



Robert F. Worth's *Rage for Order* Wins the 2017 Lionel Gelber Prize

For Immediate Release: February 28, 2017 (Toronto and Washington): **Sara Charney**, Chair of the Lionel Gelber Prize Board and niece of the late Lionel Gelber, today announced that the winner of the 27th annual Lionel Gelber Prize is **Robert F. Worth** for his book ***A Rage for Order: The Middle East in Turmoil, from Tahrir Square to ISIS*** published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Jury Chair John Stackhouse notes: "The Arab Spring's ebb and flow was so sudden that its consequence can be mistaken as fleeting. Robert F. Worth's *Rage for Order* makes the case otherwise, revealing how the events of 2010 had been years, perhaps decades, in the making, and their aftershocks may be just as lasting. Worth traverses the countries that shook the Middle East to its core, telling the region's political conflicts through the eyes of individuals who tried to bend the course of history. Through courageous reporting and empathetic writing, Worth makes clear that the popular will behind the Arab Spring has not receded, nor has the power behind its suppression abated."

Robert F. Worth spent 14 years as a foreign correspondent for *The New York Times* and was the paper's Beirut bureau chief from 2007 until 2011. He is a frequent contributor to *The New York Times Magazine* and *The New York Review of Books*. He has twice been a finalist for a National Magazine Award. Born and raised in Manhattan, he now lives in Washington, D.C.

The 2017 Jury members are John Stackhouse, Chair, (Toronto, Canada); 2016 Lionel Gelber Prize winner and journalist Scott Shane (Maryland, USA), Professor Allison Stanger (Vermont, USA), Dr. Astrid Tuminez (Singapore), and Professor Antje Wiener (Hamburg, Germany).

Coinciding with the announcement of the 27th winner is the launch of a highly integrated new Prize website, richly detailed and cross-populated with information about Lionel Gelber and the world's best books on foreign affairs, dating back to the first awarding in 1990.

A literary award for the world's best non-fiction book in English on foreign affairs that seeks to deepen public debate on significant international issues, the Lionel Gelber Prize was founded in 1989 by Canadian diplomat Lionel Gelber. The award is presented annually by The Lionel Gelber Foundation, in partnership with *Foreign Policy* magazine and the Munk School of Global Affairs. A cash prize of \$15,000 is awarded to the winner.

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