



Schedule an Author Visit - Free Author Appearance

Tucson is fortunate to host one of the top book festivals in the country. The Tucson Festival of Books has an outstanding list of award-winning authors and illustrators who are willing to visit schools as part of their appearance at the festival. You have a wonderful opportunity to host an award-winning author or illustrator to interact with students before or after the festival.

- Students can hear authors and illustrators share their craft.
- Authors are not charging for their appearances.
- Schools order books for book signings for students, parents and faculty.
- School Presentation Packets are available.
- Teacher workshops and family night options are available for some authors.
- Use your tax credit, Title 1 or PTA funds.

The authors and illustrators with dates of availability are included below. Note there are several authors whose extra night of hotel is the school's responsibility (except for Title 1 schools); the rest are covered by their publicist. Schools do need to sell the author's books as part of the author visit.

NOTE: Authors may be available on a different date, so make a proposal if you want a different date.

The deadline for booking authors is **December 20th, 2024**

To schedule an author or illustrator or for further info contact:

Kait Waterhouse at authorvisits@tucsonfestivalofbooks.org

Name	Role	Grade Levels	Fiction/ Non-Fic	Book Titles	Other	Availability
Grades K – 5						
Dawn Quigley	Author	1-4	Fiction	<i>Jo Jo Makoons: Rule School</i> <i>Jo Jo Makoons series</i> <i>Red Girl Dancing (Ojibew)</i>		Fri, March 14 Mon. Mar 17
Andrea L Rogers and Rebecca Lee Kunz	Author Illustrator	K-5	Fiction PB	<i>Chooch Helped (Cherokee)</i>		Friday, Mar 14 Mon, March 17
Angela Dominguez	Author Illustrator	K-5	Fiction	<i>Gabby Torres Gets A Billion Followers</i> <i>I Want More! ¡Quiero más!</i>		Fri, March 14 Mon, March 17
Tom Angleberger	Author Illustrator	K-5	Fiction GN	<i>Dino Poet</i>		Fri, Mar 14 Mon, March 17
Zachariah O’Hora	Author Illustrator	K-3	NonFic PB	<i>Whalesong</i> <i>Copydog, Who Wet My Pants?</i>		Friday, March 14
Kyle Lukoff	Author	3-5	Fiction	<i>A World Worth Saving</i> <i>Different Kinds of Fruit, Too Bright To See</i>		Fri, March 14 Mon. Mar 17
Bob Shea	Author Illustrator	K-5	Fiction PB	<i>Bearsuit Turtle Makes a Friend</i>		Monday, March 17
JC Cervantes	Author	4-6	Fiction	<i>The Daggers of Ire</i>		Fri Mar 14 Mon, March 17
Tom Lichtenheld and Beth Ferry	Author Illustrator	K-5	Fiction PB	<i>A Moving Story</i> <i>The Umbrella</i> <i>Stick and Stone: Best Friends Forever</i>		Fri, March 14 Mon. Mar 17

Eliza Kinkz	Author Illustrator	K-5	Fiction PB	<i>Mamá's Magnificent Dancing Plantitas</i> <i>Las magnificas plantitas bailadoras de mamá</i> <i>Papá's Magical Water Jug Clock, Mistaco</i>		Friday, Mar 14 Mon, Mar 17
S. J. Taylor	Author	3-6	Fiction	<i>Madsi the True</i> <i>We Are the Fire</i>		Friday, Mar 14
Nick Bruel	Author Illustrator	K-5	Fiction GN	<i>Bad Kitty: Party Animal</i> <i>Bad Kitty Makes a Movie</i>		Fri, March 14 Mon. Mar 17
Ryan T. Higgins	Author Illustrator	K-5	Fiction PB	<i>Bruce Saves the Planet</i> <i>Penelope Rex and the Problem with Pets</i>		Fri, March 14 Mon. Mar 17

Eric Lide	Author	3-5	Graphic Novel Fantasy	<i>Dragonforged: Sword of the Champion</i>		Fri, March 14, Mon March 17
Loren Long	Author Illustrator	K-5	Fiction PB	<i>The Yellow Bus</i>		Mond. Mar 17
Nikkolas Smith and Kwame Mbalia	Author Illustrator	K-5	Fiction PB	<i>Captain America: Brave New World: A Hero Looks Like You</i>		Friday, Mar 14
Guojing	Illustrator	3-5	Fiction GN	<i>OASIS</i> <i>Stormy, The Flamingo</i>	Interactive art session	Friday, Mar 14 Mon, Mar 17

Grades 5-8

Violet Duncan	Author AZ	5-8	Fiction	<i>Buffalo Dreamer</i>	may need one night of hotel	Friday, March 14
Kim Bussing	Author AZ	5-8	Fiction	<i>Cinderella and the Beast</i> <i>Snow White and the Dragon</i> <i>Rapunzel and the Sea Witch</i>		Fri, March 14 Mon, Mar 17
Kim Tomsic	Author AZ	5-8	Fiction	<i>The Truth About 5th Grade</i> <i>The 12th Candle, Wish</i>		Fri, March 14 Mon. Mar 17

Jose Pimienta	Author Illustrator	5-8	Fiction GN	<i>Halfway to Somewhere</i> <i>Twin Cities</i>		Fri March 14 Mon Mar. 17
Jasmine Warga	Author	5-8	Fiction	<i>A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall</i> <i>A Rover's Story</i> <i>Other Words for Home</i>		Fri March 14 Mon Mar. 17

Leah Johnson	Author	5-8	Fiction	<i>Bree Boyd Is A Legend</i> <i>Black Girl Power: Celebrating Black Girlhood</i> <i>Ellie Engle Saves Herself</i>		Friday, Mar 14
Rosanne Parry	Author	5-8	Fiction	<i>A Wolf Called Fire</i> <i>A Wolf Called Wander</i> <i>A Horse Named Sky</i>		Friday, Mar 14
Megan E. Freeman	Author	5-8	Fiction	<i>Away</i> <i>Alone</i>		Mon, Mar 17
Soman Chainani	Author	5-8	Fiction series	<i>Fall of the School for Good and Evil</i>	May need one night hotel	Fri, March 14 Mon, Mar. 17

Grades 8-12

Andrea L Rogers	Author	8-12	Fiction	<i>The Art Thieves (Cherokee)</i>		Fri, Mar 14 Mon, March 17
Gayle Forman	Author	8-12	Fiction	<i>After Life</i> <i>If I Stay</i>		Fri, March 14 Mon, Mar 17
Kendare Blake	Author	8-12	Fiction	<i>Warrior of Legend</i> <i>Champion of Fate, Three Dark Crowns</i>		Friday, Mar 14 Mon, Mar 17
Victoria Aveyard	Author	8-12	Fiction	<i>Blade Breaker</i> <i>Realm Breaker</i> <i>The Red Queen series</i>		Fri, Mar 14 Mon, Mar 17

Alexa Donne	Author	8-12	Fiction	<i>The Bitter End</i> <i>Pretty Dead Queens, The Ivies</i>		Fri, Mar 14 Mon, Mar 17
Nic Stone	Author	8-12	Fiction	<i>Dear Manny</i> <i>Dear Justyce, Dear Martin</i>		Fri, Mar 14 Mon, Mar 17
Scott Reintgen	Author	8-12	Fiction	<i>A Door in the Dark</i> <i>A Whisper in the Walls</i> <i>A Burning in the Bones</i>	may need one night of hotel	Fri, Mar 14
Josh Galarza	Author	8-12	Fiction	<i>The Great Cool Ranch Dorito in the Sky</i>	may need one night of hotel	Fri, Mar 14
Soman Chainani	Author	8-12	Fiction	<i>Beasts and Beauty</i> <i>Fall of the School for Good and Evil</i>	may need one night of hotel	Fri, Mar 14 Mon, Mar 17

AZ - Arizona author

PB = Picturebook

GN = Graphic novel