



## THE TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2017 LINEUP! MORE THAN 275 AUTHORS TO BE FEATURED

*Lineup Presents Jennifer Egan, Nicole Krauss, Cristina García, Gretchen Carlson, Gene Luen Yang, Kadir Nelson, and More*

**AUSTIN, Texas (September 13, 2017)** – The **Texas Book Festival (TBF)** is excited to host a lineup filled with nationally renowned authors, including **Jennifer Egan, Nicole Krauss, Nathan Englander, Cristina García, Zinzi Clemmons, Gabriel Tallent, Gretchen Carlson, Jared Yates Sexton, Samantha Irby, Tyehimba Jess, Gene Luen Yang, Lemony Snicket, Kadir Nelson,** and more. The 2017 TBF weekend takes place on November 4 and 5, and is spread throughout the grounds of the Texas State Capitol and along Austin’s iconic Congress Avenue.

TBF showcases first time novelists and established writers, introducing attendees to new literary talents and connecting them with their favorite authors. Award-winning authors are found throughout the TBF lineup, including **Jennifer Egan**, who will be presenting her new novel, *Manhattan Beach*. Egan has won the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award, and her work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Harper’s Magazine*, *Granta*, *McSweeney’s*, and *The New York Times Magazine*.

Hailed by the *New York Times* as “one of America’s most important novelists,” **Nicole Krauss** will present *Forest Dark*, which will be published this fall. Krauss is the author of the international bestsellers *Great House*, a finalist for the National Book Award and the Orange Prize, and *The History of Love*, which won the Saroyan Prize for International Literature, France’s Prix du Meilleur Livre Étranger, and was short-listed for the Orange, Médicis, and Femina prizes.

**Gretchen Carlson**, one of the nation’s most successful and recognized news anchors, will present *Be Fierce: Stop Harassment and Take Your Power Back*, which will release in October. She has reported and produced a 30-part series on domestic violence that won several national awards. Her first book, *Getting Real*, was a national best seller.

Graphic novelist **Gene Luen Yang** will present the newest installment of the highly popular Secret Coders series, *Robots & Repeats*. As the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature and a MacArthur Fellow, Luen Yang will take the stage to talk about his wildly entertaining series that combines logic puzzles and basic programming instruction with a page-turning mystery plot.

**Cristina García** is the author of seven novels, including *Dreaming in Cuban*, a finalist for the National Book Award that just celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. Her work has been translated into fourteen languages. Garcia will present her most recent work, *Here in Berlin*, during the TBF weekend.

Award-winning poet **Tyehimba Jess** will present *Olio*, which has won prestigious awards this year, including the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award in Poetry, and the Book Award for Poetry from the Society of Midland Authors.

The star-studded 2017 TBF lineup will feature **Dan Rather, Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush, Mark Bittman, and Gail Simmons**. Additional renowned writers in the program include **Claire Messud, Jeffrey Eugenides, Angie Thomas, Margarita Engle, Lisa Ko, Jami Attenberg, Javaka Steptoe, Colin Meloy and Carson Ellis, Matthew Dowd, Roger D. Hodge, and Tomás Q. Morín**.

“The opportunity to bring together hundreds of authors and thousands of readers for two days of discussions, book signings, and those special unscripted moments of conversation and connection is a joy,” says Texas Book Festival Executive Director Lois Kim. “We’re thrilled to present this year’s tremendous line up of talented writers. We can’t wait to see every book-loving Texan in Austin for this big, free, two-day Festival of books, ideas, and literary community!”

More than 275 writers, including chefs, actors, and more, make up the exciting 2017 TBF lineup. One of the nation’s premier literary events and longest-running book festivals, the Festival continues to be free and open to the public thanks to its generous and dedicated sponsors and volunteers. The Festival brings together more than 50,000 attendees, live music, kids’ activities, food trucks, book signings, sales, and 100 exhibitors in and around the State Capitol over two full days.

The weekend kicks off with the First Edition Literary Gala, featuring national bestselling author **Min Jin Lee**; *New York Times* bestselling author and current president and CEO of the Aspen Institute **Walter Isaacson**; **Attica Locke**, award-winning author, writer, and producer on the Fox drama *Empire*; and award-winning poet, critic, and as of this November, poetry editor of *The New Yorker*, **Kevin Young**. Award-winning journalist, screenwriter, and executive editor of *Texas Monthly* magazine **Skip Hollandsworth** will emcee this year’s gala, to be held on Friday, November 3 at the Four Seasons Hotel Austin.

The 2017 Texas Book Festival is co-presented by AT&T and H-E-B. Other major sponsors include *Kirkus Reviews*, Brigid Cockrum and Family, Tocker Foundation, Buena Vista Foundation, C-SPAN 2/Book TV, St. David’s HealthCare, *Texas Monthly*, *Austin American-Statesman*, and Pentagram.

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 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.