

2020 OFFICIAL PROGRAM

THE CLEVELAND BOOK FESTIVAL



DECEMBER 4TH 2020 | 10:00AM

VIRTUAL EVENT

10:00-10:15 WELCOME TO #CLEREADS

A few words from the #CLEReads Funding Committee, Sponsors, and Honored Guests

Director Felton Thomas, Cleveland Public Library

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10:30-11:10 LOVE TO SEE IT: CRAFTING THE PERFECT-ISH RELATIONSHIP

Join our authors as they discuss all things love story!



Brittany Cavallaro

Muse



Jessie Ann Foley

You Know I'm No Good



Emily Henry

Beach Read



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Early Departures

11:25-12:05 TO BE HONEST: THE POLITICS OF BLENDING FACT AND FICTION

Join our authors as they discuss the intersection of fiction and fact in literature.



Adib Khorram

Darius the Great
Deserves Better



Randy Ribay

Patron Saints of
Nothing



Aida Salazar

Land of the Cranes



Jasmine Warga

Other Words for
Home

Moderator: [Bailey Capelle](#)

12:20-1:00: YES IT'S A TROPE AND I LOVE IT: AN EXPLORATION OF FAVORITE CLICHES, CHARACTERIZATIONS, AND CONFLICTS

Join our authors as they discuss their favorite literary tropes.



Dhonielle Clayton
The Everlasting Rose



Sarah Enni
Tell Me Everything



Nonieqa Ramos
The Truth Is

Moderator: Erica Marks

1:15-1:55: LOW-KEY LEVITY: INFUSING LOVE, LAUGHTER, & LIGHT INTO DIFFICULT STORYTELLING

Join authors Angie Thomas & justin a. reynolds in a fireside chat on love and laughs.



Angie Thomas
Concrete Rose



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Early Departures

2:10-2:50: BEYOND OUR BORDERS: ADVOCATING ACTIVISM THROUGH LITERATURE

Join our authors in a candid discussion of activism via the printed page.



Kim C. Johnson
This Is My America



Dr. Ibram X. Kendi
How to Be Anti-Racist



Dr. Yusef Salaam
Punching the Air



Ibi Zoboi
Punching the Air

2:50-3:00: CLOSING REMARKS

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