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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 Judging 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, Kaohsiung to Kuala Lumpur, these books reflect the conversations taking place across the global Metropolis membership.



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From the Judging Committee

	Title	Author	Description
1	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 frames equitable investment, framing sanitation as a democratic right to urban life. Read More

2	Equality and the City: Urban Innovations for All Citizens	Enrique Peñalosa Londoño	<p>Based on the author's experience as Bogotá's mayor, the book offers guidance for building more just and sustainable cities.</p> <p>Read More</p>
3	Miami in the Anthropocene: Rising Seas and Urban Resilience	Stephanie Wakefield	<p>It explores how climate change is reshaping urban life, turning the city beyond resilience to transformation.</p> <p>Read More</p>
4	Multitudes: How Crowds Made the Modern World	Dan Hancox	<p>Hancox asks urgent questions about freedom, control, and collective life in the modern age.</p> <p>Read More</p>
5	Feeling at Home: Transforming the Politics of Housing	Alva Gotby	<p>It examines how we live and value home. It's a call to transform both housing systems and everyday life.</p> <p>Read More</p>
6	Killed by a Traffic Engineer	Wes Marshall	<p>The book critiques the flawed logic of U.S. road design and offers a hopeful vision for more equitable transportation systems.</p> <p>Read More</p>
7	Solidarity Cities: Confronting Racial Capitalism, Mapping Transformation	Maliha Safri, Marianna Pavlovskaya, Stephen Healy, and Craig Borowiak	<p>It maps the impact of cooperative networks in U.S. cities that promote mutual aid, democracy, and inclusion.</p> <p>Read More</p>

8	Cultivating Livability: Food, Class, and the Urban Future in Bengaluru	Camille Frazier	Frazier examines what “livability” in Bengaluru, India, through the urban food networks.
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9	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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10	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.