



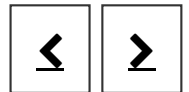
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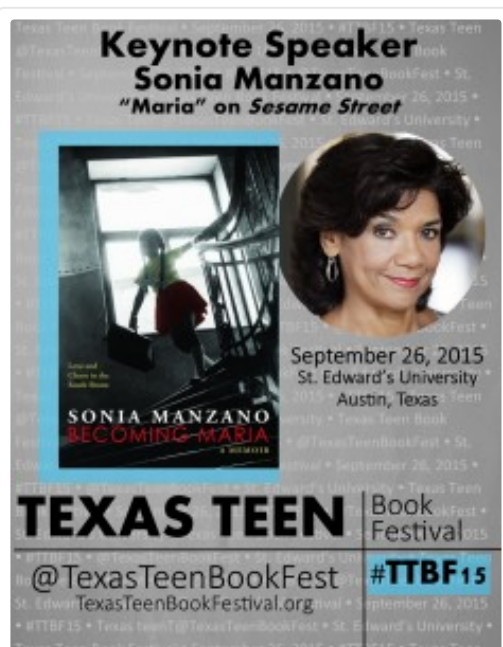
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Sonia Manzano to be Keynote Speaker at Texas Teen Book Festival



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Sonia Manzano will be the keynote speaker at the 2015

[Texas Teen Book Festival](http://texasteenbookfestival.org/)

[\(http://texasteenbookfestival.org/\)](http://texasteenbookfestival.org/) in Austin, Texas on

September 26. Ms. Manzano is an Emmy Award-winning actress and writer best known for her role as “Maria” on the PBS series *Sesame Street*. Ms. Manzano recently announced her retirement from the program after more than four decades. She will be presenting her upcoming book [Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx](http://www.becomingmaria.com/) as part of the event. She will be speaking from 1:30 PM to 2:15 PM.

The Texas Teen Book Festival is a one-day event that celebrates the teen reading experience by inviting fans

to engage with some of the most popular and critically acclaimed young adult authors in the country. One of the largest gatherings of its kind anywhere, the annual festival takes place in the fall on the campus of St. Edward's University.

In addition to Manzano, the Texas Teen Book Festival has announced more than 30 authors who will appear at the 2015 event. Other authors include Rick Yancey ([The 5th Wave](#)), Kauai Hart Hemmings ([The Descendants](#)), Jesse Andrews ([Me and Earl and the Dying Girl](#)), David Levithan ([Another Day](#)) and Libba Bray ([Lair of Dreams](#)).

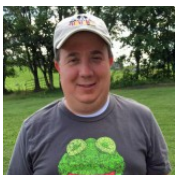
The annual festival, which began in 2009, is expected to attract more than 4,000 young adult book readers. The festival hours are from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM on Saturday, September 26. The festival is free and open to the public. The festival is a collaboration of the Texas Book Festival, BookPeople (a dedicated group of librarian volunteers) and St. Edward's University.

[Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx](#) is scheduled to be released on August 25.

St. Edward's University is located at 3001 S Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78704. An Event and Parking Map is available [here \(http://texasteenbookfestival.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/TTBFFestivalMapDraft5.pdf\)](http://texasteenbookfestival.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/TTBFFestivalMapDraft5.pdf).

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