

**SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED: THE ORWELL PRIZE  
FOR JOURNALISM 2018**

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**The shortlist for The Orwell Prize for Journalism 2018, Britain's most prestigious prize for political writing, was announced today at The Bath Festival:**

- As George Orwell's name remains at the heart of political discourse, The Orwell Prize judges select their pick of the year's best political journalism. Six entries shortlisted for the Orwell Prize for Journalism.
- Orwell Prize shortlists announced at The Orwell Prize Debate at Bath Festival
- The journalism list includes comment and reportage, from Carole Cadwalladr on Cambridge Analytica to Anthony Loyd's on-the-ground reports from Iraq
- New names include Jack Shenker on the counter-revolution in Egypt and Janice Turner on the problems faced by young trans people today
- Chair of the Journalism Prize judges David Bell was thrilled with the 'fine cross section of the best of British journalism' and Elinor Goodman 'was humbled by the quality of the writing on the shortlist, and the way the finalists tackled some of the most important issues facing society at the moment'

The shortlist for the Orwell Prize for Journalism 2018 is:

- **Carole Cadwalladr** (The Observer)
- **Edward Carr** (The Economist)
- **Sam Knight** (The New Yorker, The Guardian)
- **Anthony Loyd** (The Times)
- **Jack Shenker** (Huff Post, Granta, New York Times)
- **Janice Turner** (The Times)

Journalists are asked to submit three pieces of writing, which may be from one or more publications, and are listed alongside the publications written for in their submissions.

The judges for the Orwell Prize for Journalism 2018 are **Sir David Bell, Suzanne Franks, Elinor Goodman** and **Rachel Johnson**.

Previous winners of The Orwell Prize for Journalism include Fintan O'Toole (2017), Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, Peter Hitchens and Iona Craig.

# THE ORWELL PRIZE

**The winner of the £3000 prize will be unveiled on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at The RSA, together with the winner of The Orwell Prize for Books and The Orwell Prize for Exposing Britain's Social Evils, sponsored and supported by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.**

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## Notes to Editors

1. The Orwell Foundation is a registered charity (1161563) providing free cultural events and resources for the public benefit. Every year, the Foundation awards The Orwell Prize, Britain's most prestigious prize for political writing, to the work which comes closest to George Orwell's ambition 'to make political writing into an art'. There are three prizes: for Books, Journalism and Exposing Britain's Social Evils.
2. The Orwell Prize 2018 is for work published in the calendar year 2018. For more details and rules of entry please visit [www.orwellfoundation.com](http://www.orwellfoundation.com)
3. The Orwell Foundation is supported by Political Quarterly, Richard Blair (George Orwell's son), the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and private donations. The Foundation is based at University College London, home to the Orwell Archive and the annual Orwell Lecture.

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