



Schedule an Author for an Author Visit

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 list of authors and illustrators with dates of availability is included below. Note that 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 15th, 2023**

**For further information or to schedule an author or illustrator contact:
Samantha Montes at authorvisits@tucsonfestivalofbooks.org**



- Several authors require an extra night of hotel for the school visit and that is noted under Other (approximately \$150.00), while others are publisher-sponsored or Arizona-based authors. Click on the author's name for website or information about books.

Name	Role	Grade Levels	Fiction/ Non-Fic	Book Titles	Other	Availability
Grades K – 5						
S.D. Nelson	AZ Author Illustrator	K-5	Picture books	<i>Grandpa's Tipi</i>		Friday, Mar 8
Jonathan Nelson	Illustrator	K-5	Picture books	<i>Forever Cousins; Letter for Bob; First-Laugh -Welcome Baby</i>	Available in the Afternoon	Friday, Mar 8
Michael Sampson	Author	K-5	Picture books	<i>All Kinds of Kids; Bing! Bang! Chugga! Beep! Ten Little Squirrels; Armadillo Antics; Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3 ; Spunky Little Monkey</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Lori Alexander	AZ Author	K-5	Non-Fic	<i>Cactus Queen: Minerva Hoyt Establishes Joshua Tree National Park; What's a Gem, Joseph Lister? All in a Drop</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Laurel Goodluck	Author	K-5	Picture books	<i>Too Much: My Great Big Native Family; Rock Your Mocks; She Persisted: Deb Haaland; Forever Cousins</i>	First choice is Native Nations schools or communities.	Friday, Mar 8

Joe Cepeda	Author Illustrator	K-5	Picture books	<i>I Help; Rafa Counts on Papa; Lupe Lopez, Rock Star Rules!</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
John Parra	Author Illustrator	K-5	Picture books	<i>Spanish is the Language of My Family; Growing as an Artist: The Story of a Landscape and His Son; Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Brendan Wenzel	Author Illustrator	K-5	Picture books	<i>Two Together; Inside Cat; They All Saw a Cat</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Barney Saltzberg	Author Illustrator	K-5	Picture books	<i>A Delicious Story; Beautiful Oops One of These Not Like the Others; Arlo Need Glasses</i>		Friday, Mar 8
Adam Rex	AZ Author Illustrator	K-8	Picture books	<i>The Story of Gumluck the Wizard; Oh No The Aunts are Here</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Lian Cho	Author Illustrator	K-5	Picture books	<i>Oh, Olive ; 100 Mighty Dragons All Named Broccoli; Oh No the Aunts are Here</i>	Hotel for one night if not a Title 1 school	Friday, Mar 8
Dianne White	AZ Author	K-5	Picture books	<i>Finding Grateful; It's Your Time to Shine; The Sharing Book</i>		Friday, Mar 8
Judd Winick	Author	2-6	Graphic novels	<i>Hilo 8; Hilo 9</i>	Hotel for one night if not a Title 1 school	Friday, Mar 8 Mon. Mar 11
Rebecca Bach-Lauritsen and Anna M. Kjaergaard	Author and illustrator	K-5	Picture book	<i>Out of the Blue</i> – translated picturebook from Denmark	Available for visits as co- authors	Friday, Mar 8 Mon. Mar 11
Grades 3-8						
Sayantani DasGupta	Author	3-7	Fantasy	<i>Secrets of the Sky Books #1 & #2; The Serpent's Secret</i>		Monday, March 11

Rebecca Siegel	Author	4-8	Non-Fic	<i>Loch Ness Uncovered: How Fake News Fueled the Greatest Media Hoax;</i> <i>To Fly Among the Stars: The Hidden Story of the Fight for Women Astronauts</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Rajani LaRocca	Author	3-7	Fiction	<i>Sona and the Golden Beasts;</i> <i>Red, White, and Whole;</i> <i>Mirror to Mirror</i>		Friday, Mar 8
Misa Sugiura	Author	3-7	Fantasy	<i>Momo Arashima Steals the Sword of the Wind: Momo Arashima Breaks the Mirror of the Sun</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Michelle Mohrweis	Author	5-8	Fiction	<i>The Trouble with Robots;</i> <i>The Problem with Gravity</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Mon, Mar. 11
Veera Hiranandani	Author	5-8	Historical Fiction	<i>Amil and the After; How to Find What You're Not Looking For; The Night Diary</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Roseanne A. Brown	Author	5-8	Fantasy	<i>Serwa Boateng's Guide to Witchcraft and the Mayhem; Serwa Boateng's Guide to Vampire Hunting;</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Sarah Mlynowski	Author	3-6	Fantasy graphic novel	<i>Whatever After #1; Best Wishes #1;</i> <i>Best Wishes #3</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
P. Djéli Clark	Author	4-6	Fantasy	<i>Abeni's Song</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Matt McMann	AZ Author	3-5	Fantasy	<i>Escape from Grimstone Manor;</i> <i>The Snatcher of Raven Hollow; Terror in Shadow Canyon; The Best of Skull Rock</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Lisa McMann	AZ Author	4-7	Fantasy	<i>Rebel Undercover; Map of Flames; The Invisible Spy; Clarice the Brave</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Kekla Magoon Cynthia Leitich Smith	Authors	3-7	Fiction Graphic novel	<i>Mission One: The Vice Principal Problem;</i>	Available for visits as co-authors	Monday, March 11

Donna Barba Higuera	Author	4-8	Sci Fi	<i>Alebrijes; The Last Cuentista; Lupe Wong Won't Dance</i>	Hotel for one night if not a Title 1 school	Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Dan Gemeinhart	Author	4-8	Fiction	<i>Coyote Lost and Found; The Midnight Children; The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise</i>		Friday, Mar 8
Jillian Hughes and Kenny Curtis	Authors	4-8	Graphic novel, mythology	<i>Greeking Out: Epic Retellings of Classic Greek Myths</i>	Available for visits as co-authors	Friday, Mar. 8 or Mon, Mar. 11
Grades 8-12						
Marissa Meyer	Author	8-12	Fiction	<i>With a Little Luck; Instant Karma; Lunar Chronicles</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Krystal Marquis	Author	8-12	Historical Fiction	<i>The Davenports</i>		Friday, Mar 8
Kristen Simmons	Author	8-12	Fantasy Horror	<i>Find Him Where You Left Him Dead; The Deceivers; Set Fire to the Gods; Article 5 series</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Hailey Alcaraz	AZ Author	8-12	Fiction	<i>Up in Flames</i>		Friday, Mar 8
Gene Luen Yang LeUyen Pham	Author Illustrator	8-12	Fiction Graphic novel	<i>Lunar New Year Love Story</i>	Available for visits as co-authors	Monday, March 11
Ellen Oh	Author	8-12	Thriller	<i>The Colliding Worlds of Mina Lee; Flying Lessons & Other Stories</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Elana K. Arnold	Author	8-12	Historical Fiction	<i>The Blood Years; Harriet Tells the Truth; Damsel</i>		Monday, March 11
David Bowles	Author	8-12	Mythology	<i>The Prince & the Coyote; Ancient Night; The Sea-Ringed World</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11

Ayana Gray	Author	8-12	Fantasy	<i>Beasts of War; Beasts of Ruin; Beasts of Prey</i>		Friday, Mar 8 Monday, March 11
Cherie Dimaline	Author	8-12	Fiction	<i>Into the Bright Open: A Secret Garden Remix</i>	Hotel for one night if not a Title 1 school	Monday, March 11
Samuel Miller	Author	8-12	Mystery thriller	<i>Dark Parts of the Universe</i>		Friday, Mar 8; Monday, March 11