

# Sunday Book & Author Breakfast

8:00 – 9:30am

Sunday, September 30

Hotel Murano – Venice Rooms

The authors will pre-sign copies of their new books, which will be distributed to the breakfast attendees after the event is concluded. (*Tickets required.*)



## Laurie Halse Anderson / *Shout* / Penguin Young Readers

*New York Times* bestselling author Laurie Halse Anderson has won numerous honors and gained countless loyal fans for her young adult novels, including *Speak*, *Wintergirls*, *Fever*, *1793* and *Chains*. Now comes *Shout* (Penguin Young Readers/PRH), Halse Anderson's timely and poetic memoir sure to appeal to young adult and adult readers alike. Written in free verse, *Shout* combines deeply personal stories Anderson has never written about before with calls to action for the #metoo age. Anderson's previous books have sold over 8 million copies combined, tackling difficult issues from slavery to eating disorders. She is the winner of the Scott O'Dell Award for historical fiction, a two-time finalist for the National Book Award, and has been recognized by the ALA with the Margaret A. Edwards Award "for significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature."

## Leif Enger / *Virgil Wander* / Grove Atlantic

*Virgil Wander* (Grove Atlantic/PGW), the first new novel from beloved author Leif Enger in ten years, is sure to be an Indie favorite this fall. The eponymous Virgil runs an old-fashioned movie house in a small Midwestern town, a quiet backwater in need of some hope and revival. When Virgil's car flies off the road and into the icy waters of Lake Superior, he survives, but with language and memory no longer intact. Relying on the help of a colorful cast of local characters, Virgil must reconstruct the pieces of his own past even as he relearns the history and lore of his struggling community. Before the success of his first book, Enger worked as a reporter and producer for Minnesota Public Radio. His debut novel, *Peace Like a River*, won the Independent Publisher Book Award and remains a handsell favorite at many Indie bookstores.



## Ross Gay / *The Book of Delights: Essays* / Algonquin

Award-winning poet Ross Gay makes his nonfiction debut with *The Book of Delights* (Algonquin/Workman), a spirited collection of essays chronicling the small joys and often overlooked delights encountered over the course of one year, from birthday to birthday. Tayari Jones, author of *An American Marriage*, says "Ross Gay's *The Book of Delights* reminds us of the wisdom of old songs: What a difference a day makes. This is a glimpse into a year of an artist's life, dazzling with wit, wisdom and heart." Gay is the author of three previous books of poetry, including *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude*, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award and finalist for the National Book Award. He is a founding board member of a non-profit, free-fruit-for-all food justice project, and is a Guggenheim Fellow.

## Marlon James / *Black Leopard, Red Wolf* / Riverhead

Myth, fantasy and history come together in *Black Leopard, Red Wolf* (Riverhead/PRH), the first volume in Marlon James' epic new Dark Star trilogy. The tale follows a mercenary named Tracker, hired to find a boy who has been missing for three years. Used to working alone, Tracker finds himself in the middle of an eclectic group also on the trail of the boy, traveling through a hostile environment ripe with danger. Neil Gaiman describes *Black Leopard, Red Wolf* as "... a fantasy world as well-realized as anything Tolkien made." Marlon James is the author of several previous novels, including *A Brief History of Seven Killings*, winner of the Man Booker and American Book Awards. Originally from Jamaica, James now lives in Minnesota, where he teaches literature at Macalester College.

