Library of Congress National Book Festival Teams Up with C-SPAN's Book TV to Showcase Nonfiction Literary Voices

(July 31, 2023) C-SPAN's Book TV is again partnering with the Library of Congress to bring the 2023 National Book Festival to a national television audience, live and on-site.

As an original supporter of the National Book Festival, C-SPAN's Book TV is contributing the following for this year's event – held on Saturday, August 12, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center:

- live coverage of author interviews and panel discussions.
- lengthy live call-in interviews with nonfiction authors on location from the grand lobby.
- 20,000 totes promoting both the Library of Congress and C-SPAN’s Book TV available to Festivalgoers.
- public access to its video coverage via C-SPAN’s online archives at C-SPAN.org.

C-SPAN's Book TV has been providing live, in-depth, uninterrupted coverage of the National Book Festival – and partnering with the Library of Coverage on promotion – since the event began on September 8, 2001.

Book TV’s LIVE coverage has taken C-SPAN’s audience to the Festival’s various venues – U.S. Capitol grounds (2001), a vast tent city on the National Mall (2002-2013), an expo-style event in the Washington Convention Center (2014-2019), a virtual event during the pandemic (2020-2021), and back to the Walter E. Washington Convention Center (2022).

Book TV's extensive coverage of nonfiction authors appearing at the National Book Festival kicks off the network's coverage of book fairs held throughout the country in the fall. And the celebration of C-SPAN's 25 years of Book TV will launch from this year's festival.

About Book TV:
Book TV – Sundays on C-SPAN2 – is the only television service dedicated to nonfiction books. Book TV features programming on a rich variety of topics, such as history, biography, politics, current events, the media and more. Watch author interviews, book readings and coverage of the nation's largest book fairs. Every Sunday on C-SPAN2 starting 8 am ET or online anytime at booktv.org. Use that website as well to connect with Book TV via social media and the email newsletter.

About C-SPAN:
C-SPAN, the public affairs network providing Americans with unfiltered access to congressional proceedings, was created in 1979 as a public service by the cable television industry and is now funded through fees paid by cable and satellite companies that provide C-SPAN programming. C-SPAN connects with millions of Americans through its three commercial-free TV networks, C-SPAN Radio, C-SPAN Podcasts, the C-SPAN Now app, C-SPAN.org and various social media platforms. The network’s video-rich website contains over 270,000 hours of searchable and shareable content. Engage with C-SPAN on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, and stay connected through weekly and daily newsletters.
9amET  Interview Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden

9:30am  Authors Panel: Accidental Spies  
Authors: John Lisle "The Dirty Tricks Department";  
Janet Wallach "Flirting with Danger"  
Moderator: CBS's Jeff Pegues

10:30am  Interview Author R.K. Russell, "The Yards Between Us"

10:45am  Authors Panel: Environmental Awakening vs. Climate Change  
Authors: Douglas Brinkley "Silent Spring Revolution";  
David Lipsky "The Parrot and the Igloo"  
Moderator: Jenn White of NPR

11:45  Interview: Charles “Cully” Stimson, senior legal fellow at The Heritage Foundation  
“Rogue Prosecutors: How Radical Soros Lawyers Are Destroying America's Communities.”

12pm  Author Talk: Sports and Culture  
Author: R.K. Russell, "Yards Between Us"  
Moderator: LZ Granderson of the LA Times

12:45pm  Interview, David Rubenstein

1pm  Author Panel: Escaping Genocide and Human Trafficking  
Authors: Tahir Hamut Izgil, "Waiting to Be Arrested at Night";  
Saket Soni, "The Great Escape"  
Moderator: Washington Post's Jason Rezaian

2:20pm  Interview Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden

3:15pm  Interview with Chasten Buttigieg, "I Have Something to Tell You"

3:30pm  Author Panel - Behind the Scenes with Black Writers  
Authors Camille Dungy and Tiphanie Yanique  
Moderator: Author Jericho Brown

4:30pm  Joan Biskupic, "Nine Black Robes"

4:45pm  Author Panel - Dig In: What Food Says About Us  
Authors Cheuk Kwan and Anya von Bremzen  
Moderator: Wash. Post Food Writer Daniela Galarza