**Bradley Prize Nomination: Roger Scruton**

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My argument for Roger Scruton as a Bradley Prize winner is simple. Through a lifetime of steady effort and boundless productivity, this Cambridge-trained philosopher has become the single most outstanding expositor of the meaning of conservatism in the Anglo-American world. In his vast oeuvre, there is literally no important subject that he has not addressed with insight and profundity, and done so in ways accessible to nearly any intelligent reader. When I look at the list of possible selections for a “nominee’s area of expertise” on the Bradley Prize nomination forms, I am stymied, because there is not a single item on that list about which Roger Scruton has not written compellingly. He offers a clear and encompassing view of the inmost meaning of the conservative alternative for today’s world, and expresses it (as in his recent book HOW TO BE A CONSERVATIVE, perhaps the best thing on the subject he has ever written) in lucid, readable, and memorable prose. I believe that this is his moment, a moment in which the message he has been honing and preparing for several decades is ready to be heard and received.

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