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## TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL UNVEILS 14 AUTHORS ATTENDING 2024 FESTIVAL

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## A Sneak Peek of the Stellar Lineup in Store for 2024 Attendees

**AUSTIN, TX (July 29, 2024)** - <u>Texas Book Festival</u> has announced fourteen celebrated authors participating in the 29th annual Festival weekend taking place November 16–17 in downtown Austin. This year's Festival will feature *New York Times* bestselling authors **Rumaan Alam** and **Malcolm Gladwell**, California Book Award for First Fiction winner **Rachel Khong**, Guggenheim fellow **Claire Messud**, and many more award-winning and bestselling writers to be officially announced in September.

The full sneak peek author list includes:

- Rumaan Alam
- Marie Arana
- Ernest Cline
- Jay Ellis
- Malcolm Gladwell
- Xochitl Gonzalez
- Rachel Khong
- Attica Locke
- Claire Messud
- Chanel MillerLiz Moore
- Ibtihaj Muhammad
- Michele Norris
- Nicola Yoon

The complete Festival lineup will include more than 250 literary talents and books for readers of all ages and will be announced on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

"We're thrilled to present you with a sneak peek of authors specially curated by our volunteer

Author Selection Committee and our exceptional staff members, Hannah Gabel, Literary Director and Dalia Azim, Chief Operations Officer," said TBF CEO Marianne DeLeón. "Selecting the author lineup for the Festival each year is a thoughtful and meticulous process. We do so with the aim of bringing you joy, sparking your creativity, and fostering opportunities for our community to connect with each other and the world around us. So, mark your calendars for another epic Texas Book Festival later this year. Little by little, we will reveal more and more of the author lineup as we near Festival Weekend, November 16-17, 2024. We look forward to seeing you there."

"This year's Festival will feature a diverse ensemble of literary voices to engage readers of all ages," said TBF Literary Director Hannah Gabel. "Attendees can expect storytimes and interactive family-friendly activities, teen-focused programming, cooking demonstrations, poetry readings, discussions about timely issues, bilingual sessions in English and Spanish, and intimate conversations with high-profile authors. There are some exciting surprises in store for this year's event, which I can't wait to announce on September 18th!"

Author assets including headshots, book covers, and biographies are available for **download here**.

The Texas Book Festival is presented by H-E-B. Other major sponsors include Brigid Cockrum and Family, Tejemos Foundation, Tres Grace Family Foundation, Tocker Foundation, *Kirkus Reviews*, Still Water Foundation, The Rea Charitable Trust, Downtown Austin Alliance, Buena Vista Foundation, Tapestry Foundation, Central Market, *Texas Monthly*, Jordan Foster Construction, the *Austin Chronicle*, and RNDC. BookPeople is the official Festival bookseller.

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## **ABOUT TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL**

With a vision to inspire Texans of all ages to love reading, 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 middle school, high school, and early college program, grants to Texas public libraries, and year-round literary programming. The 2024 Texas Book Festival will take place from November 16–17, 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. Learn more at <a href="https://www.texasbookfestival.org">www.texasbookfestival.org</a> or follow along on <a href="https://www.texasbookfestival.org">Instagram</a>, <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, and <a href="https://www.texasbookfestival.org">X</a> @texasbookfest.