



TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES CHILDREN'S AND YA AUTHOR LINEUP

AUSTIN, TX (October 21, 2022) — Texas Book Festival is excited to announce the full list of children's and young adult authors who will appear at this year's Festival on November 5 and 6. Kids on Congress will feature dozens of family activities, including crafts and drawing sessions, and story times every half hour by some of the biggest children's authors publishing today.

The Festival Weekend kicks off Kids on Congress with an epic Graphix Con panel featuring acclaimed middle grade graphic novelists at First United Methodist Church, including **Amy Kibuishi, Jamar Nicholas, Dan Santat, and Christina Soontornvat**. They'll talk about their new books and the art of creating captivating graphic novels that young readers can't put down.

Kids on Congress tents will include the following:

For the youngest readers, the **Read Me a Story Tent** will feature stories read aloud by top authors and illustrators, such as **Mac Barnett, Frank Morrison, Noor Sofi, Carmen Tafolla, Jarrett and Jerome Pumphrey, Don Tate, Nicholas Solis**, and more.

The **Next Chapter Tent** will feature notable middle-grade chapter book authors on fun panels, including **David Bowles, Carole Boston Weatherford, David Levithan**, and more.

This year, the **YA HQ Tent** will be filled with amazing panels and authors, including sessions with **Natalia Sylvester, R. M. Romero, Aiden Thomas, Katharine McGee**, and more. Additionally, **Omar Epps in Conversation About Nubia: The Awakening** will take place at First United Methodist Church, where the star actor and rapper will talk about his new book, a saga about refugees from a fallen African utopia harnessing their newfound powers in New York City.

The **Latinx Lit Tent** will feature bilingual storytime in English and Spanish, including sessions with **Jasminne Mendez and Monica Brown**, along with a special conversation between Tomás Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award-winners **Daniel Aleman, Yuyi Morales and David Bowles**.

Returning this year is the tent in partnership with *Kirkus Reviews* that will be home to a variety of great programming for kids and young adults, including:

- **Maggie Stiefvater at the Texas Book Festival:** Maggie Stiefvater, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Shiver*, *Linger*, *Forever*, and *Sinner*, is at TBF to talk about her new book, *Greywaren*, the third installment in The Dreamer Trilogy.
- **Fairy Tales Reimagined with Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen:** From *New York Times* bestselling duo Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen comes *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, a classic tale with a big twist—and also just the first installment of a new fairy-tale series.
- **Nathan Hale’s Latest Hazardous Tale: Let’s Make History! Creating Your Own Comics:** Nathan Hale—#1 *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator of the Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales series—wants to get *you* in on the action of creating comics! His latest is an interactive adventure book with 71 comic-creating challenges, featuring many favorite characters from the series. Bring the whole family to this session and hear from Nathan what it’s like to create historical comics and how young creators can get started on their own path.

The 2022 Texas Book Festival is co-presented by H-E-B and AT&T. Other major sponsors include Brigid Cockrum and Family, Tocker Foundation, Still Water Foundation, Amplify Credit Union, Buena Vista Foundation, Tapestry Foundation, *Kirkus Reviews*, Central Market, *Texas Monthly*, *Austin Chronicle*, Pentagram, Literary Arts Emergency Fund, Univision, Jordan Foster, and Book TV on C-SPAN2. BookPeople is the official Festival bookseller.

All events at Kids on Congress are free and open to the public. To view the full schedule and for more information on the Texas Book Festival, please visit www.texasbookfestival.org and follow along on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest.

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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 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. This year’s Texas Book Festival will take place from November 5 to November 6, with events taking place in downtown Austin and at the Texas Capitol, featuring renowned authors, panels, book signings, and activities. Thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and volunteers, the Festival remains free and open to the public. Visit www.texasbookfestival.org for more information, and join the conversation using the hashtag #texasbookfest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest.