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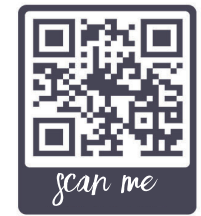
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# nttbf 2023 schedule



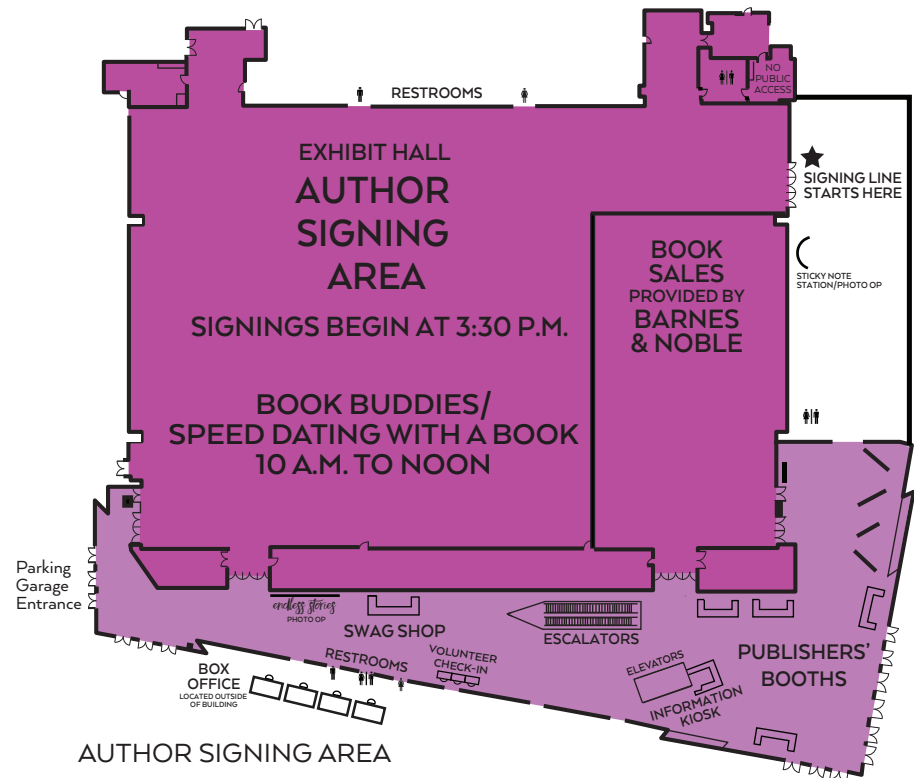
## overview

7:45 A.M.	BOOK BUDDIES /SPEED DATING WITH A BOOK WRISTBAND DISPERSAL BEGINS Book selection takes place 10 a.m. to noon. Grades 6-12.	LEVEL 1 Outside Box Office
9 A.M.	NTTBF OPENING REMARKS with Irving Mayor Rick Stopfer  MIDDLE GRADE GRAPHIC TAKEOVER featuring Nathan Hale, Matthew Holm, Dan Santat and Judd Winick. Hosted by Jennifer Holm.	LEVEL 4 Grand Ballroom 1-3
10 A.M. to NOON	BOOK BUDDIES/ SPEED DATING WITH A BOOK Wristband required. Grades 6-12 only.	LEVEL 1 Exhibit Hall
10 A.M. to 2 P.M.	PANEL DISCUSSIONS Panels take place with select authors every hour between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.	LEVELS 3, 4
3:30 P.M.	AUTHOR SIGNINGS	LEVEL 1 Exhibit Hall
5 P.M.	BOOK SALES & FESTIVAL END	

CHECK OUT SPONSORING PUBLISHERS' PAGES FOR INFORMATION REGARDING EVENTS, BOOK PROMOTIONS AND GIVEAWAYS.

# NTTBF 2023 maps

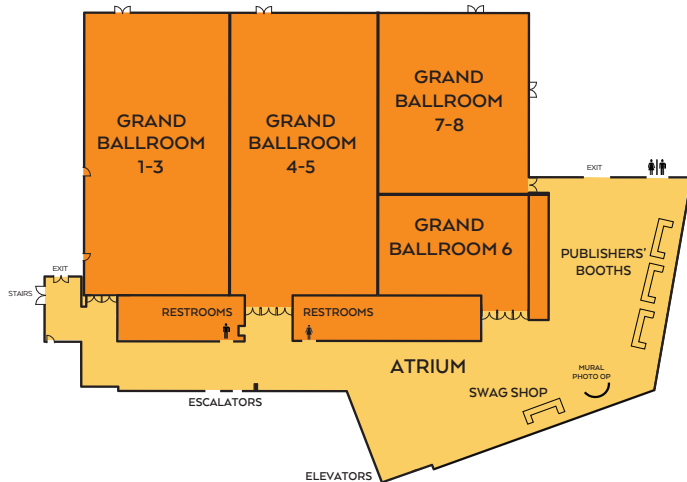
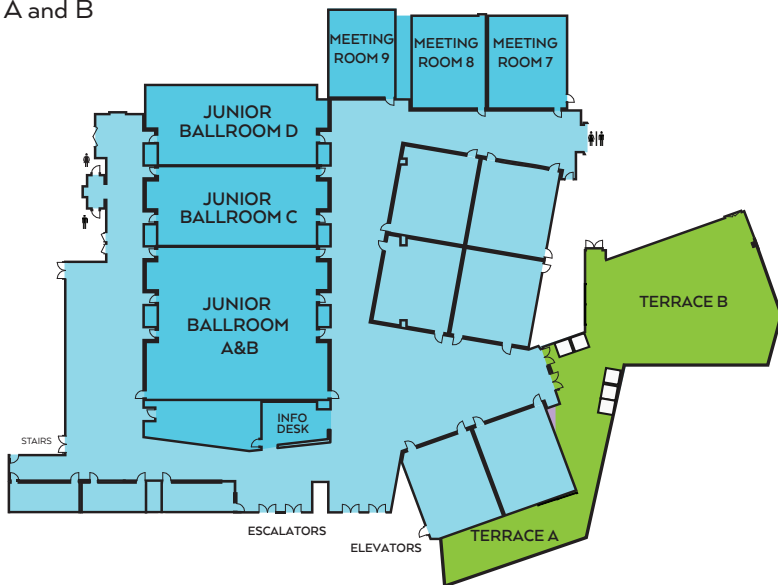
## LEVEL ONE



- AUTHOR SIGNING AREA
- BOOK BUDDIES (WRISTBAND REQUIRED)
- BOOK SALES
- BOX OFFICE (WRISTBAND DISPERSAL)
- PUBLISHERS' BOOTHS
- SPEED DATING WITH A BOOK (WRISTBAND REQUIRED)
- STICKY NOTE STATION/PHOTO OP
- SWAG SHOP
- VOLUNTEER CHECK-IN

# LEVEL THREE

JUNIOR BALLROOMS A-D  
MEETING ROOMS 7-9  
TERRACE A and B



# LEVEL FOUR

GRAND BALLROOMS 1-8  
PUBLISHERS' BOOTHS  
SWAG SHOP

**GET YOUR COPY\***  
Be one of the first to read this remarkable book from superstar author **ANGIE THOMAS!**

# NIC BLAKE AND THE REMARKABLES

Saturday, March 4 at 12:30PM  
Epic Reads booth, first floor

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### Fill Your Shelf Up!

Stop by the Epic Reads booth on the first floor at the listed times to get your hands on these books!\*

<p><b>11:00AM</b></p>	<p><b>12:30PM</b></p>
<p><b>12:00PM</b></p>	<p><b>2:00PM</b></p>

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**CELEBRATING 15 YEARS!**  
**AMULET #1-8**  
By Kazu Kibuishi

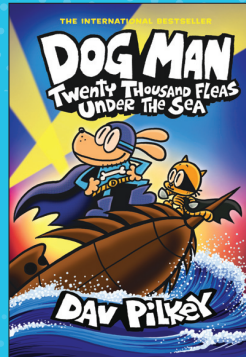


Meet the Author and Artist **Kazu Kibuishi**



Take a picture with Dog Man & get free giveaways!

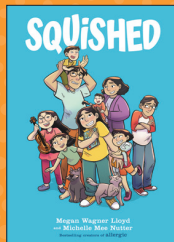
**DOG MAN: TWENTY THOUSAND FLEAS UNDER THE SEA**  
By Dav Pilkey  
March 28, 2023



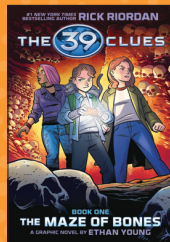
## Pick up free advance reader copies and more!



**COLIN KAEPERNICK: CHANGE THE GAME**  
By Colin Kaepernick, Eve L. Ewing, illustrated by Orlando Caicedo  
March 7, 2023



**SQUISHED**  
Written by Megan Wagner Lloyd, illustrated by Michelle Mee Nutter  
March 7, 2023



**39 CLUES: THE MAZE OF BONES**  
Written by Rick Riordan, illustrated by Ethan Young  
April 4, 2023



**SUNSHINE**  
By Jarrett J. Krosoczka  
April 18, 2023



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# NTTBF 2023

# panels

## Room Key

<b>GB 1-3</b> Grand Ballroom 1-3, Level 4	<b>JB C</b> Junior Ballroom C, Level 3
<b>GB 4-5</b> Grand Ballroom 4-5, Level 4	<b>JB D</b> Junior Ballroom D, Level 3
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**MG** These panels cover Middle Grade works only.

All panels for NTTBF 23 will be live captioned by VITAC. Scan the QR code at each room entrance to access this service.

9 a.m.

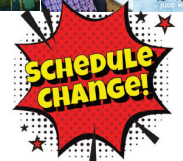
## panel schedule



**GB 1-3 Middle Grade Graphic Takeover!**

**MG**

Ready, set, *get graphic!* Kick off this year's festival with a fun and an interactive draw-off between graphic novelists Nathan Hale, Matthew Holm, Dan Santat and Judd Winick. Hosted by Jennifer Holm.



10 a.m.

panel schedule

GB 1-3 Middle Grade Madness  
Join our MG authors for a round of interactive fun and serious silliness.  
Max Brallier, Julie Buxbaum, Jen Calonita, Alyson Gerber, Stuart Gibbs, Torrey Maldonado, Claribel A. Ortega, Debbie Rigaud, Brian Selznick.

GB 6 I Am Legend  
Legends, myths and folklore from around the world.  
Adrianna Cuevas, Laekan Zea Kemp, Natalie C. Parker, Julian Randall, Jenna Yoon; moderated by Marcus Green.

GB 7-8 Who Am I?  
Finding your identity.  
Rebecca Balcárcel, Nicole D. Collier, Kate DiCamillo, Matthew Holm, James Ponti, Dan Santat, Jasmine Warga moderated by Courtney Walker.

11 a.m.

GB 1-3 Get a Clue  
All aboard the Mystery Machine!  
Julie Buxbaum, Adrianna Cuevas, Elizabeth Eulberg, Stuart Gibbs, James Ponti; moderated by Stephanie Galvan Russell.

JB D We Are Family  
Family means everything.  
Rebecca Balcárcel, Nicole D. Collier, Karina Yan Glaser, Stacey Lee, Brian Selznick, Jasmine Warga, Jenna Yoon; moderated by Amanda Hunt.

GB 7-8 Ready, Set, Draw!  
Illustrators go head to head in a drawing off.  
Nathan Hale, Matthew Holm, Kazu Kibuishi, Dan Santat, Judd Winick; moderated by Jennifer L. Holm.

MR 8 Even Stranger Things  
Slip into the supernatural.  
J. Elle, Laekan Zea Kemp, Rex Ogle, Claribel A. Ortega, Natalie C. Parker; moderated by Melissa Silerio.

Noon

GB 1-3 Screen Time  
Read before you watch.  
Kate DiCamillo, Jennifer L. Holm, Matthew Holm; moderated by Tristian Evans.

JB D Remixed  
Giving old stories a glow up.  
Jen Calonita, Stacey Lee, Sarah Mlynowski, James Riley; moderated by Ashley Leffel.

Noon continued

panel schedule

GB 7-8 Spotlight on Amulet  
Celebrating 15 years of this beloved series.  
Kazu Kibuishi.

JB A-B Let's Go!  
Adventures with friends.  
Dhonielle Clayton, Stuart Gibbs, Hugh "H. D." Hunter, Julian Randall; moderated by Destiny Vandeput.

MR 8 Sidelined  
Play by your own rules.  
Rebecca Balcárcel, Alyson Gerber, Torrey Maldonado, Jasminne Mendez; moderated by Ian Pearce.

MR 9 And the Rest is History  
Without books, history is silent.  
Nathan Hale, Jennifer A. Nielsen, Steve Sheinkin; moderated by Melissa Prycer.

1 p.m.

GB 1-3 Middle Grade Madness 2.0  
Family Feud style.  
Nicole D. Collier, Adrianna Cuevas, J. Elle, Karina Yan Glaser, Sarah Mlynowski, Jennifer A. Nielsen, James Ponti, James Riley.

JB A-B Out of this World  
We are not alone.  
Julie Buxbaum, Jennifer L. Holm, Hugh "H. D." Hunter, Jasmine Warga, Judd Winick; moderated by Tristian Evans.

GB 7-8 Graphix Celebration  
Chat, draw and have loads of fun learning about upcoming graphic novels with the team at Graphix from Scholastic.

JB D Picture This!  
Highly illustrated stories.  
Max Brallier, Nathan Hale, Claribel A. Ortega, Brian Selznick, Steve Sheinkin; moderated by Deborah Zeman.

2 p.m.

GB 1-3 Spellbound  
Do you believe in magic?  
Jen Calonita, Dhonielle Clayton, J. Elle, Sarah Mlynowski, Debbie Rigaud, James Riley, Angie Thomas; moderated by Courtney Walker.

JB A-B Shivers and Screams  
Books that give goosebumps.  
Elizabeth Eulberg, Laekan Zea Kemp, Julie Murphy, Natalie C. Parker; moderated by Stephanie Galvan Russell.

GB 6 Hope Wins  
Inspiring stories.  
Max Brallier, Stuart Gibbs, Karina Yan Glaser, James Ponti; moderated by Rose Brock.

JB C Tell Your Story  
Writing from experience.  
Alyson Gerber, Torrey Maldonado, Jasminne Mendez, Rex Ogle, Dan Santat; moderated by Rachel Reeves.

2 p.m. continued

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**AUTHOR SIGNINGS BEGIN AT 3:30 P.M.**  
in the first floor Exhibit Hall.  
Prep books while waiting in line. Volunteers have a supply of sticky notes and pens to assist.  
The NTTBF Book Sales area also contains pre-signed books from visiting authors. Check it out!



- Mandy Aguilar**, Irving Public Library
- Corine Barberena**, Irving Public Library
- Jill Bellomy**, Highland Park ISD
- Dr. Rose Brock**, Sam Houston State University
- Caron Ervin**, Duncanville ISD
- Brandi Grant**, Frisco ISD
- Amanda Hipp**, Irving Public Library
- Angie Mahalik**, retired Coppell ISD
- Ian Pearce**, Scholastic Publishing
- Kristin Treviño**, Irving Public Library
- Amanda Trowbridge**, Keller ISD
- Melissa Silerio**, Mansfield ISD
- Milissa Vo**, Lewisville ISD
- Stacy Wells**, Southlake Public Library

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A Collection of Inspiring Stories for Young Readers

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Adam Gidwitz · Karina Van Glaser  
Veera Hiranandani · Hena Khan  
Gordon Korman · Janae Marks  
Sarah Mlynowski · Rex Ogle  
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**REBECCA  
BALCÁRCEL**  
10 A.M. GB 7-8  
11 A.M. JB D  
NOON MR 8




**MAX BRALLIER**  
10 A.M. GB 1-3  
1 P.M. JB D  
2 P.M. GB 6






**JULIE BUxbaUM**  
10 A.M. GB 1-3  
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**JEN CALONITA**  
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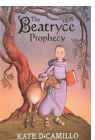

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**NICOLE D. COLLIER**  
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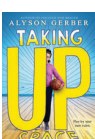
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**NATHAN HALE**  
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**MATTHEW HOLM**  
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NOON GB 1-3



**HUGH "H.D."  
HUNTER**  
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**LAEKAN ZEA  
KEMP**  
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**KAZU KIBUSHI**  
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**STACEY LEE**  
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**SARAH  
MLYNOWSKI**  
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**JULIE MURPHY**  
2 P.M. JB A-B



**JENNIFER A.  
NIELSEN**  
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**REX OGLE**  
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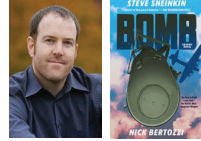
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NOON JB A-B



**DEBBIE RIGAUD**  
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2 P.M. GB 1-3



**STEVE SHEINKIN**  
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**JAMES RILEY**  
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**JENNA YOON**  
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