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The Library of Congress thanks the hundreds of invaluable volunteers who made the 2008 National Book Festival possible, including staff from the Library, local libraries and library associations, Congressional offices, the White House and state representatives in the Pavilion of the States.

We extend special thanks to the JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WASHINGTON, which provided more than 400 volunteers to this year’s festival. In its 97-year history, this dedicated group has raised more than $4.6 million for community programs in the greater Washington, D.C. community and has been a vibrant force in the lives of the women and children within this region. Beginning in 1999, the JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WASHINGTON has placed a special emphasis on literacy efforts in the Washington region, in terms of both volunteer and fundraising efforts. The National Book Festival is a notable example of the League’s support for literacy and reading.

The Library thanks the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for providing the Braille version of the 2008 National Book Festival program.

The Library also recognizes Old Towne Trolley Tours for its generous contribution of shuttle services for the 2008 National Book Festival authors.
Welcome to the 2008 National Book Festival, an annual event celebrating the joy of reading! The festival, now in its eighth year, is being held on September 27, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. This year the festival is featuring more than 70 award-winning authors, illustrators and poets appearing in “Fiction & Mystery,” “History & Biography,” “Children,” “Teens & Children,” “Poetry” and “Home & Family” Pavilions. In addition to making presentations throughout the day, the festival’s authors will be available to sign their books, many of which can be purchased in the “Book Sales” Pavilion on the grounds.

Activities for children, which are fun and promote reading, can be found in the popular “Let’s Read America” Pavilions. The Library of Congress also has a pavilion where festival goers can learn about preserving their treasured books; preview the Library’s ambitious new World Digital Library; participate in the array of interactive activities at the Web site myLOC.gov; test Knowledge Quest, an interactive game-based learning adventure with puzzles and riddles tied to items in the Library; and suggest new ways to describe and comment on intriguing historical color photographs from the collections. The Pavilion of the States brings representatives from throughout the country to the festival with information on local reading and literacy programs and the literary traditions of their states.

Be sure to pick up a copy of the 2008 National Book Festival poster featuring a painting by children’s author and illustrator, Jan Brett. Jan is appearing in the Children’s Pavilion and will be signing books and posters.
BOOK SALES
Barnes & Noble is managing the festival’s book sales. On the site map, look for the Book Sales pavilion near the book signing area.

INFORMATION TENTS
At any one of the four information tents, pick up free posters and programs as well as bottled water provided courtesy of Target. The four tents are located between the Let’s Read America and Children’s pavilions, between the Library of Congress and Fiction & Mystery pavilions, next to the First Aid/Accessibility tent and between the Book Sales pavilion and the book signing area.

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES
ASL interpreting services are provided in all of the author pavilions during the scheduled events. The Accessibility & Information tent (on Fourth Street) offers access to ASL interpreters, assistive listening devices, large-print programs, Braille programs and other special services.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
First Aid is located on Fourth Street.

LOST & FOUND
The tent for turning in and recovering lost items is located between the Let’s Read America and the Children’s pavilions.

Lost Children
Children separated from their parents should go to the Lost & Found tent. Parents are urged to show their children the location of this tent when they arrive at the National Book Festival.

Need Help?
Just ask a festival staff member. Look for them in the teal blue shirts!

Library Sales Shop
Visit the Library of Congress Sales Shop in the Thomas Jefferson Building or its Web site (www.loc.gov/shop) to find out how you can purchase a commemorative National Book Festival T-shirt and notepad & pen set – all featuring images from the festival painting by Jan Brett. (Festival products will not be available on the National Mall.)

Videotaping Presentations
All author presentations are being videotaped for cybercast on the Library’s Web site. The audience is encouraged to offer comments and raise questions during the formal question-and-answer period associated with each session and is advised that their voice and image may be recorded and later cybercast as part of the proceedings. By participating in the question-and-answer period, audience members are consenting to the Library’s possible reproduction and transmission of their remarks. Some sessions will also be televised by C-SPAN2’s Book TV.
PAVILION SCHEDULE

CHILDREN
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10:45 - 11:15 Jan Brett
11:25 - 11:55 Bob Lanier & NBA/WNBA players: Chris Duhon & Ivory Latta
12:00 - 12:30 David Shannon
12:35 - 1:20 Doreen Cronin & Betsy Lewin
1:30 - 2:00 Dionne Warwick
2:05 - 2:50 Tiki Barber*
4:05 - 4:50 Marc Brown & Judy Sierra*

FICTION & MYSTERY

10:00 - 10:30 Alexander McCall Smith
10:35 - 11:05 Francine Prose
11:10 - 11:40 Brad Meltzer
11:45 - 12:15 Marisa de los Santos
12:20 - 12:50 Salman Rushdie
12:55 - 1:25 Philippa Gregory
1:30 - 2:00 James McBride
2:05 - 2:35 Geraldine Brooks
2:40 - 3:10 Richard Price
3:15 - 3:45 Louis Bayard*
3:50 - 4:20 Sandra Brown*
4:25 - 4:55 Peter Robinson*
5:00 - 5:30 Andrew Klavan*

HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY
Sponsored by The James Madison Council

10:00 - 10:30 Gordon S. Wood
10:35 - 11:05 Tony Horwitz
11:10 - 11:40 Paul Theroux
11:45 - 12:15 Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison
12:20 - 12:50 Daniel Schorr
12:55 - 1:25 Kimberly Dozier
1:30 - 2:00 David Maraniss
2:05 - 2:35 Walter Isaacson
2:40 - 3:10 Michael Dobbs
3:15 - 3:45 Rick Atkinson*
3:50 - 4:20 Bob Schieffer*
4:25 - 4:55 Cokie Roberts*
5:00 - 5:30 Immaculée Ilibagiza*

POETRY
Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts

10:00 - 10:30 J. Allyn Rosser
10:30 - 11:00 Dan Chiasson
11:00 - 12:00 Poetry Out Loud
12:00 - 1:00 U.S. Poet Laureate
1:00 - 1:30 Kay Ryan
1:35 - 2:05 George Duran
2:10 - 2:40 Warren Brown
2:45 - 3:15 Mike Richman
4:00 - 4:30 Michelle Singletary*

BOOK SIGNING SCHEDULE

10:30-11:30
Laura Bush & Jenna Bush

11:30-12:30
Eleanor Clift
Alexander McCall Smith
Judith Viorst
Gordon S. Wood

12-1
Jan Brett (poster & book signing)
Tony Horwitz
Andrea Davis Pinkney
Francine Prose
Cathy Scott

12:30-1:30
Joseph Bruchac
Brad Meltzer
Paul Theroux

1:30-2:30
Rick Atkinson*
Tiki Barber*
Louis Bayard*
Sharon M. Draper*
Neil Gaiman
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

2-3
Ellen Birnbaum & Nancy Schulman
Marc Brown & Judy Sierra*
Neil Gaiman
Salman Rushdie
Poetry

* Authors sign books before their presentations.
# Schedule at a Glance

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RICK ATKINSON
Rick Atkinson, staff writer and senior editor at The Washington Post, is a three-time Pulitzer Prize winner, for national reporting, public service and history. He is the author of The New York Times best-seller The Day of Battle: The War in Sicily and Italy, 1943-1944 (Holt paperbacks, September 2008) and the second volume of the Liberation Trilogy, a narrative history of the U.S. Army in North Africa, Italy and Western Europe during World War II. Currently, he is at work on Volume 3 of the trilogy. He lives in the District of Columbia.

LOUIS BAYARD

TIKI BARBER
During Tiki Barber’s record-breaking career as a running back for the New York Giants, he was one of the most versatile and productive players in the NFL. He is currently a correspondent for NBC’s “Today Show” and an analyst for “Football Night in America.” He has collaborated with his brother, Ronde, on three picture books: By My Brother’s Side, the Christopher Award-winning Game Day and Teammates, as well as two middle-grade novels: Kickoff! and Go Long! (Simon & Schuster, August 2008). Tiki Barber lives in New York City.

ELLEN BIRNBAUM
Ellen Birnbaum, associate director of the 92nd Street Y Nursery School since 1997, is co-author (with Nancy Schulman) of Practical Wisdom for Parents: Demystifying the Preschool Years (Random House/Knopf, 2007; trade paper, 2008). She believes that “working in early-childhood education is an opportunity to touch children and parents at the most important and perhaps the most joyous time of their lives.” She is proud of and energized by the hard work it takes to make fun and learning happen every day and enjoys being part of a community of educators, instructors and artists all working together to bring children and their parents opportunities to try new things, learn and grow. She lives in New York City.

MARY BRIGID BARRETT
Mary Brigid Barrett is an award-winning children’s book author and illustrator, a professional educator and president/executive director of the National Children’s Book and Literacy Alliance (NCBLA). Her books include Sing to the Stars, a “Best Book” of the National Council of Social Studies Teachers; Day Care Days, winner of the Oppenheim Gold Award; and The Man of the House at Huffington Row, a “Best Book” of the National Storyteller Association. She is editor of the NCBLA publication Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out (Candlewick, September 2008), a read-aloud family anthology of prose, poetry, drama, nonfiction and art that promotes reading and historical literacy. All profits for Our White House will support the work and programs of the NCBLA. She lives in Franklin, Massachusetts.

EAVAN BOLAND
Eavan Boland is universally acknowledged as the preeminent female poet and contemporary writer of her native Ireland. She has published nine volumes of poetry, including Domestic Violence (2007) and New Collected Poems (2008), both with W.W. Norton. Her awards include the Lannan Foundation Award in Poetry and an American Ireland Fund Literary Award. She is on the board of the Irish Arts Council, a member of the Irish Academy of Letters and on the advisory board of the International Writers Center at Washington University. She lives in Stanford, California, where she is professor of English at Stanford University and director of the creative writing program.
Marc Brown
Author and illustrator Marc Brown has created more than 100 picture books for children. He is best known as the creator of Arthur the aardvark, which is the star of many picture books and a five-time Emmy Award-winning TV show. His first collaboration with author Judy Sierra, Wild About Books (Random House/Knopf, 2004), was a New York Times bestseller and winner of the E.B. White Read-Aloud Award. Their latest book is Born to Read (Random House/Knopf, 2008). He lives in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts.

Joseph Bruchac
Joseph Bruchac draws on the Adirondacks, where he lives, and on his Native American heritage (Abenaki) for storytelling and writing. His poems, articles and stories have appeared in more than 500 publications, from American Poetry Review to Smithsonian magazine. He has written more than 70 books for adults and children, including his latest, March Toward the Thunder (Penguin/Dial, 2008). His honors include a Rockefeller Humanities Fellowship, the National Endowment for the Arts Writing Fellowship for Poetry, the Cherokee National Prose Award, the Knickerbocker Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers Circle of the Americas. He lives in Greenfield Center, New York.

Jan Brett
As a child, Jan Brett decided to be an illustrator and spent many hours reading and drawing. She studied at the Boston Museum School and began her career as an illustrator in 1978 with the publication of Woodland Crossings (written by Stephen Krensky). Her first entirely self-generated work was Fritz and the Beautiful Horses (1981), and her latest book is Gingerbread Friends (Penguin, September 2008). With more than 33 million books in print, her award-winning New York Times best-selling books are known for colorful depictions of a wide variety of animals. This is clearly seen in her wonderful artwork for the 2008 National Book Festival in which birds and animals from many states are represented. She lives in Norwell, Massachusetts.

Sandra Brown
Sandra Brown is the author of nearly 70 published novels, including 55 New York Times best-sellers. Before embarking on a writing career, she worked in television -- including weather-casting and feature reporting on the nationally syndicated program “PM Magazine.” She is the recipient of B’nai B’rith’s Distinguished Literary Achievement Award and the Romance Writers of America’s Lifetime Achievement Award, and she has been honored as the International Thriller Writers’ 2008 ThrillerMaster. Her latest novel is Smoke Screen (Simon & Schuster, August 2008). She lives in Arlington, Texas.

Warren Brown
Warren Brown gave up his law career to bake cakes. His dream of opening a bakery was realized with the debut of CakeLove in 2002, immediately becoming one of the most popular dessert shops in the District of Columbia. He has since opened additional stores in neighboring areas and now shares his passion for baking with his book, CakeLove (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2008). He was the host of 26 episodes of “Sugar Rush” (2006) on Food Network and has been profiled in People, Forbes and Kiplinger’s Personal Finance, among other publications. He lives in the District of Columbia.

Geraldine Brooks
Laura Bush has always been passionate about reading. An Honorary Ambassador for the U.N. Literary Decade, she hosted the first-ever White House Conference on Global Literacy in 2006 to encourage international cooperation and build free societies through literacy. In 2001 she joined with the Library of Congress to launch the first National Book Festival in Washington. As first lady of Texas, Mrs. Bush founded the statewide Texas Book Festival in 1995. She has taught in the Dallas, Houston and Austin public schools. She is the co-author with her daughter, Jenna, of Read All About It! (HarperCollins, 2008).

Dan Chiasson has published two books of poetry, The Afterlife of Objects (2002) and Natural History (Random House/Knopf, 2005), as well as a critical book on American poetry: One Kind of Everything: Poem and Person in Contemporary America (Univ. of Chicago, 2007). He serves as poetry critic for The New Yorker and The New York Times Book Review. His awards include a 2008 Guggenheim Fellowship for poetry, a Pushcart Prize and a Whiting Writers’ Award. He teaches poetry workshops and courses on American poetry at Wellesley College and lives in Sudbury, Massachusetts.

Jenna Bush shares with her mother, Laura Bush, a love of reading and teaching. She taught elementary school in Washington, D.C., after graduating from the University of Texas at Austin in 2004 with a degree in English. She has also written articles for CosmoGIRL! and The New York Times. Her first book, the New York Times best-seller, Ana’s Story: A Journey of Hope (2007), is based on her work with UNICEF. She and her mother are co-authors of Read All About It! (HarperCollins, 2008).

Eleanor Clift is contributing editor for Newsweek magazine and a regular panelist on the nationally syndicated show “The McLaughlin Group.” She is the author of War Without Bloodshed: The Art of Politics and Madam President: Shattering the Last Glass Ceiling -- both co-authored with her late husband, Tom Brazaitis – as well as Founding Sisters and the Nineteenth Amendment. Her latest book, Two Weeks of Life: A Memoir of Love, Death and Politics (Basic Books, 2008), recounts the final two weeks of her husband’s life as he battled cancer. She lives in the District of Columbia.

David A. Carter is the mastermind behind the powerful “Bug” phenomenon that began in 1988 with the publication of How Many Bugs in a Box?: Since then he has created a series of Bug books, with a combined sales of nearly 6 million copies. He is also the author and illustrator of the critically acclaimed color pop-up series featuring One Red Dot, Blue 2 and 600 Black Spots, which was named one of The New York Times Best Illustrated Books of 2007. His latest book is The Big Bug Book: A Pop-up Celebration (August 2008) and Yellow Square (October 2008) -- both from Simon & Schuster. He lives in Auburn, California.

Doreen Cronin majored in journalism in college and after graduation spent years in publishing before deciding to go to law school. She practiced law in New York before turning to writing children’s books full time. Her best-selling, award-winning books include Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type (a Caldecott Honor Book), Duck for President, Diary of a Worm and the latest with illustrator Betsy Lewin, Thump, Quack, Moo: A Wacky Adventure (Simon & Schuster, September 2008). She lives in Brooklyn, New York.
**Elsa Cross**

Elsa Cross is the author of 20 books of poetry, including *Jaguar*, inspired by ancient sites and symbols of Mexico; *Espirales*, which features selected poems published from 1965 to 1999; and the trilogy: *Los sueños* (Elegías), *Ultramar* (Odas) and *El vino de las cosas* (Ditirambos). Her latest collection is *Cuaderno de Amorgós* (Aldus, 2007). She is a recipient of several awards, including the Premio Nacional de Poesía Nacional Aguascalientes, the Jaime Sabines-Gatien International Poetry Prize (2007) and the Xavier Villurrutia Prize (2008), Mexico’s most prestigious poetry prize. She holds a professorship at Mexico’s National Autonomous University, where she teaches philosophy of religion and comparative mythology.

**Kimberly Dozier**

Award-winning CBS News correspondent Kimberly Dozier reported primarily on the war in Iraq from 2003 until she was seriously injured by a car bomb in 2006, as recounted in her book, *Breathing the Fire* (Meredith, 2008). She is the recipient of a 2008 Peabody Award and four Gracie Awards from American Women in Radio and Television, including the Grand Gracie Award in 2007 for her body of work in Iraq. Prior to her assignment in 2003, she was London bureau chief and chief European correspondent for CBS Radio News and anchor for BBC Radio World Service’s “World Update.” She has written for *The Washington Post* and *The San Francisco Chronicle*. She lives in Jerusalem and is currently on assignment in the CBS News Washington bureau.

**Marisa de los Santos**


**Sharon M. Draper**

Sharon M. Draper is a professional educator as well as an accomplished writer of stories that teenagers love to read. She has been honored as the National Teacher of the Year and is a popular conference speaker, addressing educational and literary groups both nationally and internationally. She is the recipient of the Coretta Scott King Award for *Forged by Fire* (1998) and *November Blues* (2007) and a Coretta Scott King Honor Award winner for *The Battle of Jericho* (2004) and *Copper Sun* (Simon & Schuster, 2006. 2008 paperback). She lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Michael Dobbs**

Michael Dobbs is a reporter for *The Washington Post* and at present responsible for “The Fact Checker” column. He has spent much of his career as a foreign correspondent covering the collapse of communism and has served as the Post’s bureau chief in Warsaw, Paris and Moscow. He has won numerous journalism prizes, including the George Polk Award for international reporting. His latest book is *One Minute to Midnight: Kennedy, Khrushchev and Castro on the Brink of Nuclear War* (Random House/Knopf, 2008), an hour-by-hour study of the Cuban missile crisis. He lives in Bethesda, Maryland.

**George Duran**

George Duran, host of Food Network’s “Ham on the Street” and one season of “Secret Life Of,” is a chef and entertainer. While at New York University, pursuing his interests in television and radio production, he won an award for Best Radio Talk Show from the National Association of College Broadcasters. To pursue his other interest -- food, he moved to Paris and attended culinary school at the Ecole Superieure de Cuisine Francaise Groupe Ferrandi. He also hosted the “Pop Cuisine” show on Cuisine TV (France’s culinary network), which was awarded a d’Or (French Emmy) for Best Cable Show and a 2003 Silver Grape Gastronomic Award. He is the author of *Take This Dish and Twist It* (Meredith, 2008) and lives on Long Island, New York.
Neil Gaiman

For more than 20 years, Neil Gaiman has been a top writer of modern comics and a best-selling novelist. His work has appeared in translation in more than 19 countries, and nearly all of his novels, graphic and otherwise, have been optioned for films. He was the creator-writer of the monthly cult DC Comics series Sandman, which won many awards, including a World Fantasy Award. He is the author of the critically acclaimed American Gods, awarded the Hugo, Nebula, Bram Stoker, SFX and Locus awards, and his novel Stardust was a winner of the American Library Association’s Alex Award as one of 2000’s top 10 adult novels for young adults. His children’s books include the international best-selling novel Coraline (2002), a winner of the Bram Stoker Award and the Hugo Award. His latest novel for young readers is The Graveyard Book (HarperCollins, September 2008). He lives near Minneapolis.

Philippa Gregory

Philippa Gregory’s first novel, Wideacre, was written as she completed her Ph.D. in 18th century literature, and it became an instant worldwide best-seller. She has gone on to publish more than 20 novels, many reflecting her knowledge of periods of history, particularly the Tudor period and the 18th century. The award-winning The Other Boleyn Girl (2002) was adapted for the BBC, released as a major motion picture in the United States in 2008 and immediately rose to the top of all major best-seller lists. Her latest book is The Other Queen (Simon & Schuster, September 2008). She lives in England.

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor is the author of books for young people. She is best known for her children’s books about sports and for her Tumbleweed series, which has been optioned for film. Dr. Naylor is an educator and a graduate of the University of North Texas. She lives near Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Michael S. Harper

Award-winning poet Michael S. Harper has published more than ten books of poetry including Dear John, Dear Coltrane, Healing Song for the Inner Ear, Honorable Amendments, and Songlines in Michaeltree: New and Collected Poems (University of Illinois Press, 2000; trade paper 2002). He is Poet Laureate Emeritus of Rhode Island and has been honored with the Frost Medal for Lifetime Achievement of the Poetry Society of America, the Melville-Cane Award, the Black Academy of Arts and Letters Award, and the Robert Hayden Poetry Award, among others. He is university professor and professor of English at Brown University and lives in Barrington, Rhode Island.
**SENATOR KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate from the state of Texas. She is a graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Texas Law School and was twice elected to the Texas House of Representatives. She has also received numerous awards and recognition. Her books include *American Heroines: The Spirited Women Who Shaped Our Country* (2004) and the recent best-seller, *Leading Ladies: American Trailblazers* (HarperCollins, 2007). The senator’s primary residence is in Dallas.

**STEVEN KELLOGG**

Steven Kellogg has loved picture books ever since he was a child, when the illustrations of Beatrix Potter and N.C. Wyeth were his early favorites. He grew up in Connecticut, drawing constantly and telling stories to his younger sisters. Now he has illustrated more than 100 books for children and young people, including the more than 30 children’s books that he wrote. His latest illustrated writing is “The Presidential Pet” in *Our White House: Looking In and Looking Out* (Candlewick, September 2008). He lives in northern New York state.

**IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA**

Immaculée Ilibagiza was born in Rwanda and studied electronic and mechanical engineering at the National University. She lost most of her family during the 1994 genocide. Four years later, she emigrated to the United States and began working at the United Nations in New York City. She is now a full-time public speaker and writer. In 2007 she established the Left to Tell Charitable Fund, which helps support Rwandan orphans. She holds honorary doctoral degrees from the University of Notre Dame and St. John’s University and has received a Christopher Award and the Mahatma Gandhi International Award for Reconciliation and Peace (2007), among other honors. Her books include *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* (2006) and *Led by Faith: Rising from the Ashes of the Rwandan Genocide* (2008) – both from Hay House.

**ANDREW KLAVAN**

Andrew Klavan, recipient of two Edgar Awards, is the author of several best-selling novels, including *Don’t Say a Word* and *True Crime* -- both made into full-length motion pictures. He has written three books in the popular Weiss/Bishop series: *Dynamite Road*, *Shotgun Alley* and *Damnation Street*. His latest book is the political thriller *Empire of Lies* (Harcourt, 2008). He is a contributing editor at the Manhattan Institute’s *City Journal*, and his essays and articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Village Voice*, among other publications. He lives in Southern California.

**WALTER ISAACSON**

Veteran journalist Walter Isaacson’s career has taken him from a newspaper reporter and city hall columnist in New Orleans to managing editor of *Time* magazine. He has been chairman of CNN and currently is president of the Aspen Institute. He is the author of *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life*, *Kissinger: A Biography*, and coauthor of *Six Friends and the World They Made*. His latest book is *Einstein: His Life and Universe* (Simon & Schuster, 2008). He lives in the District of Columbia.

**BETSY LEWIN**

Betsy Lewin attributes her passion for children’s books to her mother, a kindergarten teacher, who read to Ms. Lewin and her brother every night. She is the Caldecott Honor-winning illustrator, along with author Doreen Cronin, of *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* (2000) and its sequels *Giggle, Giggle, Quack; Duck for President; Click Clack Quackity-Quack; Click, Clack, Splish, Splash*; and the latest, *Thump, Quack, Moo: A Wacky Adventure* (Simon & Schuster, September 2008). She lives in Brooklyn, New York.
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BRAD MELTZER

Brad Meltzer earned credit from Columbia Law School for writing his first book, The Tenth Justice (1997), the first in a line of New York Times best-sellers. His books have a total of almost 3 million copies in print and have been translated into more than a dozen languages. His latest thriller is The Book of Lies (Grand Central, September 2008). He is also the author of the critically acclaimed comic book Identity Crisis and the first author to ever reach the No. 1 spot on both The New York Times and the Diamond comic book best-seller lists simultaneously. He lives in Miami.

DAVID MARANISS


JULIE MORGENSTERN

New York Times best-selling author Julie Morgenstern is an internationally renowned organizational and time-management expert, corporate productivity consultant and speaker. Her “Inside Out” philosophy ensures customized solutions for individuals and companies that are innovative, practical and easy to maintain. She is a contributor to O, The Oprah Magazine and has been a guest on many TV and radio shows, including “The Oprah Winfrey Show” and “The Today Show.” Her books include Organizing from the Inside Out and Time Management from the Inside Out -- both made into popular PBS specials. Her latest is When Organizing Isn’t Enough: SHED Your Stuff, Change Your Life (Simon & Schuster/Fireside, 2008). She is a recipient of the National Association of Professional Organizers’ prestigious Founder’s Award and lives in New York City.

JAMES McBRIDE


KADIR NELSON

Kadir Nelson's career in illustration began with the storyboards he created for director Steven Spielberg's film "Amistad." Since that time he has become a much-sought-after artist, illustrating many award-winning picture books, including the Coretta Scott King Honor Book Thunder Rose; Ellington Was Not a Street, winner of the 2005 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award; and two NAACP Image Award winners: Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom and Just the Two of Us. His latest illustrations are in Doreen Rappaport's Abe's Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln (Hyperion, 2008). He is also the author-illustrator of We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball (Jump at the Sun/Hyperion, 2008). He lives in San Diego.
Katherine Paterson
Both a children’s activist and a literacy-library advocate, author Katherine Paterson’s books for young people are among the most-honored books in our time, are read around the world and have been translated into 21 languages. She is the winner of two National Book Awards, for The Master Puppeteer and The Great Gilly Hopkins; two Newbery Medals, for The Bridge to Terabithia and Jacob, Have I Loved; and one of the few American recipients of the Hans Christian Andersen Award, often called the Nobel Prize of Children’s Literature. She is author of “The Eyes and Ears of the Public” in Our White House: Looking In and Looking Out (Candlewick, September 2008). As board vice president of the National Children’s Book and Literacy Alliance, she works tirelessly to promote reading and books for children. She lives in Barre, Vermont.

Molly Peacock
Poet and creative nonfiction writer Molly Peacock is the author of several books of poetry, including her latest, The Second Blush (W.W. Norton, 2008). Among her other works are How to Read a Poem and Start a Poetry Circle and a memoir, Paradise, Piece by Piece. She conducts quarterly poetry circles on Wisconsin Public Radio’s “Here on Earth” and does a one-woman staged monologue in poems. Through her work with the College Boards and Advanced Placement English, she is studying how young adults connect to poetry. She has received awards from the Danforth Foundation, Ingram Merrill Foundation, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts and New York State Council on the Arts. A transplanted New Yorker, she now lives in Toronto.

Andrea Davis Pinkney
Andrea Davis Pinkney majored in journalism and was a magazine editor and freelance writer before switching to writing children’s literature. She has been vice president of a New York publishing house and is the author of more than a dozen children’s books, including Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters (2000), which won the 2001 Coretta Scott King Author Award. She and her husband, children’s book illustrator and writer Brian Pinkney, have collaborated on several books, including their latest, Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation (HarperCollins/Greenwillow Books, September 2008). They live in Brooklyn, New York.

Stanley Plumly
Stanley Plumly is the author of 10 collections of poetry, including In the Outer Dark (1970), Out-of-the-Body Travel (1977) and Old Heart: Poems (W.W. Norton, 2007). His works of nonfiction include his latest book, Posthumous Keats: A Personal Biography (W.W. Norton, 2008). He is the recipient of the Delmore Schwartz Memorial Award, the William Carlos Williams Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship, an Ingram-Merrill Foundation Award, a National Endowment for the Arts grant and six Pushcart Prizes, among other honors. He edited The Ohio Review (1970-1975) and The Iowa Review (1976-1978) and has taught at numerous institutions across the country as well as at the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference (1978-1979). He is a professor of English at the University of Maryland at College Park and lives in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Richard Price
Novelist and screen writer Richard Price earned his reputation as one of New York’s preeminent writers with several novels, including The Wanderers, Clockers (nominated for the National Book Critics Circle Award), Freedomland and his latest, Lush Life (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2008). He has also written numerous screenplays, including The Color of Money, nominated for an Academy Award. He is a recipient of an American Academy of Arts and Letters Award in Literature and shared an Edgar Award for his writing on the HBO miniseries, The Wire. He lives in New York City.

Francine Prose
Francine Prose is the author of the New York Times best-seller Reading Like a Writer, as well as 14 books of fiction, including A Changed Man, winner of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, and Blue Angel, a finalist for the National Book Award. Her latest book is Goldengrove (HarperCollins, September 2008). A distinguished critic and essayist, she has taught literature and writing for more than 20 years at major universities. She is currently president of the PEN American Center board of trustees and lives in New York City.
Mike Richman
Mike Richman is a veteran journalist who has covered sports for more than two decades. His articles on Redskins nostalgia have appeared in Sports Illustrated magazine and Redskins team media outlets, as well as many other publications. In 2003, he received an award from the Pro Football Researchers Association for feature writing. His latest book is The Redskins Encyclopedia (Temple University Press, 2007). He works at the Voice of America and is co-host of the “DC Sports Blitz,” a weekly show on ESPN 840 in Charlottesville, Virginia. He lives in Rockville, Maryland.

J. Allyn Rosser
J. Allyn Rosser is author of three collections of poetry, including Bright Moves, winner of Samuel French Morse Prize; Misery Prefigured, winner of the Crab Orchard Award; and Foiled Again (Ivan R. Dee, 2007), winner of the New Criterion Poetry Prize. Among other awards, she is a recipient of a Pushcart Prize and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Ohio Arts Council, Yaddo, Breadloaf and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Her poems have appeared in The Atlantic Monthly, Poetry, Slate.com, The Kenyon Review, The Georgia Review and Hunger Mountain and in several anthologies. She teaches in the creative writing program of Ohio University and lives in Athens, Ohio.

Doreen Rappaport
Doreen Rappaport has written numerous award-winning books for children, including: Freedom Ship, The School Is Not White, Martin’s Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a Caldecott Honor Book and Coretta Scott King Honor Book; and John’s Secret Dreams: The Life of John Lennon. She is the author of Abe’s Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln (Hyperion, 2008), illustrated by Kadir Nelson and the latest biography in the “Big Words” series. She lives in upstate New York.

Cokie Roberts
Cokie Roberts, a New York Times best-selling author, is a political commentator for ABC News and serves as a senior news analyst for National Public Radio. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including two Emmy Awards, induction into the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame and a citation from American Women in Radio and Television as one of the 50 greatest women in the history of broadcasting. Her books include We Are Our Mothers’ Daughters, Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation and Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation (HarperCollins, 2008). She lives in Bethesda, Maryland.

Matthew Reinhart
Matthew Reinhart, who studied at Pratt Institute, has created many award-winning pop-up books, including Cinderella, Star Wars: The Pop-Up Guide to the Galaxy and Mommy? (by Maurice Sendak and Arthur Yorinks). He is the co-creator with Robert Sabuda of the New York Times best-selling three-volume pop-up series Encyclopedia Prehistorica. The team’s latest pop-up series is Encyclopedia Mythologica which leads off with Fairies and Other Magical Creatures (Candlewick, 2008). He lives in New York City.

Peter Robinson
Peter Robinson marks the 20th anniversary of the Inspector Banks series with his latest book, Friend of the Devil (HarperCollins/William Morrow, 2008). His novels have been named a Publisher’s Weekly Best Book of the Year and a New York Times Notable Book and have appeared consistently on the New York Times best-seller list. He is also the recipient of many awards, including an Anthony, an Edgar and a Macavity. He divides his time between North America and the United Kingdom.
Salman Rushdie

Salman Rushdie is an Indian-British novelist and essayist. His novels include *Midnight’s Children*, *The Satanic Verses*, *The Ground Beneath Her Feet* and his latest, *The Enchantress of Florence* (Random House, 2008). For his writing, he has won the Booker Prize, the Booker Prize as the best novel to win the Booker in the first 25 years of its existence; the Whitbread Prize; the Writer’s Guild Award; the Aristeion Prize; and major literary awards in Germany, France, Italy, Austria and Hungary. He was awarded knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II in 2008 for his services to literature. He has served as honorary vice president, member trustee-at-large and president of the PEN American Center and was also a founder and first president of the International Parliament of Writers. He lives in New York City.

Kay Ryan

Kay Ryan, the Library of Congress’s 16th Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry for 2008-2009, has written six books of poetry, plus a limited-edition artist’s book, along with a number of essays. Her books include *Say Uncle* (2000) and *The Niagara River* (Grove Press, 2005). She is the recipient of several awards, including the Gold Medal for poetry (2005) from the San Francisco Commonwealth Club, the Poetry Foundation’s Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize (2004) and four Pushcart Prizes. She has been selected in four different years for inclusion in the annual volumes of the Best American Poetry and has been a chancellor of the Academy of American Poets since 2006. She lives in Fairfax, California.

Robert Sabuda

Award-winning author and illustrator Robert Sabuda developed an interest in pop-up books while still a child in middle school. Now his books have been named as Bank Street Best Books of the Year and ALA Notable Children’s Books and have received the CBC/NCTE Notable Children's Book Award, among others. His best-selling pop-up books include *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*, *America the Beautiful* and *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. He is co-creator with Matthew Reinhart of the *New York Times* best-selling three-volume pop-up series *Encyclopedia Prehistorica*, and their latest collaboration is *Encyclopedia Mythologica: Fairies and Other Magical Creatures* (Candlewick, 2008). He lives in New York City.

Bob Schieffer

Bob Schieffer, who has been with CBS News since 1969, is one of very few correspondents to have covered all four major Washington beats: the White House, the Pentagon, the State Department and Capitol Hill. He is CBS’s chief Washington correspondent and since May 1991 has anchored the Sunday public affairs broadcast “Face the Nation.” He is the recipient of many awards, including six Emmys, the Paul White Award (recognizes an individual’s lifetime contribution to electronic journalism) and the National Press Foundation’s Broadcaster of the Year (2002). His latest book is *Bob Schieffer’s America* (Penguin/Putnam, September 2008). He lives in the District of Columbia.

Daniel Schorr

Daniel Schorr, currently a senior news analyst for National Public Radio, has won three Emmys, a Peabody award for “a lifetime of uncompromising reporting of the highest integrity,” awards from civil liberties groups and the Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University Golden Baton for “Exceptional Contributions to Radio and Television Reporting and Commentary”-- the most prestigious award in broadcasting. His latest book is *Come to Think of It: Notes on the Turn of the Millennium* (Penguin, 2007). He lives in the District of Columbia.

Nancy Schulman

Nancy Schulman is co-author (with Ellen Birnbaum) of *Practical Wisdom for Parents: Demystifying the Preschool Years* (Random House/Knopf, 2007; trade paper, 2008). She has been the director of the 92nd Street Y Nursery School since 1990 and has been involved in independent schools in New York City for more than 30 years. She is an educator of parents, teachers and children and is highly regarded by her colleagues in the New York City early-childhood community. She loves to work in an environment where “it is not possible to stop learning,” and she believes “there is no more important time in the life of a family than the first five years.” She lives in New York City.
**Jon Scieszka**

Jon Scieszka, appointed the first National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature by the Library of Congress, held a number of teaching positions in the first through eighth grades before taking a year off to develop ideas for children’s books. He is the author of some of the best known and funniest books written for children, including *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, the *Time Warp Trio* chapter book series, the Caldecott Honor Book *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Fairy Tales* and the newest *Trucktown* series (Simon & Schuster, 2008). He is the founder of Guys Read (www.guysread.com), a nonprofit literacy organization, and he lives in Brooklyn, New York.

**Judy Sierra**

As a child, Judy Sierra wrote poetry, made books and wrote, costumed and directed plays. She honed her skills as a puppeteer, and she and her husband started a puppet theater performing all around the United States. She is a master storyteller and folklorist and author of many award-winning books for children, including the best-sellers *Antarctic Antics* and *Wild About Books*, illustrated by Marc Brown and recipient of the E.B. White Read Aloud Award. Her latest book is *Born to Read* (Random House, 2008), also illustrated by Marc Brown. She devotes considerable time to storytelling and reading her books to children at schools and libraries — endeavors that help her know exactly what makes children laugh. She lives in Castro Valley, California.

**Cathy Scott**

Cathy Scott is an author and veteran journalist who has received more than a dozen awards from news organizations in California and Nevada. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *New York Post*, *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, the *Las Vegas Sun*, and *Reuters News Service* and she has appeared on National Public Radio, CNN, Court TV and the BBC. She traveled to New Orleans immediately following Hurricane Katrina and at the request of the Best Friends Animal Society documented the plight of pets displaced by the storm. This experience is recounted in her latest book, *Pawprints of Katrina: Pets Saved and Lessons Learned* (Wiley, 2008). Currently a staff writer for the Best Friends Animal Society’s magazine and Web site, she lives in Las Vegas and has a second home in San Diego.

**Michelle Singletary**

Michelle Singletary is a nationally syndicated columnist for *The Washington Post* with her award-winning column, “The Color of Money,” now carried in about 120 newspapers across the country. The Pulitzer-nominated column won a prestigious award from the Society of American Business Editors and Writers. She hosts a live online chat on washpost.com and has a widely read electronic newsletter distributed by *The Washington Post*. She is a regular personal finance contributor for National Public Radio’s afternoon program “Day to Day” and she frequently does segments on major television network news programs. Her books include *Spend Well, Live Rich and Your Money and Your Man* (Random House/Ballantine, trade paper, 2007). She lives in Maryland.

**David Shannon**

David Shannon began his career illustrating books for other authors. However, he soon found he had his own stories to tell, as in the Caldecott Honor book *No David!* — based on pictures he drew of himself at the age of 5 doing all the things he wasn’t supposed to be doing. He is the illustrator and author of more than 20 books for children, including *David Goes to School* and *David Gets in Trouble* — both best-sellers. His latest is *Too Many Toys* (Scholastic/Blue Sky Press, 2008). He lives in Los Angeles.

**Alexander McCall Smith**

Alexander McCall Smith has written more than 60 books, including specialist academic titles, short-story collections and a number of children’s books. But he is best known for two international best-selling series: No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency, which now numbers eight books, with more than 3.5 million copies in print in the United States alone, and the mystery series featuring the female sleuth Isabel Dalhousie. His latest book is *The Comforts of a Muddy Saturday* (Random House, September 2008), a new installment in the Dalhousie series. McCall Smith was a law professor in Scotland, helped to set up a new law school in Botswana and has been a visiting professor at a number of universities in Europe and the United States. He is professor emeritus at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, where he lives.
Charles R. Smith, Jr.
During his childhood, photographer and children’s book author Charles R. Smith Jr. spent many hours with characters in books traveling the world, solving mysteries or living in different times in history. Now he combines his photographic skills with his love of reading, writing and sports in his award-winning books, including Hoop Queens and its companion, Hoop Kings -- both volumes of his poetry. Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali (2007) is winner of a 2008 Coretta Scott King Author Honor and 2008 Norman Sugarman Best Biography Honor. His latest book is Chameleon (Candlewick, September 2008). He lives in Poughkeepsie, New York.

R.L. Stine
R.L. Stine’s writing career began at the age of 9 when he wrote stories and jokes on an old typewriter and handed them out at school. He is now the author of more than 100 books and has sold more than 400 million copies, making him one of the best-selling children’s book authors in history. He has won numerous awards and honors, including being a three-time winner of both the Nickelodeon Kids’ Choice Award and the Disney Adventures Kids’ Choice Award for Best Book, the 2007 Thriller Writers of America Silver Bullet Award and a Children’s Choices Award. Among his best known writings are the Goosebumps series (begun in 1992) and named the world’s best-selling book series of all time in the 2003 Guinness Book of World Records; the Rotten School series and the Goosebumps HorrorLand series. The latest book in that series is The Scream of the Haunted Mask (Scholastic, August 2008). He lives in New York City.

Paul Theroux
Paul Theroux initially pursued a career in medicine, but the allure of travel and his gift for writing led him in a different direction. He virtually reinvented the travel writing genre, beginning with The Great Railway Bazaar: By Train Through Asia (1975) to his latest travel epic, Ghost Train to the Eastern Star: 28,000 Miles in Search of the Railway Bazaar (Houghton Mifflin, August 2008). Books about his trips across the world have all been best-sellers and won critical acclaim. In addition to his 15 works of nonfiction and criticism, he is the author of more than 25 books of fiction, including The Mosquito Coast and Half Moon Street, which have been made into successful feature films. He divides his time between Cape Cod and Hawaii.

Gordon S. Wood
Gordon S. Wood is the Alva O. Way University Professor and professor of history at Brown University. He is the author of many award-winning works, including The Creation of the American Republic, 1776-1787, which won the Bancroft and John H. Dunning prizes and was nominated for the National Book Award; The Radicallism of the American Revolution, awarded the Pulitzer Prize and the Emerson Prize; and The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin, recipient of the Julia Ward Howe Prize. His latest book is The Purpose of the Past: Reflections on the Uses of History (Penguin, 2008). He contributes regularly to The New Republic and The New York Review of Books, and he is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Philosophical Society. He lives in Providence, Rhode Island.

Judith Viorst
During her long and varied career, Judith Viorst has worked as a garment district model and children’s book editor. She was a columnist for Redbook magazine for 25 years and worked for two years as a therapist following six years of training. In addition to her best-selling books of poetry for adults, including I’m Too Young to Be Seventy: And Other Delusions (2005), she has written science, adult fiction and nonfiction and three musicals that are still performed on stages around the country. Her famous picture and poetry books for children include her latest book, Nobody Here But Me (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, August 2008). She lives in the District of Columbia.

Dionne Warwick
International music legend Dionne Warwick’s reputation as a hit maker has been firmly etched into the public consciousness, thanks to nearly 60 charted hits and the receipt of multiple Grammy Awards. As a performer, she has charmed and entertained audiences on every continent, amassing a worldwide audience. Her status as both a musical icon and humanitarian is legendary. Having her own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, she works tirelessly with various organizations dedicated to empowering and inspiring others. Her book, Say a Little Prayer (Running Press, September 2008), is a picture book that encourages kids to find their best talent in life and embrace it.
NBA/WNBA

11:25 - 11:55  Children’s Pavilion  The NBA family encourages kids to read and adults to love reading with children. Through NBA Cares, the league’s social responsibility initiative that builds on the NBA’s long tradition of addressing important social issues in the United States and around the world, a wide array of educational and reading programs are supported. Current and former NBA and WNBA players participate in read-alouds and other shared reading and online activities at schools, community-based organizations, at its Read & Learning Centers, in arenas, and wherever else it is possible to read! For more information on the NBA’s latest community outreach efforts, and how you can get involved, please visit www.nba.com/cares.

CHRIS DUHON
In 2004 Chris Duhon was selected in the NBA draft by the Chicago Bulls and proved to be a great asset to the team, helping them to advance in the playoffs for three consecutive seasons. Duhon shows exceptional leadership skills off of the court, as well. In 2007 he was honored with the NBA’s Community Assist Award, particularly for his continued commitment to the New Orleans community following Hurricane Katrina. Duhon’s relief efforts included the launch of “Operation 21,” an initiative that refurbished 21 basketball courts in New Orleans and surrounding areas by raising more than $450,000 through his Stand Tall Foundation to aid in the city’s reconstruction.

BOB LANIER
Bob Lanier, an eight-time NBA All-Star, is a legend both on and off the court. Through NBA Cares, Lanier routinely works with programs that support education, youth and family development, and health-related causes. Lanier remains active with many other organizations related to children and education. He also has served as honorary chairperson of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund and holds two honorary doctorates. In addition to his many accomplishments, Lanier co-wrote a four-part children’s book series titled “Hey L’il Di!” that is inspired by Lanier’s own childhood. The series seeks to promote a positive attitude for children in the face of life’s challenges, as well as the power and value of reading and education.

IVORY Latta
Ivory Latta joined the Atlanta Dream, the WNBA’s newest franchise, in 2008. The 11th overall pick in the 2007 WNBA draft, Latta was selected by the Detroit Shock and enjoyed a strong rookie season. She entered the WNBA after a remarkable collegiate career that earned her numerous accolades, such as the 2007 Associated Press All-America and the 2006 National Player of the Year from ESPN.com. Latta is one of the most active WNBA players in her community and works with Cheer for Children, which provides gifts to needy children in her hometown of Rock Hill, South Carolina.

RIVER OF WORDS

2:00 - 2:40  Teens & Children’s Pavilion  River of Words is the annual international environmental art and poetry contest for young people in grades K-12. The contest, designed to promote literacy, the arts and environmental awareness, was conceived at the Library of Congress during Robert Hass’s term as poet laureate (1995-1997). For more than a decade, the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress has co-sponsored the annual competition with River of Words, a nonprofit organization. Its co-founder and director, Pamela Michael, along with poet David Gewanter will recognize the winning students, who will read their poems or display and discuss their artwork. The River of Words Web site is at: www.riverofwords.org.

Writer Pamela Michael, co-founder and executive director of River of Words, is the creator of the Watershed Explorer curriculum, which has been used to train thousands of teachers, park rangers and youth leaders on how to connect kids to their watersheds and their imaginations. She is editor of River of Words: Young Poets and Artists on the Nature of Things (Milkweed Editions, 2008) and lives in northern California.

Prize-winning poet David Gewanter, the co-editor of Robert Lowell's Collected Poems (2003), was chosen in 1999 by Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky for a Witter Bynner poetry fellowship. He lives in the District of Columbia and is associate professor in the English department at Georgetown University.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS EXPERIENCE
Pause to catch a peek at the bonus feature from the movie “National Treasure: Book of Secrets,” which offers a behind-the-scenes look at the Thomas Jefferson Building and visits with the Library’s experts. See the History Channel’s video about the Library of Congress Experience launched in April. Interactive activities await you at myLOC.gov, where you can explore rare and unique items from the Library’s collections. Register online so that you can bookmark areas of interest for access from your home computer, and be one of the first to test Knowledge Quest, an interactive game-based learning adventure that involves solving puzzles and riddles tied to items in the Library. Take time to learn some fun and surprising facts about the Library.

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WORLD DIGITAL LIBRARY
Preview the World Digital Library, the Library’s ambitious new project which will make available on the Internet, free of charge and in multilingual format, important primary materials from cultures around the world. The prototype, available to the public for the first time in the Library of Congress Pavilion, features books, manuscripts, maps, films, prints and photographs, and sound recordings contributed by partnering institutions worldwide.

GRAFFITI WALL
Tell us which book is your favorite!
TARGET
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Target recognizes the integral role reading plays in shaping a child’s education and future. Because reading is the foundation for lifelong learning, Target supports early childhood reading by putting books in the hands of parents through pediatrician visits, helping military families stay connected through United Through Reading’s read-aloud-by-DVD program, sponsoring a national writing contest in partnership with the Library of Congress and supporting book festivals across the country. For more information, visit Target.com/education.

Since opening its doors, Target has given five percent of its income to organizations that support education, the arts, social services and volunteerism. Today that translates to $3 million every week.

Target is proud to be a Distinguished Benefactor of the 2008 National Book Festival.

AT&T
AT&T Inc. is committed to advancing education, strengthening communities and improving lives. Through its philanthropic initiatives and partnerships, AT&T supports projects that create learning opportunities; promote academic and economic achievement; and address community needs. In 2007, AT&T contributed more than $164 million through corporate-, employee- and AT&T Foundation-giving programs. AT&T and the AT&T Foundation, the corporate philanthropy organization of AT&T, combine more than $1.9 billion of historic charitable commitment to communities across the country.

AT&T Inc. is a premier communications holding company. Its subsidiaries and affiliates, AT&T operating companies, are the providers of AT&T services in the United States and around the world. Among their offerings are the world’s most advanced IP-based business communications services and the nation’s leading wireless, high speed Internet access and voice services.

KALIMA
Kalima means “word” in Arabic and is an ambitious, non-profit initiative from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), which funds the translation, publication and distribution of classic and contemporary writing from other languages into Arabic.

Kalima invites you to visit us in the Let’s Read America I Pavilion to nominate U.S. titles for translation. What novels best capture American dreams, opportunities and challenges? What great American classics should be translated? What books could help build understanding between the United States and the Arab World?

Throughout Europe’s “Dark Ages” and until the end of the first millennium, Arab cultures led the world in translating, producing and preserving knowledge. Since then, few foreign works have found their way into Arabic. Visit us at www.kalima.ae/eng.php to learn more about Kalima’s work to revive translation in the Arab World.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
The Library of Congress Federal Credit Union (LCFCU) invites you to join them with their favorite bunny friend “Sammy the Saver” Rabbit for lessons in family saving habits in the Let’s Read America I Pavilion. Stop by the LCFCU fun center where author and lyricist Sam Renick will conduct readings and
performances with Sammy, also known as the “Get in the Habit” Rabbit. Young visitors will learn about the importance of good habits for saving and reading. The LCFCU family exhibit will have giveaways in addition to performances and reading activities throughout the day. LCFCU is a member-owned financial services cooperative that provides financial services and champions financial literacy for all age groups — from primary students through retirement. Membership is open to all residents, employees, students and worshippers in the District of Columbia, in addition to its original sponsor group families of employees and contractors at the Library of Congress.

Financial literacy support for all ages is available daily from LCFCU on the credit union Web site, www.lcfcu.org, through a partnership with BALANCE, a financial fitness program, and Googolplex, an online resource for student moneymakers, K-12. Online, members also find consumer finance news, from Home & Family Finance Resource Center in both English and Spanish; Anytime Adviser, money management tutorials in English and Spanish; Guides to Independence, online courses with course completion rewards for teens and young adults; MoneyMix, interactive assistance for the 25-30 set; and Plan It, for the pre-retiree age group of 40-60+.

LCFCU has provided volunteer support to the Library of Congress at previous National Book Festivals. This is their second year actively participating to champion financial literacy for families with an exhibit in the Let’s Read America I Pavilion.

Reading Times with Sam and Sammy:
- 10:45 – 11:00
- 11:45 – 12:00
- 2:15 – 2:30

**PBS KIDS AND PBS KIDS GO!**

Explore the world of learning with PBS KIDS and PBS KIDS GO! in the Let’s Read America I pavilion. Be the first to see cast member performances from the all-new “The Electric Company;” join “Martha Speaks” author Susan Meddaugh for drawing and story time or take part in a sing-along with PBS KIDS’ SteveSongs.

Get a free picture with walk-around characters from new PBS KIDS shows, “Sid the Science Kid” and “Martha Speaks,” as well as such favorites as Clifford the Big Red Dog, WordGirl, Super Why, Curious George and Maya & Miguel. Plus free PBS KIDS and PBS KIDS GO! painted character tattoos!

Kids can immerse themselves in skill-building activities from PBS KIDS and PBS KIDS GO! shows, including “Super Why!,” “Word Girl,” and “Design Squad.” Educators will learn all about PBS Teachers (pbs.org/teachers) and PBS KIDS Raising Readers (pbskids.org/read), which provide top-quality resources for teachers, homeschoolers and caregivers.

It’s all happening in the Let’s Read America I Pavilion and continues on pbs.org and your local PBS station!

**PBS Performance Times:**
- 10:30 – 10:45
  - Sing-along with SteveSongs
- 11:00 – 11:15
  - Drawing and storytelling with “Martha Speaks” author Susan Meddaugh
- 11:30 – 11:45
  - The Electric Company show – rapping and singing
- 12:45 – 1:00
  - Sing-along with SteveSongs
- 1:15 – 1:30
  - Drawing and storytelling with “Martha Speaks” author Susan Meddaugh
- 1:45 – 2:00
  - The Electric Company show – rapping and singing
- 3:00 – 3:15
  - Sing-along with SteveSongs
- 3:30 – 3:45
  - Drawing and storytelling with “Martha Speaks” author Susan Meddaugh
- 4:00 – 4:15
  - The Electric Company show – rapping and singing

**PENGUIN GROUP (USA)**

Don’t miss the Pearson area featuring Penguin Group (USA) and the Pearson Foundation, where kids can have their photo taken with the Penguin, as well as Corduroy The Bear! Throughout the day, children can experience story time and sit with the Penguin while enjoying some entertaining tales, including readings and activities from Jumpstart’s Read for the Record and the 2008 campaign book, the Viking Classic, Corduroy by Don Freeman. Be sure to visit the activity tables where kids can create their own personalized bookmarks and participate in other fun crafts. There will also be group readings, free books, and other prizes given away all day long.

**SCHOLASTIC INC.**

Take a moment to celebrate the love of books, creativity and family together-
ness with your child at the Scholastic Build-a-Book Corner. Using simple craft materials and a glue stick, you can help your child turn a blank book into a one-of-a-kind masterpiece that you can keep forever. This is a great family activity that’s fun, easy and rewarding, and develops a love of reading that can last a lifetime!

**US AIRWAYS**

US Airways and its employees are committed to supporting community organizations and initiatives to enhance the quality of life in the airline’s hub markets and focus cities. US Airways believes by being a good corporate citizen it can contribute to the economic and social well being of its employees, shareholders and passengers. US Airways recognizes that true community stewardship must be reflected both internally through a supportive and dedicated employee base and externally with strong partnerships with nonprofit organizations that strive to meet critical needs. Its approach is hands on and collaborative and it seeks to form relationships that combine financial and in-kind resources with human resources in the areas of health and human services, arts and culture and education and environment.

In March of 2008, US Airways launched a new national nonprofit partnership -- the first of its kind by an airline -- with Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), the oldest and largest children’s and family nonprofit literacy organization in the United States. Through this early childhood literacy campaign, US Airways placed 300,000 free children’s books in the seatback pocket on domestic flights, launched an online Read with Kids Challenge, and supported RIF programs through financial donations and employee volunteerism in the airline’s hub and focus cities. For more information on US Airways Community Relations, visit [www.usairways.com/corporategiving](http://www.usairways.com/corporategiving).

**OTHER FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

**FREE PBS KIDS AND PBS KIDS GO! PAINTED CHARACTER TATTOOS AND PICTURES**

Pose with your favorite PBS KIDS and PBS KIDS GO! walk-around characters outside the Let’s Read America I pavilion and get a painted character tattoo!

- Abby Cadabby from “Sesame Street”
- Arthur
- Clifford the Big Red Dog
- Curious George
- Martha from “Martha Speaks”
- Maya & Miguel
- Ord from “Dragon Tales”
- Sid from “Sid the Science Kid”
- Super Why and Princess Presto from “Super Why!”
- WordGirl

**SCHOLASTIC INC.’S MAGIC SCHOOL BUS**

Come celebrate one of the most beloved and popular children’s book and TV series of all time. Join Ms. Frizzle, the best-known and most admired science teacher of several generations of students, and “The Dirtmeister,” geologist extraordinaire, as you come on board the real live Magic School Bus outside the Let’s Read America I pavilion. Like the animated TV show and the more than 130 titles in the Scholastic series, the traveling exhibit offers an exciting learning experience with wonderful characters, fascinating stories and simple explanations of scientific phenomena. The Magic School Bus has been enjoyed by tens of millions of kids in 60 countries for the past 20 years. You won’t want to miss your trip on The Magic School Bus and the opportunity to participate in fun experiments, enjoy read alouds and receive a free book.

Read Aloud/Experiment Times:

- 11:00 - 11:30
  - The Dirtmeister Experiments
- 12:00 – 12:30
  - Ms. Frizzle Read Aloud
- 12:30 – 1:00
  - The Dirtmeister Experiments
- 1:00 – 1:30
  - Ms. Frizzle Read Aloud
- 2:00 – 2:30
  - The Dirtmeister Experiments
- 4:00 – 4:30
  - Ms. Frizzle Read Aloud
Visit Your Home State
Come to the popular Pavilion of the States to learn about the reading and literacy promotion projects as well as the literary traditions of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories. Representatives from throughout the nation will provide information and answer questions about their state’s writers, libraries, book festivals, book awards and reading promotion activities. In addition, several festival authors and illustrators will make scheduled visits to their state’s table to greet fans and sign autographs.

Collect State Stickers And Stamps
A popular pavilion feature, especially among young readers and their families, is “Discover Great Places Through Reading” -- a free map of the United States that can be presented at each table for an appropriate state sticker or stamp. On the back, the map includes “52 Great Reads About Great Places,” a reading list of books for young people compiled with a recommendation from each state.

The Congressional Club Cookbook
The Congressional Club was founded by an act of Congress in 1908 for spouses of members of Congress, the Cabinet and the Supreme Court. The 14th edition of The Congressional Club Cookbook will be available for sale at the Pavilion of the States. The cookbook offers recipes from around the world and includes inaugural ball portraits of presidents and first ladies from Coolidge to Bush, as well as photos of historic sites around Washington. Revenue generated from cookbook sales helps support contributions made by the Congressional Club to a variety of local charities.

Support for the Pavilion
The Pavilion of the States is organized by the Library’s Center for the Book, which will be distributing brochures and information about its reading promotion activities. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the major pavilion sponsor, with additional funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities.
MAKING THE INTRODUCTIONS

PATRICK ANDERSON, “Book World’s” Monday reviewer in the “Style” section of THE WASHINGTON POST, will introduce Sandra Brown (3:50), Peter Robinson (4:25), and Andrew Klavan (5:00) in the Fiction & Mystery Pavilion.

MARIE ARANA is editor in chief of “Book World.” She will introduce Tony Horwitz (10:10) in the History & Biography Pavilion, introduce and interview Salman Rushdie (12:20) in the Fiction & Mystery Pavilion, and introduce Rick Atkinson (3:15) and Bob Schieffer (3:50) in the History & Biography Pavilion.

PAULETTE BEETE, public affairs specialist at the National Endowment for the Arts, will introduce Tony Horwitz (10:35) in the History Pavilion, and introduce Laura Bush and Jenna Bush (10:00) and U.S. Poet Laureate Kay Ryan (12:00) in the Poetry Pavilion.


JOHN COLE is director of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. In the Teens & Children’s Pavilion, he will present Mary Brigid Barrett, Steven Kellogg and Katherine Paterson discussing OUR WHITE HOUSE (12:30), the River of Words program (2:00) and Jon Scieszka, National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature (2:45).

REBECCA COOPER, national correspondent for ABC/7/WJLA-TV, will introduce Cokie Roberts (4:25) and Immaculée Ilibagiza (5:00) in the History & Biography Pavilion.

ALAN COOPERMAN, the nonfiction editor of “Book World,” will introduce Jan Brett (10:45), and David Shannon (12:00) in the Children’s Pavilion, and David Maraniss (1:30), Walter Isaacson (2:05) and Michael Dobbs (2:40) in the History & Biography Pavilion.


DENNIS DRABELLE, a contributing editor of “Book World,” will introduce Louis Bayard (3:15) in the Fiction & Mystery Pavilion and Michelle Singletary (4:00) in the Home & Family Pavilion.

DANA GIOIA, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, will introduce J. Allyn Rosser (10:00) and Poetry Out Loud (11:00) and interview U.S. Poet Laureate Kay Ryan (12:20) in the Poetry Pavilion.

ELLEN GRANTHAM is editor in chief of “Book World.” She will introduce Rick Atkinson (3:15) and Bob Schieffer (3:50) in the History & Biography Pavilion, and introduce Elena Chang (10:00) and Michael Lind (3:00) in the Poetry Pavilion.

JON PARRISH PEEDE, director of literature grants programs at the National Endowment for the Arts, will introduce Dan Chiasson (10:30) and Michael Lind (3:00) in the Poetry Pavilion.

ANDREA SACHS, a writer and editor for the “Travel” section of THE WASHINGTON POST, will introduce Arthur and Pauline Frommer (11:15), Ellen Birnbaum and Nancy Schulman (12:10) and Julie Morgenstern (1:00) in the Home & Family Pavilion.

FRANCES STEAD SELLERS, editor in chief of the “Health” section of THE WASHINGTON POST, will introduce J. Allyn Rosser (10:00) and Cathy Scott (10:35) in the Home & Family Pavilion.


TOM SHERWOOD, reporter for NBC News 4/WRC, will introduce Dionne Warwick (1:30) and Tiki Barber (3:30) in the Children’s Pavilion.

EVELYN SMALL, former contributing editor to “Book World” and a senior researcher for the Washington Post Co., will introduce Alexander McCall Smith (10:00), Brad Meltzer (11:10) and Marisa de los Santos (11:45) in the Fiction & Mystery Pavilion.

GEORGE SOLOMON is a columnist for THE WASHINGTON POST and the former editor in chief of the “Sports” section. He will present Bob Lanier, NBA player Chris Duhon and WNBA player Ivory Latta (11:25) in the Children’s Pavilion.

AMY STOLLS, literature program officer at the National Endowment for the Arts, will introduce Molly Peacock (2:30) in the Poetry Pavilion.

SHAWN YANCY, co-anchor of FOX 5 News /WTTG, will introduce Judith Viorst (10:00) and Andrea Davis Pinkney (10:35) in the Teens & Children’s Pavilion.

JONATHAN YARDLEY, book critic for THE WASHINGTON POST, will introduce Gordon S. Wood (10:00) and Paul Theroux (11:10) in the History & Biography Pavilion.

JOSEPH YONAN, editor in chief of the “Food” section of THE WASHINTON POST, will introduce George Duran (1:35) and Warren Brown (2:10) in the Home & Family Pavilion.