French Heritage Society’s
Fourth Annual Book Award

Nominations Announced

Winning Author Revealed in Early March

Award Ceremony • Wednesday, April 15, 2020
Private Club • New York City

January 2020, New York City – French Heritage Society (FHS) is pleased to announce the
nominations of the fourth edition of its French Heritage Society Book Award, an initiative launched
in 2017 in celebration of the organization’s 35th Anniversary. This year’s winner will be revealed in
early March. The award ceremony will take place on Wednesday, April 15th, 2020, at a private club
in Manhattan. The evening will commence at 6pm with a cocktail reception, followed by the award
ceremony, and will culminate with a celebratory dinner.

The French Heritage Society Book Award recognizes and honors a work of distinction that
illuminates for the general public either an important element of French cultural or historical
patrimony (especially but not solely in the domains of architecture, décor, couture, gardening and
the arts) or the considerable and noteworthy influence France, its citizens and its culture have had in
shaping American history, thought and culture. Recognized works address their topic and themes
with originality and exemplary style.

This work must be written in, or translated into, English and have been published in America in the
three years preceding the annual awarding of the prize. Past recipients include Proust’s Duchess by
Caroline Weber, Finding Fontainebleau: An American Boy in France by Thad Carhart and The Other Paris
by Luc Sante.

Nominations for the Fourth Annual Book Award:

- France in the World: A New Global History by Patrick Boucheron (Editor)
- Dior and His Decorators: Victor Grandpierre, Georges Geffroy and the New Look by Maureen Footer
- A Bite-Sized History of France: Gastronomic Tales of Revolution, War, and Enlightenment by Stéphane
  Hénaut and Jeni Mitchell
- The Seine: The River That Made Paris by Elaine Sciolino
- Catherine & Diderot: The Empress, the Philosopher, and the Fate of the Enlightenment by Robert
  Zaretsky
The French Heritage Society Book Award’s esteemed jury is comprised of Cheryl Hurley, immediate past president of the Library of America, Anne Poulet, Director Emerita of The Frick Collection, and Bruno Racine, author and former director of the Pompidou Center and of the National Library of France.

The winning author will be announced on the invitation to the award ceremony in mid-February and will receive a $5,000 cash prize in addition to an award goblet designed by Thomas Jefferson while he served as Minister to France. During the event, the winner will be interviewed by Laura Auricchio, followed by an audience Q&A session. Laura Auricchio is the Dean of Fordham College at Lincoln Center.

About French Heritage Society
French Heritage Society is an American nonprofit organization with 10 chapters in the U.S. and one in France. Its central mission is to ensure that the treasures of our shared French architectural and cultural heritage survive in order to inspire future generations to build, dream, and create. Over the past 38 years, FHS has given over 600 restoration grants to properties throughout France and in the U.S. for a combined total of $13.2 million (which results in a total of $26.4 million being made available due to our required matching funds condition), which includes in excess of $2.6 million for FHS's Notre-Dame Fire Restoration Fund. In addition, FHS has selected and supported over 500 students from prestigious universities who have crossed the Atlantic for internships at esteemed institutions.

***