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10AM

Brown and Proud

FEATURING: Sabina Khan, Nafiza Azad, Mintie Das
MODERATED BY: Roohi Sahajpal of Didihood

In this panel in partnership with Didihood we'll be discussing what it means to be a brown womxn creative in a world that is not just getting used to the idea of representation, diversity, and inclusion, but in a community that is just starting to open their eyes to the power of creativity. We'll be discussing the struggles and power in being brown womxn bringing light into the world one piece of art at a time.

11AM

How Does One...Do?

FEATURING: Syahidah Ismail, Dina Lu, Kim Mann, Frances White, Tanya Lisle, Alicia Rae.
MODERATED BY: Crystal Gounder

Have you ever written for a continuous 7 days? Or maybe you haven't written in the last 2 months? Creativity isn't just one size fits all; it comes in all different shapes and sizes and we're excited to explore this. We'll be going through various creative processes, and experiences while going through it. We'll also be talking about creativity in this day and age, and how we don't have to write the next King Lear. :)

12PM

Recipe For The Perfect Summer

FEATURING: Rachel Lynn Solomon, Lindsay Wong
MODERATED BY: Yaunna Sommersby

Trying to make a summer drink is a lot like trying to write a YA summer novel. In this panel we'll be talking about the summer during and after a life changing moment. We'll be talking about the various cultural aspects of summer, as well as why it's such a popular setting for YA stories. We'll also be digging into why we love summer stories. We'll also be sharing recipes for...you guessed it our favourite summer drinks, and some of our favourite summer memories! So grab that refreshing drink, your favourite spot to soak in the sun, and get ready for Summer 2020!

1PM

Who Dunit?

FEATURING: Sabina Khan, Rachel Lynn Solomon, Jennifer Sommersby, Eileen Cook, Crystal Hunt, Barbara Poelle (Agent with Irene Goodman), Rebecca Sky, E.Latimer, Syahidah Ismail, Tanya Boteju, Tash Mcadam
MODERATED BY: Dr. Rob Bittner

Get your coffee ready, and make sure you have some snacks ready to go for this knowledge based panel. Learn about the nitty-gritty of the publishing industry from some of your favourite writers and publishing experts. This in-depth panel will be conducted in jeopardy style!

2PM

It Takes Just One

FEATURING: Taqdir Kaur Bhandal, Vineeta Prasad, Rochelle Prasad, Eman Osman, Angela Vannatter
MODERATED BY: Sabina Khan

YA literature has given us many role models and heroes to look up to. Now we join some real life role models and heroes and hear what and who inspired them, their why, why certain topics can seem off limits for young adults, and how we can all do our part, whether it's big or small.

2:50PM

Have We Met?

FEATURING: Rebecca Sky, Tash Mcadam, E.Latimer, Tanya Boteju
MODERATED BY: Susana Hernandez Rojas, Christopher Wolff

In this panel we'll be discussing the underrepresentation of fat bodies, trans bodies, disabled bodies, and so many more in YA literature. How things are changing, how we as readers/writers/people in places of power can be allies, and reflecting on what body positivity means to us, as individuals and as a collective.

3:45PM

Is This The Real Life...Or Is This Just Fantasy?

FEATURING: Sabina Khan, Rachel Lynn Solomon, Rebecca Sky, Jennifer Sommersby, Tash Mcadam, Nafiza Azad, Sarah Raughley, Tracy Deonn
MODERATED BY: Dr. Rob Bittner

Bringing together fantasy and contemporary authors for a unique panel discussing not the differences but the similarities between the two. We'll be diving in-depth into how fantasy novels and contemporary novels actually go hand in hand. The cultural aspects each brings, and the voices and unheard stories they give power to. We will also be discussing what each learns and teaches the other. After all they're human stories at the end of the day!