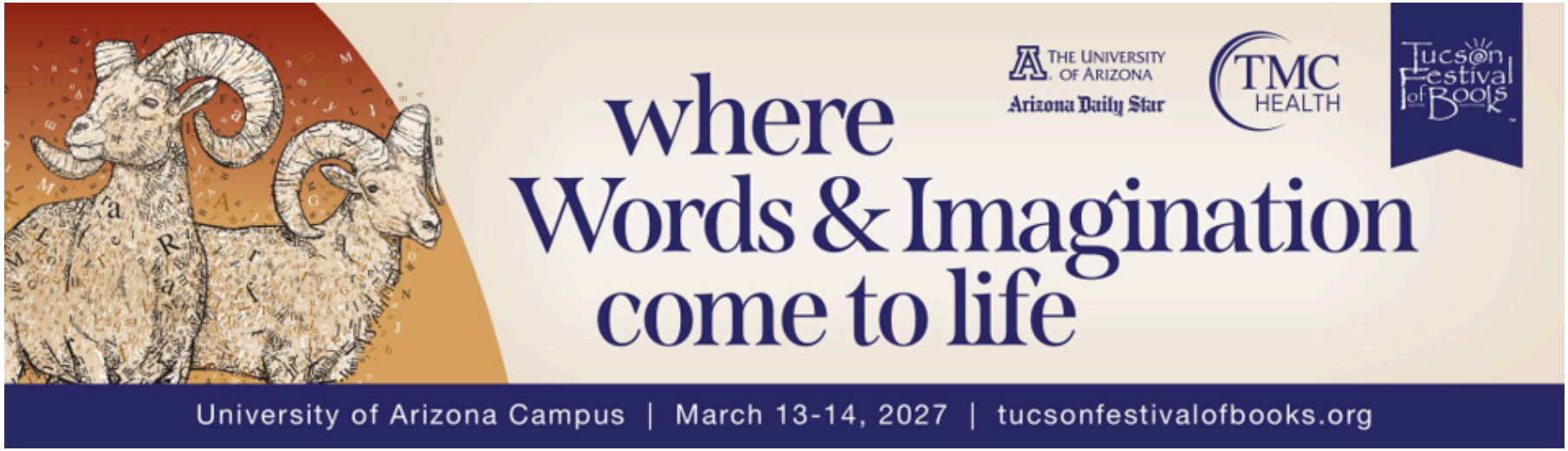


Schedule an Author Visit - Free Author Appearance

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.

- **Authors are not charging for their appearances.**
- Students can hear authors and illustrators share their craft.
- 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.

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.

The deadline for booking authors is December 19, 2026

To schedule an author or illustrator or for further info contact: Narges Zandi at authorvisits@tucsonfestivalofbooks.org

Name	Role	Grade Levels	Fiction/ Non-Fic	Book Titles	Other	Availability Friday, Mar 12 Monday, Mar 15
Grades K – 5						
Priscilla Burris	Author / Illustrator	K-3	Fiction Picturebook	• *Sabrina Sue: The Epic Adventure*	AZ	**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
Laura De La Cruz	Author	K-3	Fiction Picturebook	• *Lowrider for Sale*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15 (am)**
Stephanie Graegin	Author / Illustrator	K-3	Fiction Picturebook	• *Bean Supreme* • *Everyday Bean and Tiny Bean's Big Adventures series*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
Molly Idle Juana Martinez-Neal	Author / Illustrator	K-3	Fiction Picturebook	• *Off the Wall (2026)* • *I Don't Care (2025)*	AZ	**Friday, Mar 12**
Rebecca Lee Kunz Jen Loren	Illustrator Author	K-3	Biography Cherokee	• *Ruth Muskrat and the So-Called Indian Problem* • *Chooch Helped* (Caldecott)		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
Meg Medina	Author	K-8	Fiction - PB and Fantasy	• *Picturebook: My Roller Skates* • *Novel - Graciela in the Abyss* •		**Friday, March 12**
Adiba Nelson	Author	K-3	Fiction Picturebook	• *Hazel's Best Day* • *Oshún and Me*	AZ	**Friday, Mar 12 Monday, Mar 15**
Zeke Peña	Author / Illustrator	K-3	Fiction Picturebook	• *The Junk Box*		**Friday, Mar 12**
Hayley Rocco John Rocco	Author Illustrator	K=3	Fiction Picturebook	• *A Book for Everyone* • *All the Books*		**Friday, Mar 12 Monday, Mar 15**
Dan Santat	Illustrator Author	K-4	Fiction/PB	• *Help! I'm Being Eaten by a Bear* • *Don't Trust Fish*		**Friday, March 12**

Neil Sharpson						
Tammi Sauer	Author	K-3	Fiction Picturebook	• *The Amazing Augustus*		**Friday, Mar 12**
Kashmira Sheth	Author	K-4	Fiction Picturebook	• *Taking Flight*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
David Ezra Stein	Author /Illustrator	K-3	Fiction Picturebook	• *Baby Bunny Won't Stop!*		**Friday, Mar 12 Or Monday, Mar 15**
Susie Yi	Author / Illustrator	K-4	Graphic novel	• *Cat & Cat Adventures series*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**

Grades 4-8						
Kate Albus	Author	4-7	Historical adventure	• *The Passage of Jamie Quill*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
Heather Alexander	Author	4-6	Nonfiction	• *Amazing Art Mysteries* - includes theft at Tucson art museum		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
Luisana Duarte Armendáriz	Author	4-7	Fiction Mystery	• *Julieta and the Diamond Enigma* • *Julieta and the Cryptic Rose*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
Emilie Christie Burack	Author	4-7	Fiction STEM	• *Dominic Bean and the Mammoth Melt*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
Kim Bussing	Author	4-7	Fractured Fairy tales	• *The Frog Princess and Peter Pan* • *Rupunzel and the Sea Witch*		**Friday, Mar 12 Monday, Mar 15**
Jen Calonita	Author	4-8	Fantasy	• *Isle of Ever series- The Curse Breaker & The Vanishing Isle*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
W. Bruce Cameron	Author	4-6	Animal fiction	• *Cooper's Story: A Puppy's Tale* • *Lily to the Rescue* • *A Dog's Perfect Christmas*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**

Sarah Beth Durst	Author	4-6	Fantasy	• *The Imagitorium*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
Gordon Korman	Author	4-6	Fiction	• *The Favorite*		**Friday, Mar 12**
Mike Lowery	Author / Illustrator	4-6	Graphic novel Fantasy	• *Unicorndog: Best. Wish. Ever* and Unicorndog M*akes Some Magic.*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
Kekla Magoon	Author	4-6	Mystery	• *Alfie Hazard and the Spy Cats series: A Spy in the Embassy*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
Meg Medina	Author	K-8	Fiction - PB and Fantasy	• *Picturebook: My Roller Skates* • *Novel - Graciela in the Abyss* •		**Friday, March 12**
Callie C. Miller	Author	4-6	Fantasy	• *The Vanishing Orphans of Alvanor*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
Julian Randall	Author	4-8	Fiction	• *Shook*		**Friday, Mar 12 or Monday, Mar 15**
Justin A. Reynolds.	Author	4-7	Fiction	• *Fan Favorite: The Mostly True Diary of a Kinda Cool Kid*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
Tae Keller	Author	4-7	Fiction	• *When Tomorrow Burns*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**

Grades 9-12						
Derrick Barnes	Author	9-12	Nonfiction Biography	• *Do It for the People: Black Athletes, Activism, and Justice* • *Seven Million Steps: The True Story of Dick Gregory's Run for the Hungry*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
Anne Broyles	Author	9-12	Historical Fiction Cherokee	• *Words Spoken True*		**Friday, Mar 12 OR Monday, Mar 15**
Brent Fisher	Author	9-12	Fantasy	• *The Day the World Drowned*		**Friday, Mar 12 or Monday, Mar 15**
Jeff Giles	Author	9-12	Thriller	• *Someone Saved My Life Tonight*		**Friday, Mar 12 or Monday, Mar 15**

Lamar Giles	Author	9-12	Thriller	• *Say Less*		**Friday, Mar 12 or Monday, Mar 15**
April Henry	Author	9-12	Murder mystery	• *In the Blood*		**Friday, Mar 12 or Monday, Mar 15**
Keala Kendall	Author	9-12	Horror/gothic	• *That Which Feeds Us: A Hawaiian Gothic*		**Friday, Mar 12 or Monday, Mar 15**
Ryan La Sala	Author	9-12	Dark fantasy	• *The Dead of Summer* • *Bodies of Water*		**Friday, Mar 12** **Monday, Mar 15**
Israel Moya	Author	9-12	Fiction	• *Monarchs in the Wild*		**Monday, Mar 15**
Clare Osongco	Author	9-12	Romance	• *Suddenly I Miss Everyone*		**Friday, Mar 12 or Monday, Mar 15**
Beth Revis	Author	9-12	Fantasy	• *The Crimson Throne and The Blood Queen*		**Friday, Mar 12 or Monday, Mar 15**
Sasha E. Sloan	Author	9-12	Romantasy	• *The Ruins Beneath Us*		**Friday, Mar 12**
Lola StVil	Author	9-12	Fantasy	• *Rage of Angels*		**Friday, Mar 12 or Monday, Mar 15**

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