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10 Books for Urban Thinkers This Summer

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The 2025 Pattis Family Foundation Global Cities Book Award Long List

Books have the power to transform how cities are understood, governed, and experienced. The Pattis Family Foundation Global Cities Book Award, proudly hosted by Metropolis this year, celebrates nonfiction works that shed light on the urban challenges of today—and inspire solutions for the cities of tomorrow.

This summer, Metropolis is sharing the 2025 long list selected by the Pattis Award Selection Committee. These ten titles explore the core issues shaping the future of our cities such as climate resilience, urban innovation, housing, mobility, and care.

From Bogotá to Barcelona, these books reflect the conversations taking place across the global Metropolis membership.



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From the Selection Committee

Title	Author	Description
Waste and the City: The Crisis of Sanitation and the Right to Citylife	Colin McFarlane	It emphasizes the crucial role of sanitation in urban public health. McFarlane argues for equitable investment, framing sanitation as a democratic right to urban life. Read More

Equality and the City: Urban Innovations for All Citizens

Enrique Peñalosa Londoño

Based on the author's experience as Bogotá's mayor, the book offers guidance for building more just and sustainable cities.

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Miami in the Anthropocene: Rising Seas and Urban Resilience

Stephanie Wakefield

It explores how climate change is reshaping urban life, turning the city beyond resilience to transformation.

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Multitudes: How Crowds Made the Modern World

Dan Hancox

Hancox asks urgent questions about freedom, control, and collective life in the modern age.

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Feeling at Home: Transforming the Politics of Housing

Alva Gotby

It examines how we live and value housing. It's a call to transform both housing systems and everyday life.

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Killed by a Traffic Engineer

Wes Marshall

The book critiques the flawed logic of U.S. road design and offers a hopeful vision for more equitable transportation systems.

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Solidarity Cities: Confronting Racial Capitalism, Mapping Transformation

**Maliha Safri,
Marianna Pavlovskaya,
Stephen Healy,
and Craig Borowiak**

It maps the impact of cooperative networks in U.S. cities that promote mutual aid, democracy, and inclusion.

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**Cultivating Livability: Food, Class,
and the Urban Future in Bengaluru**

Camille Frazier

Frazier examines what “livability” means in Bengaluru, India, through the lens of urban food networks.

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**Master Plans and Minor Acts:
Repairing the City in Post-Genocide
Rwanda**

Shakirah, E., Hudani

It explores how post-genocide Rwanda uses urban planning to rebuild cities and promote social healing.

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**Injustice in Urban Sustainability:
Ten Core Drivers**

**Panagiota Kotsila,
Isabelle Anguelovski,
Melissa García-Lamarca,
and Filka Sekulova**

The authors critique urban sustainability, revealing how true sustainability requires protecting housing, public space, and community rights.

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Stay tuned! The shortlist will be announced later this year. For now, these titles offer fresh insight for urban professionals, policymakers, and readers committed to more inclusive and sustainable cities.