

Pulitzer Prize for Biography or Autobiography

This list contains the items held by the Charles P. Puksta Library at River Valley Community College that have won the Pulitzer Prize for Biography or Autobiography.

The Pulitzer Prize for Biography or Autobiography is awarded each spring by Columbia University, upon recommendation of the Pulitzer Board. Since 1917, the award has recognized, "a distinguished and appropriately documented biography or autobiography by an American author."ⁱ Only books submitted by the author or the publisher may be considered for the award. Titles that have been published in the United States in the previous year are eligible for submission. Using funds left by publisher Joseph Pulitzer, the winning author receives a \$10,000 prize.

1935: Douglas S. Freeman – *R. E. Lee*
E 467.1 L4 F83 v. 1– v. 4

1943: Samuel Eliot Morison – *Admiral of the Ocean Sea*
E 111 M86 1942

1958: Douglas Southall Freeman – *George Washington, Volumes I-VI*
E 312 F82 v.1 – v. 6

1960: Samuel Eliot Morison – *John Paul Jones*
E 207 .J7 M6 1959

1991: Steven Naifeh and Gregory White Smith – *Jackson Pollock*
ND 237 P6 N2

1993: David McCullough – *Truman*
E 814 M23 1992

1997: Frank McCourt – *Angela's Ashes: A Memoir*
E 184 I5 M117 1996 (2 copies)

2002: David McCullough – *John Adams*
E 322 M33 2001

2005: Mark Stevens and Annalyn Swan – *de Kooning: An American Master*
N 6537 .D43 S74 2004

2008: John Matteson – *Eden's Outcasts: The Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Father*
PS 1018 M34 2007

2009: Jon Meacham – *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House*
E 382 M43 2008

2010: T.J. Stiles – *The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt*
CT 275 V23 S85 2009

2012: John Lewis Gaddis – *George F. Kennan: An American Life*
E 48 K374 G34 2011

2013: Tom Reiss – *The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo*
DC 146 D83 R46 2012

2014: Megan Marshall – *Margaret Fuller: A New American Life*
PS 2506 M37 2013

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¹ The Pulitzer Prizes -- Columbia University. (May 2010). *The Pulitzer Prizes Plan of Award*. Retrieved from <http://www.pulitzer.org/files/entryforms/2011planofaward.pdf>