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Who's coming to Miami Book Fair?



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Politics, theater, history, literature: If you're interested in any of these subjects, the Miami Book Fair's "Evenings With..." programs have got you covered.

The schedule isn't fully fleshed out yet — it's missing key spots on Nov. 15 and 16 — but here's what you can look forward to once the fair opens on Nov. 13 (with Trevor Noah, Eoin Colfer and Jorge Ramos).

A full schedule of writers for the 33rd annual fair will be released mid-September (we already know Colson Whitehead, author of “The Underground Railroad,” plans to attend).

Nov. 14

6 p.m.: **James Carville**, “We’re Still Right, They’re Still Wrong: The Democrats’ Case for 2016.” We’ll know by then whether political consultant Carville made his case successfully or not. Either way, he will undoubtedly have plenty to say about Election 2016.

8 p.m.: **Alan Cumming**, “You Gotta Get Bigger Dreams: My Life in Stories and Pictures.” The Broadway and TV star (“Cabaret” and “The Good Wife”), also the author of the memoir “Not My Father’s Son,” offers up a light-hearted look at his life and career via photos and essays.

Nov. 15

8 p.m.: **Maureen Dowd**, “The Year of Voting Dangerously: The Derangement of American Politics.” The political columnist offers another chance to play political “I told you so” or “You were *so* wrong.”

Nov. 16

6 p.m.: **Tavis Smiley**, “Before You Judge Me: The Triumph and Tragedy of Michael Jackson’s Last Days.” The talk show host takes readers on a journey into the months leading up to the performer’s death.

Nov. 17

6 p.m.: **Annette Gordon-Reed** and **Peter S. Onuf**, “Most Blessed of the Patriarchs: Thomas Jefferson and the Empire of the Imagination.” Historian Gordon-Reed, who won a Pulitzer Prize for her work on the Hemings family of Monticello, and Jefferson scholar Onuf examine the life of our third president, minus those snappy “Hamilton” tunes (you can be forgiven if the chorus of “What’d I Miss?” just flitted through your head).

8 p.m. **Jeffrey Toobin**. “American Heiress: The Wild Saga of the Kidnapping, Crimes and Trial of Patty Hearst.” The legal analyst revisits one of the most fascinating stories of the 1970s.

Nov. 18

6 p.m.: “An Evening with the National Book Awards Finalists and Winners.” No telling who will show up at this event, since the NBA hasn’t announced its list yet. But for the past two years, this night has been a must-see for its bite-sized introductions to novelists, poets, historians, graphic novelists and nonfiction writers.

IF YOU GO

What: Miami Book Fair

When: Nov. 13-20

Where: Miami Dade College, 300 NE Second Ave., Miami

Tickets: “Evenings With...” tickets are \$15 and go on sale to Friends of the Fair Oct. 24 and Oct. 31 to the general public. Tickets to Trevor Noah are \$40 and include a copy of his memoir “Born A Crime” and go on sale to everyone Sept. 20. To purchase tickets visit miamibookfair.com



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