

TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL TO HOST “EVENING WITH THE AUTHORS” LITERARY PRESENTATIONS

Award-Winning and Internationally Acclaimed Authors to Read Latest Works at La Orilla Del Rio Ballroom on April 20

WHAT: The Texas Book Festival, in partnership with the Texas Library Association, will host a special Evening with the Authors on Thursday, April 20 at 6 p.m. at La Orilla Del Rio Ballroom. At this celebration of literature and libraries, guests will enjoy dinner overlooking the San Antonio River Walk in La Orilla Del Rio Ballroom while five acclaimed national authors read from their latest literary works.

Featured authors for the event include international bestselling and award-winning author of *Shotgun Lovesongs* **Nickolas Butler**; acclaimed author of mystery-horror *The Winter People* **Jennifer McMahon**; author of the female private investigator Warshawski series and international philanthropist **Sara Paretsky**; YA crossover novelist **Ruta Sepetys**, whose latest novel, *Salt to the Sea*, is a *New York Times* #1 bestseller; and critically acclaimed author **Amanda Eyre Ward**.

Guests attending Evening with the Authors are welcome to meet with any of the participating authors and attend a special book signing immediately following dinner. Tickets to Evening with the Authors are \$45. Seating is limited so those interested in attending are encouraged to act fast. Dinner tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 7 and can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/evening-with-the-authors-tickets-32196426378>.

For more information on the Texas Book Festival and Evening with the Authors, please visit www.texasbookfestival.org.

WHO: Nickolas Butler - *The Hearts of Men*
Sara Paretsky - *Fallout*
Ruta Sepetys - *Salt to the Sea*
Jennifer McMahon - *Burntown*
Amanda Eyre Ward - *The Nearness of You*

WHEN: Thursday, April 20, 2017
6 - 9:30 p.m. CT

WHERE: La Orilla Del Rio Ballroom
203 South Saint Mary's Street, San Antonio, TX 78205

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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, youth fiction writing contest, and year-round literary programming. The Festival is held on the grounds of the Texas Capitol each fall and features more than 280 renowned authors, panels, book signings, live music, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities. The 2017 Texas Book Festival Weekend takes place on November 4 and 5, and the 2017 Texas Teen Book Festival takes place on October 7. 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.