

# Read to Lead/Write to Enlight Book Festival

Hosted by

Java Central Café and Roaster, Melica Niccole, and  
Hampton Publishing House, LLC



**Saturday, September 16, 2023**  
**1 pm – 4 PM**

Java Central Cafe and Roaster  
20 S. State Street, Suite B  
Westerville, OH 43081

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*A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit  
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## **Read to Lead/Write to Enlight Initiative**

Read to Lead/Write to Enlight is a concept. It's a motto and way of life. It's a call to action about the natural process of allowing reading and writing to become a part of your daily activities and supporting authors, whether they are local, out-of-state, or from another country. We love literacy, whether it's from Ohio, New Jersey, Florida, or France. We hope you get engaged with us on this literacy journey toward reading, leading, writing, and enlightening.

### **Information About Event:**

Read to Lead/Write to Enlight Book Festival is an annual event that will be held in Westerville, Ohio. This year, the event will be held at Java Central Café and Roaster. The festival is geared toward spotlighting local authors from Ohio and surrounding areas. Authors will have the ability to sell their work, talk with attendees, and get the community engaged in reading, writing, and literacy activities. The event also gives back to the community and a local literary agency. This year we have selected Thurber House as the literary agency who will receive some of the proceeds from the event. You can find out more by visiting [MelicaNiccole.com](http://MelicaNiccole.com).

## **Hampton Publishing House, LLC**

*Our vision is to create material that matters. We produce books that engage the community and provide knowledge of many societal matters. One of our goals is to produce material that coincides with real life experiences and gives creative inspiration to those who are motivated by literature, whether it is written, spoken, or visual interpretations of text. We indulge in the opportunity of creating literature in a way that grasps the minds of readers and takes them on a journey to self-discovery. Some of our topics relate to love, friendships, marriage, sisterhood, brotherhood, domestic violence, depression, history, how-to information, social ills, and other subjects that help the readers to understand the moralities of the subject matter.*

### **Previous Events/Projects:**

Hampton Publishing House and Melica Niccole have either hosted or participated in these events: The Children's Book Festival, New York Book Bag Drive, Yonkers Special Needs Fair, All Black Midwest Bookfair, Career Discussions at Otterbein University, National Black Book Festival, Collingswood Book Festival, National African American Read-In Event, Mid-Ohio Indie Author Book Festival, Investment Discussion Groups, Inspired Word NYC, Autism Speaks Philly, Independent Authors Book Expo, Newark Public Library, Annual 'Read to Achieve' Book Festival, and Children's Book Donation Drive.

For more information visit  
[HamptonPublishingHouse.biz](http://HamptonPublishingHouse.biz)

## **Java Central Café and Roaster (Information from website)**

Envisioned as a place in Westerville for friends to gather and strangers to meet over quality specialty coffee, this lively place many of us now call home started out as a quiet mom and pop shop with just one employee!

Java Central celebrated fifteen years of service to the Westerville community! They pioneered a second location in partnership with Zaftig Brewing Co. in Italian Village! The Uptown location was expanded to include more café and music seating, as well as a new private event space.

As a business, Java sponsored the Westerville Anti-Discrimination Ordinance – attending City Council meetings and voting in support of the legislation, helping it to pass.

Also, for the first year (and every year running since!) Java participated as a vendor at the hugely popular Columbus Coffee Festival.

In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic supply chain shortages experienced around the world, Java Central leveraged their wholesale accounts to provide, and deliver, desperately needed grocery items at no extra cost for the community.

For more information, visit  
<https://javacentral.coffee>

## Schedule of Events

1:15 pm- Welcome

1:30:PM- Author Reading.....Tell Her  
She's Beautiful

2:00 pm- Author Reading..... Raelyn Shaye

2:15 pm- Giveaway

2:30 pm- Author Reading.....Colette R. Harrell

2:45 pm- Author Reading.....Robert Blackwell

3:00 pm – Giveaway

3:15 pm – Author Reading.....Scott Donnelly

3:30 pm- Author Reading..... Breanna Wilkoff

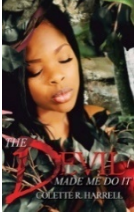
3:45 pm – Author Reading.....Patti Flinn

4:00 PM- Thank you

## Featured Author/Sponsor

Colette R. Harrell

Author of *The Devil Made Me Do It*, *Tell the Truth*,  
*The Devil Won't*, and *When She Loves* (Anthology)



Colette R. Harrell is an author, poet, songwriter, content creator, entrepreneur, and playwright. Holding a master's degree, she is a retired director of social services. She believes God has a plan for every life, but you hold the key to manifesting its fullness. She is the owner of Intentional Entertainment LLC and Co-founder of COJACK Productions LLC, both Spirit fed entertainment companies that minister through literary, film, stage, and audio platforms.



Check out more information about Colette here:

[Website- https://www.coletteharrell.com/](https://www.coletteharrell.com/)

### Social Media

[Facebook-https://www.coletteharrell.com/](https://www.coletteharrell.com/)

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## Featured Author

### Scott Donnelly

Author of *Mothman, Return to Point Pleasant, The Whool, Killer Scarecrow, and,,,* other books



Scott Donnelly is an indie author based in Grove City, Ohio, where he lives with his wife and three children. Scott writes in a variety of genres to keep his ideas fresh and different, but mostly operates within the realm of horror and science fiction. Scott is best known for his horror titles “Mothman: Return to Point Pleasant”, “The Whool”, “Killer Scarecrow” and “Cheater, Cheater” (which is being turned into a 2023 horror film from director Del Kary). Scott is also the head writer of **Micro Terrors: Scary Stories for Kids**, a podcast and collection of original and *free* short horror stories geared toward a younger crowd who craves the spooky stuff.

**Check out his website at**

<https://linktr.ee/scottdonnellyauthor>

**Social Media**

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## Featured Author

### Patti Flinn

Author of Veronique's Journey, Veroniques Moon, and The Greatest Thing



Patti Flinn is an Ohio author of historical, suspense, mystery, and children's fiction, and 2023 IPPY Award winner (*Veronique's Journey*). Flinn also writes contemporary and edgy/inspirational romance. She has also been a finalist of the Phillis Wheatley Award for Fiction, winner of the Romance Writers' Ink award for Romantic Comedy, and winner of the Romance Slam Jam Emma Award debut fiction under her pseudonym, Ava Bleu.

Flinn's latest books, set in 18th-century France, are inspired by the real life of Louis-Benoit Zamor, the enslaved man who was known for turning in Madame Jeanne du Barry during the French Revolution

Check out her website at

<https://gildedorangebooks.com/>

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## Featured Author/Sponsor

**Brianna Wilkoff**

Author of *I'll Be There For You*



Brianna Wilkoff (she/her) is an award-winning author of contemporary young adult stories. Her debut, *I'll Be There for You*, celebrates the power of kindness, the importance of theatre, and the awesomeness of '80s rock. Her forthcoming YA novels include *Shatterproof*, about a girl with cancer and her bucket list, and *Humbly Yours, Juliet*, in which secret letters to Shakespeare's "Juliet" get posted online. Brianna lives in Westerville, Ohio, with her husband, daughter, and dog.

**Check out her website at**

<http://briannawilkoff.com/>

### **Social Media**

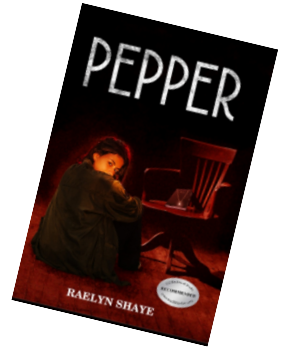
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## Featured Author

Raelyn Shaye  
Author of Pepper



Raelyn Shaye is an Ohio based Author who writes about real life experiences. Her love of writing started at an early age. Recently, she published a suspense book about a girl who lost her mother at a young age. Her world changes as she learns more about what led to the death of her mother. Struggling to heal, the girl encounters obstacles that prevent her from living a peaceful life. Her book has a recommendation by the US book review.

### Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Author-Raelyn-Shaye/100093171724750/?mibextid=ZbWKwL>

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## Featured Author

### Tell Her She's Beautiful

#### Authors



Wanikki "MaNikk" Cabell

Kela Hise

Tell Her She's Beautiful is a movement to spread unity while embracing differences and individual uniqueness. Our mission is to inspire, encourage, and help that insecure woman/girl know her value and believe she is beautiful. Tell Her She's Beautiful is focused on making sure confidence is spread throughout the world to eliminate self-hate, bullying, and body shaming. We want to share positivity, enlightenment, and hope for all to believe in their dreams and achieve them. We are all about empowering our young and uplifting all women to allow their inner light to shine; because beauty goes beyond what the natural eye can see. We are starting this journey by empowering the young through our books.

**Check out their Facebook Page at:**

<https://www.facebook.com/Tellhersheshesbeautiful?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

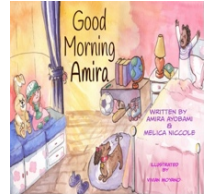
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## Author Spotlight

Melica Niccole

Author of Good Morning Amira, Football Fumblina,  
Gracie Eat Your Peas, Georgie Eat Your Peas,  
All in Together Girls, The New Face of Disabilities, and  
19 other titles



Melica Niccole is an author, poet, creative enthusiast,  
owner, disability advocate, and Vocational  
Rehabilitation Counselor. She writes multiple genres  
for individuals 0 + years of age.



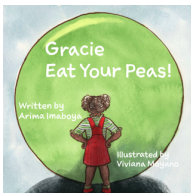
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### **Thurber House**

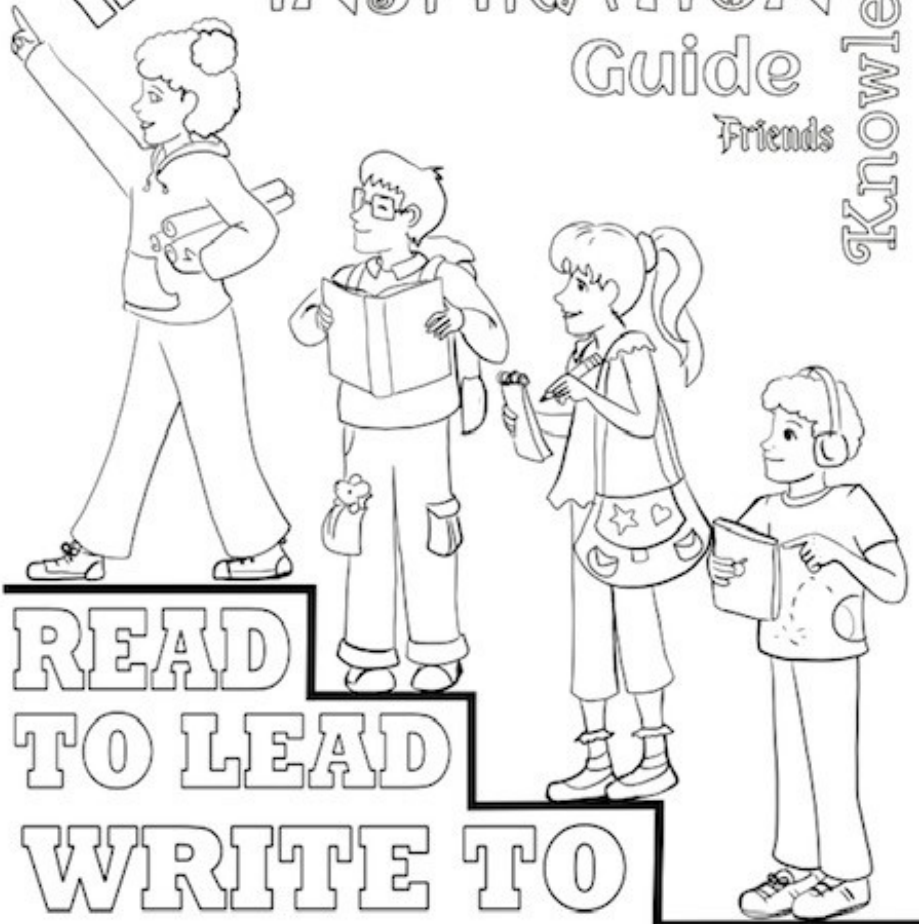
Thurber House is a gathering place for readers, writers, and Thurber enthusiasts of all ages. Their programs include The Thurber Prize for American Humor, one of the highest recognitions of humor writing in the United States; author events featuring nationally known and local authors; writing workshops for children and adults; month-long writer residencies for writers of adult and children's literature; and a museum of James Thurber memorabilia. Thurber House is a unique national treasure.

We invite you to join us as we reimagine and step into what's next as a community built on laughs and dedicated to learning. Together, as we look forward to the future, we are refreshing the legacy that humorist, author, playwright, and cartoonist James Thurber created. Our foundation is rooted in the love of literary arts and humor.

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For more information, visit  
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