

Colson Whitehead, Jay McInerney, Trevor Noah coming to Miami Book Fair 2016



Colson Whitehead, shown here in 2012, will discuss his new novel, "The Underground Railroad," at the 2016 Miami Book Fair. (Phil Velasquez / Chicago Tribune)



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The Miami Book Fair won't officially release its 2016 schedule until Sept. 15, but an early look at the list of attending authors reveals another strong slate of novelists, journalists, nonfiction writers, graphic novelists and celebrities. The festival has already announced its opening-night lineup for Sunday, Nov. 13, with Univision anchor Jorge Ramos and "The Daily Show" host Trevor Noah set to discuss their respective new books, "Sin Miedo: Lecciones de Rebeles" and "Born a Crime," in separate appearances. Eion Colfer, the children's book author and creator of the best-selling "Artemis Fowl" series, will help to kick off the 33rd annual fair, which again will take place on the downtown Wolfson Campus of Miami Dade College.

The weeklong event will continue with a decent share of bold-faced names appearing as part of the "Evenings With ..." series, among them "Good Wife" actor Alan Cumming, hot-blooded political commentator James

Carville and New York Times columnist and incurable nickname-giver Maureen Dowd. Fiction lovers may be more attracted to the weekend's Festival of Authors, featuring more than 500 writers and boasting veteran novelists such as T.C. Boyle, Joyce Carol Oates and Russell Banks, and rising literary talents such as Claire Vaye Watkins and Ben Winters.

Jay McInerney, whose 1984 debut "Bright Lights, Big City" made him famous at the age of 29, will return to the fair with "Bright, Precious Days," his third novel in a series about the marriage of a well-to-do couple in Manhattan. Colson Whitehead, whose novel "The Underground Railroad" recently became the latest selection in Oprah's Book Club, should draw a sizable audience. Marlon James, whose 2015 appearance ranks among the most hilariously profane and entertaining in the fair's history, will return to promote the paperback edition of his Man Booker Prize-winning "A Brief History of Seven Killings."

Other names to look for on the schedule: Colombian writer Juan Gabriel Vasquez, Miami-raised novelist Jennine Capo Crucet, Fort Lauderdale memoirist-novelist Diana Abu-Jaber, Rolling Stones biographer Rich Cohen and pioneering graphic novelist Art Spiegelman. We'll have more on the fair in the weeks to come.

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