



COUNTDOWN TO RBF! RAINBOW BOOK FAIR 4/22/2023!!

New York Rainbow Book Fair is Staging a Comeback!

The New York Rainbow Book Fair, the largest lgbtq+ book event in the US, will resume once more on **Saturday, April 22, from Noon to 6 PM, at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center, 208 W. 13th Street** in the West Village, after a 2-year absence due to Covid-19. The theme of this year's fair is **WEIRD AND QUEER**. Showing close to 100 exhibitors with books ranging from kids' to seniors, this book fair highlights the range, depth, and quality of queer books, their authors, and most importantly, their readers. The popularity of the Rainbow Book Fair shows that books are NOT dead. At all.

Along with an array of books in two large rooms at the Center, the Fair will also host its famous Poetry Salon, curated by Nathaniel Siegel, giving a showcase to close to 50 poets reading briefly, and of course, being poets, talking to each other seriously (but fun, too! Yeah.)

There will also be short readings by 30 authors, and Featured Readings by Curtis Chin, author of the memoir *Everything I Learned I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant* (Little Brown); Brian Broome, Pittsburgh author of the landmark memoir *Punch Me Up to the Gods* (Mariner Books), chosen by the NY Times as one of the "100 Notable Books of the Year," winner Kirkus Non-Fiction Book Award; and West Coast author Felice Picano—*The Lure, The Joy of Gay Sex, Like People in History* — an original member of the famous Lavender Quill group that included Andrew Holleran and Edmund White.

Plus, exciting panels all day explore queer books and their authors in depth. They include "Weird and Queer: Sci-Fi, Gothic, Horror, and Memoir"; "Librarians and Archivists: Fighting Back Against the Attacks on Queer Books"; "Queering Comics"; and "Queer Histories." There will also be showcases for outstanding lgbtq+ publishers, including Archer Books, Rebel Satori, and Riverdale Avenue Books.

The Rainbow Book Fair is free to attend, but a voluntary \$3 donation is asked at the door. For more information on the RBF, go to rainbowbookfair.com, or rainbowbookfair123@gmail.com; or belhuepress@earthlink.net.

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