The seventh edition of the Smart Book of the Year competition is about to start - here is the list of this year's nominations

**The list of 15 books nominated in polish competition Smart Book of the Year for the best popular science book of 2021 has been announced. The list includes books for both adults and younger readers. The initiative is organized by the** [**Jagiellonian University**](https://en.uj.edu.pl/en_GB/start) **(Krakow, Poland) and the Smart Books** [**website**](http://www.madreksiazki.uj.edu.pl/)**, the partner is once again the** [**Copernicus Festival**](https://copernicusfestival.com/)**.**

The seventh edition of the prestigious competition Smart Book of the Year has just started. The list of nominations includes books written by American, British, French and Polish authors. The list of winners of Smart Book’s statuettes for the best popular science books published in Poland in 2021 will be announced in May.

But even today, all nominated books deserve the title of "Smart Book" - that is, one that talks about complex issues in an accessible language, fuels the hunger for learning, and inspires one's own research and reflection.

The Smart Book of the Year is an expert competition, held since 2016, which provides support and guidance for readers looking for valuable reading. The publishing market in Poland is flooding the shelves of bookstores with thousands of titles each year. In the flood of new books, it is very difficult to find the valuable ones. So sometimes it is good to use the help of experts who will find the most interesting titles.

In this year's competition, winning books will be selected in several categories - book of the year for adults, book of the year for children and the best book in the opinion of the academic community of the Jagiellonian University. The award of internet users and readers of Gazeta Wyborcza (polish magazine) will also be awarded.

All books will soon be available at the De Revolutionibus Books & Cafe bookstore in Krakow, which is a partner of the competition.

We invite you to the [fanpage](https://www.facebook.com/madreksiazki) of the competition, where we will present the nominated books and to the competition website: <http://www.madraksiazkaroku.uj.edu.pl/nominacje/>.

LIST OF BOOKS NOMINATED FOR THE 2021 EDITION

**Adult books**

Robin Dunbar, *Friends: Understanding the Power of our Most Important Relationships*, Polish translation Tadeusz Chawziuk, Polish publisher CCPress

Jacques Le Goff, *Must We Divide History into Periods?,* Polish translation Wanda Klenczon, Polish publisher Wydawnictwo Aletheia

Kyle Harper, *The Fate of Rome: Climate, Disease, and the End of an Empire*, Polish translation Grzegorz Smółka, Polish publisher Wydawnictwo Napoleon V

Julita Mańczak, Jakub Małecki, *Początek końca? Rozmowy o lodzie i zmianie klimatu*, (*Beginning of the end? Talks about ice and climate change*) wydawnictwo Znak Literanova

Judea Pearl, Dana Mackenzie, *The Book of Why: The New Science of Cause and Effect,* Polish translation Tadeusz Chawziuk,Polish publisher CCPress

P.J.E. Peebles, *Cosmology's Century. An Inside History of Our Modern Understanding of the Universe*, Polish translation Ewa L. Łokas and Bogumił Bieniok, Polish publisher Prószyński i Sk-a

Hallie Rubenhold, *The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper,* Polish translation Dorota Konowracka-Sawa, Polish publisher Poradnia K

Rebecca Wragg Sykes, *Neanderthal Life, Love, Death and Art*, Polish translation Adam Tuz, Polish publisher Prószyński i S-ka

Edward O. Wilson, *Tales from the Ant World*, Polish translation Szymon Drobniak, Polish publisher CCPress

Carl Zimmer, *A Planet of Viruses,* Polish translation Szymon Drobniak,Polish publisher CCPress

**Books for children and teenagers**

Philip Bunting, *Me, microbes & I,* Polish translation Polish publisher Anna Zarębska, Wydawnictwo HarperCollins Polska

Jess French, Alexander Mostov (illustrations), *Let's Save Our Planet: Forests: Uncover the Facts. Be Inspired. Make A Difference*, Polish translation Maria Nowak, Polish publisher Wydawnictwo Zielona Sowa

Artur Kurasiński, Tomasz Minkiewicz (illustrations) *Róża, a co chcesz wiedzieć? Część druga*, (*Rose, what do you want to know? Second part*) Wydawnictwo Edukomiks

Tomasz Samojlik, *Poradnik młodych ratowników Ziemi*, (*A guidebook of young rescuers of the Earth*) Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN

Monika Utnik-Strugała, Piotr Socha (concept&illustrations), *Brud. Cuchnąca historia higieny*, (*Dirt. A foul-smelling history of hygiene*) Wydawnictwo Dwie Siostry

Nominated by:

[Dział naukowy “Tygodnika Polityki”](https://www.polityka.pl/TygodnikPolityka/nauka/) (Scientific department of Tygodnik Polityka magazine)

Karolina Głowacka – journalist of TOK FM Radio, podcaster, [Radio Naukowe](https://radionaukowe.pl/)

Karol Jałochowski – popularizer of science, Tygodnik Polityka magazine

dr Piotr Kołodziejczyk – archaeologist, popularizer of science, founder of the Smart Books website, Jagiellonian University, [Rozmowy na koniec świata](https://www.rnks.pl/) podcast

dr Monika Koperska – chemist, University of Warsaw, Center for Biological and Chemical Sciences, [Association of Science Spokesmen](https://rzecznicynauki.pl/index.php/)

dr Kamil Kopij – archaeologist, Jagiellonian University, Smart Books website

Michał Krupiński – physicist, popularizer of science

Łukasz Kwiatek – philosopher, popularizer of science, [Tygodnik Powszechny](https://www.tygodnikpowszechny.pl/), [Copernicus Center for Interdisciplinary Studies](https://www.copernicuscenter.edu.pl/en/)

Rafał Siemko – philologist, Smart Books website

Ola and Piotr Stanisławscy – creators of a popular science blog [CrazyNauka.pl](http://crazynauka.pl) and radio broadcast „Homo Science” in TOK FM Radio

prof. Robert Suski – historian, University of Bialystok, Smart Books website

Marta Alicja Trzeciak – veterinarian, science popularizer, Smart Books website, [Experyment Science Centre in Gdynia](https://experyment.gdynia.pl/en/)

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