



TEXAS TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2016 LINEUP

Young Adult Book Festival Will Feature Award-Winning Authors Sabaa Tahir, Ally Carter, Jeffery Self, and More

AUSTIN, TEXAS (May 31, 2016) – The Texas Teen Book Festival announced today the 2016 lineup, featuring **Sabaa Tahir**, **Ally Carter**, **Jeffery Self**, **Traci Chee**, **John Corey Whaley**, and more. TTBF takes place on Saturday, October 1 at St. Edward's University.

"Your TTBF Programming Committee has been chomping at the bit to let you in on the outstanding list of bestselling YA authors who will be attending the festival this year, but we were sworn to secrecy," said Shawn Mauser, TTBF Festival Director. "Well, now the secret-keeping is over, and we are beyond excited to announce our full lineup, right here and right now. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 1 and start reading. TTBF 2016 is coming."

The lineup is packed with notable authors, like **Renée Ahdieh**, the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Wrath and the Dawn* and the upcoming sequel, *The Rose and the Dagger*. The lineup also boasts authors of highly anticipated sequels, like **Sabaa Tahir's** *An Ember in the Ashes*, regarded by the *New York Times* as "the next Game of Thrones."

Young adults and YA-genre enthusiasts alike will enjoy panels and sessions featuring authors with several successful novels, like **Ally Carter's** *Embassy Row* series and *Gallagher Girls* series, as well as Printz Award winner **John Corey Whaley** (*Highly Illogical Behavior*, *Noggin*). TTBF's lineup also showcases local, Austin-based writers, like **Katherine Catmull**, whose recent release, *The Radiant Road*, was published in January to starred reviews in *Publishers Weekly* and *School Library Journal*; as well as authors who are releasing debut, breakout novels, like popular American actor and writer **Jeffery Self** (*Drag Teen*) and **Traci Chee** (*The Reader*).

The full lineup for the 2016 Texas Teen Book Festival, including authors and their notable works, is as follows:

- A.J. Hartley (*Steeplejack*)
- Adriana Mather (*How to Hang a Witch*)
- Ally Carter (*See How They Run*)
- Billy Taylor (*Thieving Weasels*)
- Brendan Kiely (*The Last True Love Story*)

- C.C. Hunter (*Midnight Hour*)
- Caleb Roehrig (*Last Seen Leaving*)
- Carrie Jones (*Flying*)
- David Arnold (*Kids of Appetite*)
- E.K. Johnston (*A Thousand Nights*)
- Jeffery Self (*Drag Teen*)
- Jeff Zentner (*The Serpent King*)
- John Corey Whaley (*Highly Illogical Behavior*)
- Katherine Catmull (*The Radiant Road*)
- Kendare Blake (*Three Dark Crowns*)
- Kenneth Opper (*Every Hidden Thing*)
- Maggie Thrash (*We Know It Was You*)
- Mary E. Pearson (*The Beauty of Darkness*)
- Morgan Rhodes (*The Darkest Magic*)
- Paula Garner (*Phantom Limbs*)
- Renée Ahdieh (*The Rose and the Dagger*)
- Roshani Chokshi (*The Star-Touched Queen*)
- Sabaa Tahir (*A Torch Against the Night*)
- Samantha Mabry (*A Fierce and Subtle Poison*)
- Sarah Porter (*Vassa in the Night*)
- Shaun David Hutchinson (*We Are the Ants*)
- Sherri L. Smith (*Pasadena*)
- Traci Chee (*The Reader*)

The authors will join keynote speakers **Laini Taylor**, author of the highly anticipated *Strange the Dreamer*, and **Leigh Bardugo**, author of the #1 *New York Times* Best Seller and *USA Today* Best Seller *Six of Crows*. TTBF will feature all-star author sessions and panels, book signings, workshops, and vendor displays perfect for young adult genre fans of all ages.

TTBF is presented in collaboration with the Texas Book Festival, BookPeople, a dedicated team of librarians, and venue sponsor St. Edward's University. The program is made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The one-day TTBF will take place on October 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St. Edward's University, 3001 South Congress Avenue. TTBF remains free and open to the public thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and dozens of committed volunteers. For more information, please visit www.texasteenbookfestival.org and keep up with announcements at [Facebook.com/TexasTeenBookFestival](https://www.facebook.com/TexasTeenBookFestival), and on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/TXTeenBookFest) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/TXTeenBookFest) @TXTeenBookFest.

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ABOUT THE TEXAS TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL

The Texas Teen Book Festival is a one-day event that celebrates the teen reading experience by inviting fans to visit with some of the most popular and critically acclaimed young adult authors in the country. The Texas Teen Book Festival was born as the Austin Teen Book Festival in 2009, when librarian Heather Schubert partnered with BookPeople to organize a gathering at Westlake High School. Five hundred guests and sixteen authors attended the first year and the event grew every year thereafter. From 2011-2013, the Festival was sponsored by

the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation, and in 2014, the Festival became a program of Texas Book Festival and was renamed the Texas Teen Book Festival. One of the largest gatherings of its kind anywhere, the annual TTBF takes place in the fall on the campus of St. Edward's University. For more information, visit www.texasteenbookfestival.org.