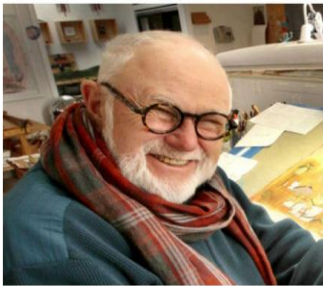




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LEGENDARY AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR TOMIE dePAOLA HEADLINES PICTURE BOOK SUMMIT 2017



Morning Q&A with Picture Book Legend
TOMIE DEPAOLA



Mid-Conference Keynote Superstar Speaker
CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD



Closing Superstar Keynote Speaker
ADAM REX

Beloved Children's Lit Icon Joins Adam Rex, Carole Boston Weatherford Plus Array of Authors, Editors & Agents for Biggest Online Picture Book Writing Conference Ever

The lineup for the 3rd annual *Picture Book Summit* online writing conference, set to take place **Saturday, October 7**, has been announced. Early Bird registration is now open.

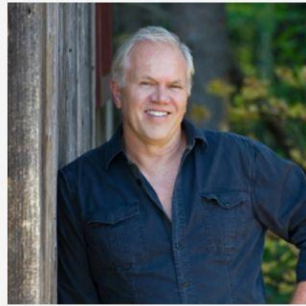
Headlining the event is **Tomie dePaola**, author of *Strega Nona* and more than 200 additional children's books. The 2011 recipient of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award for lifetime contribution to American children's literature will appear live to provide the opening keynote address.

The live online writing conference, reaching working and aspiring picture book writers across the globe, will feature a full day of keynotes, workshops and panels featuring top authors, editors and agents.

Also providing keynote addresses will be superstar picture book authors **Carole Boston Weatherford** (multiple Caldecott honoree, author of *Freedom in Congo Square*, *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom* and more than 50 additional books for children) and **Adam Rex** (New York Times bestsellers *Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich* and *School's First Day of School*).



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Attendees will also enjoy workshops from author **Steve Swinburne** (*Sea Turtle Scientist* and *Safe in a Storm*), **Julie Hedlund** (*My Love for You is the Sun*), Greenburger Associates Literary Agent **Brenda Bowen** and **Laura Backes**, publisher and founder of *Children's Book Insider*, the *Children's Writing Monthly*.

Panel discussions will include a selection of children's publishing's top editors and agents. There will also be networking and submission opportunities for attendees.

The full day's lineup, along with registration information, can be found at <http://PictureBookSummit.com>

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Picture Book Summit was founded in 2015 as a collaborative project by the founders of Just Write Children's Books, 12 x 12 Picture Book Writing Challenge, Institute of Children's Literature and Children's Book Insider, the Children's Writing Monthly.

A portion of the proceeds from this year's event will help restock the library shelves of two disadvantaged schools in Oregon and Connecticut.