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The Texas Book Festival celebrates 10 local independent publishers, Feb. 23

Second annual TBF Hearts Indies at Cheer Up Charlies

WHAT

The Texas Book Festival celebrates Austin's independent publishers at the second TBF Hearts Indies event, free and open to the public. Guests will enjoy drink specials, literary swag, and raffle prizes.

WHEN

Monday, February 23, 6:30- 8:30 p.m.

WHERE

Cheer Up Charlies, 900 Red River

WHO

Participating local indie presses include:

- [A Strange Object](#), dedicated to publishing surprising, heartbreaking fiction in strange packages
- [Covered with Fur](#), a new weekly digital magazine published by A Strange Object featuring original fiction and nonfiction—extraordinary writing about ordinary things and candid impressions of the extraordinary
- [smoking glue gun](#), an independent chapbook press and online arts magazine
- [NANO Fiction](#), a non-profit literary journal seeking to cultivate flash fiction by creating opportunities for emerging writers to achieve national recognition through its website, publication, and events



- [The Austin Review](#), a nonprofit literary journal drawing inspiration from the flourishing arts scene in Austin
- [Write Bloody Publishing](#), publisher and promoter of great books of poetry, short fiction, and humor
- [American Short Fiction](#), a literary magazine selecting and publishing short stories, novellas, and novel excerpts by established and new writers
- [fields](#), an arts and culture journal designed to spotlight writers, musicians, poets, painters, illustrators, and all creative types with an emphasis on the up-and-coming and the unsung
- [LitRagger](#), a free app that allows users to explore and read their favorite literary journals and magazines on iPads and iPhones
- [Bat City Review](#), an annual graduate student-run literary magazine sponsored by UT Austin’s English Department

BACKGROUND

The TBF’s literary director Steph Opitz says: “At a time when major publishing houses have become risk-averse, fortune has favored the brave, indie publishers who have been able to both foster emerging writers and swoop up big-name authors—the Texas Book Festival wants to celebrate that.”

Use the event hashtag #TBFheartsIndies to join the online conversation and find out the latest event details.

For more information, visit <http://www.texasbookfestival.org/tbf-2/>.

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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 280 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](#).