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TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL AND *TEXAS MONTHLY* LAUNCH AUTHOR SERIES FOR SPRING AND SUMMER BOOK RELEASES

AUSTIN, TX (March 7, 2011) – The Texas Book Festival (TBF) and *Texas Monthly* are delighted to announce a new author series that will bring readers together with some of the country’s most notable writers and artists of this year in an intimate setting. Beginning this month, TBF and the magazine will be hosting Douglas Brinkley, Calvin Trillin, Michael O’Brien, James Evans, H.W. Brands, Sarah Bird, and Amanda Eyre Ward. As part of the evening, the authors and photographers will be interviewed by TBF’s literary director or a member of the *Texas Monthly* editorial staff. The series will be held upstairs at Lamberts Downtown Barbecue in Austin and will feature specialty drinks.

“Nobody does book events better than the Texas Book Festival and, as a founding supporter, *Texas Monthly* is proud to partner with them on this new project,” said *Texas Monthly* editor Jake Silverstein. “We’re going to have a lot of fun. These will be engrossing, relaxed conversations with some of the most interesting people I can think of about their backgrounds and their creative processes.”

“*Texas Monthly* helped organize the first Texas Book Festival almost 16 years ago,” said Heidi Marquez Smith, executive director of the Book Festival. “The magazine, which is a renowned sanctuary for the finest writers in Texas, has celebrated the development and growth of the Book Festival since the beginning. Many of their writers and editors participate as panelists and moderators for the Book Festival each year, and we are thrilled to partner with them and help quench the literary thirst of Austin readers with this series.”

Seating will be limited for all events. TBF [members](#) and *Texas Monthly* subscribers will be among those first on the invitation list for this series. The authors’ books will be available

for sale at the events. All events will be held at Lamberts Downtown Barbecue, 401 West 2nd Street, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **March 22 – Douglas Brinkley;** author of [*The Quiet World*](#) (HarperCollins)
- **April 11 – Calvin Trillin;** author of [*Trillin on Texas*](#) (University of Texas Press)
- **April 19 – Michael O’Brien;** photographer, [*Hard Ground*](#) (University of Texas Press)
- **May 24 – James Evans;** photographer [*Crazy from the Heat: A Chronicle of Twenty Years in the Big Bend*](#), (University of Texas Press)
- **June 6 – H.W. Brands,** [*The Murder of Jim Fisk for the love of Josie Mansfield: A Tragedy of the Gilded Age*](#) (Random House)
- **July 19 – Sarah Bird,** author of [*The Gap Year*](#), (Knopf)
- **August 9 – Amanda Eyre Ward,** author of [*Close Your Eyes*](#) (Random House)

About Texas Monthly

Texas Monthly, founded by Michael R. Levy in 1973, has a monthly readership of over 2.5 million, reaching one out of every eight Texas adults. The magazine has won eleven National Magazine Awards, the magazine industry’s equivalent of the Pulitzer prize, and has received a total of 58 nominations. *Texas Monthly* is owned by Emmis Communications Corporation, an Indianapolis-based company that owns other magazines and radio stations. To subscribe, go to texasmonthly.com.

About Texas Book Festival

The Texas Book Festival is a nonprofit organization that celebrates authors and their contributions to the culture of literacy, ideas and imagination. Founded in 1995 by Laura Bush and a group of interested volunteers, the annual Festival is held on the grounds of the Texas Capitol. It features readings and discussions from more than 200 renowned Texas and national authors, entertaining and informing more than 30,000 adults and children alike, free of cost. It’s filled with vibrant panels and events, engaging discussions, signings, children’s authors and entertainment, cooking demos, local foods and live music. The 2011 Texas Book Festival is scheduled for October 22 and 23. TBF also hosts year-round events across the state.

TBF also supports Texas public libraries and literacy through its Library Grants and Reading Rock Stars programs. Become a [member](#) of TBF and receive invitations to exclusive author events, priority seating, the latest literary news and more! Visit texasbookfestival.org for more information.

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