



12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Sunday, October 2

Exhibit Hall



Sara Holbrook



A.G. Howard



Joshua Mohr



Steve Moore

Experience the authors now and remember their books when they hit your shelves in early 2017! These anticipated eight will each have about seven minutes at the podium while booksellers enjoy a box lunch in our show floor pop-up venue. Authors will sign ARCs in the back of the hall following the event.

Box lunches require pre-purchased tickets. Event open to all badge holders, lunch purchase not required.

In **Sara Holbrook's** *The Enemy: Detroit, 1954* (Calkins Creek/Perseus), WWII is over, but the new threat of communism and the Cold War now cast their shadows across America. For 12-year old Marjorie, life is complicated enough living with a father haunted by his war service and a mother with a stash of banned library books. When a new girl transfers into Marjorie's class, a new friendship threatens an old one, leaving Marjorie struggling to understand what true loyalty really means. Sara Holbrook is the author of numerous poetry books for children; *The Enemy*, to be published in March, 2017, is her first novel.

Bestselling young adult author **A. G. Howard** draws on her love of *The Phantom of the Opera* as inspiration for her new novel *RoseBlood* (Amulet/Abrams). Rune Germain may have the voice of an angel, but a mysterious affliction leaves her sick and exhausted after she sings. Hoping for a cure, Rune is sent to the RoseBlood Academy, a boarding school outside Paris housed in a former opera house, and rumored to be haunted. Rune's chance meeting with a mysterious boy will either be her cure, or will mean her final destruction. Howard is also the author of the Splintered series. *RoseBlood* is due January, 2017.

Novelist **Joshua Mohr's** new memoir *Sirens* (Two Dollar Radio/Perseus) is an honest and deeply moving, at times hilarious, chronicle of his years of substance abuse and eventual recovery. Employing the characterization and artful prose for which his novels have been lauded, Mohr traces his childhood swilling fuzzy navel as a latch-key kid, through his first failed marriage, parenthood, heart-surgery, and his everyday struggle against relapse. Mohr is the author of five novels, including *Damascus*, which the *New York Times* called "Beat-poet cool," and most recently, *All This Life*. He has been an instructor with the MFA program at the University of San Francisco, and now lives in Seattle. *Sirens* will be published in January, 2017.

Cartoonist **Steve Moore** introduces a new series for middle readers with *King of the Bench: No Fear!* (Harper). Moore's deadpan humor and wacky black and white drawings featuring Spiro T. Agnew Middle School's perpetual benchwarmer Steve will instantly appeal to fans of *Timmy Failure* and *Big Nate*. Moore is the creator of the nationally syndicated cartoon *Into the Bleachers* and a producer of animated feature films. He lives in Idaho with his three children, a dog, a parrot, and a snake named Tina Fey. *King of the Bench: No Fear!* is due February, 2017 - just in time for spring training.

Hold On, I'm Coming Author Showcase

Jason Rekulak's debut novel *The Impossible Fortress* (S&S) begins with a magazine. It's 1987 and *Playboy* has just published scandalous photographs of *Wheel of Fortune* beauty Vanna White. For three teenage boys who are desperately uneducated in the ways of women, the magazine is somewhat of a Holy Grail: priceless beyond measure and impossible to attain. So they hatch a plan to steal it. Rekulak's story ably combines the sweetness of young love, the confusion of male adolescence, and surprisingly, the allure of computer programming. Jason Rekulak lives in Philadelphia and is the publisher of Quirk Books. *The Impossible Fortress* will be published in February, 2017.



Jason Rekulak

Irish-born Ethel Rohan, internationally renowned short story writer, makes her debut as a novelist with *The Weight of Him* (St. Martin's/MPS), a deeply affecting tale of one man's journey home from loss. "*The Weight of Him* conjures all the grief and regret of a family who has suffered an insurmountable loss. Out of this burning sorrow rises Billy Brennan, a father who attempts the seemingly impossible—to change the world. Ethel Rohan captures a blend of humor and tragedy that is entirely true to family, hometown, and our own private struggles. Poignant and inspiring." —Eowyn Ivey, author of *The Snow Child*. Rohan's work has appeared in many anthologies and journals, including *The New York Times*, *World Literature Today*, *PEN America*, *Tin House Online*, and *The Irish Times*. *The Weight of Him* will be published in February, 2017.



Ethel Rohan

From bestselling author Chevy Stevens comes *Never Let You Go* (St. Martin's/MPS) a new thriller of page-turning suspense. Lindsey Nash has started a new life after her abusive ex-husband has been sent to jail. She thinks she has freed herself from the past, but she cannot shake the feeling that someone is watching her every move. Her ex is the obvious suspect—but what if it's someone else? Stevens is the author of six previous novels, including *Still Missing*, which won the International Thrillers Writers Award for Best First Novel. Chevy Stevens lives on Vancouver Island. *Never Let You Go* will be published in March, 2017.



Chevy Stevens

Gem & Dixie (Balzer + Bray/Harper) is the new novel from renowned young adult author and National Book Award finalist Sara Zarr—a deep, nuanced, and gorgeously written story about the complex relationship between two sisters from a broken home. Gem has grown up taking care of her younger sister Dixie, never able to rely on their addict mother or con artist father. When their father finally does show up, it's just to stash a pile of cash in the house, and the two girls decide to take a chance and break away. Sara Zarr is one of the premier writers of realistic issue-based teen fiction, author of *Story of a Life*, *Once Was Lost* and *How to Save a Life*. She lives in Salt Lake City. *Gem & Dixie* is due April, 2017.



Sara Zarr