

Ann Arbor Book Festival News

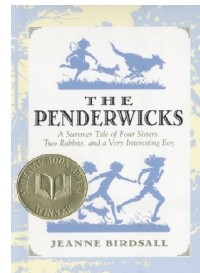
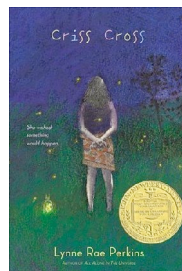
CELEBRATED AUTHORS PANEL

Saturday, May 13th at noon, on the Michigan Stage (Modern Languages Building, Lec. #1, near the street fair).

How often is Ann Arbor treated to a panel discussion by two of the top writers for children—a Newbery Medalist and a National Book Award Medalist? Rarely. And now, you have the opportunity of a lifetime to come and hear two great writers, and get your questions answered.

Newbery winner, Lynne Rae Perkins (*CRISS CROSS*, Greenwillow, 2005), and National Book Award winner, Jeanne Birdsall (*THE PENDERWICKS*, Knopf, 2005), will spend an hour answering questions from the audience, as well as questions solicited beforehand from teachers, librarians, parents, and writers on this moderated panel.

Lynne Rae, Jeanne, and local writer, Shutta Crum (moderator), will sign books immediately following in the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrator’s tent. (1:00 – 2:00 p.m.) Their books will be available for sale in the SCBWI tent, located on the corner of North University and Thayer, right next to the Children's Pavilion.



CRISS CROSS by Lynne Rae Perkins is a sensitive exploration of the “coming of age” of a group of friends. (A great middle school read-aloud.)

THE PENDERWICKS by Jeanne Birdsall is the tale of four girls on summer vacation who meet a very interesting boy. (A great 3rd-6th grade read-aloud.)

Both books received multiple star ratings in major newspapers and review journals.

More information on the Book Festival can be found at: <http://www.aabookfestival.org>.

Note: There will also be a reception for all the Book Festival authors hosted by the Ann Arbor District Library on Friday evening, May 12th, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the AADL Downtown Library Multi-Purpose Room at 343 S. 5th Avenue. The public is welcome. Call 327-4560 for more information on that event.