



## TEXAS BOOK FEST ANNOUNCES FULL SCHEDULE WITH SPECIAL ANTONE'S MUSIC STAGE, AUTHOR PANELS, LIT CRAWL, KIDS' ACTIVITIES, AND MORE

**AUSTIN, TEXAS (October 18, 2017)** – The Texas Book Festival announced today the 2017 schedule, which features 300 renowned authors, panels, book signings, live music, cooking demonstrations, children's activities, and more. The 2017 Texas Book Festival Weekend will take place on November 4 and 5 on the grounds of the Texas Capitol. The complete schedule is available now at [www.texasbookfestival.org](http://www.texasbookfestival.org).

### **Schedule highlights on Saturday, Nov. 4, include:**

#### **10 to 10:45 a.m., I'm Judging You: A Conversation with Luvvie Ajayi**

Award-winning writer and 13-year blogging veteran Luvvie Ajayi is known for her razor sharp wit and her take on all things pop culture, race, media, and technology. Her debut book, *I'm Judging You: The Do Better Manual*, shot to the bestseller list. This series of humorous essays dissects our cultural obsessions and calls out bad behavior in our increasingly digitally-connected lives. Join her as she passes on lessons and side-eyes on life, addressing everything from those terrible friends we all have to serious discussions of race and media representation to what to do about your fool cousin sharing casket pictures from Grandma's wake on Facebook.

**Author:** Luvvie Ajayi

**Moderator:** Maya Perez

**Location:** Omni Ballroom

#### **12 to 12:45 p.m., Falsehoods, Forgeries, and Fake News: Sorting Bunk from Brilliance**

How did "fake news" come to dominate headlines before, during, and after the 2016 presidential election? How do we, as constant consumers of news, sort bunk from brilliance? Culture critic Kevin Young (*Bunk: The Rise of Hoaxes, Humbug, Plagiarists, Phonies, Post-Facts, and Fake News*) and campaign journalist Jared Yates Sexton (*The People Are Going to Rise Like the Waters Upon Your Shore*) discuss the roots and rise of "fake news" and the forces shaping our perspectives of politics and reporting.

**Authors:** Kevin Young, Jared Yates Sexton

**Moderator:** Brian Sweany

**Location:** C-Span2/BookTV Tent

#### **1 to 1:45 p.m. Da Vinci's Life and Work: A Conversation with Walter Isaacson**

Leonardo da Vinci was history's most creative genius. Based on thousands of pages

from Leonardo's astonishing notebooks and new discoveries about his life and work, Walter Isaacson, historian and author of the acclaimed bestsellers *Steve Jobs*, *Einstein*, and *Benjamin Franklin*, weaves a narrative that connects his art to his science. Join him as he sits down with *Kirkus Reviews* Editor in Chief Clay Smith to discuss da Vinci's work and how, like talented misfits and rebels in any era, we can learn to think differently.

**Author: Walter Isaacson**

**Moderator: Clay Smith**

**Location: House Chamber**

**1:45 to 2:30 p.m., Cuba Rising: New Books About Cuba for Kids**

Join Cuban-American authors Emma Otheguy (*Martí's Song of Freedom*) and Margarita Engle (*Forest World*), the national Young People's Poet Laureate, for a celebration of Cuban stories in verse! From the courageous work of beloved Cuban poet José Martí, to the island's vibrant ecology and modern life, Otheguy and Engle share Cuban history, life, and culture through a beautiful, poetic lens.

**Authors: Margarita Engle, Emma Otheguy**

**Moderator: Elda Acevedo Estefania**

**Location: Next Chapter Tent**

**2 to 2:45 p.m., Be Fierce: Stand Up, Speak Up, Be Empowered**

When Gretchen Carlson, news anchor, journalist, and former co-host of *Fox and Friends*, spoke up about sexual harassment in the workplace, she moved to empower women to become warriors in the path for a better future. She'll sit down with new *Texas Monthly* Executive Editor Kathy Blackwell to share her own experiences as well as powerful and moving stories from women in many different careers and fields who decided they, too, weren't ready to shut up and sit down.

**Author: Gretchen Carlson**

**Moderator: Kathy Blackwell**

**Location: First United Methodist Church**

**2 to 2:45 p.m. American Wolf: Survival and Obsession in the West**

A modern story of survival and conservation is playing out in Yellowstone National Park. Join *Texas Monthly* writer-at-large Nate Blakeslee as he shares the riveting, real-life story of O-Six, an intelligent, ferocious, charismatic alpha female leading a pack of wolves in an environment that challenges her on all fronts. The multigenerational wolf saga chronicled in Blakeslee's new book, *American Wolf*, calls into stark relief the larger clash of values in the West and the nation as a whole.

**Author: Nate Blakeslee**

**Moderator: Stephen Harrigan**

**Location: Texas Tent**

**2:15 to 3 p.m. Queso Power**

Oh, queso, how do we love thee? The answer is simple: a lot, in every possible way. And we love that Homesick Texan Lisa Fain has written a whole book of recipes in queso's honor, *Queso!* Join Lisa as she demonstrates the versatility of our favorite good time (or any time) food. It isn't a party in Texas without queso!

**Author: Lisa Fain**

**Moderator: Melanie Haupt**  
**Location: Central Market Cooking Tent**

**2:30 to 3:15 p.m., Black Poets Speak Out**

Black Poets Speak Out was launched to rally poets and allies to respond against police violence and injustice. In a brief time, hundreds of poetry videos were posted and shared internationally across social media outlets. Cofounders Amanda Johnston and Mahogany L. Browne and 2017 Pulitzer Prize winner for Poetry Tyehimba Jess will read their work and discuss poetry as a vehicle for communication, education, and change during the time of the Black Lives Matter movement.

**Authors: Amanda Johnston, Mahogany Browne, Tyehimba Jess**  
**Location: House Chamber**

**Schedule highlights Sunday, Nov. 5, include:**

**11 to 11:45 a.m., Bad Moods, Be Gone!**

Feeling grumpy? Want to turn that frown upside down? What?! You don't think you can smile? Well, march yourself down to the Capitol Auditorium, where the one and only Lemony Snicket will prove through the deft use of his delightful and beautifully illustrated new book that it is, indeed, possible to move our grumps out of the way and get right on with our beautiful day.

**Author: Lemony Snicket**  
**Location: House Chamber**

**12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Diversity and Desire in Romance**

Looking for stories to make your breath quicken and your heart pound? Well, leave those tried-and-true bodice-rippers on the shelf, and join us for a steamy, swoon-worthy session with authors Sherry Thomas, Alisha Rai, Cat Sebastian, and Mia Sosa, moderated by Cathy Maxwell. These all-star writers of modern and historical love will discuss how their new novels reflect real life, showcase diversity along with desire, and make you believe in happily ever after again.

**Authors: Sherry Thomas, Alisha Rai, Cat Sebastian, Mia Sosa**  
**Moderator: Cathy Maxwell**  
**Location: Omni Hotel Ballroom**

**1 to 1:45 p.m., A Conversation with Jennifer Egan**

Jennifer Egan, the Pulitzer-Prize winning author of *A Visit from the Goon Squad*, talks with Story Prize-winning writer Elizabeth McCracken about *Manhattan Beach*, Egan's new (and first) historical novel. Longlisted for the National Book Award for Fiction, the novel follows a woman who becomes the first female driver at the Brooklyn Navy Yard during World War II as she falls into a world of gangsters, sailors, divers, bankers, and union men.

**Moderator: Elizabeth McCracken**  
**Location: House Chamber**

**2 to 2:45 p.m., Devour This: Night Vale Comes to TBF**

The authors and creators of the #1 international podcast *Welcome to Night Vale* are at

TBF to talk with Jonny Sun about their new page-turning mystery about science, faith, love, and belonging, set in a friendly desert community where ghosts, angels, aliens, and government conspiracies are commonplace parts of everyday life. Welcome to Night Vale, y'all...

**Authors: Jeffrey Cranor, Joseph Fink**

**Moderator: Jonny Sun**

**Location: First Baptist Church**

**2 to 2:45 p.m., The Roots of Racism: America's Divide**

America's racial divide is woven into our country's history. The issues we're confronting today—racial profiling, the criminal justice system, the long lineage of white rage—are nothing new. Carol Anderson, author of the National Book Critics Circle Award-winning book *White Rage*, and Angela J. Davis, editor of the essay collection *Policing the Black Man*, frame the forces opposed to black progress in America in a discussion on the issues that drive our racial divide.

**Authors: Carol Anderson, Angela J. Davis**

**Location: C-Span2/Book TV Tent**

**3 to 3:45 p.m. Forces at Work: Contemporary Stories of the Border**

In gripping new books, journalists Lauren Markham (*The Far Away Brothers*), Melissa del Bosque (*Bloodlines*), and Roger Hodge (*Texas Blood*) share riveting and nuanced new stories from the border. They examine the lives of young men who fled violence for a new life in America, a family that has ranched on the Texas borderlands for generations, and the depths of the type of organized crime forcing people to flee. Join them as they discuss the kaleidoscopic forces at work on both sides of the border.

**Authors: Lauren Markham, Melissa del Bosque, Roger Hodge**

**Moderator: James Barragán**

**Location: C-Span2/Book TV Tent**

New this year is the Antone's Stage sponsored by the Clifford Antone Foundation, which will feature more than ten local music acts, and will be located on 11<sup>th</sup> Street at Colorado Street. The full schedule for the stage is below:

**Saturday, November 4**

**11 a.m., Brad Stivers**

**12 p.m., Lindsay Beaver & The 24th Street Wailers**

**1 p.m., Jabo & The Old Dogs**

**2 p.m., Bill Carter**

**3 p.m., Matthew Robinson & The Jelly Kings**

**4 p.m., Red Young & His Hot Horns**

**Sunday, November 5**

**12 p.m. WhoDo**

**1 p.m., Ted Roddy and his One Man Trio**

**2 p.m., Don Leady's Tail Gators**

**3 p.m., Tommy Shannon Blues Band**

**4 p.m., Miss Lavelle White & The L Men**

The 2017 Texas Book Festival is co-presented by H-E-B and AT&T. Other major sponsors include Brigid Cockrum and family, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Texas Monthly*, the Tocker Foundation, C-SPAN2/Book TV, Buena Vista Foundation, St. David's HealthCare, Texas Capital Bank, Pentagram, Central Market, and the *Austin American-Statesman*.

For more information on the Texas Book Festival, please visit [www.texasbookfestival.org](http://www.texasbookfestival.org) and follow along on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest.

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#### **ABOUT THE TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL**

The Texas Book Festival connects authors and readers through experiences that celebrate the culture of literacy, ideas, and imagination. Founded in 1995 by former First Lady Laura Bush, Mary Margaret Farabee, and a group of volunteers, the nonprofit Texas Book Festival promotes the joys of reading and writing through its annual Festival Weekend, the one-day Texas Teen Book Festival, the Reading Rock Stars program, grants to Texas libraries, Fresh Ink Fiction Contest, and year-round literary programming. The Festival is held on the grounds of the Texas Capitol each fall and features more than 275 renowned authors, panels, book signings, live music, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities. The 2017 Texas Book Festival Weekend will take place on November 4 and 5. Thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and 1,000 volunteers, the Festival remains free and open to the public. Visit [www.texasbookfestival.org](http://www.texasbookfestival.org) for more information, and join the conversation using the hashtag #txbookfest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest.