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Texas Teen Book Festival Announces 2018 Keynote Authors

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Texas Teen Book Festival Welcomes Best-selling, Award-winning Authors for 10th Anniversary.

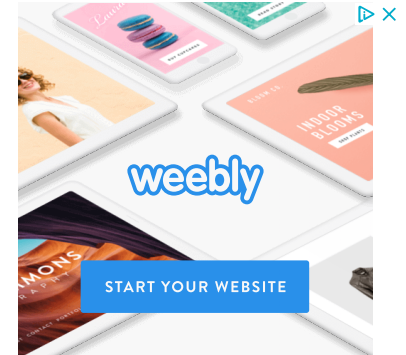
The Texas Teen Book Festival, now celebrating its 10th anniversary year, announced today the keynote speakers for the 2018 Festival, which takes place Saturday, October 6 at St. Edward's University in Austin. Bestselling authors Nic Stone and Neal Shusterman, with his son and co-author Jarrod, will keynote this annual, highly anticipated event, which draws thousands of teens to Austin for a day of panels, book signings, workshops and more, all free and open to the public.

"We are so excited to let everyone know about the amazing authors we have lined up for our keynotes for 2018," says TTBF Director Shawn Mauser. "Nic Stone and Neal and Jarrod Shusterman masterfully bring complex, timely stories to the page with intense honesty and heart, and we cannot wait to welcome them to our Tenth Anniversary TTBF!"



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Nic Stone's Odd One Out

Nic Stone is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling novel *Dear Martin*, which was a William C. Morris Award Finalist. At TTBF, Stone will present her sophomore novel, *Odd One Out*, a book told from three perspectives that explores the complicated, sometimes confusing dynamics of friendship, love, and identity.



Neal and Jarrod Schusterman. Photography courtesy of Brendan Shusterman.



Neal Shusterman's Dry

Neal Shusterman is the National Book Award-winning and *New York Times*-bestselling author of more than thirty award-winning books for children, teens, and adults including *The Unwind*, *Dystology*, *Challenger Deep*, which won the National Book Award, and *Scythe*, a Michael L. Printz Award Honor Book. Joining him in presenting their co-written book, *Dry*, is Neal's son, Jarrod, who has also written for television shows such as "Goosebumps." *Dry* is set in a dystopian future where the California drought, "the Tap Out," has spread throughout the country.

Stone and the Shustermans join a long list of memorable keynote speakers over the Festival's ten year history, including past keynotes Jason Reynolds, Marie Lu, Mindy Kaling, Leigh Bardugo, Laini Taylor, Sonia Manzano, and many others. The Texas Teen Book Festival, which began as a grassroots labor of love among librarians and booksellers in 2008, is now one of the most highly regarded teen book festivals in the country.

The Texas Teen Book Festival is presented in collaboration with Texas Book Festival, BookPeople, a dedicated team of librarians, and venue sponsor St. Edward's University. The program is made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

TTBF remains free and open to the public thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and dozens of committed volunteers. For more information, please visit [the Texas Teen Book Festival website](#) and keep up with announcements on Facebook, [Twitter](#), and Instagram.



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