

Texas Teen Book Festival: This Weekend!

More books and authors than you can shake a dystopian future at

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Here comes the [Texas Teen Book Festival](#), a day-long feast for the relentlessly ink-hungry among us who revel in the best of what corporate marketing departments like to brand as YA fiction.

Here's the third annual event, occupying a paper-packed, author-crowded, and thoroughly literate section of [St. Edward's University's](#) tree-lined campus on **Saturday, Oct. 7**.

[Note: It's the *third* annual event that's been *called* the Texas Teen Book Festival, yes, although it started out as the Austin Teen Book Festival (and was so much smaller) back in 2009. It was in Westlake then. And the country had [a much better president](#).]

"Author-crowded," we say – and that assertion is backed up by the sweet plethora of scribes there to present their newest works and, occasionally, regale the gathered booklovers (that's *you*, citizen) with more than a few choice words of wisdom and insider knowledge. We're downright excited, tbh, to note that [Marie Lu](#) (author of the bestselling [Legend](#) series and this new [Warcross](#) exploit) and [Jason Reynolds](#) (the man behind [Long Way Down](#) and that [Miles Morales](#) incarnation of [Spider-Man](#)) are the keynote speakers this year.

(And glad to see that, among all the authors signing their books and making festival-type convo with fans, one of the local creators hawking their wares is Austin's own [Tillie Walden](#) – author of the coming-of-age, coming-out, and I-was-a-competitive-figure-skater-in-my-childhood-WTF? graphic novel, [Spinning](#).)

This day's gonna have it all, in other words: Graphic-novel memoirs; dystopian-future adventures; supernatural romances that could break a Selkie's salt-stained heart; soul-searching journeys through the decaying corpse of modern America. All those books you've read, and the ones you want to read, and even more that you didn't even know about until ... and there's the person who wrote it, *right there*, and ... OK, OK, it all sounds like a Real Good Time – as far as books go, anyway, right?

And books, yeah, books go pretty damn far.
But *you* only have to [get to St. Ed's this Saturday](#).



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