



# The Anglo-Hellenic League

## Runciman Award

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### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2022 RUNCIMAN BOOK AWARD

The Anglo-Hellenic League is once again offering a prize, known as The Anglo-Hellenic League Runciman Award, in honour of the late Sir Steven Runciman, for an original work, wholly or mainly about some aspect of Greece or the world of Hellenism, published in English in any country of the world in its first edition during 2021.

The aim of the award is to stimulate interest in Greek history, literature, language and culture from earliest times to the present; to promote wider knowledge and understanding of Greece (ancient, medieval and contemporary), and of Greece's values and contribution to civilization; and to encourage good and accessible writing, of which Sir Steven's works are an example. Books submitted must fall within this framework of subject matter. The prize may be awarded for a work in the field of history, literary studies, cultural studies, translations from Greek literature (of any era), biography, travel and topography, the arts, architecture, archaeology, the environment, social and political sciences or current affairs; or for a work of fiction, poetry or drama, provided that it falls within scope of the aim set out above. Works in translation (e.g. poetry, fiction, drama etc.) from any period of *Greek literature* are eligible; non-literary translated works will not be considered.

The Anglo-Hellenic League Runciman Award is given annually for a book that demonstrates:

- outstanding quality of research, scholarship, and/or creativity, skill and innovation;
- outstanding accessibility, quality of writing and appeal to interested general readers, new and old.

The winning book is expected to command public attention and to stimulate a wide readership. We welcome books representative of all periods of Greek history and culture from antiquity through to our own time. We strongly encourage publishers to submit for the judges' consideration not only outstanding academic writing, but also outstanding creative works of drama, fiction, poetry and travel writing.

Because of our mission to reward books that appeal to interested general readers, the League encourages publishers to nominate books that can be afforded by the average such reader of books about Greece. Books produced primarily for institutional buyers and costing more than £75 are unlikely to make the short list (unless a paperback version is in the offing), however great their merit.

In line with the practice established for the award in 2021, we are requesting that, in the first round, publishers submit to us names and details of nominated books only. In early January 2022, the judging panel will decide on a long list of books and will formally request that publishers submit copies of those books to the panel

post-haste. It is a condition of nominating books in the first round that the publisher of a longlisted book (or books) will submit, post-haste in January 2022, six printed copies of each longlisted book: one to each of the judges and the administrator of the award. Please note that two of our judges live in Greece and one in Austria, and a condition of nominating a book is that the publisher will meet (either upfront or by reimbursement after the event) any customs and clearance charges levied at international borders, whether by the publisher's courier company or by the recipient state or both.

In selecting books for nomination publishers should note:

- no more than seven books may be nominated by any one publisher;
- complex publishing houses, with many departments, are encouraged to co-ordinate their nominations internally and to submit a single nominating form (with no more than seven books in total);
- the following types of book are not eligible: (i) books of multiple authorship (i.e. three or more authors or contributors); (ii) books translated by multiple hands (i.e. three or more translators); (iii) books primarily authored by someone other than the editor or editors in respect of whom the nomination would be made (e.g. a new edition of a classical or Byzantine or modern text; an edition of an author's correspondence or essays, if by an editor other than the author);
- the inside of the book must have 2021 stated as the year of its first publication (for the avoidance of doubt: books to be published in 2021 after nominations close on 15 December (i.e. between 16 and 31 December) are eligible for the award in 2022 and will not be eligible for the award in 2023);
- the RRP of each nominated book should be indicated on the entry form;
- information about the format of the available, published book and an indication of the publisher's intention (if known) to produce a paperback edition are requested.

The chair of judges in 2022 is Prof. Peter Frankopan. The other judges are: Dr Dionysis Kapsalis, Prof. Naoise Mac Sweeney, Prof. Judith Mossman and Dr Sofka Zinovieff. The prize money is £10,000. How the prize is awarded, whether to one work or more than one, is the responsibility of the judges alone; their decision is final.

It is a condition of the award that longlisted and shortlisted books should be available for purchase to readers in the UK at the time of the award ceremony (16 June 2022). Publishers of longlisted and shortlisted books will be notified by The Anglo-Hellenic League. The League will advertise longlisted and shortlisted books on its websites and on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn, using images of the books and drawing on publishers' existing publicity material for them. For shortlisted books, we will ask publishers for photographs of the shortlisted authors, to use in publicity material, and will seek contact details for direct communications with the shortlisted authors. The winner will be notified personally and the other shortlisted authors will also be personally informed about the final result.

Nominations of books must be made on the attached entry form and **sent by e-mail by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021** to the acting administrator, Dr John Kittmer, at [runciman@anglohellenicleague.org](mailto:runciman@anglohellenicleague.org). Please do not at this first stage send books to the League. We will contact publishers of longlisted books in early January 2022 with arrangements for post-haste submission of longlisted books. In our confirmation letter, we will confirm the names and addresses to which each of the six copies of longlisted books are to be sent in January 2022. Publishers of longlisted books will need to make effective arrangements for dispatch of printed books, without cost to the recipient or to the League, in Greece, Austria and the UK (as appropriate). Our judges will not accept e-books or books in the form of PDF files (or similar).

Queries should be addressed to the acting administrator by e-mail as above.

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