



## TEXAS BOOK FEST ANNOUNCES FULL SCHEDULE WITH EXCITING AUTHOR PANELS, COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS, KIDS' ACTIVITIES, AND MORE

**AUSTIN, TEXAS (October 3, 2018)** – Texas Book Festival announced today their 2018 schedule, which features more than 280 renowned authors participating in panels, book signings, cooking demonstrations, children's activities, and more. The 2018 TBF Weekend takes place on October 27 and 28 and is spread throughout the grounds of the Texas State Capitol and along Austin's iconic Congress Avenue. The complete schedule is available now at [www.texasbookfestival.org](http://www.texasbookfestival.org).

"We're excited to bring so many talented authors writing about such timely topics," says Texas Book Festival Executive Director Lois Kim. "We hope readers of all ages will not miss the opportunity to experience all that our free Festival has to offer."

### **Schedule highlights on Saturday, October 27, include:**

#### **11-11:45 a.m. Family Secrets with Celeste Ng and Fatima Farheen Mirza**

In complex, moving new novels, bestselling authors Celeste Ng (*Little Fires Everywhere*) and Fatima Farheen Mirza (*A Place for Us*) explore family secrets, colliding cultural beliefs, and what constitutes a sense of belonging.

**Authors: Celeste Ng, Fatima Farheen Mirza**

**Location: House Chamber**

#### **11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Presented by PEN America: Stories (Un)told: Reporting on Family Separation and Immigration Policy**

Writers and journalists want to tell the stories that grip and change society. Dogged reporting mainly from outside—including obtaining a leaked audio of children's cries for help from detention—initiated public outrage and prompted White House policy to shift. The ongoing lack of access to detention centers where children are placed by U.S. immigration authorities impedes the public's right to know about these government actions and is a serious hindrance to independent press reporting. All this is set against the backdrop of traditional challenges that journalists face in finding and sharing the truth about immigration. This panel of journalists and writers discusses the challenges faced in reporting on this vitally important public policy issue and in telling the stories of those affected.

**Panelists: Ginger Thompson, Alfredo Corchado, Lomi Kriel**

**Moderator: Stephanie Elizondo Griest**

**Location: Eighth + Congress Tent**

**12-12:45 p.m. New Poets of Native Nations**

Editor Heid Erdrich has gathered poets of diverse ages, styles, languages, and tribal affiliations, all first published in the twenty-first century, in *New Poets of Native Nations*, demonstrating the extraordinary range and power of new Native poetry. Join her with Tacey M. Atsitty, Sy Hoahwah, and Tommy Pico as they read their work included in this vibrant new anthology.

**Authors: Tacey M. Atsitty, Sy Hoahwah, Tommy Pico**

**Moderator: Heid Erdrich**

**Location: Capitol Extension Room 2.012**

**12:30-1:15 p.m. The View from Space: Scott Kelly's Endurance**

Astronaut Scott Kelly, a veteran of four space flights, multiple trips to the International Space Station, and the American record holder for consecutive days in space, shares his bestselling memoir, *Endurance*, and how reading Tom Wolfe's *The Right Stuff* inspired him. Don't miss this opportunity to hear the story of a person who made history, both on Earth and beyond.

**Author: Scott Kelly**

**Location: House Chamber**

**1-1:45 p.m. America on the Fritz: Reporting 2016**

2016 was a surreal year to live through and an extraordinary year to write. Amy Chozick (*Chasing Hillary*), who covered the Hillary Clinton beat for the *New York Times*, and Ben Fountain (*Beautiful Country, Burn Again*), whose new essay collection analyzes this monumental year in American politics and culture, discuss the wild ride of writing 2016.

**Authors: Ben Fountain, Amy Chozick**

**Location: C-SPAN2 / Book TV Tent**

**1:30-2:15 p.m. Breaking Bread and Building Community**

Edward Lee and Chris Ying bring extensive experience and passion for food to two new books celebrating the unique culinary traditions that constitute the American food landscape. Together, they discuss the way that immigrants have impacted the food we eat and what we call American cuisine.

**Authors: Edward Lee, Chris Ying**

**Moderator: Addie Broyles**

**Location: Central Market Cooking Tent**

**2-2:45 p.m. A Love Letter to Libraries with Susan Orlean**

Libraries are one of society's most valuable resources. Susan Orlean, bestselling author of *The Orchid Thief* and *Rin Tin Tin*, sits down with bestselling author and former librarian Elizabeth McCracken for a discussion of Orleans's latest, *The Library Book*, her life-long love of books, and the fascinating history of libraries in this special conversation about the crucial role that libraries play in our lives.

**Panelists: Susan Orlean**

**Moderator: Elizabeth McCracken**

**Location: Capitol Auditorium**

**2:30 – 3:15 p.m. The Writer's Real Life**

Three American writers whose new work is at the top of every must-read list this year sit down to share an inside look at the writer's real life, from their processes to the books that have inspired them to the many myths of living a creative life of the mind.

**Authors: Alexander Chee, Leslie Jamison, Kiese Laymon**  
**Location: First United Methodist Church**

**Schedule highlights Sunday, October 28, include:**

**12-12:45 p.m. Well-Read Black Girl**

Glory Edim, founder of the popular book club Well-Read Black Girl, has curated a new anthology of original essays by some of our best black female writers and creative voices to shine a light on how important it is that everyone—regardless of gender, race, religion, or abilities—find themselves in literature. Join her and contributor Dhonielle Clayton as they discuss and share their work and love of reading.

**Authors: Glory Edim, Dhonielle Clayton**

**Moderator: Maya Smart**

**Location: Capitol Auditorium**

**12:30-1:15 p.m. Puro Amor: Sandra Cisneros, Presented by The Believer**

Beloved bestselling author Sandra Cisneros and translator Liliana Valenzuela sit down for a very special conversation about *Puro Amor*, a beautiful short story about love for humans and animals, accompanied by Cisneros' illustrations. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the power of Cisneros' storytelling.

**Authors: Sandra Cisneros, Liliana Valenzuela**

**Location: House Chamber**

**2:30-3:15 p.m. National Book Foundation Presents: An Afternoon with the National Book Awards**

On the heels of bringing in a new group of honored authors at the upcoming 2018 National Book Awards, the Foundation continues to celebrate 2017 at the Texas Book Festival. Nonfiction Finalist David Grann (*Killers of the Flower Moon*), Fiction Finalist Margaret Wilkerson Sexton (*A Kind of Freedom*), and Young People's Literature Finalist Ibi Zoboi (*American Street*) discuss their work, craft, and why literature matters.

**Authors: David Grann, Ibi Zoboi, Margaret Wilkerson Sexton**

**Location: Capitol Extension Room 2.026**

**3-3:45 p.m. Beneath the Surface: Dhonielle Clayton and Ransom Riggs in Conversation**

These magical worlds are strikingly beautiful, but underneath the lovely facade lie dark secrets and darker forces at work. Join us for a conversation between two major bestselling YA authors as they present their new work and talk about writing, fame, and the fantastic worlds of words they create.

**Authors: Dhonielle Clayton, Ransom Riggs**

**Location: YA HQ**

**4-4:45 p.m. Held Captive: Inside American Prisons**

Mass incarceration is big business in America. In order to write penetrating new investigative nonfiction and a gripping new novel, journalist Shane Bauer (*American Prison*) and novelist Debra Jo Immergut (*The Captives*) went inside prisons to research the reality of the system and bring to light the shocking state of being held captive in America.

**Authors: Shane Bauer, Debra Jo Immergut**

**Moderator: Deb Olin Unferth**

**Location: C-SPAN2 / Book TV Tent**

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### **ABOUT TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL**

With a vision to inspire Texans of all ages to love reading, 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, the Fresh Ink Fiction 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, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities. The 2018 Texas Book Festival Weekend will take place October 27 – 28. Thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and 1,000 volunteers, the Festival remains free and open to the public. Visit [www.texasbookfestival.org](http://www.texasbookfestival.org) for more information, and join the conversation using the hashtag #txbookfest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest.