

YAS Book Con 2018 Schedule

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Schedule is subject to change (and has! please be mindful)

- ✚ **All book sales provided by Barnes & Noble Booksellers on the third floor, DSU Room 3020.** Barnes & Noble will honor membership discounts at checkout.
- ✚ All panel discussions occur on the third floor of DSU. Please bring pen and paper for writing workshops!
- ✚ There are multiple activities during each block (i.e. panel discussions, activities, & workshops)
- ✚ Sam J. Miller (author of *The Art of Starving*), Dana Mele (*People Like Us*), Brenda Rufener (*Where I Live*) and Kaitlyn Sage Patterson (*The Diminished*) have canceled their appearances due to scheduling conflicts
- ✚ Registration tables are on 3rd floor; check in and receive wristbands for lunch at Fresh Foods
- ✚ Authors will sign throughout the day on the **3rd Floor Mezzanine, outside of DSU Room 3020**

9:00-9:45am

Panel Discussion – Nice for What?

Sheroes tend to get a bad rap. Luckily, writing the same-old lady-leads is way too blasé for these authors.

Location: DSU 3023-25

Featuring these Authors:

1. NoNieqa Ramos, author of *The Disturbed Girl's Dictionary*
2. Candace Ganger, author of *The Inevitable Collision of Birdie & Bash*
3. Tanaz Bhathena, author of *A Girl Like That*
4. Amanda Foody, author of *Ace of Shades*
5. Amy Spalding, author of *The Summer of Jordi Perez (and the Best Burger in Los Angeles)*
6. Robyn Schneider, author of *Invisible Ghosts*

Moderated by Kelly deVos, author of *Fat Girl on a Plane*

Workshop – Make Your Own Zine with Jen Wang, author of *The Prince and the Dressmaker*

Learn how to make and publish your own zines and mini-comics using simple everyday tools. Supplies provided.

Location: DSU Room 3006-07

Moderated by: Eden Gasperetti

Workshop – Dance, Write; Repeat with Bree Barton, author of *Heart of Thorns*

Move your body, clear your mind, and nourish your soul as you explore the relationship between creativity and physical movement. Wear comfy clothes—participants will be doing some fun, basic movement as part of the workshop. No dance experience required!

Location: DSU Room 2123

Moderated by Melissa Hayden

Activity – Campus Tour with WKU Admissions

This walking tour is a crash course in campus life: where to eat, where the dorms are, and where to get that morning caffeine jolt.

Location: Meet at the WKU Admissions table on DSU's 3rd floor

10:00-10:45am

Keynote* – Nic Stone, author of *Dear Martin*

Location: DSU Auditorium, Room 1071 (first floor)

Moderated by Molly McCaffrey

**originally scheduled for 9am*

Panel Discussion – The Bold & the Brave

Chat about writing characters who have to conquer fears, make alliances, and get creative to solve problems in galaxies far, far away (and some re-imagined fictional landscapes that hit a little closer to home).

Location: DSU Room 3023-25

Featuring these Authors:

1. C.J. Redwine, author of *The Traitor Prince*
2. Erin Summerill, author of *Ever The Brave*
3. Wendy Spinale, author of *Ozland*
4. Maura Milan, author of *Ignite the Stars*
5. Jodi Meadows, co-author of *My Plain Jane* and author of *Before She Ignites*
6. Joanna Hathaway, author of *Dark of the West*

Moderated by Neisha Newell

Workshop – How to Toon with Joe Wos, author of *Maze-O-Zoic*

Learn how to draw and create comical characters using fun and easy to follow instructions. From the basics of line to character persona, Joe will guide you step-by-step through the creative process. Bring your sketchbooks!

Location: DSU Room 3003-04

Moderated by Laura Bohuski

11:00-11:45am

Nic Stone Book-Signing

Location: 3rd Floor Mezzanine; outside of DSU Room 3020

Panel Discussion – I'm Only Me When I'm With You

When life is tough, it's good to have a friend to lean on. Navigating friendships as a teen can be tricky, but it can also build unlikely (and necessary) camaraderie in real life.

Location: DSU 3023-25

Featuring these Authors:

1. Nisha Sharma, author of *My So-Called Bollywood Life*
2. Candace Ganger, author of *The Inevitable Collision of Birdie & Bash*
3. Randy Ribay, author of *After the Shot Drops*
4. Kate Hart, author of *After the Fall*
5. Dave Connis, author of *The Temptation of Adam*
6. Robyn Schneider, author of *Invisible Ghosts*

Moderated by Courtney Stevens, author of *Dress Codes for Small Towns*

Workshop – College Admissions Workshop with Juleah del Rosario, author of *500 Words or Less*

Using examples of college admissions essays from del Rosario's debut novel, *500 Words or Less*, this workshop will explore crafting a personal essay that taps into experiences shape us.

Location: DSU Room 3003-04

Moderated by: Veronica Rainwater

Activity – Yoga with Laura Beth Fox-Ezell

Been sitting too long? Stretch it out!

Location: DSU Room 2123

12:00-12:45pm

Panel Discussion – Fantastical Worlds and How to Build Them

Sometimes, this universe is just a little...boring. Meet the authors who are experts at creating worlds that are out of this one!

Location: DSU 3023-25

Featuring these Authors:

1. Michael Moreci, author of *Black Star Renegades*
2. Maura Milan, author of *Ignite the Stars*
3. Teri Polen, author of *The Gemini Connection*
4. Joanna Hathaway, author of *Dark of the West*
5. Julien Jamar, author of *The Namarielle*
6. Olivia A. Cole, author of *A Conspiracy of Stars*

Moderated by Marisa Williams

Panel Discussion – Epic Landscapes and a Hint of Mystery

From books set in the Roaring Twenties to a magical orchard to the chemistry classroom and beyond, these authors are master mixers of real and imagined landscapes.

Location: DSU 3005

Featuring these Authors:

1. Kristin O'Donnell Tubb, author of *The Story Collector*
2. Skila Brown, author of *To Stay Alive*
3. C. A. Preece, author of *CheMystery*
4. Daphne Kalmar, author of *A Stitch in Time*
5. Rebecca Caprara, author of *The Magic of Melwick Orchard*
6. Lindsey Frantz, author of *The Upworld*

Moderated by Veronica Rainwater

Activity – Campus Tour with WKU Admissions

This walking tour is a crash course in campus life: where to eat, where the dorms are, and where to get that morning caffeine jolt.

Location: Meet at the WKU Admissions table on DSU's 3rd floor

1:00-1:45pm

Panel Discussion: The Instruments of Writing Believable Characters

Listen as these music-loving authors discuss the tools they use to write relatable characters you'd want to share a playlist with in real life.

Location: DSU 3023-25

Featuring these Authors:

1. Sarah Nicole Smetana, author of *The Midnights*
2. Katie Cotugno, author of *9 Days and 9 Nights*
3. Brandy Colbert, author of *Finding Yvonne*
4. Ashley Woodfolk, author of *The Beauty That Remains*
5. Alison Ashley Formento, author of *Twigs*
6. Nic Stone, author of *Dear Martin*

Moderated by Rachel Ferguson

Workshop - The Publishing Process with Jodi Meadows, co-author of *My Plain Jane* & author of *Before She Ignites*

DSU Room 3003-04

Jodi Meadows, author of over a dozen books and novellas, will take the audience through the entire publishing process—from the first draft, to editing, to getting covers, to seeing the book in print for the first time. Bring your publishing questions for a Q&A at the end of the session!

Moderated by Laura Bohuski

Activity – College Q&A Session with WKU Admissions

Got questions about applying for college? Want to know if it's right for you? What do you do once you actually get there? Get these questions and more answered by knowledgeable Admissions staffers.

DSU Room 3005

1:45-2:15pm

Barnes & Noble Bookstore Roundup & Mega Signing

Location: DSU Room 3020 & Mezzanine

It's a mad dash to buy all the books you didn't pick up earlier in the day! After making your purchases, find authors at their signing tables around the mezzanine and ask them to sign your beautiful new books!

Evening Events

4:00-4:45pm

Barnes & Noble Pop-Up Bookstore

It's your last chance to buy any of the books you didn't pick up earlier in the day! After making your purchases, find authors at the panel discussions below, and get them to sign your shiny new books!

Location: Spencer's Coffee

Volunteer: Sara Volpi

5:00-5:45pm

Panel Discussion – I Wrote That?!

Gather 'round as these authors share some of their not-so-great stuff from when they were just starting out. Don't forget to try one of the confectionary delights Little Fox Bakery has whipped up for the occasion!

Location: Little Fox Bakery (314 E Main Ave)

Volunteer: Veronica Rainwater

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Moderated by Jodi Meadows, co-author of *My Plain Jane* and author of *Before She Ignites*

Panel Discussion – Comics & Coffee

These awesome nerds have found a way to combine their interests and their writing to make crazy-good books that draw you in from page one, whether they're writing comics or sci-fi or historical fiction or new spins on fairy tales.

Location: Spencer's Coffee (915 College St.)

Volunteer: Cecilee Salyers

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 6. Rebecca Caprara, author of *The Magic of Melwick Orchard*
- Moderated by Michael Moreci, author of *Black Star Renegades*

6:00-6:45pm

Panel Discussion – Forging Fierce Females

All of these authors write fierce female characters that aren't afraid to stand up for themselves and their friends. (The taproom will be reserved, but no drinks unless you're 21 or older!)

Location: 643 Sports Bar (360 E 8th Ave)

Volunteer: Rachel Ferguson

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Panel Discussion – Level Up

These authors talk about how real-life experiences fuel their writing (or in some cases, don't). How did they get inspired to write their books? How does research tie in? Come with your questions; leave with answers!

Location: Barnes & Noble Booksellers (1680 Campbell Lane)

Volunteer: Eden Gasperetti

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9:55pm--

Activity – Let's Go to the Movies!

Group showing of *The Hate You Give* at **Regal Cinemas (323 Great Escape Ave)**.

Keep an eye out throughout the day @ YAS Book Con for chances to WIN a ticket for yourself and a friend to see the movie! Sponsored by Molly McCaffrey and David Bell and Sandra and John Baker.