

# BOOKCON 2017 PANELS

## SATURDAY

### Confronting the Social Issues of 2017

SATURDAY | 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

*Downtown Stage*

Gun violence. Urban decay in post-industrial cities. The modern portrayal of women. Social issues come in many forms, and this panel of distinguished authors confronts the many problems we face today across the country and the world. Join Marieke Nijkamp, Barry Lyga, and Seph Lawless as they discuss how their new books tackle these difficult matters.

### The Magic of World Building: Danielle Paige, Renee Ahdieh, Marie Lu & Melissa de la Cruz

SATURDAY | 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

*Room 1E14*

What makes a world complete? It's not easy to write with such little foundation. But Authors Danielle Paige (*Stealing Snow*), Renee Ahdieh (*Flame in the Mist*), Marie Lu (*Midnight Star*) and Melissa de la Cruz (*Alex & Eliza*) explore the depths of a world never seen before with every new best-selling book! Join us as these fabulous authors discuss the fantastical worlds they've created, the trials and tribulations of characters and cultures plotted in these multi-dimensional story arcs and keeping readers glued page after page, book after book.

### Real Beautiful with Natasha Bure and Chelsea Crockett

SATURDAY | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

*Room 1E16*

YouTube stars Natasha Bure and Chelsea Crockett team up to give two lucky volunteers a live makeover. Natasha, author of *Let's Be Real* and former contestant on NBC's *The Voice* and Chelsea, author of *Your Own Beautiful*, and founder and face of *Beautilicious Insider*, will offer their favorite make-up and hair care tips, take questions from the audience, and, most importantly, share their best lessons for feeling confident and loving yourself just the way you are.

### Chad Michael Murray – An American Drifter

SATURDAY | 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

*Room 1E10*

Television star Chad Michael Murray, known for his roles on *One Tree Hill* and *Agent Carter*, has teamed up with bestselling romance author Heather Graham to write *American Drifter* (Forge Books, November 2017), an exhilarating tale of love and murder set in Rio de Janeiro. Murray will be interviewed by live on-stage by Graham and they discuss *American Drifter* and its compelling narrative which will be relatable to the many readers who have servicemen and women in their lives.

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## Diversifying Love

SATURDAY | 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

*Downtown Stage*

Multicultural romance is not new...but the majority of players in the proliferating and ever-popular Romance genre agree that stories of love need to feature "people of all colors, religions, abilities and sexual orientation" (thank you, #weneeddiversebooks, for trailblazing). As stories of race and prejudice blare and glare from national headlines, authors and readers of this popular genre agree about one powerful, life-changing/life-affirming message: Love Transcends. Romance has the power to open readers' minds to stories that could imbue new understanding and acceptance in the ways we relate to one another. BookCon is pleased to host a frank discussion about the need for inclusive, representative Romance, moderated by bestselling author and *Washington Post* columnist Sarah MacLean, joined by authors Nicole Blades, KM Jackson, Seth King, Tracey Livesay, Cecelia Tan and Mara White; along with reader/*USA Today Happily Ever After* contributor Denny Bryce. As one of the most beloved voices in the romance genre affirmed in last year's keynote address at the RWA (Romance Writers of America) national convention, diverse Romance "should be in the damn Romance section, not in the blue-light section...it's about discoverability!" Discover all there is to love about a popular genre whose authors and readers are embracing a wide spectrum of experience, and we invite you to take away a book that will open your eyes to the multiverse of romantic possibility.

## Carrying On with Rainbow Rowell

SATURDAY | 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

*Room 1E14*

Rainbow Rowell burst onto the American writing scene in 2011 when she published *Attachments* while still working at the Omaha World Herald. Ever since, she has enjoyed a meteoric ride, penning best-selling YA and adult contemporary novels such as *Eleanor & Park*, *Fangirl*, and *Carry On*. Join Rowell as she discusses life as a critically-acclaimed author, what it's like to deal with controversy, and what happens when Hollywood comes calling. She will be interviewed by Emma Straub.

## Romance and New Adult Fiction

SATURDAY | 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

*Room 1E16*

Romance and relationships take on countless shapes and forms. Whether it's an inter-office romance, living on the edge when nothing seems to matter, or striving for love when you're feeling hopeless, these authors know how to tug at our heart strings. Join Christina Lauren (the combined pen name of long-time writing partners/besties/soulmates and brain-twins Christina Hobbs and Lauren Billings) who dish about their latest endeavor, *Dating You / Hating You*, Kami Garcia as she discusses *The Lovely Reckless*, and Colleen Hoover who explores *It Ends with Us* and several of her other best-sellers.

## Holly Black and Leigh Bardugo: Magic With An Edge

SATURDAY | 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

*Room 1E10*

Holly Black and Leigh Bardugo are juggernauts in the world of YA fantasy. Whether it's found within Black's intricately-drawn faerie worlds or the dark alleys of Bardugo's Ketterdam, their magic is dark, edgy, and anything but ordinary. Black will discuss *The Cruel Prince*, her upcoming first book in The Folk of Air Trilogy, about a mortal girl who finds herself caught in a web of royal faerie intrigue, as well as her acclaimed Modern Faerie Tale series. Bardugo will introduce her forthcoming *The Language of Thorns: Midnight Tales and Dangerous Magic*, a book of folk and fairy tales set in her legendary Grishaverse, which fans know and love from her bestselling Grisha Trilogy and Six of Crows duology. Join us as we delve deeper into the realm of mystery and magic with these two *New York Times* bestselling authors.

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## Jeff Kinney, 10-Year Anniversary of Diary of a Wimpy Kid

SATURDAY | 12:45 PM – 1:30 PM

Main Stage

10 years ago in the spring of 2007 the first book in Jeff Kinney's *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series was published. It instantly became a *New York Times* bestseller, and the books in the series have now gone on to sell 180 million copies worldwide. Join Jeff Kinney as he discusses his newest books and projects, as well as how his wildly popular series has changed his life and the lives of his innumerable loyal readers. This year you will be required to scan your Badge in the morning at the end of the line dedicated to the Main Stage Panel you want to see. That Panel will be coded into your Badge and when you arrive back in the Queue Hall in 1C prior to that Panel, you will scan your Badge again for entry into the Main Stage. Our super smart system will know that your spot is reserved. Please note that BookCon will once again clear the Main Stage after each Panel. Read all details about the Main Stage seating process here: [www.TheBookCon.com/MainStage](http://www.TheBookCon.com/MainStage)

## Allison Raskin and Gaby Dunn IRL

SATURDAY | 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

Downtown Stage

Allison Raskin and Gaby Dunn are two best friends who started the hit comedy YouTube channel Just Between Us in 2014 and have since then spent far too much time together as they've amassed more than 700,000 subscribers. Increasingly important voices of their generation, Raskin and Dunn represent funny and authentic female voices in comedy and in YA, handling subjects like depression, anxiety, LGBTQ life, becoming an adult, and day-to-day life struggles with humor and heart and open ears. Most impressively, they have brought their talents from the screen onto the page seamlessly. Now you can see them in real life (IRL) at BookCon as they share stories and talk about their new book, *I Hate Everyone But You*.

## WTF?: Marc Maron and Brendan McDonald

SATURDAY | 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Room 1E14

Stand-up comedian, actor, and author Marc Maron is arguably the world's most prominent podcast host, as his WTF with Marc Maron podcast has been downloaded millions of times over the last few years. Since the podcast's inception, Maron has interviewed hundreds of guests and has therefore learned a great deal of insight into the world in which we live. Join Maron and his co-author Brendan McDonald as they provide a glimpse into the podcast as they discuss their upcoming book, *Waiting for the Punch: Words to Live by From the WTF Podcast*, available from Flatiron Books this Fall.

## Megan Whalen Turner's Super-Fan Panel

SATURDAY | 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Room 1E16

"Sometimes, if you want to change a man's mind, you have to change the mind of the man next to him first."  
– Megan Whalen Turner, *The King of Attolia*. Epic Reads is proud to assemble a special fandom panel, featuring noted adult and children's fiction and fantasy authors for an exclusive discussion on the legacy of Megan Whalen Turner's Queen's Thief world and the anticipation of her hotly-anticipated *Thick As Thieves*, only at BookCon. Join authors Joelle Charbonneau (*Dividing Eden*), Megan Whalen Turner (*Thick As Thieves*), Holly Black (*The Cruel Prince*), Sarah Beth Durst (*The Queen of Blood*), and Tomi Adeyemi (*Children of Blood and Bone*). Megan Whalen Turner will be there for a Q&A with the audience!

## Find Your Voice with Sarah Dessen, Shannon Hale, Jenny Han, and Morgan Matson

SATURDAY | 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

Room 1E10

Reaching a turning point in life can ask a lot of us. It brings us to the brink of growing up and can push us over the edge, thereby changing our lives forever. Join us as Sarah Dessen (*Once and For All*), Shannon Hale (*Real Friends*), Jenny Han (*Always and Forever, Laura Jean*), and Morgan Matson (*Save the Date*) discuss the various life events in their books and how they found their voice. This discussion will be moderated by BuzzFeed editor Erin Chack (*This Is Really Happening*).

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## Marissa Meyer and Laini Taylor: Truth or Dare

SATURDAY | 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

*Downtown Stage*

*New York Times* bestselling authors Marissa Meyer (*Heartless and Renegades*) and Laini Taylor (*Strange the Dreamer*) join forces for what has become a beloved and highly anticipated annual game of YA Truth or Dare at BookCon! Discover everything you've ever wanted to know about fan-favorite series, The Lunar Chronicles and The Daughter of Smoke & Bone trilogy, while watching Marissa and Laini tackle hilarious challenges and insightful questions at this not-to-be-missed event.

## Do You Ship This?

SATURDAY | 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

*Main Stage*

Buffy, Dr. Who, Firefly, Gilmore Girls, Harry Potter... the possibilities for mash-ups and match-ups are endless! Join authors Danielle Paige (*Dorothy Must Die series*), Victoria Aveyard (*Red Queen series*), Veronica Roth (*Carve the Mark*) as they chat about who they are "shipping." This year you will be required to scan your Badge in the morning at the end of the line dedicated to the Main Stage Panel you want to see. That Panel will be coded into your Badge and when you arrive back in the Queue Hall in 1C prior to that Panel, you will scan your Badge again for entry into the Main Stage. Our super smart system will know that your spot is reserved. Please note that BookCon will once again clear the Main Stage after each Panel. Read all details about the Main Stage seating process here: [www.TheBookCon.com/MainStage](http://www.TheBookCon.com/MainStage)

## Jeffrey Tambor Spotlight

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*Room 1E14*

Jeffrey Tambor, the award-winning actor who has starred in *The Larry Sanders Show*, *Arrested Development*, and *Transparent*, has penned a collection of personal essays, *Are You Anybody?*. Published by Crown Archetype, his book explores his creative process and immense accomplishments from a life lived onscreen. Drawing from his formative childhood years during which he was raised as "a fat Hungarian-Jewish kid with a lisp and a depressive father," Tambor's memoir is funny, insightful, and uplifting, touching on comedy and the enduring chutzpah required to make it through life.

## A Spectrum of Young Adult Authors

SATURDAY | 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

*Room 1E16*

Two National Book Award finalists and a *New York Times* best-selling author walk onto a BookCon stage... Stephanie Garber, Adele Griffin, and Jason Reynolds run the spectrum of Young Adult authors, and they'll take the stage together to discuss their varied experiences and perspectives. Beloved author Reynolds discusses *Miles Morales and Ghost*, debut sensation Garber will talk about *Caraval*, and Griffin, a two-time National Book Award finalist, unveils her latest, *Be True To Me*.

## Janet Mock in Conversation with Jenna Wortham

SATURDAY | 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

*Downtown Stage*

Janet Mock is a writer, TV host and advocate who wrote the *New York Times* bestselling memoir *Redefining Realness* about growing up as a trans teen. Time called her one of the most influential people on the Internet while Oprah Winfrey praised her for being a "trailblazing leader" in the transgender community. Mock graces the Downtown Stage at BookCon with Jenna Wortham of the *New York Times* to discuss her new book, *Surpassing Certainty: What My Twenties Taught Me*, and her feminist mission to enact gender equality.

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## Tor Science Fiction and Fantasy

SATURDAY | 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Room IE10

Science fiction and fantasy authors continue to spur discourse with their philosophical, political, and entertaining takes on futurism, science, magic, and the state of our world. Join these thought-provoking Tor authors as they explore technology, fantasy, and the future, and shake up traditional notions of speculative fiction: Charlie Jane Anders (*All the Birds in the Sky*), Cory Doctorow (*Walkaway*), Annalee Newitz (*Autonomous*), and John Scalzi (*The Collapsing Empire*).

## Magic and Power: Kami Garcia, Marissa Meyer, Maggie Stiefvator, Laini Taylor, and Daniel Jose Older

SATURDAY | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Room IE14

Magic and power are two elements that make fantasy thrive. That power can be seen on the battlefield or within the lies that characters tell themselves that manipulate their actions. Fan favorites Kami Garcia (*The Lovely Reckless*), Marissa Meyer (*Renegades*), Maggie Stiefvator (*All the Crooked Saints*), and Laini Taylor (*Strange the Dreamer*) talk to Daniel Jose Older (*Shadowhouse Fall*) about the power struggles their characters face and the conflicts that bring them all in for the fights of their lives.

## The YA/Adult Crossover

SATURDAY | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Room IE16

How do you decide what stories are YA and what's adult but YA-friendly? How do you write for both teen and adult fans? Tor and Tor Teen authors V.E. Schwab (*A Conjuring of Light*), Cora Carmack (*Roar*), Susan Dennard (*Windwitch*) and Gregg Hurwitz (*The Rains*) discuss tackling social issues for a teen audience, writing novels to appeal to all ages, making your characters vibrant with authentic voices and relationships, and more. Moderated by Tor/Tor Teen Editor Diana Pho.

## Connor Franta's Note to Self Journey

SATURDAY | 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM

Main Stage

Connor Franta, one of the most influential and popular YouTubers today, is on his last leg of a month long, cross-country road trip that ends at BookCon, of course! Come to the Main Stage to see Connor discuss his new book, *Note to Self*. Connor's self-named YouTube channel has nearly six million subscribers on which he shares countless deeply personal insights into his own life. Join us as he talks about the highs and lows that come with sharing his life online, and what it was like to publish a second book after his bestselling memoir, *A Work in Progress*. This year you will be required to scan your Badge in the morning at the end of the line dedicated to the Main Stage Panel you want to see. That Panel will be coded into your Badge and when you arrive back in the Queue Hall in 1C prior to that Panel, you will scan your Badge again for entry into the Main Stage. Our super smart system will know that your spot is reserved. Please note that BookCon will once again clear the Main Stage after each Panel. Read all details about the Main Stage seating process here: [www.TheBookCon.com/MainStage](http://www.TheBookCon.com/MainStage)

## The Handmaid's Tale: Margaret Atwood and Showrunner Bruce Miller from the New Series on Hulu

SATURDAY | 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM

Room IE10

Written in 1985, Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale* has truly become a modern classic. The dystopian novel explores a totalitarian theocracy which has overthrown the United States government, and it explores themes of women in subjugation and the various means by which they gain agency. So powerful, the book has won awards such as the Governor General's Award and the first Arthur C. Clarke Award in 1987. And now, *The Handmaid's Tale* has been adapted to the small screen as a new series on Hulu. Please welcome Atwood to BookCon where she'll be joined on stage by Showrunner Bruce Miller.

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## Running Late with Scott Rogowsky

SATURDAY | 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

*Downtown Stage*

Comedian Scott Rogowsky is best known for his viral videos of him reading fake books with hilarious titles on the subway (such as *How to Hold a Fart In*, *Human Taxidermy: A Beginner's Guide*, and *Gone Girl 2, Even Goner*) that have been viewed more than 60 MILLION times. But long before these videos broke the Internet, Rogowsky had been hosting his own live late-night-style talk show throughout New York City, called *Running Late with Scott Rogowsky*, which features celebrity guests, a live band, and his sidekick Marty, who happens to be his dad. Join Scott as he interviews M.T. Anderson, Natasha Bure, and Allison Raskin and Gabby Dunn during his live, hilarious show.

## Girling Up: Mayim Bialik Spotlight

SATURDAY | 5:15 PM – 6:00 PM

*Room 1E16*

Mayim Bialik, actress, writer, neuroscientist, and founder of GrokNation.com, has just published a girls' guide to growing up, *Girling Up: How to Be Strong, Smart and Spectacular*. Her new book speaks directly to teens about what it means to grow from a girl to a woman biologically, psychologically, and sociologically. Pulling from her own experiences as an actress, scientist, and writer, Bialik discusses navigating everything from first kisses and first periods to rocky friendships, family responsibilities, gender questions, body image issues, and figuring out one's passion and place in the world. Bialik is best known as Amy Farrah Fowler on America's #1 comedy, *The Big Bang Theory*, a role for which she has received four Emmy nominations and a Critics Choice Award. She also played the lead role of Blossom on the early-1990s sitcom *Blossom*. She earned a BS from UCLA in Neuroscience and Hebrew & Jewish Studies and went on to earn a Ph.D. in Neuroscience, also at UCLA.

## BookTubers Booksplasion

SATURDAY | 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM

*Room 1E14*

With millions of views and hundreds of thousands of followers, the Booksplasion Team hosts a monthly online book club where they read along with their viewers! They're part of the online book community (fondly known as "BookTube") that has exploded onto the publishing scene with bookish reviews, discussions, sketches, and collaboration. Join Christine Riccio (PolandBananasBooks), Jesse George (JesseTheReader) and Kat O'Keeffe (Katytastic) for this interactive Q&A Panel full of bookish fun!

## Transforming a Bestseller onto the Silver Screen: The Book to Film Experience

SATURDAY | 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

*Room 1E10*

What is it like to see the characters you created on paper come to life on the silver screen? Join bestselling authors R.J. Palacio (*Wonder*), Nicola Yoon (*Everything, Everything*), Stephen Chbosky (*The Perks of Being a Wallflower*), and Lauren Oliver (*Before I Fall*) as they discuss the various stages, thrills, and challenges of having a beloved novel adapted to film.

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## SUNDAY

### Books + YouTube = Booktube

SUNDAY | 10:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Room IE10

We've all had those moments where we wish we had someone to fangirl/boy with about the hottest new book. Now, across the globe, thousands of readers have joined the online YouTube community known as "BookTube" to share their love of reading. See some of the top social influencers from North America as they discuss books, publishing, and everything in between. Please welcome Sasha Alsberg (@bookutopia), Natasha Polis (TashaPolis), Claudia Ramirez Lomeli (ClauReadsBooks), Zoe Herdt (ReadByZoe), and Emma Giordano (@emmmabooks).

### The New Mainstream: Diversity & Activism in Four Colors

SUNDAY | 10:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Downtown Stage

Comics are for everyone, and everyone is making comics. Join graphic novelists and comics creators Thi Bui (*The Best We Could Do*), Marjorie Liu (*Monstress, X-Men*), Joe Illidge (*Catalyst Comics*) and Magdalene Visaggio (*Kim & Kim: Love Is A Battlefield*) as they discuss how their work reflects their lived experiences, and how they are getting their stories out in a time of tumultuous political discourse. Moderated by Heidi MacDonald, Editor in Chief of Comicsbeat.com.

### Real Science, Big Adventure: Bill Nye the Science Guy's New Series for Kids

SUNDAY | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Main Stage

Bill Nye has been the public face of science for more than 20 years, best known as the host of Emmy Award-winning PBS/Discovery Channel show *Bill Nye the Science Guy*. But did you know he is also the co-author of a new fiction series for kids? *Jack and the Geniuses* takes middle-grade readers on an adventure featuring real-world science along with action and a mystery that will leave kids guessing until the end. Bill Nye and co-author Greg Mone will be on stage live at BookCon 2017 to talk about their exciting new series. This year you will be required to scan your Badge in the morning at the end of the line dedicated to the Main Stage Panel you want to see. That Panel will be coded into your Badge and when you arrive back in the Queue Hall in 1C prior to that Panel, you will scan your Badge again for entry into the Main Stage. Our super smart system will know that your spot is reserved. Please note that BookCon will once again clear the Main Stage after each Panel. Read all details about the Main Stage seating process here: [www.TheBookCon.com/MainStage](http://www.TheBookCon.com/MainStage)

### Justice for DC and YA Heroes

SUNDAY | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Room IE14

DC's biggest icons Wonder Woman, Batman, Superman, and Catwoman are being reimagined in our favorite way! A league of super powered YA authors, Marie Lu (*Midnightstar*), Leigh Bardugo (*Six of Crows*), Matt de la Pena (*Mexican Whiteboy and The Living*) & Sarah J. Maas (*The Thrones of Glass* series) will reimagine the heroes into YA novels. Join us at the BookCon headquarters to hear them talk about their individual adaptations of the famous comic characters and how to do them justice.

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## A Picture Tells 1,000 Words: Graphic Novels

SUNDAY | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Room 1E16

For years, graphic novels were considered to be second-class citizens within many book circles, but recently, they've gained the prominence they long deserved. This panel showcases four of the leading graphic novelists today, Svetlana Chmakova, Thi Bui, Matt Phelan, and Samwise Didier, each of whom have varied backgrounds and unique stories. Chmakova was raised in Russia and immigrated to Canada when she was 16, Bui was born in Vietnam and immigrated to the U.S. when she was a child, Phelan lives in Pennsylvania, has won numerous awards, and has been nominated for three Will Eisner Comic Industry Awards, and Samwise Didier is the Senior Art Director at Blizzard Entertainment where he helped craft the visual style for several of Blizzard's wildly popular games, including *Warcraft III* and *World of Warcraft*. During this panel, Chmakova, a 2016 Eisner Award nominee, unveils her newest graphic novel, *Brave*, Bui gets personal with *The Best We Could Do: An Illustrated Memoir*, Phelan delivers a darkly stylized noir, *Snow White*, set against the backdrop of Depression-era Manhattan, and Didier discusses *The Last Winter* which follows the nine clans of Mistgard as they battle giants in the freezing cold.

## It Devours! The Writers and Cast Members of Welcome to Night Vale Discuss Science, Faith, Romance, and the Toothy Power of The Smiling God

SUNDAY | 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Downtown Stage

Joseph Fink and Jeffrey Cranor, the creators of the wildly popular *Welcome to Night Vale* podcast, discuss their page-turning new novel *It Devours!* (Harper Perennial, October 17, 2017). Moderating the panel is Meg Bashwiner, the Emcee who plays the role of "Deb" in the *Welcome to Night Vale* live shows. They will be joined by Cecil Baldwin, narrator of the podcast and the forthcoming audio book, and Dylan Marron, who plays the role of Carlos. The panelists will discuss *It Devours!*, the world of podcasting, their live shows, and much more! Cecil Baldwin will also give an exclusive reading from the book.

## I'll Take Audiobooks for \$400, Please!: An Audience vs. Author Game Show

SUNDAY | 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Room 1E10

Test your bookish knowledge, competing head-to-head with Sarah Dessen (*Once and For All*), Nicola Yoon (*Everything, Everything*), VE Schwab (*A Conjuring of Light*), and Kami Garcia (*The Lovely Reckless*) in categories like "Whose Voice Is It, Anyway?," "Fantasy Worlds" and "Spotted at BookCon" and more, using audio clips from a wide variety of popular audiobooks. Are you a bigger book nerd than your favorite authors? Four lucky audience members will be recruited to join the fun onstage, hosted by Holly Black (*The Cruel Prince*). All attendees will receive a pair of earbuds and three free audiobook downloads!

## Spotlight on Shea Serrano

SUNDAY | 12:15 PM – 12:45 PM

Downtown Stage

Join Shea Serrano, *New York Times* bestselling author and staff writer for *The Ringer*, as he reveals an exciting sneak peek at his forthcoming book *BASKETBALL (AND OTHER THINGS)*. Serrano will break down a chapter from his book that explores what would happen if one famed moment in basketball history had played out another way, followed by an audience Q+A. Afterwards, Serrano will sign exclusive chapter samplers featuring never-before-seen content from his new book.

## Out of the Shadows: Cassandra Clare

SUNDAY | 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

Room 1E14

*Tales from the Shadowhunter Academy. The Shadowhunters. Lady Midnight.* And now, *Lord of Shadows*. Cassandra Clare's books have more than 50 million copies in print worldwide and have been translated into more than 35 languages, a feature film, and a TV show – and now you can see her live on stage at BookCon. Clare is thrilled to share insight into her newest book, *Lord of Shadows*, in which Emma Carstairs has finally avenged her parents. Hear Clare's thoughts about why she wanted Emma, Julian, and Mark to find a way to come together to defend everything they hold dear before it's too late. She will be interviewed by Crystal Bell of *MTV News*.

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## WNDB Presents Super Heroes and Superheroes

SUNDAY | 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

Room IE16

Heroes can be those we see in our every day lives or those we read about in the pages of our favorite books/comics. They portray strength and resolve we may not know, but which we're all capable of. On this star-packed panel WNDB engages authors of young adult and middle grade work that features comic book heroes with abilities beyond our wildest dreams to the most relatable of heroes seeking to maintain the world they know and protect the people they care for.

## Write Here, Write Now

SUNDAY | 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Room IE10

"It's an artist's duty to reflect the times." – Nina Simone. Fiction isn't just an outlet to plug into to escape reality for a while. It's a mirror of everything happening around us. We take more from the characters than we realize and see more of our lives in the stories than we know. Best-selling authors E Lockhart (*We Were Liars*), Adam Silvera (*History Is All You Left Me*), Leigh Bardugo (*Six of Crows*), and Jennifer E. Smith (*Windfall*) sit down to talk about the importance contemporary fiction plays in our world today and the messages being sent in their writing.

## Kids Book Blockbusters

SUNDAY | 12:45 PM – 1:45 PM

Main Stage

Jeff Kinney's *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series has sold more than 180 million copies worldwide since it debuted 10 years ago. Mary Pope Osborne's bestselling *Magic Tree House* is one of the most prolific series ever, as it now numbers 55 books, with more than 130 million copies sold worldwide. Kwame Alexander's *The Crossover* won the 2015 Newbery Medal and the Coretta Scott King Award. And Lemony Snicket has sold more than 65 million copies of his series, *A Series of Unfortunate Events*. These giants of children's books take the stage to discuss their successes, their struggles, and their new projects, including Alexander's expansion of YA with his new book, *Solo*. This year you will be required to scan your Badge in the morning at the end of the line dedicated to the Main Stage Panel you want to see. That Panel will be coded into your Badge and when you arrive back in the Queue Hall in 1C prior to that Panel, you will scan your Badge again for entry into the Main Stage. Our super smart system will know that your spot is reserved. Please note that BookCon will once again clear the Main Stage after each Panel. Read all details about the Main Stage seating process here: [www.TheBookCon.com/MainStage](http://www.TheBookCon.com/MainStage)

## Krysten Ritter Spotlight

SUNDAY | 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Room IE14

Join the star of *Marvel's Jessica Jones*, Krysten Ritter, as she discusses her debut psychological suspense novel, *Bonfire*, which details a woman forced to confront her past in the wake of small-town corruption. Ritter is well known for her starring roles in the award-winning Netflix original series *Marvel's Jessica Jones* and cult favorite *Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23*, as well as her pivotal role on AMC's *Breaking Bad*. Krysten's work on film includes *Big Eyes*, *Listen Up Philip*, *Life Happens*, *Confessions of a Shopaholic*, and *She's Out of My League*. She is the founder of Silent Machine, a production company which aims to highlight complex female protagonists. Ritter and her dog, Mikey, split their time between New York and Los Angeles.

## Ponies on the Page: My Little Pony The Movie Prequel Stories

SUNDAY | 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Room IE16

Now in its 7<sup>th</sup> season, *My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic* has hooked fans of all ages around the world with humor, fantastical adventures, and relatable characters who explore and discover the magic of friendship together. Coming to the big screen on October 6th, in *My Little Pony: The Movie*, the Mane 6 Ponies journey beyond Equestria when a new dark force threatens Ponyville. Come learn about the prequel stories told exclusively in books hitting shelves this summer. Join us for a family-friendly hour with Hasbro Publishing, IDW Publishing, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, and special guests Ashleigh Ball (voice of Rainbow Dash & Applejack) and Andrea Libman (voice of Pinkie Pie & Fluttershy).

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## 16-Year-Old Me

SUNDAY | 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

Room 1E10

High School is a jungle. But these authors promise that things get better...at least some things! Authors Lauren Oliver (*Replica*), Soman Chainani (*School for Good and Evil* series), Kendare Blake (*Three Dark Crowns*), and Jeff Giles (*The Edge of Everything*) take you back to their own high school days with their hilarious journal entries, blast from the past photos, and cringe-worthy moments!

## Adult Education

SUNDAY | 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Downtown Stage

In the New York area, adults can attend edutainment events on almost any given night at venues as diverse as rock clubs and arts spaces. From Nerd Nite and Secret Science Club to Story Collider and museum sleepovers, there's no shortage of fun ways for adults to learn. At this panel, Ella Morton (*Atlas Obscura – Workman*), Theo Gray (*Reactions – Hachette*), and Doug Harris (*My Name is Stardust – Storybook Genius*) discuss the importance of making science and history accessible and interesting to people of all ages. They'll explain how they play a role in educating the public in today's world while sharing numerous examples from their own books and experiences. The moderators will be Olivia Koski and Jana Grcevich, co-authors of *Vacation Guide to the Solar System: Science for the Savvy Space Traveler!*

## Ryan Higa Writes Good

SUNDAY | 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Main Stage

YouTube celebrity Ryan Higa has written a memoir that even has, you know, words in it. He comes to BookCon to discuss *Ryan Higa's How to Write Good*, the unconventional and highly personal story of his life as a social media all-star, actor, comedian, and producer. Higa got started on YouTube while uploading videos as a teenager growing up in Hawaii back in 2006, and he's been doing it ever since. Ryan has over 18.3 million subscribers to his nighhiga channel and has held the coveted "Most Subscribed to Channel on YouTube" spot multiple times. His "Draw My Life" video, which inspired the idea for his book, has had over 27.5 million views since being posted three years ago. While he no longer lives in Hawaii, Ryan continues to produce weekly videos from his home in Las Vegas, NV. This year you will be required to scan your Badge in the morning at the end of the line dedicated to the Main Stage Panel you want to see. That Panel will be coded into your Badge and when you arrive back in the Queue Hall in 1C prior to that Panel, you will scan your Badge again for entry into the Main Stage. Our super smart system will know that your spot is reserved. Please note that BookCon will once again clear the Main Stage after each Panel. Read all details about the Main Stage seating process here: [www.TheBookCon.com/MainStage](http://www.TheBookCon.com/MainStage)

## Meet the Captain: Spotlight on Dav Pilkey (Underpants not Included)

SUNDAY | 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Room 1E14

Dav Pilkey is a living legend among children's book authors, as his *Captain Underpants*, *Dog Man*, *Dragon*, and *Dumb Bunnies* series have sold nearly 100 million copies globally. BookCon is excited to bring Pilkey to its Main Stage where he'll discuss his life as a critically-acclaimed and beloved author, while also sharing insights into the brand new *Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie* film by Dreamworks which premieres on June 2, 2017.

## Cult Classic Throwdown: Science Fiction and Fantasy in Film, Lit and Pop Culture

SUNDAY | 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Room 1E10

Join a panel of science fiction and fantasy authors and bloggers as they discuss the best—and worst—of genre tropes, from muscle-brained berserker barbarians to aliens bedecked in bad prosthetics, authors Sarah Beth Durst, S.A. Chakraborty, Jordanna Max Brodsky, and Michael Johnston, along with bloggers Jenn Northington and Swapna Krishna, will discuss what makes tropes works, what doesn't, and what they hope to see in SFF across all forms of media. In addition to the panel discussion, brief clips from some of the most trope-tacular movies will be shown, and attendees will play SFF Trope Bingo for a chance to win prizes, including an Alamo Drafthouse gift certificate.

# BOOKCON 2017 PANELS

## Striving for Wellness

SUNDAY | 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM

Downtown Stage

To anyone striving for a mind/body/spirit balance, this is the panel for you. Michelle Mansfield (*It's Me Brooklyn*) and Susan Verde (*I Am Yoga; I Am Peace*) take different approaches to wellness. In her new children's book series, *Mansfield*, a Board Certified Holistic Health Practitioner and International Health Coach, tackles common obstacles that moms and kids face in a fun way and give them some no-nonsense approaches to deal with them in a more mind/body/spirit balanced way. Verde, a licensed yoga instructor, describes how yoga and meditation have the power of transformation in her picture books, *I Am Yoga and I Am Peace*. Not only do yoga and meditation strengthen bodies and calm minds, but with a little imagination, they can show us that anything is possible.

## Kevin Hart LIVE Q&A

SUNDAY | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Main Stage

Award-winning actor and comedian Kevin Hart discusses his book *I Can't Make This Up*, the funniest, most heartfelt, and most inspirational memoir on survival, success, and the importance of believing in yourself since *Old Yeller*. Published through 37 INK, an imprint of Atria Books, *I Can't Make This Up* will hit stores just days after his appearance at BookCon on June 6, 2017. Hart's films, including *Central Intelligence*, *Think Like a Man*, *Get Hard*, *Ride Along*, *The Wedding Ringer*, and *The Secret Life of Pets* have earned over \$3.5 billion at the box office. His stand-up comedy tours, including *Let Me Explain*, *Laugh at My Pain*, and *What Now?*, have sold-out arenas and football stadiums, leading Forbes to name him the "king of comedy." He is also the first comedian with a Nike sneaker line; a television producer, creating the BET show *Real Husbands of Hollywood* and the *Laugh Out Loud Network*; and CEO of Hartbeat Productions. Hart currently lives in Los Angeles with his family. Hart will be interviewed live on stage by Charlamagne tha God of Power 105.1 FM's *'The Breakfast Club'* who will be promoting his recently released book, *Black Privilege: Opportunity Comes to Those Who Create It* (Touchstone), a memoir recounting his against-all-odds rise to the top of the media kingdom and the valuable life lessons he learned that anyone can apply to his or her own life. Please note that this is a paid event (\$30) in addition to your Sunday BookCon ticket that can be purchased here: <https://www.showclix.com/event/bookconkevinhart2017mg>. More information about Kevin Hart's Live Q&A and his Meet & Greet at BookCon can be found here: [www.thebookcon.com/KevinHart](http://www.thebookcon.com/KevinHart)

## The Last Tycoon Beyond the Book: Bringing Fitzgerald's Final Novel to Life

SUNDAY | 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Room 1E14

Join executive producers Billy Ray (*The Hunger Games*, *Captain Phillips*), Christopher Keyser (*Tyrant*, *Party of Five*) and star Matt Bomer (*Magic Mike*, *White Collar*) as they discuss the glamour, façade, and intrigue of 1930s Hollywood in Amazon Prime Video's upcoming drama *The Last Tycoon* based on F. Scott Fitzgerald's final unfinished manuscript.

## Hulu Presents: Thank You for Being a Fan

SUNDAY | 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Downtown Stage

Pop culture experts and *New York Times* bestselling authors Jennifer Keishin Armstrong (*Seinfeldia: How the Show About Nothing Changed Everything and Mary and Lou and Rhoda and Ted*) and Jim Colucci (*Golden Girls Forever and Will and Grace: Fabulously Uncensored*) give fans a behind-the-scenes look at *Seinfeld*, *The Golden Girls* and *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* based on their extensive research and interviews with the legendary casts and crews of the series—now streaming on Hulu.