

News >

Three titles honoured in the Society's 2018 Book Award >

BPS News

Three titles honoured in the Society's 2018 Book Award

02 October 2018

The winners of this year's British Psychological Society Book Award have been announced.



Academic Monograph

The Seven Deadly Sins of Psychology: A Manifesto for Reforming the Culture of Scientific Practice by Chris Chambers

Chris Chambers draws on his experiences as a working scientist to show how practitioners are vulnerable to powerful biases that undercut the scientific method, how they torture data until it produces outcomes that can be published in prestigious journals, and how studies are much less reliable than advertised.

Outlining a core set of best practices that can be applied across the sciences, he demonstrates how all these sins can be corrected by embracing open science, an emerging philosophy that seeks to make research and its outcomes as transparent as possible.

Textbook

Forensic Psychology: Theory, Research, Policy, Practice by Jennifer Brown, Yvonne Shell and Terri Cole

Mapped to the British Psychological Society's Stage 1 and 2 training requirements for forensic psychologists, *Forensic Psychology: Theory, Research, Policy and Practice* helps students learn to combine practical skills such as report writing or assessments with a critical understanding of both theory and the wider political and policy landscape that surrounds the profession.

Throughout the text, the authors provide detailed analysis of key concepts, debates and theories while weaving in insights and reflections from professionals.

Popular Science

The Influential Mind: What the Brain Reveals about our Power to Change Others by Tali Sharot

Part of our daily job as humans is to influence others. We teach our children, guide our patients, advise our clients, help our friends and inform our online followers. We do this because we each have unique experiences and knowledge that others may not.

But how good are we at this role? Tali Sharot shows that we systematically fall back on suboptimal habits when trying to change other's beliefs and behaviours. Many of these instincts - from trying to scare people into action, to insisting the other is wrong or attempting to exert control - are ineffective, because they are incompatible with how the mind operates.

Sarb Bajwa, chief executive of the British Psychological Society, says:

"I congratulate all the award winners whose varied expertise emphasise the depth and diversity of psychology. The fact that we were able to recognise three such distinguished and appealing books shows that psychology publishing is in good health.

"What shines through in each of these books is a relentless focus on good science and an insistence on following the evidence."

The recipients will be presented with a commemorative certificate at the Society's Annual Conference.

Topics

The Society

