



YAS Book Con 2018 Schedule

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Schedule is subject to change

- ✚ **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*), and Kaitlyn Sage Patterson (*The Diminished*) have canceled their appearances due to scheduling conflicts

9:00-9:45am

Panel Discussion – Nice for What?

Sheroes tend to get a bad rap. But if female characters don't get written from all angles, the same old character will keep showing up. And writing the same-old 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. Brenda Rufener, author of *Where I Live*
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)*

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. Work with friends, or make one yourself! Supplies provided.

Location: DSU Room 3006-07

Moderated by: Eden Gasperetti

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

Dance and movement has been huge in Barton's own fight against depression. It's why she created Rock 'n' Write: to help teen girls talk about the stuff they're going through in a supportive, inclusive community—then get some words on the page and sweat it out on the dance floor. Join Barton to discuss the relationship between creativity and physical movement. Finding a path back to dancing—albeit the silly kind of dance where she's twirling around her kitchen—has had a massive impact on Barton's writing (and her ability to be a functional human).

Location: DSU Room 3003-04

Moderated by Melissa Hayden

Activity – Campus Tour with WKU Admissions

Jump in for an interactive walking tour of campus. It's a crash course in campus life: where to eat, where the dorms are, and where to get that morning caffeine jolt. Group registration required; [contact us](#) for details.

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 – Don't Go In There!

From who-done-it thrillers to what-the-heck-is-going-on-here mysteries, this mixed bag of authors—fantasy, suspense, sci-fi & one graphic novelist—talk about keeping readers on the edge of their seats.

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. Robyn Schneider, author of *Invisible Ghosts*
5. Jodi Meadows, co-author of *My Plain Jane* and author of *Before She Ignites*

Moderated by Neisha Newell

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

Learn the art of cartooning from Joe Wos! Joe Wos is a nationally syndicated cartoonist and has been the visiting resident cartoonist of the Charles M. Schulz Museum for the past 15 years. In his workshop, you will 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. Sketchbooks encouraged but not required.

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. Some of these authors are friends; some write about friendship in the midst of troubling times. Navigating friendships as a teen—in real life or on the page—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*

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: Rachel Ferguson

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

Learn the recipe to writing fascinating tales weaved from fact and fiction. 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

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1:00-1:45pm

Panel Discussion: The Instruments of Writing Believable Characters

Life imitates art. Or is it the other way around? We're not sure how these authors feel about old Oscar Wilde quotes, but we know their characters all like music. Listen as they 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

Ever wonder how a book gets published? Do you want to publish your own someday? Jodi Meadows, author of over a dozen books and novellas, will take the audience through the entire publishing process—from writing 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? What about the dorm situation? And buying books and getting a meal plan? 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 in DSU 3020, 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

5:00-5:45pm

Panel Discussion – Galactic Cupcakes

Fantasy authors + fantastic treats? Probably couldn't get any better. Come see the confectionary delights Little Fox Bakery has whipped up for the occasion while these authors discuss their books, writing habits, and favorite desserts.

Location: Little Fox Bakery (314 E Main Ave)

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4. Maura Milan, author of *Ignite the Stars*
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Moderated by C. J. Redwine, author of *The Traitor Prince* & Joanna Hathaway, author of *Dark of the West*

Panel Discussion – I Wrote That?!

It's the old favorite (and most scary) question asked by author fans and friends alike: "Can I read some of your first tries at writing?" Gather 'round as these authors—some well-established and some debut—share some of their not-so-great stuff from when they were just starting out.

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

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4. Juleah del Rosario, author of *500 Words or Less*
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Moderated by Jodi Meadows, co-author of *My Plain Jane* and author of *Before She Ignites*

6:00-6:45pm

Panel Discussion – Forging Fierce Females

Bring your bestie and make a mental reservation to join these wonderful authors to talk books over dinner. 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)

Featuring these Authors:

1. Amy Spalding, author of *The Summer of Jordi Perez (and the Best Burger in Los Angeles)*
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Moderated by Kate Hart, author of *After the Fall*

Panel Discussion – Level Up

These debut authors talk about how real-life experiences fuel their writing (or in some cases, doesn't). How did they get inspired to write their books? How does research tie in? What messages do they want to convey? Come with your questions; leave with answers (and probably a cupcake)!

Location: Barnes & Noble Booksellers (1680 Campbell Lane)

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Panel Discussion – Comics & Coffee

These awesome nerds have found a way to combine their interests and their writing to make adventure-filled books that draw you in from page one. From comics to horror, sci-fi to historical fiction or new spins on fairy tales—these authors are sure to entertain *and* elevate your imagination.

Location: Starbucks Coffee (360 E 8th Ave.)

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3. Dave Connis, author of *The Temptation of Adam*
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- Moderated by Michael Moreci, author of *Black Star Renegades*

9:00-11:00pm (approximate)

Activity – Let's Go to the Movies!

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

- Sponsored by Molly McCaffrey and David Bell and Sandra and John Baker
- Registration required. Email [the Coordinator](#) to inquire about tickets