



More than 250 authors and presenters will discuss their books at over 100 programs throughout the day, followed by book signings in the Barnes and Noble tent, where all featured titles will also be available for purchase.

Here is a look at some of the authors attending the 15th annual Louisiana Book Festival:

Jack E. Davis

The Pulitzer Prize winner will discuss his book *The Gulf: The Making of An American Sea*.

Ernest J. Gaines

Legendary author and recipient of the first ever Louisiana Writer Award discussing his most recent novel *The Tragedy of Brady Sims*.

Lou Berney

Winner of the Edgar and ALA awards, whose novel *November Road* features New Orleans' mob boss Carlos Marcello.

J.D. Wilkes

Author of *The Vine That Ate the South* and frontman for the Legendary Shack Shakers, whose music was featured on the Grammy-nominated soundtrack for HBO's *True Blood* series.

Courtney Hargrave

She will be discussing her book *Burden: A Preacher, a Klansman, and a True Story of Redemption in the Modern South*, now a major motion picture starring Forest Whitaker, Garrett Hedlund, and Usher.

Tucker Carrington

Director of the Innocence Project at the University of Mississippi School of Law, with his book *The Cadaver King and the Country Dentist*.

Donna Brazile

The Louisiana Native will be discussing her book *Hacks: The Inside Story of the Break-ins and Breakdowns that put Donald Trump in the White House*.

Jeremiah Ariaz

He has been awarded the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Michael P. Smith Award for Documentary Photography and will be discussing his book *Louisiana Trail Riders*.

Chef Isaac Toups

A New Orleans chef and *Top Chef* season 13 fan favorite who will be doing cooking demos from his cookbook *Chasing the Gator: Isaac Toups and the New Cajun Cooking*.

Svetlana Chmakova

She will be discussing her Louisiana Young Readers' Choice winning graphic novel *Awkward*.

Quvenzhané Wallis

An actress and Louisiana native who has appeared in *Annie* and *Beasts of the Southern Wild*, for which she was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actress. She will be presenting her latest books for young people.

Anne Boyd Rioux

A UNO professor, she will be discussing her book *Meg, Jo, Beth, Amy: The Story of Little Women and Why It Still Matters*

Joseph Crespino

A prize-winning political historian and professor at Emory University will discuss his new book *Atticus Finch: The Biography*

For more information on this year's festival, please visit www.LouisianaBookFestival.org.