

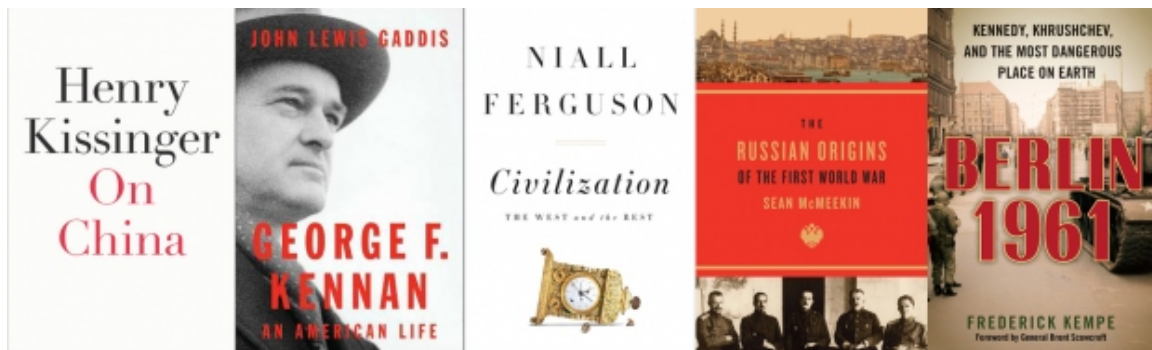
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Ten authors longlisted for Lionel Gelber Prize

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Organizers of the Lionel Gelber Prize, apparently one of the last literary awards that doesn't release a longlist, changed their policy and issued the first longlist in the prize's 22-year history on Monday.

The longlist for the \$15,000 prize, which celebrates the best non-fiction book on foreign affairs published in English, consists of *Berlin 1961: Kennedy, Khrushchev, and the Most Dangerous Place on Earth*, by Frederick Kempe, published by Putnam's Sons/Amy Einhorn Books; *Civilization: The West and the Rest*, by Niall Ferguson, published by The Penguin Press; *Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China*, by Ezra F. Vogel, published by Harvard University Press; *George F. Kennan: An American Life*, by John Lewis Gaddis, published by The Penguin Press; *Islam without Extremes: A Muslim Case for Liberty*, by Mustafa Akyol, published by W. W. Norton & Company; *On China*, by Henry Kissinger, published by The Penguin Press; *The Origins of Political Order: From Prehuman Times to the French Revolution*, by Francis Fukuyama, published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux; *The Russian Origins of the First World War*, by Sean McMeekin, published by Harvard University Press; *The Wars of Afghanistan: Messianic Terrorism, Tribal Conflicts, and the Failures Of Great Powers*, by Peter Tomsen, published by Perseus Books Group; and *A World on Fire: Britain's Crucial Role in the American Civil War*, by Amanda Foreman, published by Random House.

Interviews with all the longlisted authors can be downloaded from the Munk Center website.

This year's jury is chaired by George Russell, the executive editor of Fox News, and includes Daniel Paul Henninger, deputy editor of *The Wall Street Journal's* editorial page; Russell Roberts, a research fellow at the Hoover Institution; William Thorsell, an Associate Senior Fellow at Massey College and Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Munk School of Global Affairs; and Gaynor Lilian Johnson, a member of the University of Salford's European Security Research Centre.

The shortlist will be unveiled on February 1, while the winner will be announced March 12.

Last year, Shelagh Grant won for *Polar Imperative: A History of Arctic Sovereignty in North America*.