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BOOKMARKS ANNOUNCES AUTHOR LINEUP FOR 2017 FESTIVAL OF BOOKS AND AUTHORS

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (July 20, 2017) Bookmarks has announced that its 13th Festival of Books and Authors will take place September 7 – 10 in downtown Winston-Salem. Bookmarks' Festival continues to be the largest annual book festival in the Carolinas. More than 45 authors will visit Winston-Salem over the course of the four days. Festival authors will visit with 5,000 students in Triad schools on Friday, Sept. 8, meeting with pre-K through college-aged students.

Thursday's Kick Off on Sept. 7 celebrates and brings awareness to literacy with Foothills' Craft Happiness IPA Project. This event will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. at Foothills Brewing at 638 West Fourth Street. Foothills' newest creation, Bookworm IPA, will be premiered with author sightings throughout the evening. Friday, Sept. 8 features yoga with Jessamyn Stanley (author of *Every Body Yoga*) at 8 a.m. in the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts at 251 North Spruce Street. Tickets are required and are \$12 per person (includes a yoga session led by Jessamyn and a copy of *Every Body Yoga*). Friday night at 7 p.m., enjoy a Girls Night Out with Jancee Dunn (author of *How Not To Hate Your Husband After Kids*) at the Art for Art's Sake Center for the Arts, 630 North Liberty Street. Tickets are required and are \$20 per person (includes Raffaldini wine, shopping after hours, and a copy of *How Not To Hate Your Husband After Kids*).

Eat and Greets will also be held throughout the weekend. On Saturday, Sept. 8 at 11:30 a.m. Jamie Ford (author of *House on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*) will have an Eat and Greet at the Hanesbrands Theatre at 209 North Spruce Street. A ticket is required and are \$35 per person (includes a box lunch and a copy of his new book *Love and Other Consolation Prizes*). On Saturday, Sept. 9, join John Feinstein (author of *Backfield Boys* – for ages 12+) at 8:30 a.m. at Calvary Moravian Church Fellowship Hall, 600 Holly Avenue (entrance off Poplar Street). Tickets are required and are \$35, which includes breakfast and a copy of *Backfield Boys*. Join the Lee Brothers (authors of *Princess Pamela's Soul Food Cookbook*) for brunch on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the Old Salem Visitor Center at 900 Old Salem Road. Tickets are \$45 and include a copy of *Princess Pamela's Soul Food Cookbook: A Mouth-Watering Treasury of Afro-American Recipes* with a breakfast inspired by the cookbook's recipes prepared by California Fresh Catering.

Sunday, Sept. 10's Closing Keynote will feature perennial bestselling author Janet Evanovich (author of *Dangerous Minds: A Knight and Moon Novel*). This event will take place at 4 p.m. at R. J. Reynolds Auditorium at 301 N. Hawthorne Road. Tickets are \$14 (general admission); \$26 (includes a hardcover copy of *Dangerous Minds: A Knight and Moon Novel*); and \$60 (premier seating and a copy of *Dangerous Minds* – \$35 is tax deductible).

Tickets for these events will go on sale August 1 and can be purchased by visiting www.bookmarksn.org or calling 336-747-1471.

Saturday's events (from 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.) are free and feature author sessions, various reading related exhibitors, food trucks, and creative activities for children. These events will take place at the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts and the surrounding areas on Spruce, Poplar, and Holly Streets in downtown Winston-Salem. Special panel discussions will be held entitled: Celebrating the NC Arts Council's 50th Anniversary, Superheroes, Southern Fiction, Alexander Hamilton, Civil War Fiction; as well as a Flash Fiction Writing Workshop; K-12 Summer Reading Program Celebration; and—back by popular demand—NC Writers' Network presents Slush Pile Live! This interactive event is for aspiring writers to get immediate feedback on their work from editors and agents.

The following is a list of the authors who will appear at the Saturday, September 9 free Festival of Books (see attached for author bios).

Fiction Authors: Steve Cushman, Jamie Ford, Kathleen Grissom, Allan Gurganus, Linnea Hartsuyker, Christina Henry, Patti Callahan Henry, Robert Hicks, Sherrilyn Kenyon, Margaret Maron, Jill McCorkle, Sarah McCoy, Robin Sloan, Daren Wang, Stephanie Powell Watts, Lisa Wingate

Nonfiction Authors: Garth Callaghan, Andrew Carroll, Jancee Dunn, Marc Lamont Hill, Dara Kurtz, The Lee Brothers, Joan Nathan, Andrés Reséndez, Jessamyn Stanley, Beverly Tatum

Children's Book Authors: John Claude Bemis, Angela Dominguez, Michael Fry, Alan Gratz, Teri Kanefield, Grace Lin, Jason Reynolds, Javaka Steptoe, Matt Tavares

Young Adult Authors: Leigh Bardugo, Martha Brockenbrough, Megan E. Bryant, John Feinstein, Jeff Zentner

Poets and Storytellers: Jill Bialosky, Mitch Capel (Gran'daddy Junebug storyteller), Jaki Shelton Green

Slush Pile Live! Agents and Editors: Steve Kirk, Robin Miura, and Julia Smith

On July 8 of this year, Bookmarks opened a new home for the literary arts at 634 West Fourth Street #110. This expansion will allow Bookmarks to double its annual outreach with a space that includes an independent bookstore featuring dynamic event space as well as office and

meeting space for Bookmarks. This new space allows Bookmarks to offer additional in-house programming, educational outreach, and collaboration with schools and other organizations to host unique and educational literary events, in furtherance of Bookmarks' mission of connecting readers with authors and books. The new home is being incorporated into the Festival footprint and expanded programming will be held at Calvary Moravian Church.

Bookmarks is so grateful to the community for their amazing support. It could not do all that it does without the support of individuals, foundations, and sponsors. The Festival's 2017 Top Sponsors are: The Dash, *The Winston-Salem Journal*, *Our State*, the Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, Fidelity Investments, The Millennium Fund, Wake Forest University, and Salem Towne Retirement Community.

Bookmarks is a literary arts nonprofit organization that engages, inspires, and connects readers with authors and books. This is achieved through the largest annual free book festival in North and South Carolina; Triad-based author talks; and the Authors in Schools program, which will reach over 8,000 students in 2017. Visit bookmarksnc.org for a schedule and more information. Full schedule available by August 1 on the website with printed brochures available August 10.

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Bookmarks 2017 Festival Biographies

Leigh Bardugo is the #1 *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of *Six of Crows*, *Crooked Kingdom*, and the Grisha Trilogy. She was born in Jerusalem, grew up in Los Angeles, graduated from Yale University, and lives and writes in Hollywood. *Wonder Woman: Warbringer* is a coming-of-age story of the world's greatest superheroine. Ages 12 +

John Claude Bemis is the author of *The Wooden Prince*, the Clockwork Dark trilogy, *The Prince Who Fell from the Sky*, and *Flora and the Runaway Rooster*. He received the Excellence in Teaching Award from UNC Chapel Hill and served as NC's Piedmont Laureate. *The Lord of Monsters* is the second in the Out of Abaton series, a middle grade retelling of Pinocchio. Ages 9-12

Jill Bialosky received her MFA from University of Iowa Writer's Workshop. She is the author *Subterranean* and *The End of Desire*, poetry collections, and *House Under Snow* and *The Life Room*, novels. She co-edited the anthology *Wanting A Child*. Her work appears in *The New Yorker*, *Paris Review*, and *American Poetry Review*. Her memoir is *Poetry Will Save Your Life*.

Martha Brockenbrough is a powerful storyteller and narrative voice, the author of the critically acclaimed young adult novels *The Game of Love and Death* and *Devine Intervention*. *Alexander Hamilton, Revolutionary* is a richly illustrated young adult biography of Founding Father, first United States Secretary of the Treasury, the face of the \$10 bill, and subject of a hit Broadway musical.

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Megan E. Bryant got her start as a children’s book editor and now writes for children. She has produced hundreds of storybooks, chapter books, easy readers, and board books. Her debut young adult novel, *Glow*, uncovers a century-old romance and the haunting true story of the Radium Girls, young women who used radioactive paint to make the world’s first glow-in-the-dark products—and ultimately became radioactive themselves.

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Garth Callaghan doesn’t know how long he has to live. But he can be certain of one simple thing: no matter his fate, his daughter will have a handwritten note tucked inside her lunchbox each day until she graduates from high school. His daughter helped to inspire the *Napkin Notes* blog and book, which has been featured on media across the country.

Mitch Capel, known as Gran’daddy Junebug, is a storyteller and recording artist. He has been featured at the National Storytelling Festival and the Smithsonian’s Folklife Festival. He was Artist-in-Residence at The International Storytelling Center and was invited by the Smithsonian to perform for the inauguration of Barack Obama. He received the Zora Neal Hurston Award, the National Association of Black Storytellers’ highest honor. All ages

Presented by the University Libraries at UNC Greensboro with support from the Pam & David Sprinkle Children’s Author and Storyteller Series Fund

Andrew Carroll is the founding director of the Center for American War Letters at Chapman University. He edited *The New York Times* bestsellers, *War Letters* and *Behind the Lines*, as well as *Operation Homecoming*, the inspiration for the Emmy-winning documentary. *My Fellow Soldiers: General Pershing and the Americans Who Helped Win the Great War*, is an intimate portrait of General Pershing.

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Steve Cushman earned his M.A. from Hollins University and his M.F.A. in Creative Writing from UNC Greensboro. The recipient of a Central Piedmont Regional Artist grant from the United Arts Council of Greensboro, his debut novel, *Portisville*, was the winner of the 2004 Novello Literary Award. He also has published two poetry chapbooks and a short story collection. His third novel is *Hopscotch*.

Angela Dominguez was born in Mexico City, raised in Texas, and now teaches at the Academy of Art University. She writes and illustrates children’s books including two American Library Association Pura Belpré Illustration Honor recipients: *Maria Had a Little Llama* and *Mango, Abuela, and Me* (written by Meg Medina). Her debut middle grade novel, *Stella Díaz Has Something to Say*, comes out January 2018. Ages 8–12

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Jancee Dunn is the *New York Times* bestselling author of five books, including the rock memoir *But Enough About Me*, and co-author of *Cyndi Lauper: A Memoir*. A long-time staff writer at *Rolling Stone*, she now writes for *The New York Times* and *Parents*. *How Not To Hate Your Husband After Kids*, is part memoir and part self-help with actionable, achievable, and funny advice.

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Janet Evanovich is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the Stephanie Plum series, the Knight and Moon series, the Fox and O'Hare series, the Lizzy and Diesel series, the Alexandra Barnaby novels and Troublemaker graphic novel, and *How I Write: Secrets of a Bestselling Author*. Evanovich's newest book is *Dangerous Minds: A Knight and Moon Novel (Knight and Moon #2)*. The irrepressibly charming duo of Emerson Knight and Riley Moon returns in another gripping mystery. Evanovich will deliver the Closing Keynote on Sunday, September 10.

John Feinstein is the *New York Times* bestselling author of 35 books, including the top bestselling sports books of all time. A writer for *The Washington Post*, Feinstein has been inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and The National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame. His forthcoming young adult book is *Backfield Boys*. Ages 12+

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Jamie Ford is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Willow Frost* and *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, which was an IndieBound NEXT List Selection and a Pennie's Pick at Costco. Named #1 Book Club Pick for Fall 2009/Winter 2010 by the American Booksellers Association, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* has been translated into 35 languages. His new novel is *Love and Other Consolation Prizes*.

Michael Fry, a cartoonist for over 30 years is the co-creator and writer of *Over the Hedge* comic strip, which was turned into a Dreamworks film featuring the voices of Bruce Willis and William Shatner. His middle grade book, *How to Be a Supervillain*, follows Victor Spoil who comes from a long line of supervillains but lacks a single bad-guy bone in his body! Ages 8-12

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Alan Gratz is the author of many critically acclaimed books for children and teens, including *Samurai Shortstop*, an ALA Top Ten Book for Young Adults; *Prisoner B-3087*; *The Brooklyn Nine*; and the League of Seven trilogy. A former teacher, his books frequently appear on the NC Battle of the Books list. Gratz has two new novels are *Ban This Book* and *Refugee*. Ages 10+

Jaki Shelton Green's work has been published in *The Crucible*, *Essence Magazine*, and *Black Gold: An Anthology of Black Poetry* among others. Green received the 2003 NC Award for

Literature, the 2007 Samuel Talmadge Ragan Award for contributions to the Fine Arts of NC, and the 2009 inaugural NC Piedmont Laureate. In 2014, she was inducted into the NC Literary Hall of Fame.

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Kathleen Grissom was born and raised in Saskatchewan and now is happily rooted in south-side Virginia, where she and her husband live in the plantation tavern they renovated. She is the author of *The New York Times* bestselling, *The Kitchen House*, and most recently *Glory Over Everything*.

Allan Gurganus is a NC Literary Hall of Fame inductee and author of *The Practical Heart*, *White People*, *Local Souls*, *Decoy: A Novella*, and *Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All*, which spent eight months on *The New York Times* bestseller list. Adaptations of his fiction have earned four Emmys. *The Erotic History of a Country Baptist Church* will be published in 2019.

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Linnea Hartsuyker received her MFA in Creative Writing from NYU and a BS in Material Science and Engineering from Cornell University. Through a family ancestry project, she learned that Harald Fairhair (Harfagr), the first king of Norway, is one of her ancestors. Those explorations led to her recently published debut novel, *The Half-Drowned King*. Ages 12+

Christina Henry is the author of the award-winning and bestselling Chronicles of Alice duology, *Alice* and *Red Queen*, a dark and twisted take on *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, and the national bestselling author of the Black Wings series. Her newest book, *Lost Boy: The True Story of Captain Hook*, is an origin story of Captain Hook from *Peter Pan*. 12+

Patti Callahan Henry is a *New York Times* bestselling author of 12 novels, including her newest, *The Bookshop at Water's End*. A multiple nominee for the Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance (SIBA) Novel of the Year, her work has been named an Indie Next Pick and OKRA pick, a finalist in the Townsend Prize for Fiction.

Robert Hicks is the *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author of *The Widow of the South* and *A Separate Country*. A lifelong collector, Hicks was the first Tennessean to be listed among *Art & Antiques'* Top 100 Collectors in America. *The Orphan Mother*, is an epic tale of one remarkable woman's quest for justice in the years following the Civil War.

Marc Lamont Hill is an award-winning journalist, academic, author, activist, and television personality. The host of BET News, as well as a political contributor to CNN, Dr. Hill is currently the Steve Charles Professor of Media, Cities, and Solutions at Temple University. His newest book is *Nobody: Casualties of America's War on the Vulnerable, from Ferguson to Flint and Beyond*.

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Teri Kanefield is an appellate lawyer and the award-winning author of *The Girl from the Tar Paper School*; *Rivka's Way*; *Guilty? Crime, Punishment, and the Changing Face of Justice*; and *Alexander Hamilton: The Making of America*, a Junior Library Guild Selection. Her writing has appeared in publications as diverse as *Education Week*, *Scope Magazine*, *The Iowa Review*, *Cricket Magazine*, and *The American Literary Review*. Ages 10+

Sherrilyn Kenyon is an award-winning author regularly at #1 on *The New York Times* bestseller list. More than 70 million copies of her books are in print across the world. She is the author of the Chronicles of Nick series, a spin off series for young adults from her bestselling adult paranormal romance books in the Dark-Hunter, Dream-Hunter, Were-Hunter, and Hellchaser universe. Her newest book for adults is *Dragonsworn*.

Stephen Kirk has worked for over 20 years as a book editor. This experience of witnessing an occasional publishing success amid an avalanche of failures gave him the idea for *Scribblers: Stalking the Authors of Appalachia*, in which he observes unpublished, self-published, and genre writers in a small but vigorous authors' town made famous by the likes of Thomas Wolfe, O. Henry, Carl Sandburg, and others.

Dara Kurtz is the creator of the popular blog *Crazy Perfect Life* and a frequent contributor to *The Huffington Post*. *50 Ways to Crush Cancer* is an honest account, laced with humor and inspiration of 50 specific tips based on her first-hand experience to make life a little easier if you or someone you love is faced with a cancer diagnosis.

Matt Lee and his brother, **Ted**, grew up in Charleston, SC. They have a cable TV show, *Southern Uncovered with The Lee Bros*, contribute to *Travel + Leisure* and *Southern Living*, and their first cookbook, *The Lee Bros. Southern Cookbook*, received a James Beard award. Their new book is a reissued, upsized edition of *Princess Pamela's Soul Food Cookbook: A Mouth-Watering Treasury of Afro-American Recipes*.

Grace Lin, the bestselling author and illustrator, won the Newbery Award for *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, and the Theodor Geisel Honor for *Ling and Ting*. She was recognized at the White House as a Champion of Change for Asian American and Pacific Islander Art and Storytelling for her middle grade novel, *When the Sea Turned Silver*, a 2016 National Book Award Finalist. Ages 6-12

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Margaret Maron is the bestselling mystery author of the Deborah Knott series. In 2008, she received the NC Award for Literature and in 2016, was inducted into the NC Literary Hall of Fame. The Mystery Writers of America has named Maron a Grand Master – a designation first bestowed on Agatha Christie. *Take Out*, is a thrilling new mystery in her Detective Sigrid Harald series.

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Jill McCorkle is the author of four collections of short stories and five novels, including *The Cheer Leader*, *July 7th*, and *Life After Life*. Her writing has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *The Southern Review*, and *The Norton Anthology of Short Fiction*. She has received numerous awards including the New England Bestsellers Award, the John Dos Passos Prize, and the NC Award for Literature.

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Sarah McCoy is the bestselling historical fiction author of *The Baker's Daughter*, *The Time It Snowed in Puerto Rico*, and *The Branch of Hazel*. Her work has been featured in *Real Simple* and *The Huffington Post*. *The Mapmaker's Children*, follows Sarah Brown, daughter of abolitionist John Brown, who, realizing her artistic talents could help save lives, becomes one of the Underground Railroad's leading mapmakers.

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Robin Miura is the Press Director and Prose Editor of Carolina Wren Press. A graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, she has worked as an editor and publishing consultant since 2000. Miura has worked with publishers including Algonquin Books, Oxford University Press, University of North Carolina Press, and River City Publishing. She is the founding editor for *South Writ Large* online magazine.

Joan Nathan won James Beard Awards for her cookbooks *Jewish Cooking in America* and *The New American Cooking*. She hosted the nationally syndicated PBS series *Jewish Cooking in America with Joan Nathan*, and contributes frequently to *The New York Times*. *King Solomon's Table: A Culinary Exploration of Jewish Cooking from Around the World* showcases a culinary tradition more than three thousand years old.

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Andrés Reséndez, a historian specializing in colonial Latin America who teaches at the University of California, Davis published *A Land So Strange* and *Changing National Identities at the Frontier*. *The Other Slavery: The Uncovered Story of Indian Enslavement in America* is the sweeping story of the enslavement of tens of thousands of Native Americans across the country to the early twentieth century.

Jason Reynolds received the Coretta Scott King–John Steptoe Award for New Talent for *When I Was the Greatest*, and Coretta Scott King Honors for both *The Boy in the Black Suit* and *All American Boys* (co-written with Brendan Kiely). His new book, *Patina*, is a continuation of his middle grade Track series, which began with *Ghost*, a National Book Award finalist. Ages 8-12

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Robin Sloan studied economics at Michigan State University where he co-founded a literary magazine called *Oats*. He has worked in various media positions including with Poynter, Current TV, and Twitter. *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* was published to national acclaim and was a book club favorite. Sloan splits his time between San Francisco and the Internet. His new novel is *Sourdough: A Novel*.

Julia Ridley Smith's short stories have appeared in *American Literary Review*, *Arts and Letters*, *Carolina Quarterly*, *Greensboro Review*, and *storySouth*, among others. She was a Tennessee Williams Scholar in fiction at the Sewanee Writers' Conference and is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and Sarah Lawrence College. She joined Bull City Press in September, 2015.

Jessamyn Stanley, a yogi who breaks all stereotypes, has built a life as an internationally recognized yoga teacher and award-winning Instagram star. She combines a deep understanding for yoga with a willingness to share her personal struggles in a way that touches everyone who comes to know her. She brings her body-positive, emotionally uplifting approach to yoga in *Every Body Yoga*.

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Javaka Steptoe is an award-winning artist, designer, and illustrator. *In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall*, won the Coretta Scott King Award and *Jimi: Sounds Like a Rainbow* received a Coretta Scott King Honor. *Radiant Child* is a visually stunning picture book biography about modern art phenomenon Jean-Michel Basquiat that won the 2017 Randolph Caldecott Medal and 2017 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award, among others. Ages 4–9

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Beverly Tatum is a clinical psychologist and former president of Spelman College. The author of the National Association of Multicultural Education's Multicultural Book of the Year, *Why are all the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?*, Dr. Tatum's new book is *Assimilation Blues: Black Families in a White Community, Can We Talk About Race? And Other Conversations in an Era of School Resegregation*.

Matt Tavares is the author-illustrator of 17 books, including *Becoming Babe Ruth* and *Growing Up Pedro*. His work has received multiple awards, including three Parents' Choice Gold Awards, and two of his books have been named ALA Notable books. His new picture book, *Red and Lulu*, combines the magic of New York City and the real meaning of the holiday season. Ages 4–7

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Darren Wang is the Executive Director of the AJC Decatur Book Festival. Before launching the festival, he had a 20-year career in public radio with a focus on books and authors. His first novel, *The Hidden Light of Northern Fires* is the remarkable, but little-known, true history of the only secessionist town north of the Mason Dixon Line.

Stephanie Powell Watts' *We Are Taking Only What We Need* won the Ernest J. Gaines Award, while her short fiction has received a Pushcart Prize and been included in *Best New Stories from the South*. *No One is Coming to Save Us* follows a successful native son's return to his NC home and his attempt to join the only family he ever wanted.

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Lisa Wingate, the bestselling author of more than 20 novels, has won or been nominated for the Pat Conroy Southern Book Prize, the Oklahoma Book Award, the Christy Award, and the Utah Library Award. Americans for More Civility gave Wingate the National Civics Award which celebrates figures whose work promotes greater kindness in American life. *Before We Were Yours* is a 2017 OKRA pick.

Jeff Zentner lives in Nashville, Tennessee. He came to writing through music, starting his creative life as a guitarist, becoming a guitarist who sang, and then a guitarist who wrote songs. He became interested in writing for young adults after volunteering at the Tennessee Teen Rock Camp and Southern Girls Rock Camp. He is the author of the William C. Morris Award winning and Carnegie Medal longlisted book *The Serpent King* and the newly released *Goodbye Days*. Ages 12+