The tenth 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 2024 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 tenth edition of the prestigious competition Smart Book of the Year has just started. The list of nominations includes books written by American, British, Belgian, Australian and Polish authors. The list of winners of Smart Book’s statuettes for the best popular science books published in Poland in 2024 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, finding valuable ones can be very challenging. Therefore, it is sometimes a good idea to seek the help of experts in finding 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 Jagiellonian University. The award of internet users and readers of ‘Dziennik Polski’ (Polish magazine) will also be awarded.

All books will soon be available at the Kraków bookstore [Compare Bookstore](http://compare-bookstore.com/), which is a partner of the competition.

Feel welcome to visit the competition's fanpage, where we will be showcasing the nominated books, and the competition website: <http://www.madraksiazkaroku.uj.edu.pl/nominacje/>.

**LIST OF BOOKS NOMINATED FOR THE 2024 EDITION**

**Adult books**

* Karolina Ćwiek-Rogalska, *Ziemie. Historie odzyskiwania i utraty*, Wydawnictwo RN.
* Kristy Hamilton, *Nature's Wild Ideas: How the Natural World is Inspiring Scientific Innovation*, Polish translation by Magdalena Rabsztyn-Anioł, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo Bo.wiem.
* Ed Yong, *An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us*, Polish translation by Magdalena Rabsztyn-Anioł, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo Bo.wiem.
* Tom Higham, *The World Before Us: The New Science Behind Our Human Origins*, Polish translation by Adam Tuz, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo Prószyński i ska.
* Tim James, *Accidental: The Greatest (Unintentional) Science Breakthroughs and How They Changed The World*, Polish translation by Agnieszka Dzikiewicz-Krawczyk, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo Insignis.
* Kamil Janicki, *Życie w chłopskiej chacie*, Wydawnictwo Poznańskie.
* Paulina Łopatniuk, *Dama z grasiczką*, Wydawnictwo Poznańskie.
* Bart van Loo, *The Burgundians: A Vanished Empire*, Polish translation by Małgorzata Diederen-Woźniak, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo Znak Horyzont.
* Siddhartha Mukherjee, *The Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human*, Polish translation by Jan Dzierzgowski, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo Czarne.
* Suzie Sheehy, *The Matter of Everything: Twelve Experiments that Changed Our World*, Polish translation by Tomasz Lanczewski, Polish Publisher Wydawnictwo Zysk i S-ka.

**Books for children and teenagers**

* Adam Mirek, Katarzyna Cerazy (illustrations), *Glutologia. Jak się nie dać mikropaskudom, wstrętnym robalom i podstępnym chorobom*, Znak Emotikon.
* Boguś Janiszewski, Agnieszka Jankowiak-Maik, Max Skorwider (illustrations), *Skąd się wzięła Polska?*, Wydawnictwo Agora dla dzieci.
* Róża Hajkuś, Paweł Gierliński (illustrations), *Co się zdarza u lekarza*, Wydawnictwo Sensus.
* Łukasz Lamża, Paweł Mildner (illustrations), *Nie ma głupich pytań!*, Wydawnictwo Wilga.
* Agnieszka Graclik, Joanna Czarnecka (illustrations), *Dziki poradnik gadania. Megaporcja wiedzy o zwierzętach*, Wydawnictwo Wilga.

**Nominated by:**

**Prof. Krzysztof Ciesielski** – mathematician, Jagiellonian University, populariser of science

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

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

**Rafał Siemko** – philologist, Smart Books website

**Dr Michał Jacek Baranowski** – historian, permanent collaborator of the [Centre for Systemic Risk Analysis](https://cbrs.uw.edu.pl/en/home-page/) at the Faculty of Artes Liberales, University of Warsaw, and populariser of science

**Prof. Przemysław Bąbel** – psychologist, head of the [Pain Research Group](https://bol.edu.pl/), Jagiellonian University

**Dr Agnieszka Defus** – populariser of science, [Cafe Nauka UJ](https://www.facebook.com/cafenauka/)

**Dr Tomasz Miller** – mathematical physicist, [Copernicus Centre for Interdisciplinary Research](https://www.copernicuscenter.edu.pl/en/), Jagiellonian University

[**Science Mission**](https://science-mission.pl/) – dr inż. hab. Katarzyna Siuzdak, and dr hab. Katarzyna Grochowska, run a blog promoting popular science content among children and adults

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

**Agnieszka Karp-Szymańska** – Polish philologist, cultural animator, CEO of [the CzasDzieci.pl Sp. z o. o. portal](https://czasdzieci.pl/krakow/).

**Dr Adam Zbyryt** - biologist, University of Bialystok, [The Polish Society for the Protection of Birds](https://www.ptop.org.pl/), populariser of science

**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