

BBC Four Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction

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2005

- **Like a Fiery Elephant: The Life of B S Johnson** Jonathan Coe **Winner**
- **Stuart: A Life backwards** Alexander Masters
- **Maximum City: Bombay Lost and Found** Suketu Mehta
- **Istanbul: Memories of a city** Orhan Pamuk
- **Matisse the Master** Hilary Spurling
- **The Italian Boy: Murder and Grave Robbery in 1830s London** Sarah Wise

2004

- **Stasiland: Stories from Behind the Berlin Wall** Anna Funder **Winner**
- **Gulag: A History of the Soviet Camps** Anne Applebaum
- **John Clare: A Biography** Jonathon Bate
- **A Short History of Nearly Everything** Bill Bryson
- **The Zanzibar Chest: A Memoir of Love and War** Aidan Hartley
- **Rubicon: The Triumph and Tragedy of the Roman Republic** Tom Holland

2003

- **Pushkin** T. J. Binyon **Winner**
- **Natasha's Dance: a cultural history of Russia** Orlando Figes
- **The Devil that danced on the water: a daughter's memoir of her father, her family, her country and a continent_** Aminatta Forna
- **Dr Tatiana's sex advice to all creation** Olivia Judson
- **Samuel Pepys: the unequalled self** Claire Tomalin
- **Nelson: Love and fame** Edgar Vincent

2002

- **Peacemakers: The Paris Peace Conference of 1919 and its attempt to end war** Margaret Macmillan **Winner**
- **The Voices of Morebath** Eamon Duffy
- **The Snow geese** William Fiennes
- **The Invention of clouds: how an amateur meteorologist forged the language of the skies** Richard Hamblyn
- **Churchill: a biography** Roy Jenkins
- **Unfinest hour: Britain and the destruction of Bosnia** Brendan Simms

2001

- **The Third Reich** Michael Burleigh **Winner**
- **Trilobite! Eyewitness to evolution** Richard Fortey
- **Night of stone** Catherine Merridale
- **Rimbaud** Graham Robb
- **Prince of princes: The Life of Potemkin** Simon Sebag Montefiore
- **John Maynard Keynes** Robert Skidelsky

2000

- **Berlioz: volume 2** David Cairns **Winner**
- **Playing the Moldovans at tennis** Tony Hawks
- **Yeats's ghosts** Brenda Maddox
- **Genome** Matt Ridley
- **Deliver us from evil** William Shawcross
- **Karl Marx** Francis Wheen

1999

- **Stalingrad** Antony Beevor **Winner**
- **Hitler** Ian Kershaw
- **Pilate** Ann Wroe
- **C: Because cowards get cancer too** John Diamond
- **Coleridge: Darker reflections** Richard Holmes
- **Wealth and poverty of nations** David Landes