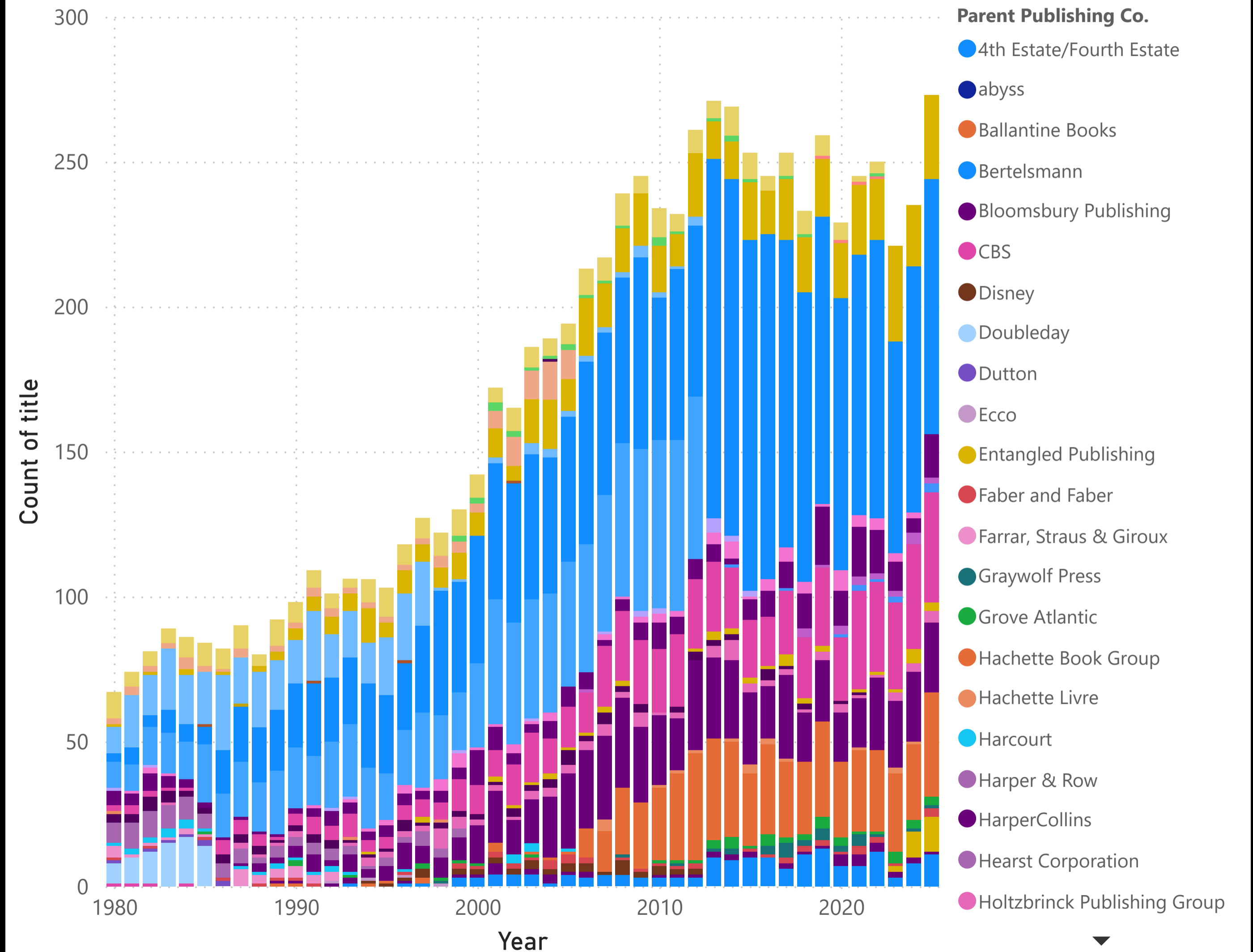


Publisher Dominance on Top Book Lists, 1980-2025

Aggregated data from the NYT Bestseller Hardcover, Pulitzer, National Book Award, and Booker Prize lists

by Ella Bartt

Number of Unique Titles on the book list

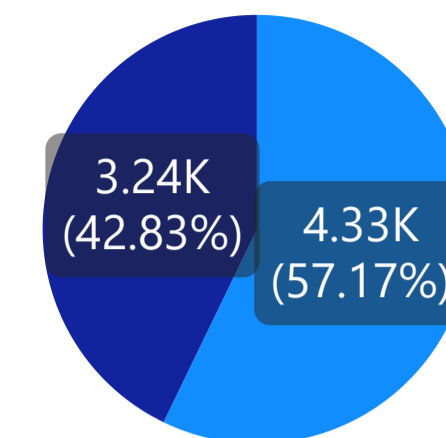


% of Unique Titles by Prestige Publishers

1 = Prestige Publisher, 0 = Other

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Award List

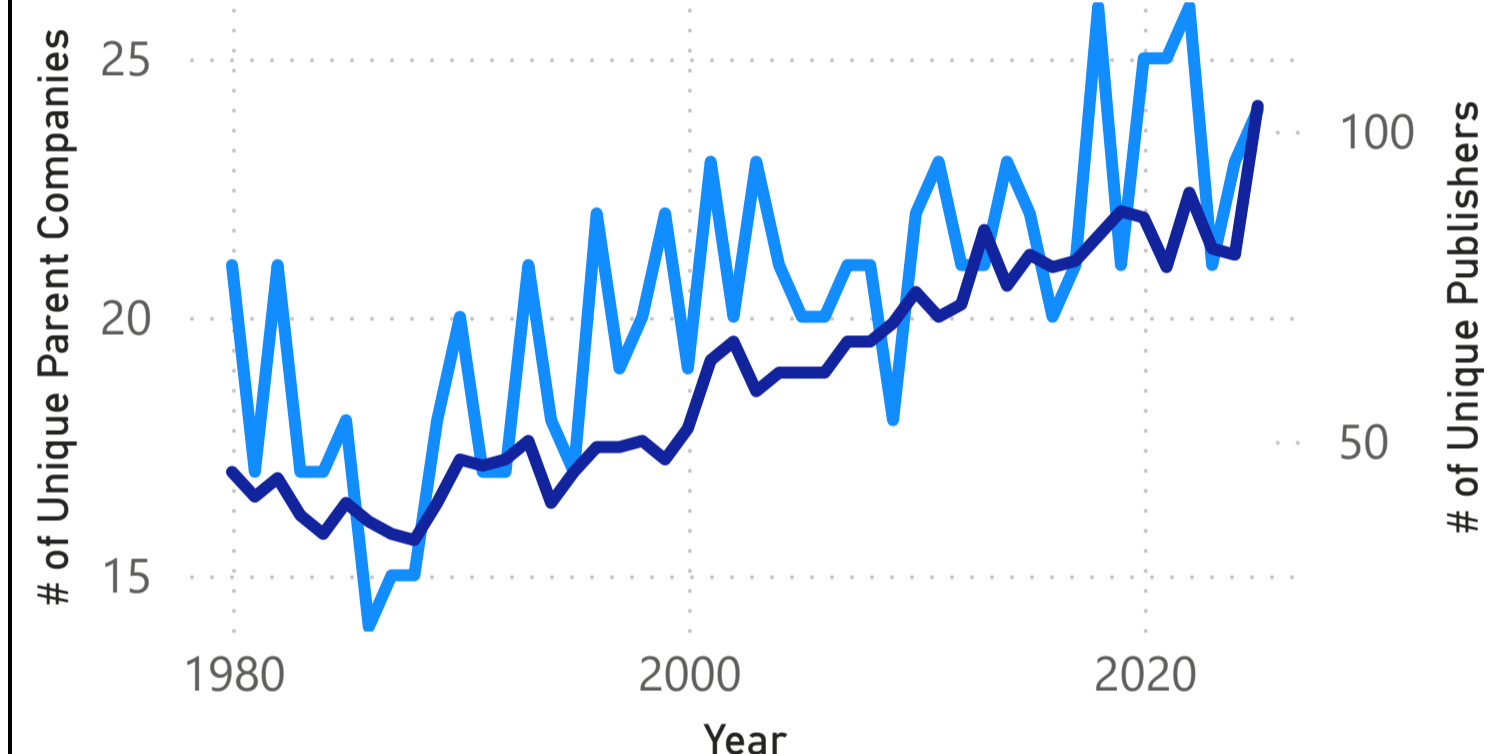
- Booker Prize
- National Book Award
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- Pulitzer Prize

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- HarperCollins
- MacMillan
- Penguin Random House
- Simon & Schuster

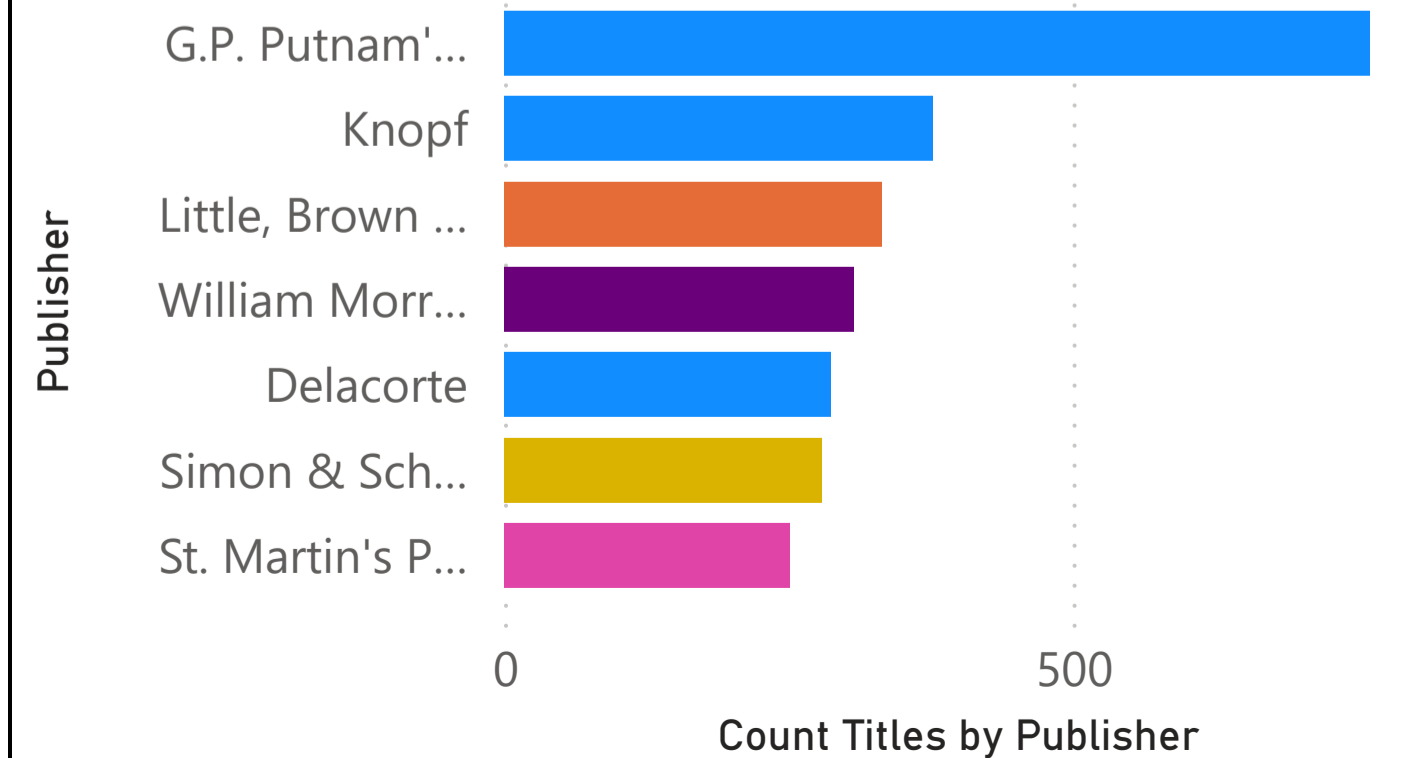
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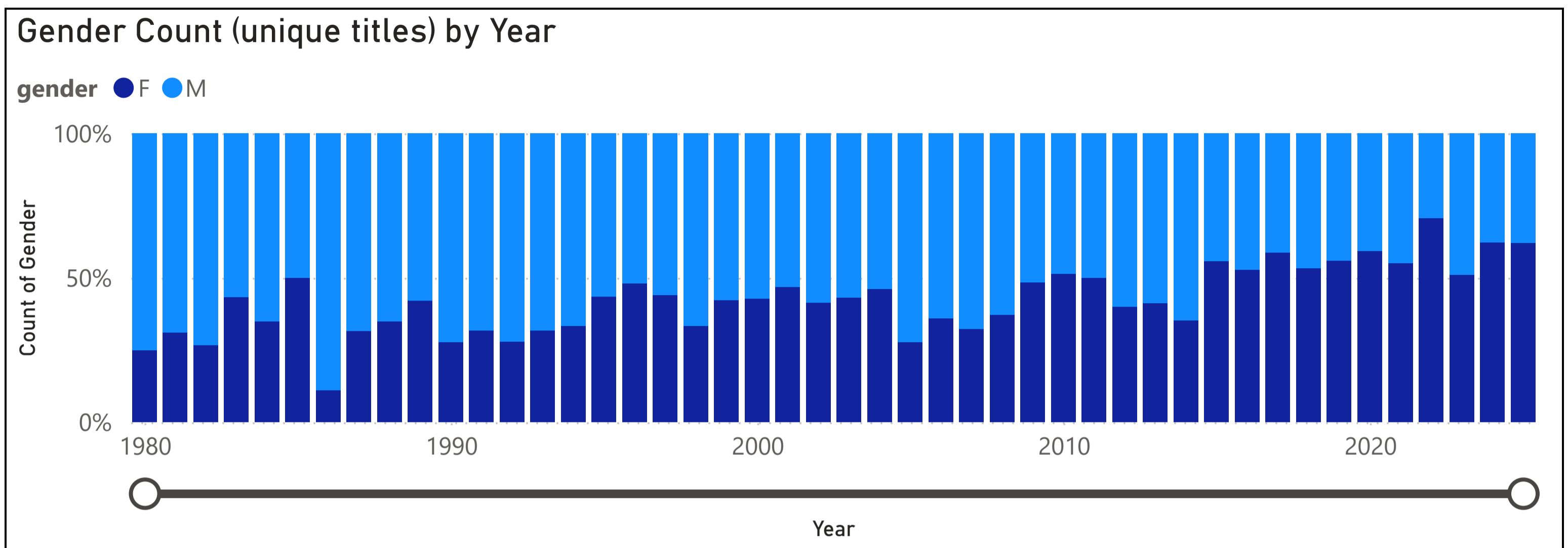
Top Publishers on List by Count

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Gender Distribution of Prize Lists, 1980-2025

Authors' genders on the Pulitzer, National Book, and Booker Prize lists



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- Pulitzer Prize

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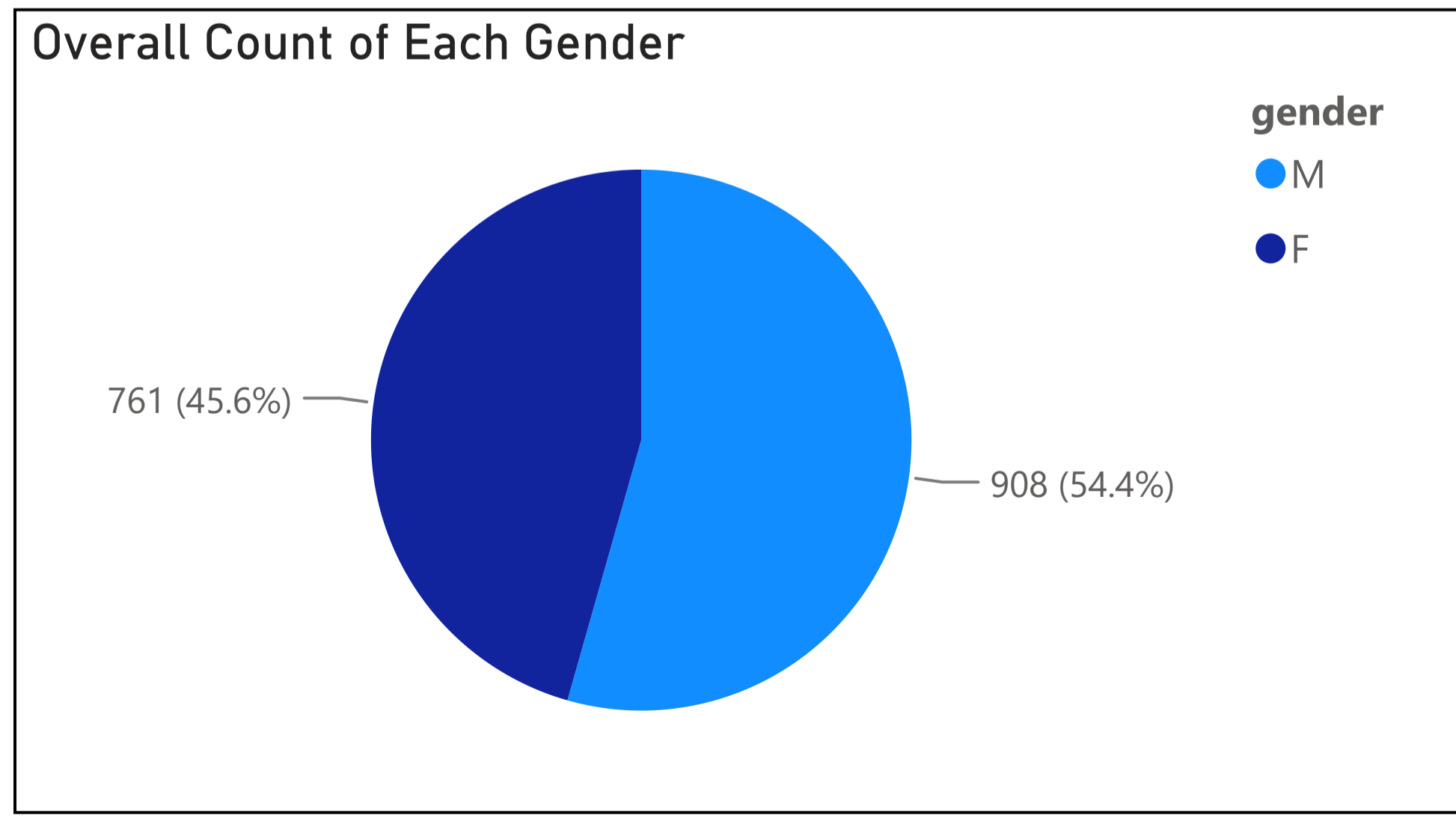
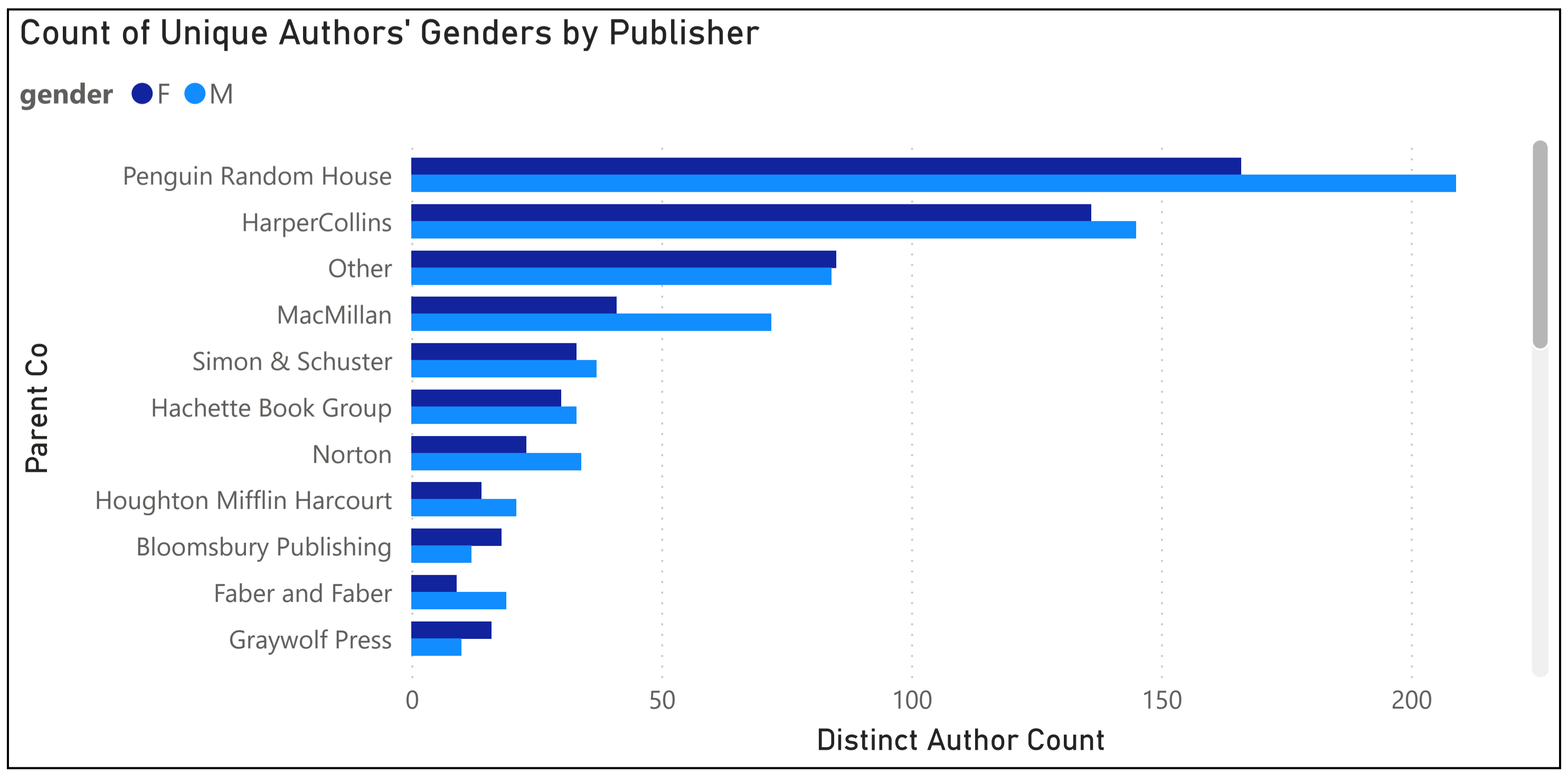
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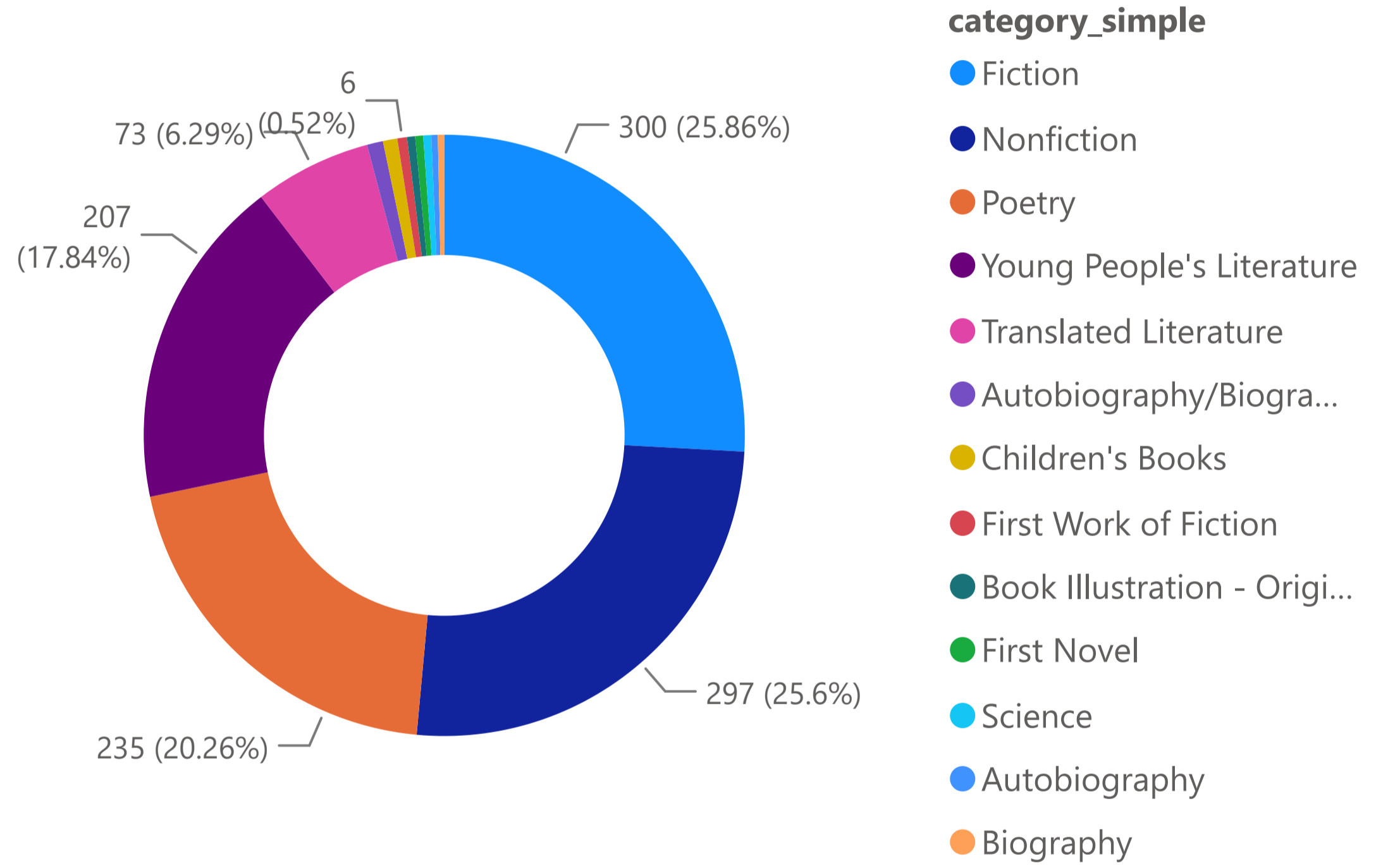


Prize List	Overall proportion of F Authors	Proportion of Female Winners
National Book Award	0.44	0.33
Booker	0.41	0.33
Pulitzer	0.40	0.36



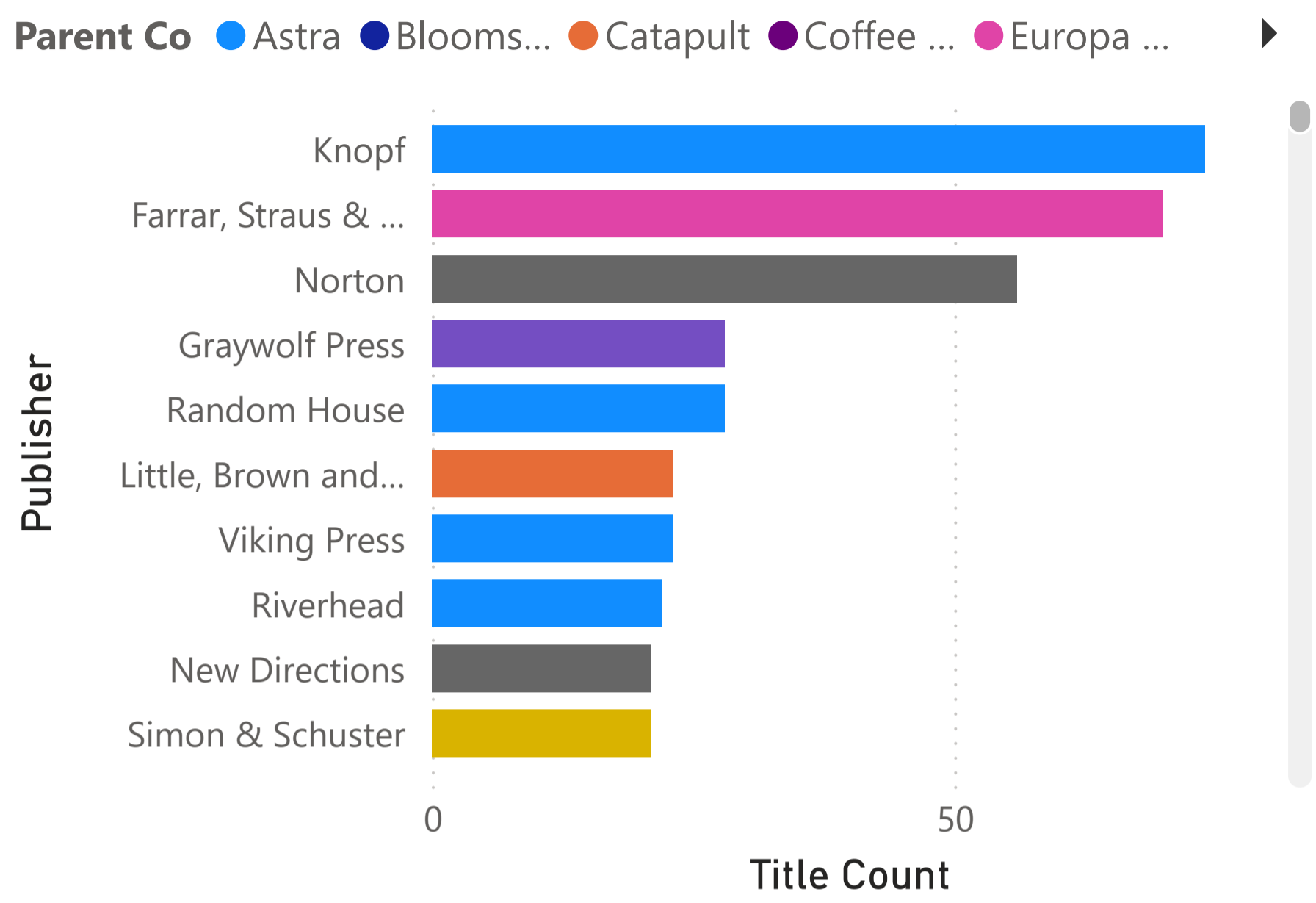
National Book Awards Publishers (1980-2025)

Count of Books in Each Category



Categories and their definitions have changed over the years. See the categories on the National Book Foundation [website](#).

Top Publishers by Book Count



Category	# Books (F Author)	# Books	Prop. F Authors
Children's Books	6	9	0.67
First Novel	3	5	0.60
Translated Literature	47	80	0.59
Young People's Literature	118	215	0.55
Autobiography	2	4	0.50
First Work of Fiction	3	6	0.50
Poetry	106	241	0.44
Fiction	135	311	0.43
Book Illustration	2	5	0.40
Nonfiction	97	286	0.34
General Nonfiction	3	17	0.18
Autobiography/Biography	1	10	0.10
Biography	0	4	0.00
Science	0	5	0.00

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- Parent Company
- Hachette Book Gr...
 - HarperCollins
 - MacMillan
 - Penguin Random ...
 - Simon & Schuster

NYT and Amazon Bestselling Books

Comparing the NYT Bestselling Hardcover books and the Amazon bestselling fiction books (all formats).

year(s) shown

2017

2025



Overlapping Books: NYT and Amazon Bestsellers

Books that appear on both lists on the same week.

Title	Author	Publisher	Parent Co	# weeks overlap
Where The Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens	G.P. Putnam's Sons	Penguin Random House	124
Fourth Wing	Rebecca Yarros	Red Tower Books	Entangled Publishing	97
Lessons In Chemistry	Bonnie Garmus	Doubleday	Penguin Random House	79
Iron Flame	Rebecca Yarros	Red Tower Books	Entangled Publishing	78
The Midnight Library	Matt Haig	Viking Press	Penguin Random House	54
The Women	Kristin Hannah	St. Martin's Press	MacMillan	54
The Silent Patient	Alex Michaelides	Celadon	MacMillan	53
Demon Copperhead	Barbara Kingsolver	Harper & Row	HarperCollins	43
Before We Were Yours	Lisa Wingate	Ballantine Books	Penguin Random House	41
The Last Thing He Told Me	Laura Dave	Simon & Schuster	Simon & Schuster	39
The Vanishing Half	Brit Bennett	Riverhead	Penguin Random House	39
Little Fires Everywhere	Celeste Ng	Penguin Press	Penguin Random House	36
American Dirt	Jeanine Cummins	Flatiron Books	MacMillan	32
Onyx Storm	Rebecca Yarros	Red Tower Books	Entangled Publishing	30
Total				2062

Top 10 Amazon Bestsellers

Title	# weeks on list
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	207
Where the Crawdads Sing	199
The Housemaid	167
Fourth Wing	132
It Ends with Us	131
Haunting Adeline	118
Iron Flame	116
Verity	106
A Court of Thorns and Roses	105
The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo	103

Top 10 NYT Bestsellers

Title	# weeks on list
Where The Crawdads Sing	133
The Midnight Library	106
Lessons In Chemistry	99
Fourth Wing	98
Iron Flame	82
Demon Copperhead	70
The Women	66
The Last Thing He Told Me	65
Remarkably Bright Creatures	64
The Silent Patient	56