

# Tucson Festival of Books: Children's & Teen Author & Illustrator Schedule

Saturday, March 6, 2021

All sessions are virtual and will be accessed through [tucsonfestivalofbooks.org](http://tucsonfestivalofbooks.org).

	Stage 1 Interactive Sessions & Workshops for Children	Stage 2 Children's Authors & Illustrators	Stage 3 Young Adult Authors & Illustrators
9:00 to 10:00	<p><b>Rick Riordan Presents: Action, Intrigue, and Myth - Sarwat Chadda, Roshani Chokshi, Tehlor Kay Mejia</b></p> <p>Three award-winning authors talk about writing adventure books filled with humor and action that draw on world mythologies. Roshani Chokshi writes the Aru Shah books, Tehlor Kay Mejia created <i>Paola Santiago and the River of Tears</i>, and Sarwat Chadda created <i>City of the Plague God</i>, all Rick Riordan Presents books.</p>	<p><b>Imagination, Dreams and Wishes - Kevin Henkes</b></p> <p>Award-winning author/illustrator Kevin Henkes will talk about imagination and wishes and his decisions about format in his two new books for children, <i>Sun Flower Lion</i> and <i>Billy Miller Makes a Wish</i>.</p>	<p><b>Tangled Webs of Magic and Intrigue - Melissa de la Cruz, Adam Silvera, Crystal Smith</b></p> <p>Three best-selling YA fantasy authors tell stories of power and magic at war, including an alliance between an assassin and a queen, a search for an antidote to unwanted powers, and a life in chaos. These sequels focus on characters who face uncertainty about their real enemies.</p>
11:00 to 12:00	<p><b>Brick x Brick: A Workshop with LEGO Master Adam Ward</b></p> <p>In this interactive session, Adam Ward will conduct a virtual tour of his LEGO studio, share building tricks and tips from <i>Brick x Brick</i>, and do a basic building lesson that children can participate with their own LEGO bricks at home. Bring your LEGO to this workshop.</p>	<p><b>Anything is Possible: Fantasy Journeys of Adventure and Conflict - David Bowles, Van Hoang, Daniel José Older</b></p> <p>Authors of three new middle grade novels discuss their creation of fantasy journeys involving adventure and conflict with a Halfling King from Maya mythology, the Monkey King from Vietnamese legends, and a future flooded world facing destruction.</p>	<p><b>Imposters in the "Uglies" World: A Conversation with Scott Westerfeld - Betrayal. Risk. Deception. Redemption.</b></p> <p>Join Scott Westerfeld for a conversation about his Imposters series in which sisters are imposters for each other in a powerful family. <i>Imposters</i> is set within the futuristic world of Westerfeld's Uglies books.</p>
1:00 to 2:00	<p><b>GraphixCon: A Celebration of Graphic Novels</b></p> <p>Tom Angleberger, Varian Johnson, Maria Scrivan, Tui Sutherland. Celebrate the fun of creating graphic novels with Tom Angleberger, creator of the Geronimo Stilton series, Varian Johnson, creator of Twins, Tui T. Sutherland, creator of the Wings of Fire series, and Maria Scrivan, creator of the Nat series.</p>	<p><b>Taking Another Look: Story and Imagination - Matthew Cordell/Philip Stead and Matt de la Peña/Christian Robinson</b></p> <p>Four award-winning creators of picturebooks talk about their process of collaborating with each other. Each superstar pair has just published their third book together around the power of imagination and story as perspective.</p>	<p><b>Heartbreak and Hope: Life in a Refugee Camp - Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed</b></p> <p>The National Book Award Finalist <i>When Stars Are Scattered</i> is graphic novel that tells the story of Omar's childhood in a refugee camp in Kenya, revealing the resiliency of the human spirit to fight trauma, uncertainty, and boredom. Both Victoria and Omar have connections to Tucson through the University of Arizona.</p>
3:00 to 4:00	<p><b>Kate the Chemist: Everyone Is a Scientist - Kate Biberdorf</b></p> <p>In the Kate the Chemist series, Kate and her friends design science projects and use chemistry to solve mysteries at their school. Kate will do a live science experiment based on young Kate in her books.</p>	<p><b>Navigating Multiple Cultures and Identities - Livia Blackburne, Hena Khan, Mitali Perkins</b></p> <p>Three authors of picturebooks and middle grade novels talk about creating stories in which characters with hyphenated-identities navigate multiple cultures in their daily lives.</p>	<p><b>Survival and Hope in an Unfair World -Desmond Hall, Amra Sabic-El-Rayess, Alessandra Narvárez Varela</b></p> <p>Three YA authors talk about writing novels based in their lives, including gang life in Jamaica, depression struggles in Ciudad Juarez, and ethnic cleansing in Bosnia. Their stories reflect the challenges of maintaining hope within a world that is often unfair.</p>

# Tucson Festival of Books: Children's & Teen Author & Illustrator Schedule

Sunday, March 7, 2021

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	Stage 1 Interactive Sessions & Workshops for Children	Stage 2 Children's Authors & Illustrators	Stage 3 Young Adult Authors & Illustrators
9:00 to 10:00	<p><b>Kids Love Comics: Max Meow Drawing Workshop - John Gallagher</b></p> <p>Max Meow, a secret superhero, and his best friend Mindy work hard to save the day in a new graphic novel series. John Gallagher will introduce his new series and teach kids how to create their own comics in a drawing workshop. You need a pencil and paper.</p>	<p><b>Heartdrum: Native Voices and Visions - Christine Day, Cynthia Leitich Smith, Brian Young</b></p> <p>Three Indigenous authors talk about their new books within an initiative, Heartdrum, to publish books that reflect the heartbeat of Native communities. Their stories share their visions of the present and future viewed through their lived experiences as Native creators.</p>	<p><b>Play Ball: Risk, Equity, and Social Justice - Andrew Maraniss, Neal Shusterman, Gene Luen Yang</b></p> <p>Sports involves much more than playing ball as athletes face societal issues of equity and social justice. Three award-winning authors of memoir, biography, and fantasy provide unique perspectives on the risks and challenges that go far beyond the game.</p>
11:00 to 12:00	<p><b>Doodle with Liz: Action and Laughter - Liz Pichon</b></p> <p>Liz Pichon will join us from London in an interactive drawing session around her new book, <i>Shoe Wars</i>, about the hilarious antics of the Foot family. Liz is the best-selling author/illustrator of the Tom Gates books. Laugh and draw along with Liz. You need a pencil and paper.</p>	<p><b>Dreaming Big and Working Hard: Celebrations of Latin America - Monica Brown, Juana Martinez-Neal, Juliet Menéndez</b></p> <p>Celebrate the people of Latin America through three new books about an Indigenous family in a Peruvian rainforest, the first Indigenous archaeologist in Peru, and a glimpse into the lives of 40 Latinitas throughout the Americas--all of whom dreamed big and worked hard.</p>	<p><b>Stand Up, Speak Up in the Face of Adversity - Angeline Boulley, Sharon Flake, Liza Wiemer</b></p> <p>Three YA novels feature teens from marginalized communities who find themselves in difficult situations, requiring courage to challenge community corruption, discrimination in school contexts, and adults who take advantage of vulnerable teens.</p>
1:00 to 2:00	<p><b>On Wings of Fire with Tui Sutherland</b></p> <p>Join Tui Sutherland for a conversation about her best-selling Wings of Fire series and her process of turning Wings of Fire books into graphic novels.</p>	<p><b>Searching for Hope, Longing for Comfort - Shawn Harris, Sarah Jacoby, LeUyen Pham</b></p> <p>Three picturebooks invite us to consider the ways in which we search for hope and long for comfort in our lives through connections to people, animals, and nature, even when life is difficult.</p>	<p><b>Fantasy Worlds of Power and Deception - Alexandra Bracken, Hafsah Faisal, Mark Oshiro</b></p> <p>Three YA authors build dark fantasy worlds in action-filled tales of power, betrayal, sacrifice, and love set within Greek mythology, ancient Arabia, and treacherous deserts. These haunting tales grab hold of the reader and don't let go.</p>
3:00 to 4:00	<p><b>On Your Mark, Get Set Draw: Illustrator Draw-off - Adam Rex, moderator with Shawn Harris, LeUyen Pham and Julia Kuo</b></p> <p>Join Adam Rex for a fun draw-off as illustrators compete to create quick drawings based on suggestions from the audience.</p>	<p><b>Looking Back, Moving Forward - Lesa Cline-Ransome, Kimberly Willis Holt, Jasmine Warga</b></p> <p>Looking back can facilitate our ability to move ahead through the healing influence of relationships. Three best-selling middle-grade authors show how friendships affect a bully, the search to reconnect with the past, and the consequences of a school shooting. All three books are highly anticipated new books from award-winning authors.</p>	<p><b>Love, Secrets, and Laughter - Elise Bryant, Loan Le, and Diana Ma</b></p> <p>These rom-coms immerse readers into romances laced with humor along with family secrets, cultural expectations, and societal stereotypes. Their books mix star-crossed lovers with questions of identity.</p>