



## TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL TO HOST READING ROCK STARS PRESENTATIONS AT SEVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN AUSTIN ON OCTOBER 25

*Reading Rock Stars Program Will Donate 4,685 Books to Austin Students*

**WHAT:** Texas Book Festival (TBF) is proud to bring its successful school literacy program, Reading Rock Stars, to Austin on Friday, October 25, serving seven Austin elementary schools. The Texas Book Festival's Reading Rock Stars presentations bring books to life for children in low-income schools by inviting authors and illustrators into classrooms with entertaining presentations that inspire students to read, write, and create. The Reading Rock Stars presentations in Austin will feature 23 participating authors and illustrators, all of whom are taking part in the 2019 Festival Weekend, and the TBF will donate over 4,685 books to students.

Thanks to support from sponsors, including H-E-B Tournament of Champions, the Wright Family Foundation, and Applied Materials, the Texas Book Festival provides each student with an autographed copy of the author's book and provides the school library with a new set of books by the visiting Reading Rock Stars authors. The authors will present to classes and then personally hand out signed copies of their books to students in Pre-K to Grade 5.

With this latest round of Reading Rock Stars, the Texas Book Festival will have coordinated 494 author visits and provided nearly 111,000 books to students in Title I schools across Texas since its inception.

Media are invited to cover the Reading Rock Stars program at Josephine Houston Elementary School. Beginning at 8:15 a.m., the school will host three authors who are part of the 2019 TBF Weekend Lineup – **Isabel Quintero**, who will present her most recent work, *My Papi Has a Motorcycle*; Latino Book Award honoree **René Colato Laínez**, who will present his picture book, *My Shoes and I: Crossing Three Borders / Mis Zapatos y Yo: Cruzando Tres Fronteras*; and **Raina Telgemeier**, *New York Times* best-selling author of *Smile* and *Sisters*, who will present her recent memoir, *Guts*. Texas Book Festival will donate a total of 725 books to Josephine Houston Elementary School students.

For more information on the Texas Book Festival and Reading Rock Stars literacy program, please visit [www.texasbookfestival.org](http://www.texasbookfestival.org).

**MEDIA SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

**WHO:** **Isabel Quintero** – *My Papi Has a Motorcycle*  
**René Colato Laínez** – *My Shoes and I: Crossing Three Borders / Mis Zapatos Yo: Cruzando Tres Fronteras*  
**Raina Telgemeier** – *Guts*

**WHEN:** Friday, October 25

**Josephine Houston Elementary School**

8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m. – Pre K – Isabel Quintero

8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m. – Grade 3 – René Colato Laínez

8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m. – Grade 5 – Raina Telgemeier

9:25 a.m.-10:00 a.m. – Kindergarten and Grade 1 – Isabel Quintero

9:35 a.m.-10:15 a.m. – Grade 2 – René Colato Laínez

9:35 a.m.-10:40 a.m. – Grade 4 – Raina Telgemeier

**WHERE:** Josephine Houston Elementary School  
5409 Ponciana Dr  
Austin, TX 78744

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**ABOUT TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL**

With a vision to inspire all Texans 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 Texas Teen Book Festival, the Reading Rock Stars Title I elementary school program, the Real Reads Title I middle and high school program, grants to Texas libraries, 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, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities. The 2019 Texas Book Festival Weekend will take place October 26 - 27. 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.