Conference Update 4/13/16
Saturday Keynote Luncheon:
Tickets Are Now Available!

Join Our Facebook Event for the 2016 Agents & Editors Conference!

One of our very favorite events during the A&E Conference weekend is the Saturday Keynote Luncheon. A wonderful break in the middle of a full-day of sessions, the luncheon is an opportunity to enjoy a nice meal, sit for a spell and talk to fellow writers and visiting guests, and be inspired by a great speaker. Each year, we welcome an accomplished author to share their perspective with our attendees, and finding the perfect person to invite is something we give highest priority to. Not only is Benjamin Alire Saenz a writer who has worked across categories (as a poet and novelist), but he's also a much respected professor of creative writing and someone who has proven to be a generous mentor and friend to aspiring writers. And he's a Texas author, to boot.

Just when we thought our Saturday plans...
We want to get to know you better...
Have you sent us your information?

By now you should have received an email from us with a link to our easy breezy 7 questions Google form. If you haven't yet responded, please do so - your answers will help us as we start planning the program. If you haven't received the email, please let us know by writing us at conference (at) writersleague (dot) org.

Featuring PEN/Faulkner Fiction Prize-Winning Author
Benjamin Alire Saenz

"The Crooked Road Less Traveled: Me, My Writing, and the Publishing World"

Saturday Keynote Cocktail Speaker:
Jenny Lawson

Saturday, June 25 5:30 pm
Saturday, June 25, 2016
12:15 pm to 1:45 pm
Hyatt Regency Texas Ballroom

FREE to all Conference Registrants!

$40 per ticket - Open to conference registrants only!*  

This is a ticketed event and seating is limited.

All luncheon attendees receive a complimentary copy of the speaker's acclaimed collection, *Everything Begins and Ends at the Kentucky Club*, with a signing to follow the luncheon.

Benjamin Alire Saenz is a poet, artist, and fiction writer. He is a former Wallace Stegner Fellow in poetry at Stanford University. His latest collection of short stories, *Everything Begins and Ends at the Kentucky Club*, won the 2013 PEN/Faulkner Fiction Prize. His first book of poems, *Calendar of Dust*, won an American Book Award and has also been awarded a Lannan Poetry Fellowship. He has published five books of poetry including *Dark and Perfect Angels*, *Elegies in Blue*, *Dreaming the End of War*, and *The Book of What Remains*, and has just complete a new book of poems, *He.You.I*.

He is an award winning young adult author and his most recent YA novel, *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*, has been recognized with several awards including the Prinz Honor Book, a Lambda Literary Award, The Stonewall Award, and The Pura Belpre Award and has been translated into fourteen languages. His next YA novel, *The Inexplicable Logic of My Life*, will be published next year and he is currently working on the sequel to *Aristotle and Dante*. He is a professor of Creative Writing at the University of Texas at El Paso.
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*to purchase a ticket to the Keynote Luncheon, you must already be a ticket holder for the 2016 Writers' League of Texas Agents & Editors Conference. Click HERE for conference registration information.

Don't Wait to Book Your Lodging!

Don't delay! The group rate applies until May 26. Whether you're driving or flying into Austin for the conference - or you're a local resident looking to make a weekend of it - why not stay at the conference venue along with the staff, visiting faculty, and other attendees?

The Hyatt Regency Austin has set aside a block of discounted rooms for A&E Conference registrants for dates before, during, and after the event. Click HERE to book your rooms and read more information. The special group rate is available for limited time and these rooms will fill up, so book now if you want to be assured a spot.

Looking for more info?
Find past mailers here and conference FAQs here.