



# Cincinnati USA Book Festival

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## The Sequel You Won't Want to Miss! – November 1 Books by the Banks: Cincinnati USA Book Festival

Last year 90 plus authors, 150 volunteers and 1,300 booklovers came together to “celebrate the joy of books and reading.” Just like many great books, a sequel often follows. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Books By the Banks: Cincinnati USA Book Festival, set for Saturday, November 1, will once again be held at the Duke Energy Convention Center.



To get a grasp on this year's event, one need only look at what makes it so “novel.” There's no charge to get in, yet, nowhere else in the region will booklovers find so many noteworthy authors all in one place, all on the same day. From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., attendees can have their



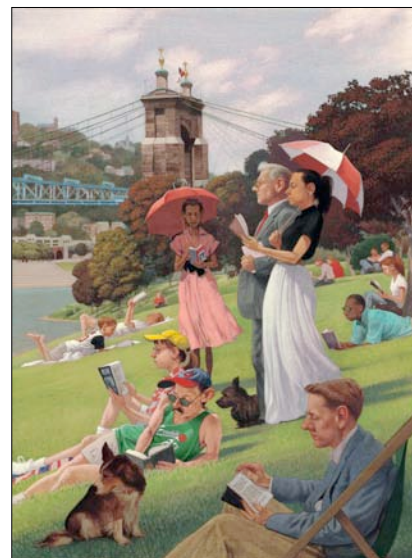
favorite books signed from their choice of dozens of writers and illustrators in the large author pavilion. They can also take in fascinating author panel discussions and readings in the adjoining meeting rooms. Or, they can enjoy family activities in the all new Target Kids' Corner. For more of the story, go to [www.booksbythebanks.org](http://www.booksbythebanks.org).

- **Organizers:** The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Borders Books, CET, *Cincinnati Magazine*, The Mercantile Library, and the University of Cincinnati Libraries
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□ **C.F. Payne:** This artist/illustrator, whose artwork has graced the covers of *Time Magazine*, *Readers Digest*, *Sports Illustrated* and many others (as well as 10 children's picture books including *Micawber* written by John Lithgow), illustrated this year's commemorative Books by the Banks poster. The poster will be available for purchase at the book festival for \$5. **Featured authors on next page** □

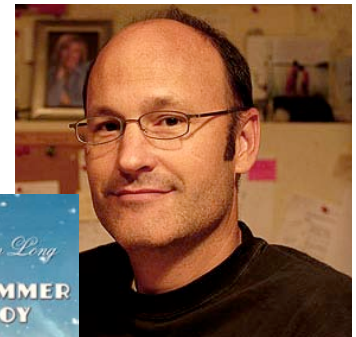


**90+ Featured Authors/Illustrators: Here's a Sample!**

**Anthony Swofford:** □ He served in a U.S. Marine Corps Surveillance and Target Acquisition/Scout-Sniper platoon during the Gulf War. In his *New York Times* bestselling chronicle, *Jarhead: A Marine's Chronicle of the Gulf War*, Anthony weaves his experiences in war with vivid accounts. Next came his unforgettable first novel *Exit A*, a powerful story about a youth spent on a U.S. air base in Japan and the gritty neon streets just outside it.



□ **Jennifer Crusie:** She got sidetracked into writing romance novels after researching her dissertation on the different ways men and women tell stories. Since then, 14 solo romance novels and collaborative works including *Agnes and the Hitman*, have followed earning her a place on the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Publishers Weekly* bestsellers lists.

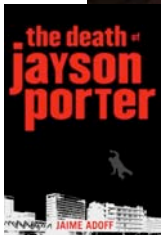


□ **Loren Long:** □ This *New York Times* bestselling illustrator of Watty

Piper's *The Little Engine That Could*, Madonna's *Mr. Peabody's Apples*, has won numerous awards for illustrating children's books. His latest is *Drummer Boy*, which he also wrote.



□ **Jaime Adoff:** He pursued a career in music, before writing his first young adult novel *Names Will Never Hurt Me* in 2004. His latest novel for teens, *The Death of Jayson Porter* has been receiving rave reviews nationwide.

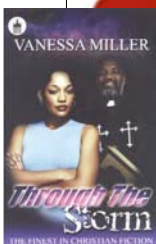


□ **Virginia Willis:** □ As the kitchen director for "Martha Stewart Living Television," producer for "Turner South's Home Plate," and tester/editor for *The All-New Joy of Cooking*,

the author of the new release, *Bon Appetit, Y'All! Recipes and Stories From Three Generations of Southern Cooking*, began her career in Atlanta as an apprentice to Nathalie Dupree.



□ **Vanessa Miller:** This bestselling author and playwright is currently working on the *Live Right or Die Trying* series. Her inspirational novel, *Former Rain*, was listed on the *Essence Magazine* bestsellers when it debuted in 2008. Her latest novel is *Through the Storm*.



□ **Alan Drew:** □ Powerful, emotional, and beautifully written, his stunning first novel, *Gardens of Water*, brings to life two unforgettable families—one Kurdish, one American—and the sacrifice and love that bind them together. He taught English literature at a school in Istanbul, but now teaches fiction writing at Villanova University in Philadelphia.

