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The 11th annual Sheikh Zayed Book Award ceremony was held in the presence of dignitaries and prominent figures to honour the 2017 winners.

Held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, the ceremony was attended by HH Lt. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, who presented the prizes to the eight winners, accompanied by Dr. Ali bin Tamim, Secretary-General of the Sheikh Zayed Book Awards.

During the ceremony, the Moroccan historian and scholar Abdallah Laroui received the accolade of Cultural Personality of the Year 2017 Award from H.H. Lt. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed, which honours prominent figures for their distinguished contributions to the advancement of Arab culture, and for works that call for tolerance and promote peaceful coexistence.

Seven other winners were celebrated at the ceremony held at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, ADNEC, on the sidelines of the 27th Abu Dhabi International Book Fair, and were issued with a certificate of merit and a Gold Medal in addition to the award.

The 2017 winners were selected following extensive discussions between the Awards' Board of Trustees and Scientific Committee, with the results submitted by dedicated judging panels across the award's categories.