



Penguin
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Panel & Signing Schedule for
BOOKCON 2026

SATURDAY
Apr 18

Tickets are required for all Penguin Random House Booth signings.

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IN-BOOTH SIGNINGS

11:00 AM Table 1
Ransom Riggs (*Sunderworld*) & **Melissa de la Cruz** (*Sibylline*) **Books for Sale**
Fantasy

11:30 AM Table 2
Olivia Belle (*On Thin Ice*) & **KT Hoffman** (*The Prospects*) **Free Book Giveaway**
Sports Romance

12:00 PM Table 1
TJ Alexander (*A Gentleman's Gentleman*) **Free Book Giveaway**
Romance

12:45 PM Table 2
Jodi Picoult (*By Any Other Name*) **Books for Sale**
Romance

1:00 PM Table 1
Piper Lawson (*Crash Course*) & **Alexandra Kennington** (*Drown the Bones*) **Free Book Giveaway**
Sports Romance
Fantasy

1:30 PM Table 2
Natan Last (*Across the Universe*) **Free Book Giveaway**
Non-Fiction

2:00 PM Table 1
Brooke Averick (*Phoebe Berman's Gonna Lose It*) **Free Advance Copy**
Fiction

2:30 PM Table 2
Jasmine Guillory (*The Wedding Date*) **Free Book Giveaway**
Romance

3:00 PM Table 1
Cindy Pham (*The Secret World of Briar Rose*) & **Charlotte B. Plumb** (*Reap & Sow*) **Free Book Giveaway**
Fantasy

3:30 PM Table 2
Bal Khabra (*Revolve*) & **Stephanie Archer** (*Behind the Net*) **Free Book Giveaway**
Sports Romance

4:00 PM Table 1
Elizabeth Lam (*Fishbone Cinderella*) & **Delilah S. Dawson** (*Books & Bewitchment*) **Free Book Giveaway**
Fantasy

4:30 PM Table 2
Sarah Beth Durst (*The Faraway Inn*) & **Angela Montoya** (*Carnival Fantástico*) **Books for Sale**
Romantasy
Gift with Purchase

5:00 PM Table 1
Aymann Ismail (*Becoming Baba*) **Free Book Giveaway**
Memoir

5:30 PM Table 2
Moniquill Blackgoose (*To Shape a Dragons Breath*) & **Kiersten White** (*Hide*) **Free Book Giveaway**
Del Rey

6:00 PM Table 1
B.K. Borison (*And Now, Back to You*) **Books for Sale**
Romance

6:30 PM Table 2
Imani Erriu (*Heavenly Bodies*) **Free Book Giveaway**
Fantasy

PANEL & POST-PANEL SIGNINGS

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
SIGNING Jodi Picoult (*Hollow Bones*)
RESERVATION REQUIRED
Author Autographing (Hall 1A-B)

11:00 AM
PANEL Classic Retellings with a Modern Twist
Featuring Elizabeth Lim (*Fishbone Cinderella*) and others!
Rooms 1A01-02
POST-PANEL SIGNING: 12:15 PM | Hall 1A

PANEL The Power of Storytelling: The Joy of Queer Escapism and a Celebration of Trans and NB Voices
Featuring Kate Bornstein (*Gender Outlaw*) and others!
Room 1A23-24 (Hall 1A-B)
POST-PANEL SIGNING: 12:15 PM | Hall 1A

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM
SIGNING Cassandra Clare (*The Last King of Faerie*)
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Author Autographing Table 23 (Hall 1A-B)

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SATURDAY PANEL & POST-PANEL SIGNINGS

Continued

12:30 PM

PANEL Dazzling Debuts

Featuring **Cindy Pham** (*The Secret World of Briar Rose*) and others!
Room 402

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 1:45 PM | Hall 1A

12:45 PM

PANEL Murder, She Wrote: Thriller Writing and the Art of Suspense

Featuring **Lisa Springer** (*Who's All Going (to Die)?*), **Isha Raya** (*You'll Never Forget Me*), and others!

Rooms 408-410

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 2:00 PM | Hall 1A

1:00 PM

PANEL Penning the Perfect Atmosphere: Creating the Riveting Worlds and Emotions of Speculative and Fantasy Novels

Featuring **Alexis Henderson** and others!

Room 405

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 2:15 PM | Hall 1A

1:45 – 3:15 PM

SIGNING Cassandra Clare (*The Last King of Faerie*)

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Author Autographing Table 23 (Hall 1A-B)

PANEL World Building and How it Shapes the Romance in Romantasy

Featuring **Jean Kwok** (*Dominion*) and others!

Rooms 1A23-24

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 3:00 PM | Hall 1A

2:30 PM

PANEL Then/Now: The Evolution of Your Career Since That 1st Book

Featuring **Melissa de La Cruz** (*Sibylline*) and others!

Main Stage

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 3:45 PM | Hall 1A

PANEL Getting to Second Base and Beyond: The Winning Thrills of Sports Romance

Olivia Belle (*On Thin Ice*), **KT Hoffman** (*The Prospects*), **Piper Lawson** (*Crash Course*), and **Lynn Painter** (*Maid for Each Other*)

Rooms 1A21-22

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 3:45 PM | Hall 1A

PANEL Freedom to Read

Featuring **Kiersten White** (*Hide*), **Ava Reid** (*Lady Macbeth*), and others! Moderator: **David Levithan** (*The Fight of Our Lives*)

Room 1A01-02

*POST-PANEL SIGNING: 3:45 PM | Hall 1A

*Also includes **Gabriel Duckles** (*The Fight of Our Lives*)

3:15 PM

PANEL Reimagining the Mask: From MASQUERADE to "Our Strange Duet"

Featuring **Erin A. Craig** (*Our Strange Duet*) and others!

Rooms 1A01-02

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 4:30 PM | Hall 1A

3:30 – 5:00 PM

SIGNING Jodi Picoult (*Hollow Bones*)

RESERVATION REQUIRED

Author Autographing (Hall 1A-B)

4:00 PM

PANEL First Loves, Next Chapters: A Look at YA and New Adult Romance

Featuring **Jennifer Iacopelli** (*Finding Her Edge*), **KL Walther** (*We're a Bad Idea, Right?*), and others!

Rooms 1A01-02

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 5:15 PM | Hall 1A

PANEL Romance Beyond Reality

Featuring **Jill Tew** (*An Ocean Apart*), **Amalie Howard** (*Lady Knight*), and others!

Rooms 1A21-22

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 5:15 PM | Hall 1A

SIGNING Jasmine Guillory (*Flirting Lessons*)

RESERVATION REQUIRED

Author Autographing Table 20 (Hall 1A-B)

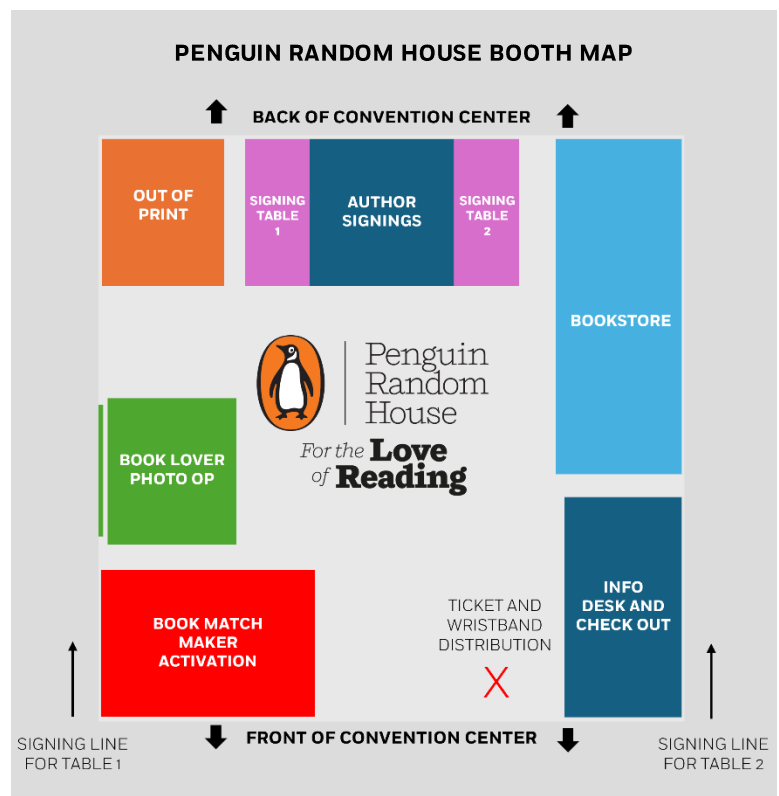
7:30 PM

PANEL PLOT TWIST Podcast: Will Books Survive the Future?

Featuring **Soman Chainani** (*Young World*) and others!

Rooms 408-410

PRE-PANEL SIGNING: 2:15 PM | Hall 1A





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11:00 AM Emily St. John Mandel (<i>Exit Party</i>)	Table 1 Free Advance Copy Fiction
11:15 AM I. V. Marie (<i>Immortal Consequences</i>) & Amélie Wen Zhao (<i>The Dragon and the Sun Lotus</i>)	Table 2 Books for Sale Romantasy Gift with Purchase
12:00 PM Soman Chainani (<i>Young World</i>) & E. Lockhart (<i>The Pools</i>)	Table 1 Free Advance Copy Thriller/Fiction
12:15 PM Ava Reid (<i>Lady Macbeth</i>)	Table 2 Free Book Giveaway Fantasy
1:00 PM Lynn Painter (<i>Maid for Each Other</i>)	Table 1 Books for Sale Romance
1:30 PM Rebecca Lehmann (<i>The Beheading Game</i>)	Table 2 Free Book Giveaway Historical Fiction
2:00 PM Eddie Glaude (<i>America U.S.A.</i>)	Table 1 Free Advance Copy Non-Fiction
2:30 PM Olivia Rose Darling (<i>Fear the Flames</i>) & Elise Kova (<i>A Deal with the Elf King</i>)	Table 2 Free Book Giveaway Romantasy
3:00 PM Adriana Trigiani (<i>The View from Lake Como</i>)	Table 1 Free Book Giveaway Fiction

3:45 PM Matt Dinniman (<i>Operation Bounce House</i>)	Table 2 Books for Sale Fantasy
4:00 PM Riley Sager (<i>The Unknown</i>)	Table 1 Excerpt Giveaway Thriller

PANELS & POST-PANEL SIGNINGS

11:00 AM
PANEL You Had Me at Hockey: A Look at One of Sports Romance's Hottest Genres

Featuring Stephanie Archer (*The Wild Card*) and others!
Room 405

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 12:15 PM | Hall 1A

PANEL The Eras Tour: Fiction Across the Ages

Featuring Rebecca Lehmann (*The Beheading Game*), Jodi Picoult (*Hollow Bones*), Adriana Trigiani (*The View from Lake Como*), and others!

Rooms 408-410

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 12:15 PM | Hall 1A

PANEL Romance in Fantastical Realms: A Spell-inding Look at Love in YA Fantasy & Speculative

Featuring Angela Montoya (*Carnival Fantástico*) and others!
Rooms 1A21-22

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 12:15 PM | Hall 1A

PANEL Dancing with the Dark: Creating Atmospheric Stories with a Critical Lens in Dark Academia, Horror, and Fantasy

Featuring LaDarrion Williams (*Ashes at the Altar*) and others!
Rooms 1A01-02

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 12:15 PM | Hall 1A

12:00 PM
SIGNING Kate Bornstein (*Gender Outlaws*)

RESERVATION REQUIRED

Author Autographing Table 20 (Hall 1A-B)
12:30 PM

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SUNDAY PANEL & POST-PANEL SIGNINGS

Continued

12:15 – 1:45 PM

SIGNING Jodi Picoult (*Hollow Bones*)

RESERVATION REQUIRED

Author Autographing (Hall 1A-B)

12:30 PM

PANEL Curl Up and Get Cozy

Featuring B.K. Borison (*And Now, Back to You*), Sarah Beth Durst (*The Faraway Inn*), and others!

Rooms 1A21-22

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 1:45 PM | Hall 1A

PANEL This is Going to Be Epic: A Look at High Fantasy Fiction

Cassandra Clare (*The Last King of Faerie*)

Room 408-410

RESERVATION REQUIRED

PANEL High Stakes & Heartbreak in Romantasy and Dystopian Worlds

Featuring S.K. Ali (*Golden Flight*), and others!

Rooms 1A01-02

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 1:45 PM | Hall 1A

12:45 PM

PANEL The Language of Love: Crafting Your Favorite Romance Reads

Jasmine Guillory (*Flirting Lessons*)

RESERVATION REQUIRED

Room 405

1:00 PM

PANEL Killer Plots: Writing a Thriller Worth Dying For

Featuring E. Lockhart (*We Fell Apart*), Delilah S. Dawson (*Books & Bewitchment*), Riley Sager (*The Unknown*), Isha Raya (*You'll Never Forget Me*) and others!

Rooms 1A23-24

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 2:15 PM | Hall 1A

1:15 – 2:45 PM

SIGNING Andy Weir (*Project Hail Mary*)

RESERVATION REQUIRED

Author Autographing (Hall 1A-B)

1:45 – 3:45 PM

SIGNING Cassandra Clare (*The Last King of Faerie*)

RESERVATION REQUIRED

Author Autographing Table 23 (Hall 1A-B)

2:00 PM

SIGNING Jasmine Guillory (*Flirting Lessons*)

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Author Autographing Table 20 (Hall 1A-B)

PANEL: Thousand Voices with Jenna Bush Hager

Emma Brodie (*Into the Blue*), Anna McCallie (*Abby Offsides*), and Ariel Sullivan (*Conform*). Moderator: Jenna Bush Hager

Rooms 1A21-22

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 3:15 PM | Hall 1A

PANEL We Tell Our Own Stories: Indigenous Authors Claiming Space and Reimagining the Future

Featuring Moniquill Blackgoose (*To Ride a Rising Storm*) and others!

Room 408-410

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 3:15 PM | Hall 1A

2:30 PM

PANEL The Alchemy of Young Adult Fantasy

Featuring Amélie Wen Zhao (*The Dragon and the Sun Lotus*) and others!

Room 405

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 3:45 PM | Hall 1A

3:00pm

PANEL QUEERLY BELOVED: A Celebration of Love Stories Across Genres

Featuring Dustin Thao (*You've Found Oliver*), TJ Alexander (*A Lady for All Seasons*) and others!

Room 409

POST-PANEL SIGNING: 4:00 PM | Hall 1A

4:00 PM

PANEL Into the World of Romantasy: Exploring the Marriage Between Genres

Featuring Elise Kova (*A Deal with the Elf King*) and others!

Room 405

PRE-PANEL SIGNING: 12:00 PM | Hall 1A

PANEL Page to Screen

Featuring Emily St. John Mandel (*Exit Party*), and Andy Weir (*Project Hail Mary*) and others!

Main Stage

PRE-PANEL SIGNING: 1:15 PM | Hall 1A

BOOK MATCHMAKER ACTIVATION

Grab a Free Book or Advance Copy each day by taking our Book Matchmaker Quiz! What's Your Book Love Language? Find out and get a custom book giveaway.

To participate in the Book Matchmaker activation, you must get a wristband at the info desk within the Penguin Random House booth.

Wristbands will be distributed when the show floor opens at 10:00 AM for morning and afternoon redemption.

One wristband per person, per day

If you would like to take the quiz in advance you can scan the QR below and share your results with a PRH staff member when you get to the front of the line. Otherwise, iPads will be available for your use.



Booth Signings & Giveaway Guidelines

BOOTH SIGNINGS

Tickets are required for all Penguin Random House booth signings.

Ticket Distribution

- **Signings with giveaway materials:**
Tickets are distributed daily at the PRH Info Counter beginning when the show floor opens. Distribution is first-come, first-served.
 - **Signings requiring book purchase:**
Tickets are distributed at the time of purchase, while supplies last.
All giveaways and tickets are available **while supplies last**.
Schedule subject to change. Scan the QR code below for up-to-date information.
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ADA Policy

1. Each morning, tickets will be distributed until the remaining allotment equals the number reserved for ADA attendees who may not be able to access the booth immediately at opening.
 2. Reserved ADA tickets will then be available **only** to attendees with ADA credentials.
 3. Any unclaimed ADA tickets will be released to the public at the start of the signing.
 4. A separate, prioritized line will be created for ADA attendees at each signing.
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Redemption Policy

1. Each signing lasts **45 minutes**. The next signing begins **15 minutes later**.
Ticket holders must arrive within the first **30 minutes** of the signing window.
 2. Due to the back-to-back schedule, standby lines cannot be accommodated.
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Please Note:

PRH staff cannot provide information regarding ticketing or reservations for signings taking place at other booths or in the official autographing area.

BOOK MATCHMAKER ACTIVATION

Wristbands are required to participate.

Wristband Distribution

- Wristbands are available at the PRH Info Desk starting at **10:00 AM** (show floor opening).
 - Valid for either morning or afternoon redemption, as indicated.
 - Limit **one wristband per person, per day**.
 - Available while supplies last.
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 2. Reserved ADA wristbands will then be available **only** to attendees with ADA credentials.
 3. Any unclaimed ADA wristbands will be released to the public **one hour into each session**.
 4. A separate, prioritized line will be created for ADA attendees.
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Redemption Policy

- Wristband holders must arrive within the time window printed on their wristband.