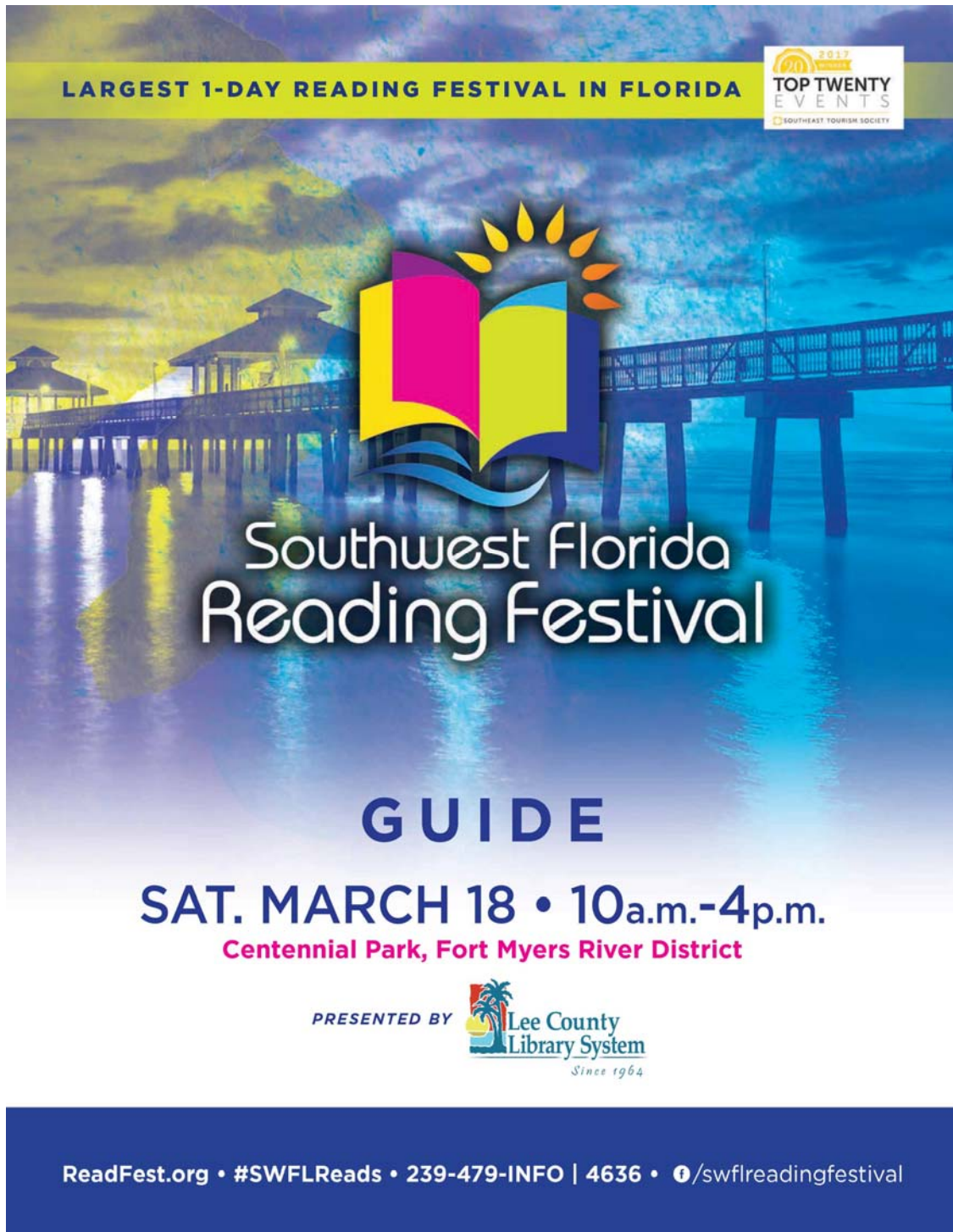


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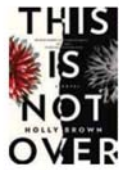
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Holly Brown is the author of three novels of domestic suspense: *Don't Try to Find Me*, *A Necessary End* and *This Is Not Over*. She is also a practicing marriage and family therapist. Visit [hollybrownbooks.com](http://hollybrownbooks.com).



**COLIN CAMPBELL**

12:30 p.m. Adult Authors Stage A5

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Colin Campbell is the author of *Free Days with George*. George is a 9 year old, 140-pound Newfoundland Landseer who is a Surf City Surf Dog California Heavyweight Surfing Champion. Visit [freedayswithgeorge.com](http://freedayswithgeorge.com).

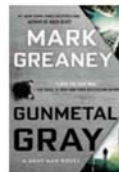


**SHELLEY SHEPARD GRAY**

11:30 a.m. Adult Authors Stage A6

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Shelley Shepard Gray is a best-selling author, a finalist for the American Christian Fiction Writers Carol Award and a two-time HOLT Medallion winner. Her latest is *Her Secret*. Visit [shelleyshepardgray.com](http://shelleyshepardgray.com).

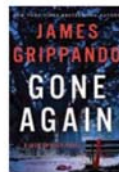


**MARK GREANEY**

3 p.m. Adult Authors Stage A5

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Mark Greaney is the author and co-author of seven Tom Clancy Jack Ryan novels, including *True Faith and Allegiance*. *Gunmetal Gray* is the latest in his *Gray Man* series. Visit [markgreaneybooks.com](http://markgreaneybooks.com). Sponsored by LCEE



**JAMES GRIPPANDO**

11:15 a.m. Adult Authors Stage A5

10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Adult Book Signings, A1

James Grippando is a bestselling author of suspense. *Most Dangerous Place* is the latest in his series featuring Miami criminal defense attorney Jack Swyteck. He is also the author of the novella *The Penny Jumper*. Visit [jamesgrippando.com](http://jamesgrippando.com).

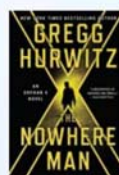


**NATHAN HILL**

12:45 p.m. Adult Authors Stage A6

10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m. Adult Book Signings, A1

Nathan Hill's short stories have appeared in *The Iowa Review*, *AGNI*, *Fugue* and other journals. He has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and a Donald Barthelme Prize in Short Prose. *The Nix* is his debut novel. Visit [www.nathanhill.net](http://www.nathanhill.net).



**GREGG HURWITZ**

1:45 p.m. Adult Authors Stage A5

10:45 a.m. & 3 p.m. Adult Book Signings, A1

Gregg Hurwitz is a thriller author and comic book writer who has also written screenplays for major studios and written, developed and produced television for various networks. His latest release is *Nowhere Man*. Visit [gregghurwitz.net](http://gregghurwitz.net).

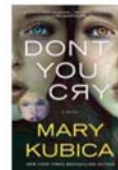


**CASSANDRA KING**

2 p.m. Adult Authors Stage A6

10:45 a.m. & 3:15 p.m. Adult Book Signings, A1

Cassandra King is the author of *Moonrise*, an Okra Pick and a Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance best-seller. Her other novels include *The Same Sweet Girls* and *Queen of Broken Hearts*. Visit [cassandrakingconroy.com](http://cassandrakingconroy.com).

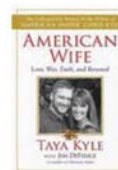


**MARY KUBICA**

10:15 a.m. Adult Authors Stage A6

11:30 a.m. & 2 p.m. Adult Book Signings, A1

Mary Kubica is the author of *Pretty Baby* and *The Good Girl*, which received a Strand Critics Nomination for Best First Novel. *Don't You Cry* is her third novel. Visit [marykubica.com](http://marykubica.com). Sponsored by Arthrex



**TAYA KYLE**

10 a.m. Adult Authors Stage A5

11:15 a.m. Adult Book Signings, A1

Taya Kyle is the wife of Chris Kyle, a Navy SEAL and best-selling author. Together they are the subject of the film *American Sniper*. Taya is also the author of *American Wife: A Memoir of Love, War, Faith & Renewal*. Visit [tayakyle.com](http://tayakyle.com).

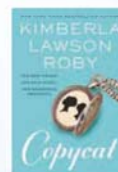


**CRAIG PITTMAN**

12:30 p.m. Adult Authors Stage A5

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Craig Pittman has covered environmental issues for the Tampa Bay Times since 1998. A native Floridian, he is the author of *Manatee Insanity* and *The Scent of Scandal*. His latest is *Oh, Florida!* Visit [craigpittman.com](http://craigpittman.com).

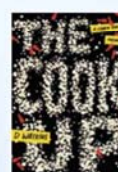


**KIMBERLA LAWSON ROBY**

11:30 a.m. Adult Authors Stage A6

12:45 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. Adult Book Signings, A1

Kimberla Lawson Roby is the author of 25 novels including her popular *Reverend Curtis Black* series and *Copycat*, *Best Friends* and *The Perfect Marriage*. Visit [kimroby.com](http://kimroby.com).



**D. WATKINS**

10 a.m. Adult Authors Stage A5

11:15 a.m. & 2 p.m. Adult Book Signings, A1

D. Watkins is a professor at the University of Baltimore and founder of the BMORE Writers Project. A native of East Baltimore, he is the author of *The Cook Up: A Crack Rock Memoir* and *The Beast Side: Living (and Dying) While Black in America*. Visit [d-watkins.com](http://d-watkins.com).



**SUSAN WIGGS**

2 p.m. Adult Authors Stage A6

10:45 a.m. & 3:15 p.m. Adult Book Signings, A1

Susan Wiggs is the author of more than 50 novels. A former teacher and graduate of the University of Texas and Harvard, her latest is *The Family Tree*. Visit [susanwiggs.com](http://susanwiggs.com).



**LORI WILDE**

2 p.m. Adult Authors Stage A6

10:45 a.m. & 3:15 p.m. Adult Book Signings, A1

Lori Wilde is the author of 78 works of fiction. She has won numerous awards, is a two time RITA finalist and has four times been nominated for Romantic Times Reviewer's Choice Award. Visit [loriwilde.com](http://loriwilde.com).



**BEATRIZ WILLIAMS**

11:30 a.m. Adult Authors Stage A6

12:45 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. Adult Book Signings, A1

Beatriz Williams hid her early attempts at fiction, first on company laptops as a communications strategy consultant and then as a stay at home mom before her career took off. Her latest is *The Wicked City*. Visit [beatrizwilliams.com](http://beatrizwilliams.com).

# ACCLAIMED AUTHORS

## TEEN AUTHORS



**KAMI GARCIA**

**12:15 p.m. Teen Stage, T5**

**10:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m. Teen Author Book Signings, K5**

Kami Garcia is co-author of the bestselling *Beautiful Creatures* and *Dangerous Creatures* novels. Her solo series, *The Legion*, includes *Unbreakable* and its sequel, *Unmarked*. Visit [kamigarcia.com](http://kamigarcia.com).



**S.J. KINCAID**

**2:15 p.m. Teen Stage, T5**

**11:15 a.m. & 3:15 p.m. Teen Author Book Signings, K5**

S. J. Kincaid's debut novel, *Insignia*, was shortlisted for the Waterstones prize and its sequels, *Vortex* and *Catalyst*, have received starred reviews from Kirkus Reviews and Booklist. Her latest is *The Diabolic*. Visit [sjkincaid.com](http://sjkincaid.com).



**MICHELLE KNUDSEN**

**10:45 a.m. Teen Stage, T5**

**11:45 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Teen Author Book Signings, K5**

**1:45 p.m. Storytelling Stage, K4**

Michelle Knudsen is the author of *Evil Librarian* as well as the *Trelian* middle-grade fantasy series and several picture books, including *Library Lion*, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes.

Visit [www.michelleknudsen.com](http://www.michelleknudsen.com).



**SARA SHEPARD**

**1:15 p.m. Teen Stage, T5**

**11:45 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. Teen Author Book Signings, K5**

Sara Shepard is the author of the young adult series *Pretty Little Liars*, which inspired the ABC Family television series of the same name. Her latest work is *The Amateurs*. Visit [sarashepard.com](http://sarashepard.com).

## CHILDREN'S AUTHORS



**CANDACE FLEMING**

**11:15 a.m. Children's Authors & Illustrators Stage, K6**

**2:30 p.m. Storytelling Stage, K4**

**12:15 & 3:15 p.m. Children's Book Signings, K5**

Candace Fleming is the author of more than 30 books including *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!*, *Boxes for Katie* and *Oh, No!* which was illustrated by Eric Rohmann. Her latest release is a collaboration with Eric Rohmann titled *Bulldozer's Big Day*. Visit [candacefleming.com](http://candacefleming.com).



**CHRIS GRABENSTEIN**

**2:15 p.m. Children's Authors & Illustrators Stage, K6**

**10:15 a.m. & 3:15 p.m. Children's Book Signings, K5**

Chris Grabenstein is the author of *The Island of Dr. Libris* and *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*, which was nominated for over 30 state awards. His latest is *Welcome to Wonderland: Home Sweet Motel*. Visit [chrisgrabenstein.com](http://chrisgrabenstein.com).

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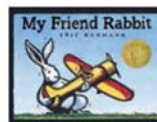
**GRACE LIN**

**10 a.m. Storytelling Stage, K4**

**1:15 p.m. Children's Authors & Illustrators Stage, K6**

**10:45 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. Children's Book Signings, K5**

Grace Lin is the author and illustrator of *Starry River of the Sky*, *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, *The Year of the Dog*, *Dumpling Days*, and the *Ling & Ting* series, as well as picture books such as *Dim Sum for Everyone!* Visit [gracelin.com](http://gracelin.com).



**ERIC ROHMANN**

**11:15 a.m. Children's Authors & Illustrators Stage, K6**

**2:30 p.m. Storytelling Stage, K4**

**12:15 & 3:15 p.m. Children's Book Signings, K5**

Eric Rohmann is the author/illustrator of seven books for children and won the prestigious Caldecott Medal for *My Friend Rabbit*. He was also awarded a Caldecott Honor for *Time Flies*. Eric has illustrated many books including *Giant Squid* and *Bulldozer's Big Day*, both written by Candace Fleming. Visit [ericrohmann.com](http://ericrohmann.com).



**TUI T. SUTHERLAND**

**12:15 p.m. Children's Authors & Illustrators Stage, K6**

**10:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m. Children's Book Signings, K5**

Tui Sutherland is the author of several books for young readers, including the *Wings of Fire* series and *Spirit Animals #5: Against the Tide*, both New York Times best-sellers. Visit [tuibooks.com](http://tuibooks.com).



**SALINA YOON**

**10:15 a.m. Children's Authors & Illustrators Stage, K6**

**1 p.m. Storytelling Stage, K4**

**11:15 a.m. & 1:45 p.m. Children's Book Signings, K5**

Salina Yoon is the author and illustrator of nearly 200 books for children including *Be a Friend*, *Penguin and Pinecone*, *Found* and *Stormy Night*. Visit [www.salinayoon.com](http://www.salinayoon.com).



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