocation of bodies vulnerable to hostility and violence.

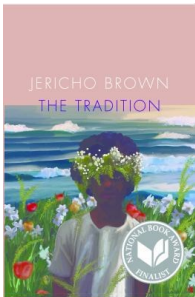
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Dunce by Mary Ruefle

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Only as the Day is Long : New and Selected Poems by Dorianne Laux



Biography

Winner: *Sontag: Her Life and Work*, by Benjamin Moser

An authoritatively constructed work told with pathos and grace, that captures the writer's genius and humanity alongside her addictions, sexual ambiguities and volatile enthusiasms.

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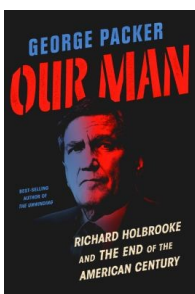
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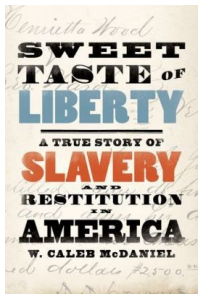
Our man : Richard Holbrooke and the end of the American century by George Packer

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Parisian Lives: Samuel Beckett, Simone de Beauvoir, And Me, by Deirdre Bair

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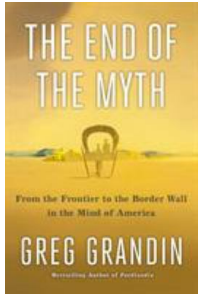


History

Winner: *Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America*, by W. Caleb McDaniel

A masterfully researched meditation on reparations based on the remarkable story of a 19th century woman who survived kidnapping and re-enslavement to sue her captor.

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Race for profit : how banks and the real estate industry undermined black homeownership by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor ([book](#))

The end of the myth : from the frontier to the wall in the mind of America by Greg Grandin ([book](#))

General Nonfiction

Winner: *The End of the Myth: From the Frontier to the Border Wall in the Mind of America*, by Greg Grandin

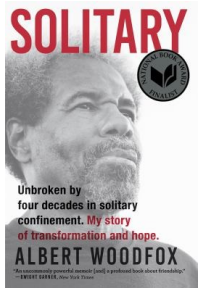
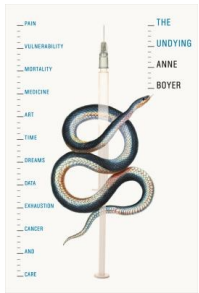
A sweeping and beautifully written book that probes the American myth of boundless expansion and provides a compelling context for thinking about the current political moment. (Moved by the Board from the History category.)

[book](#)

The Undying: Pain, Vulnerability, Mortality, Medicine, Art, Time, Dreams, Data, Exhaustion, Cancer, and Care, by Anne Boyer

An elegant and unforgettable narrative about the brutality of illness and the capitalism of cancer care in America.

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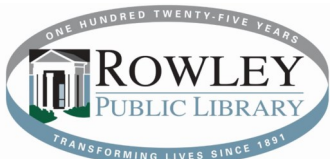
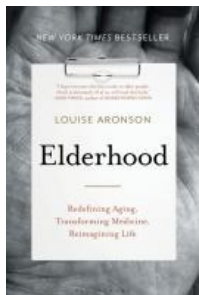
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Elderhood : redefining aging, transforming medicine, reimagining life by Louise Aronson

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Solitary : unbroken by four decades in solitary confinement : my story of transformation and hope by Albert Woodfox with Leslie George

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