



**TEXAS
BOOK
FESTIVAL**

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Please note: Media credentials ensure priority access to author sessions. If you missed the Oct. 10 deadline to submit the credential form, please visit the Information Booth (located at Colorado and 11th streets) during the Festival for on-site credentialing. Festival photos, 2014 poster image, facts, and news releases are available at <http://www.texasbookfestival.org/pressroom/>.

Schedule changes: Authors who have had to cancel are: Charlie Newton, Dan Rather, Katherine Applegate, Dave Hickey, Eleanor Davis, Lev Grossman, Laura Lacamara, Greil Marcus, Todd Miller, and Hampton Sides. Added to the confirmed author list is Tavis Smiley. Any other changes will be posted at <http://www.texasbookfestival.org/updates/>.

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Texas Book Festival this weekend!

A few of the exciting things at this year's Fest, Oct. 25-26

AUSTIN—The Texas Book Festival is here! This Saturday and Sunday are jam-packed with hundreds of author sessions and panels, plus two days of live music, children's activities, cooking demonstrations, Lit Crawl, and more. This is a round-up of a few of the noteworthy things happening at this year's 19th annual Texas Book Festival.

With the most authors in its history (280-plus), standouts this year include a strong lineup of authors in the mystery/crime/thriller genres, including **James Ellroy, Walter Mosley, Kwei Quartey, Meg Gardiner, and Jeff Abbott**; chefs ranging from Emmy-winning television host and author **Lidia Bastianich** to local favorite **Jack Gilmore**; two books on Watergate in this 40th anniversary year of the Nixon White House scandal; and small indie press authors such as **Ziggy Marley, Eimear McBride, and Nan Cuba**. (See the Festival website's new Featured Categories section for more.)

Engage with authors on a more personal level on a kayak or bike tour. These hour-long mini-tours allow a group of readers to engage with authors in real life. Both events are first come, first served and at the participants' own risk.

Kayak Tour with Authors, Congress Avenue Kayaks, 74 Trinity St., Saturday, 8- 9 a.m.

Festival authors **Shannon Galpin** (Mountain to Mountain: A Journey of Adventure and Activism for the Women of Afghanistan) and **Jake Halpern** (Bad Paper: Chasing Debt from Wall Street to the Underworld) will lead the kayak adventure, beginning at Congress Avenue Kayaks. *Please note: complimentary kayak rentals are full, but attendees are welcome to bring their own kayak or rent one for \$10. To reserve a rental kayak, call 512-809-8916.)*

Bike Tour with Authors, B-Cycle Rack (8th and Congress), Sunday, 8- 9 a.m.

Literary greats **H.W. Brands**, **Stephen Harrigan**, **Rob Spillman**, and **Lawrence Wright** will lead a bike adventure through downtown Austin starting at the 8th and Congress B-Cycle Stand. *Please note: The first 20 who register to rent a bike from the B-cycle stand will receive a coupon code for 50 percent off the first 30 minutes of the tour—usually an \$8 value.*

The popular **Lit Crawl Austin** returns on Saturday night, and will include Buzzed Trivia, the now-traditional YA ghost stories in the Texas State Cemetery, Nerd Jeopardy, Bat City Truth or Dare, Sexist Bingo, and more, with some of America's most groundbreaking writers onstage at various East Austin venues.

One of the most exciting Lit Crawl sessions is **Literary Death Match**. Hosted by creator **Adrian Todd Zuniga**, four authors will go head to head in an epic battle of words, 9:30 p.m. at The North Door. The author contenders are **Marlon James** (A Brief History of Seven Killings), **Marie-Helene Bertino** (2 A.M. at The Cat's Pajamas), **Scott Cheshire** (High as the Horses' Bridles), and **Mira Jacob** (The Sleepwalker's Guide to Dancing). Judges include **Jim Magnuson** on literary merit, **David Yow** on performance, and **Sloane Crosley** on intangibles.

Famous cookbook authors will prepare dishes from around the world in the Central Market Cooking Tent, including **Kate Payne's** mayonnaise, **Dean Fearing's** Barbecue Shrimp Taco with Pickled Red Onion and Mango Salad, and **David Sterling's** Sikil p'aak, a Yucatecan dish.

Cookbook author highlights include **Lidia Bastianich** (Lidia's Commonsense Italian Cooking), **Michael Ruhlman** (Egg: A Culinary Exploration of the World's Most Versatile Ingredient), **Lisa Fain** (The Homesick Texan), and **Adán Medrano** (Truly Texas Mexican: A Native Culinary Heritage in Recipes).

The Festival will feature a variety of food vendors including: beer-battered cod fish, fried pickles, sweet potato fries, and more from **Fry Baby**; Philly cheese steak sandwiches and assorted gyros from **Heros Gyros**; gourmet pizza slices from **Roppolo's Pizzeria**; classic barbecue sandwiches from **Slab BBQ**; various tacos from **Rosarito Food Truck**; sweet and savory crepes from **Crepe Crazy**; mini pumpkin pies, mochanana bread, coffee, and more from **Lavazza Espresso**; **Amy's Ice Creams**; **Snowie Shaved Ice**; and **Zhi Tea**.

Young readers will enjoy the H-E-B Children's Chapter, which includes the Children's Read Me a Story Tent, the Children's Entertainment Tent, and the Children's Activity Tent. One highlight this year will be the **Storybook Fashion Show**, in which kids will dress up like their favorite characters and walk the runway. Some of returning favorites include **magician Ken Cummins, the Biscuit Brothers, and Joe McDermott.**

Highlights in the Music Tent on Saturday include **Shelley King**, the 2008 Texas State Musician and winner of two Austin Music Awards; **Jesse Sublett**, author and blues musician known from the seminal Austin rock band The Skunks; and **Harvey "Tex" Thomas Young and The New Danglin' Wranglers.**

On Sunday in the Music Tent, **John T. Davis**, journalist and author of *The Flatlanders: Now It's Now Again* (American Music Series), chronicles the band's musical journey from small-town Lubbock to iconic music legends. Two of the three members from **The Flatlanders**, Jimmie Dale Gilmore and Butch Hancock, will be talking with Davis and playing some tunes. Also on Sunday, **Bob Livingston**, singer-songwriter and founding member of The Lost Gonzo Band, will take center stage at 4 p.m.

The 2014 Texas Book Festival mobile app is available for download on [iPhone](#) and [Android](#). The new app provides maps and up-to-date schedule information, and the ability to bookmark sessions you don't want to miss. Download all app updates to ensure functions are working properly and up-to-date, and check the Festival's website for the latest schedule updates.

For the complete schedule and more information about authors or sessions, visit www.texasbookfestival.org. Join the online conversation during the Texas Book Festival using the official hashtag **#txbookfest** on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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About the 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 275 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**.