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## **YALLWEST 2020 REBRANDED AS YALLSTAYHOME: OVER 70 BESTSELLING & AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS CREATE A VIRTUAL BOOK FESTIVAL**

**YOUR TOWN, YOUR STATE: YALLWEST** returns for its **sixth year** with more than 70 authors presenting on April 25-26, 2020. The annual gathering typically draws over 20,000 readers to Santa Monica High School, but this year's event will be entirely virtual. The biggest teen and middle grade book festival in the country is going worldwide (web).

Rebranded as YALLSTAYHOME, this free event will feature a weekend of online panel discussions, giveaways, games and more. Special events will surround the festival, with promotions across social media platforms. Additionally, the festival is connecting participating authors with twenty underserved Los Angeles schools for virtual visits via Zoom and providing e-books to their students.

Festival founders and #1 *New York Times* bestselling authors **Margaret Stohl** (*Beautiful Creatures*) and **Melissa de la Cruz** (*The Queen's Assassin*) open the event at **10:00 AM** (PDT) by discussing their decade-long collaboration culminating in their upcoming novel, *Jo & Laurie*. *Starsight* and *Mistborn* series author **Brandon Sanderson** will lead the afternoon keynote at **4:00 PM** (PDT). Saturday closes as **Angie Thomas**, author of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling blockbusters *On the Come Up* and *The Hate U Give*, host the annual YALLWEST SMACKDOWN variety show with **Nic Stone** (*Dear Martin*). **Pseudonymous Bosch** and **Shane Pangburn** host a Middle Grade Storyball on Sunday at **10:00 AM** (PDT). The entire YALLSTAYHOME experience will end with a star-studded lineup of authors reading their earliest writing on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at **5:00 PM** (PDT).

Additional YALLSTAYHOME attending authors include **Cassandra Clare**, **Rainbow Rowell**, **Karen McManus**, **Maureen Johnson**, **Ransom Riggs**, **Victoria Aveyard**, **Marie Lu**, **Roshani Chokshi**, **Mariko Tamaki** and many others (see next page for full line-up). Multiple bestselling authors will appear on the virtual stage for the festival's Saturday opening and closing events.

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> will be a Fierce Friday Preview event from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM (PDT). This event is also free, but registration is required.

Full event schedule and panel registration can be found at [yallwest.com/schedule](http://yallwest.com/schedule).

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**AND MORE TO COME! PLEASE VISIT [WWW.YALLWEST.COM](http://WWW.YALLWEST.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



## 2020 FESTIVAL LINEUP

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Renée Ahdieh	Kami Garcia	Sarah Mlynowski
Melissa Albert	Stuart Gibbs	Lauren Myracle
Becky Albertalli	Holly Goldberg Sloan	Danielle Paige
Elise Allen	Adalyn Grace	Shane Pangburn
Janella Angeles	Shannon Hale	Lewis Peterson
Victoria Aveyard	Frances Hardinge	Rory Power
Gwenda Bond	Carlos Hernandez	Brendan Reichs
Pseudonymous Bosch	Isabel Ibañez	Ransom Riggs
Alexandra Bracken	Jordan Ifueko	Lilliam Rivera
Julie Buxbaum	George M Johnson	Margaret Rogerson
Cecil Castellucci	Leah Johnson	Zan Romanoff
Traci Chee	Maureen Johnson	Rainbow Rowell
Soman Chainani	Mike Johnston	Brandon Sanderson
Roshani Chokshi	Marisa Kanter	Adam Silvera
Dhonielle Clayton	Amie Kaufman	Rachel Lynn Solomon
Ally Condie	Bill Konigsberg	Tara Sim
Mintie Das	Jay Kristoff	Margaret Stohl
Charlotte Nicole Davis	Victoria Lee	Nic Stone
Melissa de la Cruz	David Levithan	Mariko Tamaki
Jennifer De Leon	Alex London	Angie Thomas
Natasha Díaz	Marie Lu	Maggie Tokuda-Hall
Hafsah Faizal	Tahereh Mafi	Sarah Watson
Jennifer Donnelly	Sam Maggs	David Yoon
Simone Elkeles	Karen M. McManus	F.C. Yee
Sarah Enni	Tehlor Kay Mejia	Abigail Hing Wen
Francesca Flores	Shannon Messenger	Tracy Wolff
Romina Garber	Samuel Miller	Nicola Yoon
Stephanie Garber	Bethany C. Morrow	

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