



TEXAS TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2018 LINEUP

Young Adult Book Festival Celebrates 10 Years with Award-Winning Authors Marissa Meyer, Patrick Ness, David Levithan, and More

AUSTIN, TEXAS (July 25, 2018) – The Texas Teen Book Festival announced today the 2018 author lineup will feature *New York Times* bestselling authors **Marissa Meyer**, **Patrick Ness**, **David Levithan**, and more. This year marks the 10th anniversary for the Texas Teen Book Festival, which will take place on Saturday, October 6 at St. Edward's University and remains free and open to the public.

"Texas Teen Book Festival has truly become a beloved and indispensable part of the Texas YA lit scene," says Meghan Goel, TTBF Programming Director. "It's been amazing to watch this Festival grow from a grassroots effort of librarians and booksellers in 2008 into a major, nationally renowned book festival that brings together top YA authors and thousands of our community's young readers, year after year. We are so thrilled to celebrate this ten-year milestone with our authors, partners, and readers."

This year's lineup is full of acclaimed and award-winning authors. Among others, **Marissa Meyer**, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Lunar Chronicles* and *Renegades*, will join the lineup to discuss her new action-packed book, *Archenemies*, the fiercely awaited second installment in *The Renegades Trilogy*. TTBF will also showcase **Patrick Ness**, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Monster Calls*, which was made into a major motion picture, who will present his new novel, *And the Ocean Was Our Sky*; along with **David Levithan**, who will present *Someday*, the third installment in the *New York Times* bestselling *Every Day* book series.

Throughout the one-day Festival, attendees will be able to enjoy sessions and panels, including a panel on the importance of activism and its role in both history and the present, which will feature authors **Ebony Adams** and **Anita Sarkeesian** (*History vs Women: The Defiant Lives That They Don't Want You to Know*); **Julissa Arce** (*Someone Like Me: How One Undocumented Girl Fought for Her American Dream*), and **Nadya Okamoto** (*Period Power: A Manifesto for the Menstrual Movement*).

TTBF authors will join previously announced keynote speakers **Nic Stone**, a *New York Times* bestselling author who will present her sophomore novel, *Odd One Out*, and

award-winning author **Neal Shusterman**, with his son **Jarrold Shusterman**, who will discuss their co-written book, *Dry*.

The full lineup of authors and their featured books for the 2018 Texas Teen Book Festival are as follows:

- Adib Khorram (*Darius the Great Is Not Okay*)
- Alex London (*Black Wings Beating*)
- Alexa Donne (*Brightly Burning*)
- Andrew Smith (*Rabbit & Robot*)
- Anita Sarkeesian & Ebony Adams (*History vs. Women: The Defiant Lives They Don't Want You to Know*)
- April Genevieve Tucholke (*The Boneless Mercies*)
- Beth Revis (*Give the Dark My Love*)
- Cynthia Leitich-Smith (*Hearts Unbroken*)
- David Levithan (*Someday*)
- Ellen Hopkins (*People Kill People*)
- Heidi Heilig (*For a Muse of Fire*)
- Julie C. Dao (*Kingdom of the Blazing Phoenix*)
- Julissa Arce (*Someone Like Me: How One Undocumented Girl Fought for Her American Dream*)
- Katharine McGee (*The Towering Sky*)
- Kiersten White (*The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein*)
- Kristen Simmons (*Pacifica*)
- L.L. McKinney (*A Blade so Black*)
- Laini Taylor (*Muse of Nightmares*)
- Leila Sales (*If You Don't Have Anything Nice to Say*)
- Lilliam Rivera (*The Education of Margot Sánchez*)
- Marissa Meyer (*Archenemies*)
- Mark Oshiro (*Anger Is a Gift*)
- Mary E. Pearson (*Dance of Thieves*)
- Morgan Matson (*Save the Date*)
- Nadya Okamoto (*Period Power: A Manifest for the Menstrual Movement*)
- Natalie C. Parker (*Seafire*)
- Neal & Jarrod Shusterman (*Dry*)
- Ngozi Ukazu (*Check, Please!*)
- Nic Stone (*Odd One Out*)
- Nova Ren Suma (*A Room Away from the Wolves*)
- Patrick Ness (*And the Ocean Was Our Sky*)
- Richelle Mead (*The Emerald Sea*)
- Rios de la Luz (*Itzá*)
- Taran Matharu (*The Outcast*)
- Tochi Onyebuchi (*Crown of Thunder*)

The Texas Teen Book Festival is a collaboration between Texas Book Festival, BookPeople, a dedicated team of librarians, and venue sponsor St. Edward's University. The 2018 TTBF is presented by H-E-B; other major sponsors include Brigid Cockrum and Family, Buena Vista Foundation, and 3M. The program is made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The one-day TTBF will take place on Saturday, October 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St. Edward's University, 3001 South Congress Avenue. TTBF remains free and open to the public thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and dozens of committed volunteers. For more information, please visit www.texasteenbookfestival.org and keep up with announcements at [Facebook.com/TexasTeenBookFestival](https://www.facebook.com/TexasTeenBookFestival) and on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/TXTeenBookFest) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/TXTeenBookFest) @TXTeenBookFest.

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ABOUT THE TEXAS TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL:

The Texas Teen Book Festival is a one-day event that celebrates the teen reading experience by inviting fans to visit with some of the most popular and critically acclaimed young adult authors in the country. The Texas Teen Book Festival was born as the Austin Teen Book Festival in 2009, when librarian Heather Schubert partnered with BookPeople to organize a gathering at Westlake High School. Five hundred guests and sixteen authors attended the first year and the event grew every year thereafter. From 2011-2013, the Festival was sponsored by the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation, and in 2014, the Festival became a program of Texas Book Festival and was renamed the Texas Teen Book Festival. One of the largest gatherings of its kind anywhere, the annual TTBF takes place in the fall on the campus of St. Edward's University. For more information, visit www.texasteenbookfestival.org.