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Springer Handbook of Robotics presented with two awards; The book Solar Sails and the journal Evolution: Education and Outreach receive honorable mentions

"We submitted the Springer *Handbook of Robotics* to the PROSE Awards because Springer was convinced that it constitutes the most authoritative publication in this modern and growing scientific discipline. Springer is one of the leading publishers in this field and we have excellent contacts to this group of distinguished experts, not only in the field of robotics, but also in biomechanics, neurosciences, virtual simulation, animation, computational intelligence and sensor networks," said Thomas Ditzinger, Senior Editor, Engineering/ Applied Sciences at Springer. The Handbook was the Springer bestselling title in engineering in 2008.

Bruno Siciliano and Oussama Khatib, editors of the Handbook, said, "This is a tribute to robotics as an established scientific field and an acknowledgment of the accomplishments of the 50 years of work our research community has achieved. The PROSE Awards recognize, above all, the efforts our editors and authors have devoted to this challenge, with their contributions, commitment and passion." The editors also emphasized, "The bestowal of this prize brings a distinct appreciation for the unrelenting support of Springer as publisher."

More good news is that Springer was also awarded two honorable mentions for excellence in publishing. *Evolution: Education and Outreach* received an honorable mention for journals in the category Social Sciences & Humanities, and *Solar Sails: A Novel Approach to Interplanetary Travel* received an honorable mention for books in the category Cosmology & Astronomy.

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