

# The 2023 Baillie Gifford Prize Winner John Vaillant

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**John Vaillant:** It's totally shocking on the one hand and, you know, exhilarating and validating and all that. It's amazing to be seen and read by readers and thinkers and writers of that calibre. So it's really serious people taking you seriously, you know? And so what more could a writer ask for, or a writer trying to do what I'm trying to do so that, you know, it's a dream come true, really.

And also thinking about the other writers, the other five, you know, my cohort of finalists, we all put our heart and soul into the books we wrote. We love what we do. We love the language we write in. We love the subjects.