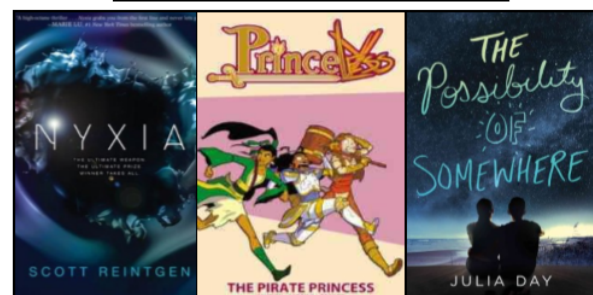


# Teen Book Festival



## Teen Book Festival Authors 2020



### Celia C. Perez



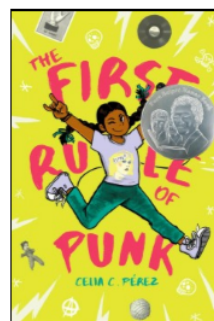
Celia C. Perez's book, *The First Rule of Punk*, is on this year's middle school Battle of the Books list. She lives in Chicago with her family. When she is not writing she works as a librarian.

#### *The First Rule of Punk*

Malú O'Neill-Morales moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts 7th grade with a bang—violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.

#### *Strange Birds*

After Ofelia, Aster, Cat, and Lane fail to persuade a local girls club to change an out-

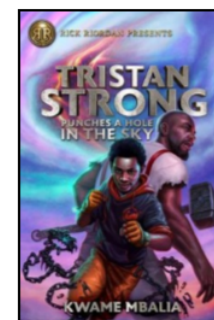


### Kwame Mbalia

Kwame Mbalia is a New York Times best-selling author. When he's not writing he enjoys cartwheels and dancing. He lives in North Carolina.



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#### *Tristan*

**Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky**  
Tristan Strong tumbles into the Mid-Pass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped

in the sky.



### Allan Wolf

Allan Wolf is a poet and author of young adult books. His book, *The Watch that Ends the Night*, has been a Battle of the Books pick in recent years! When he's not writing, he is

memorizing poems. He lives in rural North Carolina.

#### *The Watch That Ends the Night*

Recreates the 1912 sinking of the Titanic as observed by millionaire John Jacob Astor, a beautiful young Lebanese refugee finding first love, "Unsinkable" Molly Brown, Captain Smith, and others including the iceberg itself.



## Scott Reintgen



Scott Reintgen is a science fiction author of the series, *Nyxia*. He is an award-winning educator and lives in Hillsborough, NC.

### *Nyxia*

Emmett accepts an interstellar space contract but learns en route that to win the promised fortune he and nine other recruits face a brutal competition, putting their very humanity at risk.

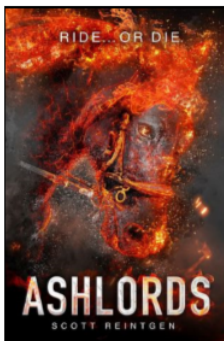


### *Saving Fable*

Indira can't believe her luck when she's finally chosen to travel to Fable and study at the renowned Protagonist Preparatory, a school known for producing the best heroes. But Indira's dreams of achieving hero status don't exactly go as planned.

### *Ashlords*

Every year since the Ashlords were gifted phoenix horses by their gods, they've raced them. In this year's Races, eleven riders will compete, but three of them have more to lose than the rest.



## Jeremy Whitley



Jeremy Whitley is a comics author of the award-winning series, *Princeless*. He was a regular writer for *My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic*. He currently lives in Durham, NC with his family.

### *Princeless*

Locked in a tower with her sisters and tired of waiting to be rescued by a prince, Princess Adrienne, her sidekick Bedelia, and her guardian dragon Sparky begin a quest to save themselves.



## Julia Day



Julia Day is an award-winning YA author of romance books. She enjoys traveling and watching dance shows on TV. She lives in North Carolina.

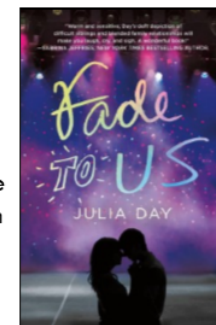


### *The Possibility of Somewhere*

Although on opposite sides of every social hierarchy their friends and families can imagine, including race, class, and social status, Ash Gupta and Eden Moore grow close as they compete to become class valedictorian.

### *Fade to Us*

Brooke's summer plans change when her new stepfather and autistic stepsister, Natalie, move in. Things get complicated when Brooke starts to fall



Teen Book Fest: Thurs. March 5 5:30-7:30pm DSA Media Center 400 N. Duke St.  
To come, you have to sign-up at <https://events.durhamcountylibrary.org/event/3705604>

**BARNES & NOBLE** will be selling the authors' books at the event, so bring \$ and get author signatures!