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### **Tickets on Sale to Best-selling Author Dinner**

Fort Myers, FL, Jan. 10, 2017 – Act now to meet and dine with dozens of best-selling authors at the Evening with the Authors on Friday, March 17, at the Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 West First St. in downtown Fort Myers. The event begins at 5 p.m. with dockside cocktails, followed by a buffet dinner and dessert reception at sunset in the Edison Ford Coconut Grove on the Caloosahatchee River. The advance sale discounted ticket price ends Jan.31.

The event is a chance to meet the more than 20 authors who will headline the Southwest Florida Reading Festival the next day. Reservations are required. Discounted advance tickets can be purchased for \$49 by Jan. 31. Tickets are then \$55. Space is limited. The deadline for reservations is midnight, March 3. Go to [www.readfest.org](http://www.readfest.org) and select Evening with the Authors to make a reservation.

The dinner will honor author Kimberla Lawson Roby with the 2017 Distinguished Author Award for her work as a member of the Womanspace Community Advisory Council which seeks to connect, empower and transform the world one woman at a time.

The evening is sponsored by Books-A-Million and the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. To see the list of the outstanding authors expected at the festival and dinner go to [www.readfest.org/Authors](http://www.readfest.org/Authors).

Complete author information, schedules of festival activities, partner events, directions to the event and more, are available in the festival app available free at the App Store or Google Play, [www.readfest.org](http://www.readfest.org) or by calling 239-479-4636.