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Kids lead the discussion at the upcoming Cool Brains! livestream event with Newbery Honor winner and bestselling author Jacqueline Woodson, who will discuss her book “Before the Ever After.”

Krupa Parikh is associate director of local literacy for the nonprofit Inprint, which hosts the Cool Brains! series that connects young readers with popular authors.

Too often, Parikh says, adults are the ones who interview the authors at middle-grade book events.

She finds middle-grade readers are more engaged when they hear real questions from their peers, which is why the organization solicited videotaped inquiries that will be answered live by Woodson during the virtual event.

Kids who submitted questions received a free copy of the book.

“It really makes the event for them and about them, they’re the center,” Parikh says.

Parikh says the submitted questions, which explore Woodson’s process, inspiration, and character and story development, are thoughtful and inspiring.

“Our literary future is very strong,” she says, adding that some of the inquiries came from budding authors.

In “Before the Ever After,” Woodson — the 2015 Young People’s Poet Laureate — employs the same written-verse style used in her award-winning memoir “Brown Girl Dreaming,” about her experience during the civil rights movement as a child growing up in South Carolina and New York.

Describing Woodson’s written-verse style as “emotionally rich,” Parikh says, “What I like is, I can read a verse and it feels like a nice stand-alone piece, but then everything connects.”

“Every kid is different, I do think her language is the language that they speak, it’s the lens from which they see the world, it’s the language that they connect with,” she continues.

The style is less intimidating on a page for young readers, especially reluctant readers, she says.

“Before the Ever After” is told from the perspective of an adolescent whose pro athlete father is experiencing trauma from head injuries sustained during his football career.

The son grapples with his father’s memory loss and other cognitive and emotional results of the injuries.

“Jackie did not shy away from tough topics,” Parikh says. “I am constantly in awe, especially of kids’ authors … to write these stories for kids that tackle complex subjects but still make the story heartwarming and touching.”

Local independent retailer Blue Willow Bookshop is a Cool Brains! event partner.

Owner Valerie Koehler, who has hosted Woodson at young-reader events through her store, describes her as a powerful public speaker.

“She just really knows how to speak right to them about reading and about writing and about different kids coming from diverse backgrounds,” she says.

Her store’s young audience connects with Woodson’s titles, she says, because the characters are “entirely relatable.”

The written-verse style Woodson uses resonates with young readers, Koehler says, referencing other YA authors who employ it, including Jason Reynolds, Sharon Creech and Elizabeth Acevedo.

For her part, Parikh says Inprint is eager to return to the in-person format for Cool Brains!, which allowed local schools, student groups and other organizations to make use of bus scholarships and book giveaways that brought together middle-grade readers from across the city.

For now, recent virtual event audiences have topped 800 kids, some from outside the United States. The upcoming livestream event will be recorded so teachers can share it in their classrooms in the fall.

“Literature is so powerful at that age in particular,” Parikh says, because reading increases one’s empathy and understanding of the world. “They are just developing who they are, they’re trying to find their identity, their voice … their place in the world.”

Seeing how authors put a young person’s experience into a book or poem makes young readers feel their own story is important and value, she says.

“If you have access to authors,” she continues, “these kids will then become lifelong readers.”

Allison Bagley is a Houston-based writer.
Jacqueline Woodson is among the authors appearing at Houston book events this week

Other featured authors include Yehudi Mercado, Riley Sager, Steven Saylor and Dean "Miranda" James.

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**MONDAY**

**Jacqueline Woodson**: Author will discuss “Before the Ever After” via Inprint’s website; registration required. 4 p.m., [inprinthouston.org](http://inprinthouston.org)
5 Things to Do in Houston This Weekend, June 25-27

Monet, Matisse, and Renoir walk into a bar.

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Jacqueline Woodson

Four-time Newberry Award-winner and kid-lit queen Jacqueline Woodson makes a virtual visit to Houston for a special Inprint Cool Brains! Event this Sunday. During the presentation, the critically acclaimed author of more than 30 award-winning books will read from her new novel, Before the Ever After, and answer questions submitted by her young readers. The new story, which has garnered the Coretta Scott King Author and NAACP Image awards since its release in 2020, follows the same written-verse style as Woodson’s National Book Award-winning autobiographic novel, Brown Girl Dreaming.

**EVENTS**

**SUNDAY**
- Jennifer L. Holm: Author will discuss “The Lion of Mars” as part of Cool Brains! Inprint Readings for Young People. The event will be streamed on Inprint’s website; registration is required. 4 p.m., inprinthouston.org

**MONDAY**
- Matthew Cordell: Author and illustrator will discuss “Bear Island” via Zoom; registration is required. 5 p.m., bluewillowbookshop.com
- Jayne Ann Krentz and Nalini Singh: Authors will discuss “All the Colors of Night” and “Quiet in Her Bones” via Zoom. Event access will be granted with the purchase of either book or $5 ticket. 7 p.m., murderbooks.com

**TUESDAY**
- J. Elle: Author discusses “Wings of Ebony” via Zoom; registration required. 7 p.m., bluewillowbookshop.com
- Hilary Davidson and Susan Elia MacNeal: Authors will discuss their new releases via Murder By The Book’s YouTube page. 7 p.m., murderbooks.com

**WEDNESDAY**
- Peter Sis: Author discusses “Nicky & Vera” via Zoom; registration required. 5 p.m., bluewillowbookshop.com
- Gregg Hurwitz: Author will discuss “Prodigal Son” via Murder By The Book’s YouTube page. 7 p.m., murderbooks.com

**THURSDAY**
- Eliza Jane Brazier and Stephanie Wrobel: Authors will discuss “If I Disappear” and “Darling Rose Gold” via Murder By The Book’s YouTube page. 7 p.m., murderbooks.com

**FRIDAY**
- Kate Weinberg: Author will discuss “The Truants” via Murder By The Book’s YouTube page. 1 p.m., murderbooks.com
- Kelly Rippon: Author will appear in conversation with Adam Rippon to discuss “Parent Up” via Zoom; registration is required. Tickets, $19-$29, include a copy of the book and a signed bookplate. 2 p.m., bluewillowbookshop.com

**SATURDAY**
- Courtney LeBlanc: Writespace Houston is hosting a virtual “Sip & Slam” reading event with poet Courtney LeBlanc; watch via Facebook Live as she reads from her work and answers questions from the audience. 7 p.m., writespacehouston.org

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Poet Courtney LeBlanc

*Courtesy photo*
Jennifer L. Holm is among the authors appearing at book events this week

Virtual book discussions to check out this week.

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SUNDAY

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**SUNDAY**

**Chris Grabenstein:**
Author will discuss “The Smartest Kid in the Universe” as part of Cool Brains! Inprint Readings for Young People. The free event will be streamed on Inprint’s website; registration is required. 4 p.m., inprinhouston.org

**MONDAY**

**Darci Wilde:** Author will discuss “A Lady Compromised” via Murder By The Book’s YouTube page. 7 p.m., murderbooks.com

**Cara Black:** Authors will discuss “The Opium Prince” and “Three Hours in Paris” via Murder By The Book’s YouTube page. 7 p.m., murderbooks.com

**TUESDAY**

**Jasmine Aimaq and Paige Shelton:** Author will discuss “Blowing My Way to the Top” via Crowdcast. 7 p.m., bluewillowbookshop.com

**WEDNESDAY**

**Paige Shelton:** Author will discuss “Cold Wind” via Murder By The Book’s YouTube page. 7 p.m., murderbooks.com

**THURSDAY**

**Special Virtual Storytime:** Author Laura Gehl will join Valerie Koehler to celebrate Hanukkah and share her book, “Happy Llamakkah!” via Blue Willow’s Facebook Live stream. 10 a.m., bluewillowbookshop.com

**Anne Bogel:** Author will be in virtual conversation with Valerie Koehler to discuss book clubs, holiday gift suggestions and her book, “Don’t Overthink It,” via Blue Willow’s Facebook page. 7 p.m., bluewillowbookshop.com

**Jeff Lindsay:** Author will discuss “Fool Me Twice” via Murder By The Book’s YouTube page. 7 p.m., murderbooks.com

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**By Yvette Benavides**

Rod Davis puts his PI Jack Prine to the test in the brutal thriller “East of Texas, West of Hell.”

By Rod Davis

The title alone of Rod Davis’ new novel is enough to set one thinking thickly and intractably in the odyssey that takes him from New Orleans to stop in Georgia. From then to South Carolina. He stops at last in Texas, including in Dallas. He has an Atlanta address that would be better left unmentioned.

The worst of the bunch is Topper, his rival. To flush out the girl, he finds out he is living under an assumed name.

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There are many scenes of brutal violence and death he hadn’t foreseen.

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The worst of the bunch is Topper, his rival. To flush out the girl, he finds out he is living under an assumed name.

With very little hope, Jack starts out. He is a thrill-a-minute tale, but Jack is not a femme fatale, as he descends into a thickly and intractably.

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It is hard for him to say no to other, readers who enjoyed Davis’ previous book, “South, America” will fall in love with this novel. The hero is a perspective and remorseful man who Bonus was his box hat would be better left unmentioned.

Perhaps he has nothing left to lose.

Along the way, he encounters the whites up supremacists who emerges as exceptionally diabolical cast of characters, including avictimized dumps, mounted human skeletons and more.

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The next Inprint Cool Brain! Series for kids is this Sunday, November 14 at 4pm and is a free virtual event featuring 2020 Newbery Medal winner Jerry Craft, author and illustrator of the middle-grade New York Times bestsellers New Kid, Class Act, and several other works. You must pre-register here in order to get the viewing link.

Craft says he made books he wish he had as a kid -- "a substantial snapshot of the interior life of boys, especially Black boys who are too often not afforded such attention, love, and care." (Horn Book Magazine) He recently made national headlines when Katy Independent School District canceled a virtual appearance by him and took his books off library shelves because a small but vocal group of community members took issue with his work. Although the event was later reinstated and the books were restored to library shelves, the need to heighten awareness of free speech and ensure that Houston-area kids and families have access to excellent books like Jerry Craft’s is important.

Click on the photo for more details.
2020 Newbery Medal winner Jerry Craft recently made national headlines after Katy ISD canceled (and later reinstated) his virtual appearance due to concerns raised about the subject matter of his books.

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Jerry Craft will have a short conversation with Houston YA author Liara Tamani, and then respond to video messages/questions submitted by kids. To receive a free copy of *Class Act*, send videos via email to info@inprinthouston.org by Wednesday, November 10, 12 pm CT. For free tickets, details on how to submit videos, and more information, visit inprinthouston.org.
Inprint Cool Brains! Jerry Craft Livestream Event

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For free tickets and more information, visit inprinthouston.org.
Whether it’s BLACKOUT at The Dock Bookshop or Let Go of the Day at the Fort Worth Public Library, this week and every week, we have the most comprehensive listing of bookish goings-on (& online as long as social distancing lasts) including book and author events, festivals, story times, readings, workshops, and lectures in the Lone Star State.

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Event SpotLIGHT

COOL BRAINS! Featuring Jacqueline Woodson!
Hey kids! The 2020/2021 Inprint Cool Brains! Reading Series invites you to a free livestream event featuring New York Times bestseller and four-time Newbery Honor winner Jacqueline Woodson on Sunday, June 27, 4 pm CT. Jacqueline is the author of more than 30 award-winning books for children, including Brown Girl Dreaming, After Tupac and D Foster, Feathers, and Show Way. According to the MacArthur Foundation, “Woodson gives diverse readers an opportunity to see themselves reflected in literature and encourages all readers to look beyond their own experiences and see the beauty in other human beings.”

In her new middle-grade novel-in-verse, Before the Ever After, Woodson tells the story of a twelve-year-old boy whose life quickly turns from charmed to tragic after his pro-football player dad sustains a series of head injuries. Kirkus calls it “a poignant and achingly beautiful narrative that sheds light on the price of a violent sport” and Shelf Awareness adds, “Woodson’s text may be spare, but it has the emotional wallop of an offensive tackle.”

For free tickets, details on how to submit video questions/messages, and more information, visit inprinthouston.org.
KidsOutAndAbout Houston Newsletter
June 24, 2021

In-person events in and around Houston this weekend

VIRTUAL events this weekend
VIRTUAL events next weekend

Local Summer Camps
Virtual Summer Camps
Local Private Schools
Local Preschools & Day Cares

Add your organization and events to our calendar (It's FREE to do so!)

Free tickets to the Inprint Cool Brains! Series featuring Jacqueline Woodson on Sunday, June 27

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For free tickets and more information, visit inprinthouston.org.
What to Do in Houston Today, June 26-July 7, 2021

Plan your weekend! The things to do in Houston today, June 26-July 7, 2021, are listed below.

Main Street Theater invites you to Junie B.'s Essential Survival Guide to School.

Also, the Inprint Cool Brains! Series invites you to a special livestream event featuring four-time Newbery Honor winner Jacqueline Woodson. Woodson will give a presentation about her new middle-grade book, Before the Ever After, and respond to video questions submitted by kids. For free tickets and more information, visit inprinthouston.org.

And on Tuesday, get Buy One Get One Free Admission to the Downtown Aquarium.

Find the full list of things to do, brought to us by our sponsor Inprint Cool Brains! Series, below.

Sunday, June 27, 2021:

- Junie B.'s Essential Survival Guide to School - 3:30pm - Main Street Theater at MECA at TBH
- Cool Brains! Readings for Young People, Jacqueline Woodson - 4:00pm - Inprint Online
- Skeeters vs Oklahoma City - 6:05pm - Constellation Field
Summer Fun Guide for Houston Kids

Best Campgrounds near Houston: RV and Tent Camping for Texas Families

Best Free Splash Pads and Spraygrounds around Houston

Pick-Your-Own Farms in Houston: Strawberry and Berry Picking

Hotel Pools around Houston that Offer Day Passes for Families

35+ Things We Can't Wait To Do with Houston Kids this Summer

Houston Summer Camp Guide
Inprint invites you to a free live virtual event featuring four-time Newbery Honor winner Jacqueline Woodson.

Jacqueline will give a presentation about her new novel, *Before the Ever After*, and then respond to video messages/questions submitted by kids.

Hey kids, send in short video messages/questions for Jacqueline Woodson to be included in the live event! Kids who send in a video will receive a free copy of *Before the Ever After*.

– Videos should be no longer than 30 seconds.
– Videos can include a question for Jacqueline about her new novel *Before the Ever After*, about her life as a writer, or a general message about what her books mean to you.
– Begin the video with your name, your school,

View more

**ADMISSION INFO**

This event is free, but registration is required at [inprinthouston.org](http://inprinthouston.org).

Please note that this livestream event will be viewable directly on the Inprint website. The link to view the reading will be provided to those that order a free ticket in the ticket receipt from Eventbrite.

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BOOKISH TEXAS

FOR THE WEEK OF 01.17.2021

Whether it's We're Better Than This at the Dallas Public Library or What's Worth Keeping at Blue Willow, this week and every week (as long as social distancing lasts), we have the most comprehensive listing of bookish goings-on including book and author events, festivals, story times, readings, workshops, and lectures in the Lone Star State.

(*This week, there are 55+ events, including four in-person events and five ongoing on-site exhibits.)

PLAN YOUR WEEK

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Event SpotLIGHT

The 2020/2021 Inprint Cool Brains! Reading Series invites you to blast off to Mars at a free live virtual event featuring three-time Newbery Honor recipient Jennifer L. Holm, sharing her new middle-grade novel The Lion of Mars on January 24, 4 pm CT.

Though Jennifer completed The Lion of Mars before the pandemic began, the book tells the story of how a regular kid living on Mars must save the day when a virus infects all the grown-ups in the colony.

For a chance to be featured in the live stream and receive a free copy of The Lion of Mars, have your kids send in short video questions/messages for Jennifer to info@inprinthouston.org.

For free tickets and more information, visit inprinthouston.org
What to Do in Houston Today, January 23-31, 2021

The things to do in Houston today, January 23-31, 2021, are listed below.

All week, participate in the Virtual MATCH Family Day. This year the event will be online but it still offers lots of family friendly entertainment.

All week you can also head to the ICE at Discovery Green.

On Saturday, go to Super Saturday at the Downtown Aquarium (and get buy one get one free admission).

On Sunday, reserve your FREE tickets to the Inprint Cool Brains! Reading Series. Blast off to Mars at a free live virtual event featuring three-time Newbery Honor recipient Jennifer L. Holm, sharing her new middle-grade novel The Lion of Mars on January 24 at 4:00pm. Though Jennifer completed The Lion of Mars before the pandemic began, the book tells the story of how a regular kid living on Mars must save the day when a virus infects all the grown-ups in the colony. For a chance to be featured in the live stream and receive a free copy of The Lion of Mars have your kids send in a short video question/message for Jennifer to info@inprinthouston.org.

Get all the details of the things to do in Houston today, with kids, below.
January 19, 2021

Dear GISH PICKS: CURATED CULTURE FOR KIDS & ADULTS reader,

If you're new here, well howdy! Welcome to my weekly blog about Houston arts and culture, plus whatever else I wish to share from my brain. Scroll to the very bottom for more about it.
VIRTUAL FOR KIDS: The 2020/2021 Inprint Cool Brains! Series presents an afternoon with three-time Newbery Honor recipient Jennifer L. Holm, sharing her new middle-grade novel *The Lion of Mars*. The event takes place this Sunday, January 24, 4pm via the Inprint “virtual studio” — get your free tickets here. After her presentation, Holm will respond to video questions/messages submitted by kids and the first 20 kids will receive a free hardcover copy of the book.

*The Lion of Mars* tells the timely tale of how a regular kid living on Mars must save the day when a virus infects all the grown-ups in the colony. Though the novel was written pre-pandemic, Holm’s “delightful space adventure” (Kirkus) has been celebrated as “anti-isolationist at its core” (Publishers Weekly).

Houston: 71 Years of the Contemporary Handweavers of Houston and there will be a live q-and-a from viewers following a tour of the show and a conversation between the artists. The exhibition is on view through March 6; please note that the museum is currently
Inprint invites you to blast off at a free live virtual event featuring New York Times bestselling children's author Jennifer L. Holm giving a presentation about her new novel, The Lion of Mars.

Jennifer L. Holm is a New York Times bestselling children's author and the recipient of three Newbery Medals for her novels Our Only May Amelia, Penny from Heaven, and Turtle in Paradise. She is also the co-creator of the Eisner Award-winning Babymouse series, the Squish series, and the Sunny graphic novels, which she collaborates on with her brother Matthew Holm.

Widely embraced by educators, librarians, and children across the country, Jennifer's novels have struck a chord with all who read her heartwarming and poignant stories, many of which are based on her own life and family.

Free Admission

For free tickets and more information, visit inprinthouston.org.

Please note that this live stream event will be viewable directly on the Inprint website. The link to view the reading will be provided to those that order a free ticket in the ticket receipt from Eventbrite.

Live stream can be viewed at any time for 3 days after the event.

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Official Website

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Videos can include a question for Jennifer L. Holm about her new novel *The Lion of Mars*, about her life as a writer, or a general message about what her books have meant to you.

Begin the video with your name, your school, and what grade you are in.

Send videos via email to info@inprinthouston.org by 12 pm noon, Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

Select videos will be part of the live event for Jennifer to see and respond to.

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*Times, dates, and prices of any activity posted to our calendar are subject to change. Please be sure to click through directly to the organization's website to verify.*
Inprint Cool Brains! Jennifer L. Holm Live Stream Event

January 24, 2021
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Notes regarding time
Live stream can be viewed at any time for 3 days after the event

Description
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Who
Ages 8 - 12

Cost
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How
For free tickets and more information, visit https://inprinthouston.org/event/inprint-cool-brains-jennifer-l-holm-live-stream-event/. Please note that this live stream event will be viewable directly on the Inprint website. The link to view the reading will be provided to those that order a free ticket in the ticket receipt from Eventbrite.
INPRINT LIVESTREAM EVENT

Jerry Craft

Sunday, November 14, 4 pm CT
Interview and Audience Q&A

For free tickets and more information, click here.

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"I make the books I wish I had when I was a kid." — 2020 Newbery Medal winner Jerry Craft

BOOK DISCOUNTS
Our partners at Kindred Stories are offering a 10% discount on Class Act by Jerry Craft. To receive the discount, order your copy of Craft’s new book at www.kindredstories.com using the coupon code CLASSACT.
Hey kids, send in short video messages/questions for Jerry Craft to be part of the livestream event!

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- Videos should be no longer than 30 seconds.
- Videos can include a question for Jerry about his novels *New Kid*, *Class Act*, his other books, about his life as a writer, or a general message about what his books mean to you.
- Begin the video with your name, your school, and what grade you are in.
- Select videos will be part of the livestream event for Jerry to see and respond to.

FREE!

For free tickets, visit inprinthouston.org or call 713.521.2026

*New York Times* bestselling and Newbery Medal winning author of *New Kid*, sharing his sequel *Class Act*
Jerry Craft

Sunday, 4 PM
November 14, 2021

This copy of Jerry Craft's *Class Act* is provided to you by Inprint with the support of H-E-B.
I keep telling myself it’s not too late for me... this is why I love art

"I didn’t grow up with a favorite author, and I think it was because I didn’t see kids of color that represented me and my friends." — @JerryCraft

If your kids have a question for Jerry about #NewKid, #ClassAct, or his creative process, DM us a short video message! 🎥🎥🎥

Show this thread
To be represented in literature is to be heard, validated, and celebrated. 🎉

We can’t wait to hear from Jerry Craft today at 4 pm CT! For free tickets, click here: inprinthouston.org/event/inprint...

Jerry Craft and Houston MAAC

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This was a wonderful treat. The students presented great questions to Mr. Craft, and he answered them brilliantly.

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This weekend, Inprint had an absolute blast with Newbery Medal winner Jerry Craft! Special thanks to @JerryCraft, @liaratamani, Kindred Stories, @HarperCollins, & all the kids who submitted video questions for making this event possible. ❤️❤️❤️
COOL BRAINS! 
READINGS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

INPRINT LIVESTREAM EVENT
Jacqueline Woodson

Presentation and Audience Q&A
Sunday June 27, 2021
4 pm CT

For free tickets, details on how to submit video questions/messages, and more, click here.

Celebrate summer reading! Join INPRINT for a free livestream event featuring New York Times bestselling and four-time Newbery Honor winner Jacqueline Woodson. Jacqueline is the author of more than 30 award-winning books for adults, young adults, and children, including Brown Girl Dreaming, After Tupac and D Foster, Feathers, Show Way, and now her latest Before the Ever After. "Woodson gives serious readers an opportunity to see themselves reflected in literature and encourages all readers to look beyond their own experiences and see the beauty in other human beings" (MacArthur Foundation).

In her new middle-grade novel-in-verse, Before the Ever After, Jacqueline tells the story of a twelve-year-old boy whose life quickly turns from charmed to tragic after his pro-football player dad sustains a series of head injuries. Akins calls it "a poignant and extraordinarily beautiful narrative that sheds light on the price of a violent sport" and Sherr-Arness-a-Schmitt: "Woodson's text may be sparse, but it has the emotional weight of an offensive tackle."

In addition to being a two-time Coretta Scott King Award winner and a National Book Award winner, Jacqueline was named the 2016 Ambassador for Young People's Literature and the 2015 Young People's Poet Laureate.

Hey kids, send in short video messages/questions for Jacqueline Woodson to be included in the live event!

The first 20 kids who send in a video will receive a free hardcover copy of Before the Ever After.

- Videos should be no longer than 30 seconds.
- Videos can include a question for Jacqueline about her new novel Before the Ever After, about her life as a writer, or a general message about what her books mean to you.
- Begin the video with your name, your school, and what grade you are in.
- Select videos will be part of the live event for Jacqueline to see and respond to.
- Send videos via email to info@inprinthouston.org by Wednesday, June 23, 12 pm CT.

BOOK DISCOUNTS: Order a copy of Before the Ever After from our partners at Blue Willow Bookshop and receive a 10% discount. To receive the discount, order the book here and use the coupon code EVERAFTER.

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**FREE!**

For free tickets, visit inprinthouston.org or call 713.521.2026.
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SUNDAY
JUNE 27, 2021
4 PM CT

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LIVESTREAM EVENT
Jacqueline Woodson

inprinthouston There's still time to get your free tickets to today's Inprint livestream event featuring National Book Award winner @jacqueline_woodson, plus a special spoken word performance by Houston Poet Laureate @outspokenbean. Register at the link in our bio!
Jacqueline Woodson Wants Kids To Know The Beauty — And The Danger — Of Football

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inprinthouston "The challenge for me has always been, how do I tell a story for young people and tell it with love, tell it with empathy, and tell it in a way that's not going to break them." — Jacqueline Woodson for @npr
“Our literary future is very strong,” Inprint Associate Director Krupa Parikh tells the @HoustonChron after receiving video questions for Jacqueline Woodson from several budding authors.
Jacqueline Woodson's books make our world bigger & better. 🌍🌍🌍

For more from this MacArthur Fellow, join us on Sunday at 4 pm CT for the next installment of the Inprint Cool Brains! Reading Series. Submit video messages/questions for Jacqueline here: inprinthouston.org/event/inprint—...
Jennifer L. Holm

New York Times bestselling children’s author of Our Only May Amelia, Penny from Heaven, and Turtle in Paradise, sharing her new book The Lion of Mars

FREE!

SUNDAY
JANUARY 24, 2021

4 PM CT

LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT
Viewable directly on the Inprint website

For free tickets and more information, visit inprinthouston.org
Hey kids, send in a short video message for Jennifer L. Holm to be included in the live event! The first 20 kids to send in a video will receive a free copy of *The Lion of Mars*.

- Videos should be no longer than 30-seconds.
- Videos can include a question for Jennifer L. Holm about her new novel *The Lion of Mars*, about her life as a writer, or a general message about what her books have meant to you.
- Begin the video with your name, your school, and what grade you are in.
- Send videos via email to info@inprinthouston.org by 12 pm noon, Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

For free tickets and more information, visit inprinthouston.org or call 713.521.2026
Jennifer L. Holm

SUNDAY, 4 PM
JANUARY 24, 2021

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Jennifer L. Holm’s timely new book, The Lion of Mars, tells the story of how a regular kid living on Mars must save the day when a virus infects all the grown-ups in the colony. 🚀 To attend our free Inprint Cool Brains! reading on Sunday, click here: inprinthouston.org/event/inprint-...
inprinthouston Inprint invites you to a free live virtual reading on January 24th featuring Jennifer L. Holm, a three-time Newbery Honor recipient for her middle-grade novels Our Only May Amelia, Penny from Heaven, and Turtle in Paradise. Widely embraced by educators, librarians, and children across the country, Jennifer's
Are you searching for a feel-good story this Sunday? Gather around today at 4 pm CT to hear Jennifer L. Holm talk about The Lion of Mars and the power of friendship. 👋🏻👋🏻👋🏻 See you soon!

For 15% off, get your copy of The Lion of Mars from inprinthouston.
Chris Grabstein

New York Times bestselling kids author of the Lemoncello and Wonderland series, sharing the first book in a new series The Smartest Kid in the Universe

FREE!

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 6, 2020
4 PM CT

LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT
Viewable directly on the Inprint website

For free tickets and more information, visit inprinthouston.org
INPRINT LIVE STREAM EVENT

Chris Grabenstein

Sunday
December 6, 2020
4 pm CT

To watch live stream click here at event start time

You are receiving this message because you ordered tickets to watch the Inprint Cool Brains! Series Live Stream event featuring award-winning New York Times bestselling children’s author Chris Grabenstein with his new book The Smartest Kid in the Universe.

As a reminder, the live stream virtual event takes place tomorrow, Sunday, December 6, at 4 pm Central Time. To watch the live event click on this link. The event will be viewable on this Inprint webpage at the scheduled start time. Refresh your browser if you have visited this page previously.

EMAIL QUESTION: Hey kids, if you did not get a chance to send in a video question for Chris Grabenstein email a question by 1 pm CT tomorrow (Sunday, December 6) and we may be able to ask Chris your question during the event. Email your question to info@inprinthouston.org. We’ll send copies of Chris’s new book The Smartest Kid in the Universe to the first five people who email in a question.

BOOK DISCOUNTS

Order a copy of The Smartest Kid in the Universe from Blue Willow Bookshop and receive a 15% discount. To receive the discount, order the book here and use the coupon code SMARTEST.
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What if you could learn everything you needed to know just by eating jellybeans? Gather around on Sunday at 4pm for a lively presentation from Chris Grabenstein on where his ideas for books like The Smartest Kid in the Universe come from. Click here to register: https://inprinthouston.org/event/inprint-cool-club-the-smartest-kid-in-the-universe/
INPRINT LIVE STREAM EVENT
Lois Lowry

Sunday
October 11, 2020
4 pm Central Time

For free tickets and information click here

Featuring two-time Newbery Medal winner Lois Lowry, author of more than 40 books for kids, including The Giver and Number the Stars, talk about The Willoughbys Return, the sequel to The Willoughbys, now a popular Netflix film. About it, Rinsefjall says, “Lowry exaggerates and gently mocks the conventions of old-fashioned fiction, while capturing readers with her sure-handed storytelling and wry wit.”

Lowry will make a presentation about The Willoughby's Return and respond to video messages/questions submitted by kids.

Hey kids, send in a short video message for Lois Lowry to be included in the live event!

- Send videos via email to info@inprinthouston.org by 9 am on Thursday, October 8th.
- Videos should be no longer than 30 seconds.
- Videos can include a question for Lois Lowry about The Willoughbys, The Willoughbys Return, her life as a writer, or a general message about what Lowry's books have meant to you.
- Begin the video with your name and what grade you are in.
- Select videos will be part of the live event for Lowry to see and respond to, and those selected will receive a free copy of The Willoughby's Return.

Order your copy of The Willoughbys and The Willoughbys Return from Blue Willow Bookshop here.
Lois Lowry

Featuring two-time Newbery Medal winner Lois Lowry, author of more than 40 books for kids, talking about *The Willoughbys Return*, the follow up to *The Willoughbys*, now a popular Netflix film

FREE!

LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT

Viewable directly on the Inprint website

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 11, 2020

4 PM CT

Have a question or message for Lois Lowry? Submit a short video to be included in the live event! Record a 30-second video of yourself and email it to info@inprintheartsonline.org by Tuesday, October 6. Videos can be questions for Lois Lowry about *The Willoughbys* and *The Willoughbys Return*, her other work, her life as a writer, or a more general message about what Lowry’s books have meant to you. Please begin the video with your name and grade level. Select videos will be showed during the live event for Lowry to see and respond to, and those selected will receive a free copy of *The Willoughbys Return*.

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