

Intelligence History Book Prize 2026 awarded by the International Intelligence History Association

We are delighted to announce our call for nominations for the *Intelligence History Book Prize 2026*. The prize is worth € 1,000 and will be awarded by the *International Intelligence History Association* (IIHA) at the *2026 IIHA Annual Conference* in Washington D.C., USA, 29 September – 2 October 2026. The book prize winner will also be featured in a future issue of the *Journal of Intelligence History*. There will be honourable mentions for highly commended runners-up.

Guidelines for the *Intelligence History Book Prize*:

- Authors, publishers, IIHA members, or other interested parties may nominate published monographs.
- Books must have been published between 1 January 2025 and 1 June 2026.
- For books in languages other than English, French, and German, please contact the IIHA executive director prior to submission.
- Self-nominations are accepted and welcome.
- All entries must be based on sound and accurate historical research in the field of intelligence history, encouraging further exploration of the historical past from antiquity to contemporary history; research can cover any geographic region. Nominations are expected to make a significant contribution to the field.
- Entries must be submitted by 15 June 2026. Late entries and submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will be disqualified. Please fill out and submit the official form via this link to Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/rpV6EuuXHXXsr5Hy8>.
- The author (or nominator) must coordinate with the publisher and the IIHA executive director to ensure the receipt of 1 digital copy of the nominated book as well as the author's CV and at least 1 review of the book (e.g., external review of the manuscript before publication; PhD report; published journal review) by the prize-giving committee by 15 June 2026.
- Please combine the author's CV and the review(s) into one pdf and name it "LASTNAME-ShortTitle" (e.g., ANDREWS-SecretWorld.pdf). Only non-password-restricted pdfs will be accepted. Please send this file and the digital copy of the nominated book to exec_director@intelligence-history.org latest by 15 June 2026, 23:59 CET.
- Submitted publications will not be returned.

Judging

- The prize-giving committee looks for rigorous and original research, and convincing conclusions expressed in clear and effective prose.
- Decisions concerning the prize lie with a panel of recognized scholars in the field of intelligence history, consisting of IIHA board-members and members of the IIHA prize-giving committee.
- The judging panel reserves the right not to award any prize.
- Nominations may be subject to additional double-blind review by experts in the field.
- The deliberations of the prize-giving Committee remain confidential.
- All recommendations and decisions taken are binding and final, and no correspondence will be entered into on such matters.
- The winner of the IIHA Prize will receive an award of € 1,000. Formal bestowal of the prize will be made in person at the IIHA annual conference, and in print in the *Journal of Intelligence History* (as well as on the IIHA website and via our social media networks).

Nomination Checklist

- Guidelines – Read the guidelines with care.
- Form – Complete and send the online application form by 15 June 2026.
- Submission – Send 1 digital copy of the nominated book, the author's CV, and at least 1 review to the prize-giving committee via the IIHA executive director by the submission date, 15 June 2026.