

# 2013 Pulitzer Prize Winners



The Pulitzer Prize is an annual awards given to excellence in newspaper and online journalism, literature, and musical composition and are administered by Columbia University in New York City. The 2013 awards were announced yesterday. For books, the following awards were given.

**Fiction** - *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson

Ambitious and inventive, this novel is set in an orphanage in North Korea. Protagonist Pak Jun Do is forced to become a fighting tunnel expert and a kidnapper before he takes his fate into his own hands. Johnson is able to tell the tale of touching humanity set within the backdrop of a brutal regime.

**History** - *Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America's Vietnam* by Fredrik Logevall

Cornell University professor, Logevall, thoroughly presents a history of the 40 years leading up to the Vietnam War. His perspective is wider than most and presents an interesting view of both the French and American politics, campaigns and lasting impacts.

**Biography** - *The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo* by Tom Reiss

Alexandre Dumas based the character of the Count of Monte Cristo on his father. The elder Dumas was a mixed race swordsman who suffered highs and lows of the French aristocracy, military battles and untimely death. Reiss is able to create a compelling narrative of this inspiring man.

**Poetry** - *Stag's Leap* by Sharon Olds

Olds scrutinizes her divorce through the lens of poetry by focusing on both love and sorrow in this beautiful collection.

**General Nonfiction** - *Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America* by Gilbert King

This captivating true-crime book tells the story of the Groveland Boys, who were accused of raping a white woman and their botched trials. Journalist King uses FBI case files as well as the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund files to revisit this often overlooked case.

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