



TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL

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Texas Book Festival gives a taste of what to expect this year

Authors Martin Amis, Lidia Bastianich, Ziggy Marley announced

AUSTIN—A taste of what the Texas Book Festival will offer this fall was unveiled today, along with the image for the Festival poster.

Festival literary director Steph Opitz says that these are a few of the headliners for this year's Festival, with more to be announced as the date gets closer.

"This year's Festival has some really cool opportunities for discovery," Opitz says. "There are, of course, some huge authors with celebrity above and beyond their writing, but there are also some powerhouse emerging writers coming this year. A lot of Festival attendees will get to say: 'I saw that author first, at the Texas Book Festival.' #futurehumblebrag"

The 2014 Festival authors announced today are:

Martin Amis, internationally best selling author, whose most famous works include *Money, London Fields, and The Information*. His highly anticipated new novel *The Zone of Interest* comes out in September.

Lidia Bastianich is an American celebrity chef focusing on Italian and Italian-American cuisine, and also a beloved public television cooking host, author, and restaurateur. (*Lidia's Commonsense Italian Cooking* is her latest.)

Edan Lepucki is a new author whose debut book, *California*, has become a personal cause for Stephen Colbert and Colbert Nation, who have campaigned to get the book on the New York Times Best Sellers list. They succeeded, and *California* debuted at number 3 this week.

Ziggy Marley is a Jamaican musician, the oldest son of reggae legend Bob Marley, and a children's book author. (His most recent book is *I Love You Too*.)

Hector Tobar is a novelist, non-fiction writer, and reporter for the Los Angeles Times. In 1992, he won a Pulitzer Prize for his work as part of the team covering the L.A. riots. His latest work, *Deep Down Dark*, is the exclusive, official story of the 2010 mining accident in Chile when 33 miners were trapped for 69 days.

Valerie Plame Wilson, whose new novel *Burned* comes out this fall, is a former United States CIA operations officer and is married to former Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson. Her memoir about her resignation from the CIA was made into a movie by the same name, "Fair Game," staring Sean Penn and Naomi Watts.

Lawrence Wright is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, screenwriter, and staff writer for The New Yorker magazine. His latest book *Thirteen Days in September: Carter, Begin, and Sadat at Camp David* will be released in September.

Tiphanie Yanique is a Caribbean fiction writer, poet, and essayist, born in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Her debut collection of short stories, *How to Escape From a Leper Colony*, won endless praise and awards, and her first novel, *Land of Love and Drowning*, is out this month.

The 2014 Festival poster, unveiled today, is a color photograph of vintage movie palace the Texas Theatre, which opened in Seguin in 1933. The photographer is Dan Winters, who is internationally known for his celebrity portraits, photojournalism, and illustrations. He is the recipient of more than 100 awards, including a first place World Press Photo Award and the Alfred Eisenstaedt Award for Magazine Photography. Winters' work appears in publications including Wired, The New York Times Magazine, The New Yorker, Vanity Fair, GQ, Time, and Rolling Stone. His books include *Dan Winters' America: Icons and Ingenuity*, *Last Launch*, *Periodical Photographs*, and most recently, *Road To Seeing*, which chronicles his path to becoming a photographer.

The Texas Book Festival will take place Oct. 25 and 26, in and around the State Capitol, with more than 40,000 people expected to attend. Considered to be one of the nation's premier literary events, the Festival continues to be free and open to the public in its 19th year. The Texas Teen Book Festival, now under the auspices of the Texas Book Festival, will be held Oct. 18 at St. Edward's University.

For more information, go to www.texasbookfestival.org.

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About Texas Book Festival

The Texas Book Festival celebrates authors and their contributions to the culture of literacy, ideas, and imagination. Founded in 1995 by 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 250 renowned authors, panels, book signings, live music, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities. 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.