The eighth 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 2022 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 eighth edition of the prestigious competition Smart Book of the Year has just started. The list of nominations includes books written by American, British, Spanish and Polish authors. The list of winners of Smart Book’s statuettes for the best popular science books published in Poland in 2022 will be announced in May.

But even today, all nominated books deserve the title of "Smart Book" - that is, one that discusses 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 can be very difficult to find the valuable ones. So sometimes it might be a good idea to use the help of experts to 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 bookstore [De Revolutionibus Books](https://derevolutionibus.pl/en/front-page/) 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 2022 EDITION**

**Adult books**

* David Graeber, David Wengrow, *The Dawn of Everything: A New History of Humanity,* Polish translation Robert Filipowski, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo Zysk i s-ka
* Kevin Peter Hand, *Alien Oceans: The Search for Life in the Depths of Space,* Polish translation Zuzanna Lamża, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo CCPress
* Brian Hare, Vanessa Woods, *Survival of the Friendliest: Understanding Our Origins and Rediscovering Our Common Humanity?*, Polish translation Kasper Kalinowski, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo CCPress
* Elizabeth Kolbert, *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*, Polish translation Piotr Grzegorzewski, Tatiana Grzegorzewska, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo Filtry
* Agnieszka Krzemińska, *Grody, garnki i uczeni. O archeologicznych tajemnicach ziem polskich*, Wydawnictwo Literackie
* Dean R. Lomax, Bob Nicholls (illustrations), *Locked in Time: Animal Behavior Unearthed in 50 Extraordinary Fossils*, Polish translation Andrzej Hołdys, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo Prószyński i S-ka
* Camilla Pang, *Explaining Humans: What Science Can Teach Us about Life, Love and Relationships*, Polish translation Aleksandra Weksej, Polish Publisher Grupa Wydawnicza Relacja
* Russell A. Poldrack, *The New Mind Readers: What Neuroimaging Can and Cannot Reveal about our Thoughts*, Polish translation Mateusz Hohol, Kinga Wołoszyn, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo CCPress
* Ian Stewart, *What's the Use?: The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Mathematics*, Polish translation Urszula Seweryńska, Mariusz Seweryński, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo Prószyński i S-ka
* Mateusz Wyżga*, Chłopstwo. Historia bez krawata*, Wydawnictwo Znak Horyzont

**Books for children and teenagers**

* Pablo Barrecheguren, *El Cerebro Humano*, Polish translation Karolina Jaszecka, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo Debit
* Crystal Chatterton, *Awesome Science Experiments for Kids*, Polish translation Marek Czekański, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN
* Agnieszka Graclik, *Dziki poradnik przetrwania. Megaporcja wiedzy o zwierzętach*, Wydawnictwo Wilga
* Łucja Malec-Kornajew, *Złoty pociąg i inne największe zagadki historii sztuki w Polsce,* Wydawnictwo Znak Emotikon
* Krzysztof Poznański, *Dinozaury i wielkie ssaki. Niesamowite dzieje Ziemi*, Wydawnictwo Wilga

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Dr Michał Faszcza – historian, University of Silesia, Smart Books website

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

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Artur Wójcik – historian, blogger in [Sigillum Authenticum](https://sigillumauthenticum.pl/), author of the book “Fantazmat Wielkiej Lechii”, for which he received the Jagiellonian University academic community award as part of Smart Books of the Year 2019

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