



## TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES NEW LITERARY DIRECTOR

*Matthew Patin to join Texas Book Festival in February*

AUSTIN — The Texas Book Festival has named Matthew Patin its new literary director. Patin is an independent book editor, writer, and literary consultant and has served the Festival in various roles since 2014, including as Author Hospitality Committee co-chair, Lit Crawl adviser, and panel moderator. He will join the Festival team in February.

Responsible for directing year-round literary programming for TBF, Patin will soon begin curating the lineup of the 2020 Festival, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The Texas Book Festival is one of the nation's largest and most prestigious literary events and is held annually at the Texas State Capitol in downtown Austin.

"We are so delighted to welcome Matt as TBF's next Literary Director," says Executive Director Lois Kim. "He brings a deep editorial sensibility to the curatorial aspects of the job as well as extensive publishing and communications experience. Matt's dedication to the literacy and literary community through years of volunteerism (including for the TBF), make him a natural fit for our team. We are excited about the ideas he will bring to TBF, as we celebrate this milestone 25th anniversary."

Patin began his career in books, publishing, and the arts more than fifteen years ago as an author assistant, then interned at both the Austin Chronicle and aGLIFF, an Austin film festival. He afterward served in communications and editorial roles at, respectively, Greenleaf Book Group in Austin and HarperCollins in New York. In 2012, after working for three years inside a graduate MBA program as an entrepreneurship-curriculum designer and producer, Patin left to work with authors, publishers, and book packagers full-time as an independent editor. Since 2009 he has edited, collaborated with, or advised nearly 200 fiction and nonfiction authors, including award winners and bestsellers.

A graduate from the Moody College of Communication at the University of Texas and a California State University–certified ghostwriter, Patin also serves on the board of directors of Austin Bat Cave—a literary and literacy-education nonprofit and TBF partner organization. He has contributed to Kirkus Reviews and the Austin Chronicle, among other outlets.

Patin can soon be reached at [matthew@texasbookfestival.org](mailto:matthew@texasbookfestival.org).

The 25th Texas Book Festival will take place November 7-8, 2020. Book submissions are now open for the 2020 Festival. For book submission guidelines, please visit [www.texasbookfestival.org/submit-a-book/](http://www.texasbookfestival.org/submit-a-book/). Visit [www.texasbookfestival.org](http://www.texasbookfestival.org) for more information.

**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 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 300 renowned authors, panels, book signings, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities. The 2020 Texas Book Festival Weekend will take place November 7-8. 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.