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2006 Pulitzer Prize in Biography

Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin, *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* (Knopf, 2005). “. . . a standout in two genres: biography and social history.” - *San Francisco Chronicle*

2004 Pulitzer Prize in History

Steven Hahn, *A Nation Under Our Feet: Black Political Struggles in the Rural South from Slavery to the Great Migration* (Belknap Press, 2003). “. . . ambitious and fascinating” - *The New Yorker*

2004 Pulitzer Prize in Biography

William Taubman, *Khrushchev: The Man and His Era* (W. W. Norton, 2004). “. . . shines with mastery and authority.” - *New York Times Book Review*

2003 Bancroft Prize

Alan Galloway, *The Indian Slave Trade: The Rise of the English Empire in the American South, 1670-1717* (Yale University Press, 2002). “A majestic volume . . . [that] will reshape our understanding . . . of the colonial South . . .” - *Georgia Historical Quarterly*

2002 Pulitzer Prize in History

Louis Menand, *The Metaphysical Club: A Story of Ideas in America* (Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2001). “Hugely ambitious, unmistakably brilliant” - *The New York Times*

2002 Bancroft Prize

James F. Brooks, *Captives and Cousins: Slavery, Kinship, and Community in the Southwest Borderlands* (University of North Carolina Press, 2002).

2001 Bancroft Prize

Susan Lee Johnson, *Roaring Camp: The Social World of the California Gold Rush* (W. W. Norton, 2000).

2000 Pulitzer Prize for Biography

Stacy Schiff, *Vera (Mrs. Vladimir Nabokov)* (New York: Random House, 1999).

2000 Pulitzer Prize for History

David M. Kennedy, *Freedom from Fear: The American People in Depression and War, 1929-45* (Oxford University Press, 1999) “This is the kind of book prizes are made for.” - *Chicago Tribune*

2000 Bancroft Prize

James H. Merrell, *Into the Woods: Negotiators on the Pennsylvania Frontier* (W.W. Norton, 2000).

1999 Pulitzer Prize in History

Edwin G. Burrows and Mike Wallace, *Gotham: A History of New York City to 1898* (Oxford University Press, 1998). • “Gotham is a masterwork” - *Baltimore Sun*

1997 Pulitzer Prize in History

Jack Rakove, *Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1997).

1997 Bancroft Prize

David E. Kyvig, *Explicit and Authentic Acts: Amending the U.S. Constitution, 1776-1995* (University of Kansas Press, 1996).

1996 Pulitzer Prize in History and Bancroft Prize

Alan Taylor, *William Cooper's Town: Power and Persuasion on the Frontier of the Early American Republic* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1995). "Marvelous . . . Taylor's intellectual grasp never fails." -*The New Yorker*

1996 Bancroft Prize

David S. Reynolds, *Walt Whitman's America: A Cultural Biography* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1995).

1994 Pulitzer Prize in Biography

Joan D. Hedrick, *Harriet Beecher Stowe: A Life* (Oxford University Press, 1994).

"Intelligent, thoroughly researched . . ." -*The Wall Street Journal*

1994 Bancroft Prize

Winthrop Jordan, *Tumult and Silence at Second Creek: An Inquiry Into a Civil War Slave Conspiracy* (Louisiana State University Press, 1993).

1993 Bancroft Prize

Melvyn P. Leffler, *A Preponderance of Power: National Security, The Truman Administration, and the Cold War* (Stanford University Press, 1992).

1991 Bancroft Prize

Lizabeth Cohen, *Making a New Deal: Industrial Workers in Chicago, 1919-1939* (Cambridge University Press, 1990). "This is an impressive and hefty piece of work." - *The Times Education Supplement*

1990 Pulitzer Prize in History and Bancroft Prize

Laurel T. Ulrich, *A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on Her Diary, 1785-1812* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1990). "A major source through which we can vicariously experience the rural life of early New England." -*The New York Times Book Review*

1990 Bancroft Prize

Neil R. McMillen, *Dark Journey: Black Missisippians in the Age of Jim Crow* (University of Illinois Press, 1989).

1988 Pulitzer Prize in History

James M. McPherson, *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era* (Oxford University Press, 1988).

"The finest single volume on the war and its background." - *The Washington Post*

1988 Bancroft Prize

Eric Foner, *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863-1877* (Harper and Row, 1988).

"This is history written on a grand scale, a masterful treatment . . ." -*The New Republic*

1987 Pulitzer Prize for Letters in History

Bernard Bailyn, *Voyagers to the West: A Passage in the Peopling of America on the Eve of the Revolution* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1986). A "superbly documented history" by an "indefatigable historian"—*Publishers Weekly*

1986 Pulitzer Prize in Biography

Elizabeth Frank, *Louise Bogan: A Portrait* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1985).

1983 Bancroft Prize

Nicholas A. Salvatore, *Eugene V. Debs: Citizen and Socialist* (University of Illinois Press, 1983).

1981 Bancroft Prize (co-winner)

Jean Strouse, *Alice James: A Biography* (Houghton Mifflin Company, 1980).



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1981 Bancroft Prize (co-winner)

Edward Countryman, *A People in Revolution: The American Revolution and Political Society in New York, 1760-1790* (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1981).

1980 Bancroft Prize (co-winner)

Robert Dallek, *Franklin D. Roosevelt and American Foreign Policy, 1923-1945* (Oxford University Press, 1979). “A dazzling narrative . . . elegant . . . history on the grandest scale . . .” - *The New York Times Book Review*

1980 Bancroft Prize (co-winner)

Thomas Dublin, *Women at Work: The Transformation of Work and Community in Lowell, Massachusetts, 1826-1860* (Columbia University Press, 1979). “. . . a model of social history.” - *The Yale Review*

1979 Pulitzer Prize in History

Don E. Fehrenbacher, *The Dred Scott Case: Its Significance in American Law and Politics* (Oxford University Press, 1978). “Probably the most thorough study of any Supreme Court decision ever undertaken.” - *New York Review of Books*

1976 Bancroft Prize

R.W.B. Lewis, *Edith Wharton: A Biography* (Harper and Row, 1975).

1975 Pulitzer Prize for Letters in History

Dumas Malone, *Jefferson and His Time* (Little, Brown, 1968-75). “[O]ne of the great biographies of the 20th century” - *The New Republic*

1970 Bancroft Prize

Gordon S. Wood, *The Creation of the American Republic, 1776-1787* (University of North Carolina Press, 1969).