

## Comic-Con International San Diego

Thursday, July 21 to Sunday, July 24

San Diego Convention Center

Find Mysterious Galaxy in the Exhibitor's Hall in Booth 1119

Below is a list of author appearances in Booth #1119. There are 75 tickets available for each signing. Tickets can be picked up on the day of the signing from the staff in Booth #1119, any time after the Exhibitor Hall opens. Tickets will be affixed to this newsletter next to the signing time for each author. Bring this newsletter with you when you arrive for the booth signing.

The authors' books are available for sale from Mysterious Galaxy. Most authors will sign a total of three items per reader. Item limits may be subject to change. Posed photos are not allowed during the signing time.

### Thursday, July 21

Booth # 1119

Tickets are required

#### Jeff Mariotte

*CSI: The Burning Season*

12:00 – 12:50 PM

#### Rob Thurman

*Basilisk* (Nightlife giveaway, while supplies last)

1:00 – 1:50 PM

#### Christie Golden

*World of Warcraft: Thrall: Twilight of the Aspects*

2:30 – 3:20 PM

#### Isaac Marion

*Warm Bodies*

4:00 – 4:50 PM

### Friday, July 22

Booth # 1119

Tickets are required

#### Kathy & Brendan Reichs

*Virals*

10:00 – 10:50 AM

#### Diana Rowland

*My Life as a White Trash Zombie* giveaway

11:00 – 11:50 AM

#### MLN Hanover

*Vicious Grace*

12:00 – 12:50 PM

#### J.F. Lewis

*Crossed*

1:00 – 1:50 PM

#### Chloe Neill

*The Dark Elite* (Some Girls Bite giveaway, while supplies last)

2:30 – 3:20 PM

#### Heather Brewer

*The Vlad Tod* series

4:00 – 4:50 PM

### Saturday, July 23

Booth # 1119

Tickets are required

#### Tom Sniegowski

*The Fallen* series

10:00 – 10:50 AM

#### Marjorie Liu

*The Iron Hunt* giveaway

11:00 – 11:50 AM

#### Seanan McGuire

*Late Eclipses*

12:00 – 12:50 PM

#### Scott Westerfeld

*Uglies*

1:00 – 1:50 PM

#### Andrea Cremer

*Wolfsbane*

2:00 – 2:50 PM

#### Amber Benson

*Serpent's Storm* (Death's Daughter giveaway, while supplies last)

3:00 – 3:50 PM

#### Anton Strout

*Dead Waters* (Dead to Me giveaway, while supplies last)

3:00 – 3:50 PM

### Sunday, July 24

Booth # 1119

Tickets are required

#### Karen Traviss

*Gears of War: Coalition's End*

11:00 – 11:50 AM

#### Khaled Hosseini

*The Kite Runner* Graphic Novel

12:00 – 12:50 PM

Due to time limitations, Khaled will only be signing his books.

#### Rachel Caine

*Working Stiff*

3:00 – 3:50 PM

Attending authors known at publication include Special Guests of the Convention Patricia Briggs (*River Marked*), Kim Harrison (*Something Deadly This Way Comes*), Charlie Huston (*Sleepless*), Sherrilyn Kenyon (*Born of Shadows*), Richard Lupoff (*The Emerald Cat Killer*), Rebecca Moesta (*Moonbase Crisis*), Christopher Moore (*The Griff*) and Scott Westerfeld (*Behemoth*).

Attending authors, in addition to the above to be found at panels, signings, and admiring the convention include: Kevin J. Anderson (*The Key to Creation*), Jim Butcher (*Ghost Story*), George R.R. Martin (*A Dance with Dragons*), Gini Koch (*Alien in the Family*), Paul Malmont (*The Amazing, the Astounding, and the Unknown*), S.G. Browne (*Fated*), Lev Grossman (*The Magicians*), Nancy Holder & Debbie Viguie (*Crusade*), Christine Cody (*Bloodlands*), Patrick Rothfuss (*The Wise Man's Fear*), Mira Grant (*Deadline*), Jason Starr (*The Pack*), Drew Magary (*The Postmortal*), Michael Carroll (*Superhuman*), Michael Spradlin (*Orphan of Destiny*), KJ Taylor (*Griffin's War*), Thomas Lennon and Robert Ben Garant (*Writing Movies for Fun and Profit*), Brandon Mull (*Beyonders*), Matt Myklusch (*Accidental Hero*), Ben Loory (*Stories for Nighttime and Some for the Day*), Jeanne Stein (*Chosen*), Walter Greatshell (*Xombies: Apocalypse*), Nathan Bransford (Jacob Wonderbar and the Cosmic Space Kapow), Stephen McCraine (*The Biggest, Bestest Time Ever!*), D.J. MacHale (*The Black*), E.J. Altbacker (*Shark Wars*), and many more! Plus 125,000 odd fans and more pop culture than you can imagine!

Mysterious Galaxy will have books by many of the authors in the list above, along with special goodies from publishing partners Penguin Group and Simon & Schuster.

You can also find Mysterious Galaxy booksellers in the Random House Booth (#1515), HarperCollins Booth (#1017), Disney Booth (#1016), and of course upstairs supporting many author signings in the convention's autograph area!

## Following Comic-Con International

### Fabulous events at Mysterious Galaxy in San Diego ...

#### George R.R. Martin

Signs *A Dance With Dragons: A Song of Ice and Fire: Book Five*  
Sunday, July 24, 4:00 PM

The advent of the television version of “A Game of Thrones” on HBO was only the second most exciting news for fans of George R.R. Martin’s *A Song of Ice and Fire* in 2011, outdone by the arrival of the fifth book in the series, *A Dance with Dragons*. Lev Grossman made it a “Time” Staff Pick, writing: “It’s an epic for a more profane, more ambivalent age than the one Tolkien lived in, but it’s every bit as delicious an escape as *The Lord of the Rings*.” George is also active in editorial duties, including new volumes in the Wild Cards universe, and the recent *Songs of Love and Death* anthology. This is a numbered event, limited to 300 tickets. Numbers for the signing line are available with purchase of *A Dance with Dragons* from Mysterious Galaxy, on sale beginning Tuesday, July 12 at 10 AM. Other restrictions apply. Contact staff for details.



#### A Special Visit with

Clarion Instructor John Kessel  
Wednesday, July 27, 7:00 PM

Multiple award winner John Kessel visits on Wednesday, July 6, at 7:00 PM as part of our six week series of visits with Clarion Instructors. John’s “day job” is teaching American literature, science fiction, fantasy, and fiction writing at North Carolina State University. The short stories in the recent Baum’s Plan for Financial Independence collection include “Pride and Prometheus,” and his “Lunar Quartet” sequence about life on the moon.

#### Jacqueline Carey

Signs *Naamah’s Blessing*  
Thursday, July 28, 7:00 PM

Jacqueline Carey concludes the Naamah trilogy, companions to her Kushiel’s Legacy series, with *Naamah’s Blessing*. Morin’s story of her mixed divine heritage has led her from her home in Alba to Terre d’Ange, where she has become enmeshed in magical and political maneuverings. Now acting as one of the heir’s protectors, Morin is asked to find Prince Thierry, formerly presumed dead, who is traveling with her former lover. Jacqueline will discuss her complex and sensual fantasies on Thursday, July 28, at 7:00 PM.

## One Huge Rave

#### Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

James Halliday, probably the most brilliant game designer that ever was, and the creator of the OASIS – a vast virtual universe that is both game and alternate reality – died without an heir or any real friends, leaving the disposition of his multi-multi-billion dollar empire in question. Instead of a will, Halliday left the contest. Somewhere hidden in the OASIS is a virtual Easter Egg. Find the egg and win it all. “Shall we play a game?”

Our young hero Wade Watts, game-name Parzival, is a gunter – an Easter Egg hunter. He’s going to find that egg even if the search kills him a thousand times. Wade lives in the stacks, a sprawling trailer park both horizontal and vertical. To call the world he lives in a dystopia would be an understatement. Humanity is in decline, maybe even on the way out. Thank Halliday for the OASIS. Almost everyone lives the bulk of their lives there. They go to school, work, and play on thousands of virtual worlds. You name it, there’s a world for it, The Matrix gone intergalactic. Without the OASIS, life would suck like nothing has ever sucked before. “So it’s sorta social. Demented and sad, but social.”

*Ready Player One* is William Gibson meets *TRON* meets *Charlie*

#### Kirsten Imani Kasai

Signs *Tattoo*  
Friday, July 29, 7:00 PM

Local author Kirsten Imani Kasai returns to the gender-shifting science fiction world of the Sigue, introduced in *Ice Song*, with *Tattoo*. Female Trader Sorykah, who recently recovered her children from a reclusive madman, is battling her male alter, Soryk, for a fully realized life – their shared body does not mean shared experiences, and each moment one of them is dominant is a moment lost to the other. Catch Kirsten on the “Space Odyssey, Alien Encounters and Future Worlds” panel at Comic-Con, or at MGSD on Friday, July 29, at 7:00 PM.

#### Gregg Hurwitz

Signs *You’re Next*  
Saturday, July 30, 2:00 PM

Gregg Hurwitz is the author of 11 thrillers and has written dozens of comics for Marvel (*Moonknight*, *Punisher*) – he will be making multiple Comic-Con appearances, including Friday’s “Modern Morality Tales” panel. Shelf Awareness for Reader’s review of *You’re Next* concluded: “A tightly plotted thriller that will blow your hair back, knock your socks off and, if you’re not careful, steal your heart.” Gregg was also a writer and producer on ABC’s “V” and has a screenplay in development with Warner Bros – ask him about all his works on Saturday, July 30, at 2:00 PM.

#### What's Coming Up ..

As the summer continues  
In San Diego and Redondo Beach

- ⊙ **August in San Diego:** Clarion Instructor Kij Johnson – August 3; Marv Gold – August 6; Sandra Ceren – August 7; Chris Ewan – August 8; Jarkko Sipilä – August 12; Tammy Kaehler – August 13; Lisa Kessler – August 14; Sandra Brannan – August 19; Kwei Quartey – August 21; Lev Grossman – August 22; Writers Workshop Presentation: How-To Lesson on Copyright and the Fair Use Legalities – August 23; Max Allan Collins – August 24; Tone Milazzo – August 27; Dani & Eytan Kollin – August 28; Mary Pearson – August 30; and more to come in the fall!
- ⊙ **August in Redondo Beach:** Best Books of Summer – August 2; Samuel Park – August 9; Margaret Dilloway – August 16 ... and Mysterious Galaxy Redondo Beach opens its doors as August ends.

*and the Chocolate Factory* – with many a cool ‘80’s reference. Unlike Charlie and Co. who faced their demons on a single factory floor, Wade/Parzival and his fellow gunters have uncounted worlds to face, explore, and conquer. Somewhere out there is the key to the kingdoms, and our boy’s going to find it. “Ray, if someone asks you if you are a god, you say, ‘Yes!’”

A virtual world where you can be the person you want to be – perhaps not even a human person – and a quest for the biggest treasure ever known? What’s not to love? *Ready Player One* is totally awesome, a total Rush, dude. I haven’t been this excited about a book in quite some time. Can’t wait to put it in your hands. So get ready to strap on your reading glasses and enjoy the ride. “Roads? Where we’re going, we don’t need roads.”

And lastly, if you lived through, grew up in, or even just heard of the 1980’s ... or if you’ve ever seen an ‘80’s movie (you have) ... or if you’ve ever played a video game, you are going to love *Ready Player One*. This one is not to be missed. “Nobody puts baby in the corner.” Signed copies from Crown, August 16, 2011, \$24.00.

End of Line.

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### Second Store Location

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Redondo Beach, CA

We are excited to announce the opening of our second store this summer in Redondo Beach. For all the news about the new store, author events, signed first editions, and more, subscribe to our mailing list and check out what's happening in our galaxy by visiting:

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