



**THE TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL, ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE,
AND TEXAS CAPITAL BANK PRESENT TOM HANKS AS
PART OF 2017 FESTIVAL WEEKEND**

Tickets Available Now for \$48

WHAT: The Texas Book Festival is excited to welcome actor, screenwriter, director, and producer **Tom Hanks** to the 2017 Texas Book Festival to present his new collection of short fiction, *Uncommon Type*. Hanks will discuss his surprising, intelligent, and heartwarming stories with best-selling author Lawrence Wright on **Saturday, November 4 at 4:30 p.m.** at **First Baptist Church** at a special Festival session sponsored by Texas Capital Bank. Tickets are available now for \$48. Each ticket includes one pre-signed copy of the book and admits one person to the event.

Uncommon Type contains seventeen stories, each in some way involving a different typewriter. The stories feature an immigrant arriving in New York City after his family and life have been torn apart by his country's civil war; a man who bowls a perfect game (and then another, and another), becoming ESPN's newest celebrity; an eccentric billionaire and his faithful executive assistant on the hunt for something larger in America; and the junket life of an actor. *Uncommon Type* is the first book written by the two-time Oscar-winning actor.

Additionally, we're pleased to announce that Texas Book Festival is partnering with **Alamo Drafthouse** to livestream this event to a selection of its theaters nationwide including Houston, (Mason Park), Denver (Sloans Lake), Lubbock, Richardson, El Paso, Brooklyn, Kansas City, and Chandler, so even fans outside Austin can share this intimate evening with a luminary of contemporary culture. For tickets and more details, visit <http://www.texasbookfestival.org/tom-hanks-uncommon-type/>.

Tickets to the live event at First Baptist Church are required and are available via Texas Book Festival's website for \$48. Purchasing a ticket reserves one seat at the Festival session and one pre-signed copy of Hanks' *Uncommon Type*. A portion of ticket sales supports the Texas Book Festival's literacy programs and the nonprofit's mission to inspire Texans of all ages to love reading.

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 and follow along on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest.

WHEN: Saturday, November 4 at 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Texas Book Festival
First Baptist Church
901 Trinity Street, Austin, TX 78702

TICKETS: \$48 at www.texasbookfestival.org

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ABOUT 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 for more information, and join the conversation using the hashtag #txbookfest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest.

ABOUT ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE

Tim and Karrie League founded Alamo Draffthouse Cinema in 1997 as a single-screen mom and pop repertory theater in Austin. Twenty years later, the now 29-location chain has been named "the best theater in America" by *Entertainment Weekly* and "the best theater in the world" by *Wired*. Alamo Draffthouse Cinema has built a reputation as a movie lover's oasis by combining food and drink service with the movie-going experience and introducing unique programming and high-profile, star studded special events. Alamo Draffthouse created [Fantastic Fest](#), a world-renowned film festival dubbed "The Geek Telluride" by *Variety*. Fantastic Fest showcases eight days of genre cinema from independents, international filmmakers, and major Hollywood studios. Alamo Draffthouse's collectible art gallery, [Mondo](#), offers breathtaking, original products featuring designs from world-famous artists based on licenses for popular TV and movie properties, including Star Wars, Star Trek & Universal Monsters. Alamo Draffthouse Cinema is expanding its brand in new and exciting ways, including partnering with the film distribution company [NEON](#), [Birth.Movies.Death.](#), an entertainment content platform

for movie lovers ,and the [American Genre Film Archive](#), a non-profit film archive dedicated to preserving, restoring, and sharing exploitation-era film.