

# Dignity and Justice for All: Stories of Protest, Resistance, and Change

## March 24, 2021

### Speakers and Presenters

#### Keynote

**Dr. Debbie Reese** is tribally enrolled at Nambé Pueblo in the state currently known as New Mexico. Dr. Debbie Reese has studied representations of Native peoples in children's and young adult books for over 30 years. Her book chapters, journal articles, and professional writings are taught in education, library science, and English courses across the United States and Canada. Her blog, *American Indians in Children's Literature*, is widely recognized as a go-to resource for writers, reviewers, editors, teachers, librarians, and parents. The American Library Association selected Dr. Reese to deliver its prestigious 2019 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture. In July of 2019, Beacon Press published a young readers' edition of *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz adapted by Dr. Reese and her longtime friend and colleague, Dr. Jean Mendoza.

#### Guest Authors

**Jabari Asim** hopes books can help young people become “aware of wondrous new possibilities and lead them inevitably toward them.” A poet, playwright, professor, and essayist, Asim has authored books for both adults and children including *A Child's Introduction to African-American History*, *Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis*, and *Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington* which won a Carter G. Woodson Award. A former editor at *The Washington Post*, he received a 2009 Guggenheim Fellowship in Creative Arts.

**Ann Bausum** seeks to make history “relevant, engaging, alive, and irresistible” for young people. Her award-winning books include *Stonewall* and *With Courage and Cloth: A Woman's Right to Vote*. In 2017, the Children's Book Guild recognized the body of her work by presenting Bausum with its venerable Nonfiction Award. She has also received the Anna Cross Giblin Award and the 2003 Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Work-in-Progress Non-Fiction Grant for *Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement*.

**Doreen Rappaport** authors nonfiction books that celebrate multiculturalism, history, the lives of world leaders, and the stories of those she calls “not-yet-celebrated.” Her books have received critical acclaim and awards for her unique ability to combine historical facts with intimate storytelling, and for finding “new ways to present the lives of well-known heroes,” like Frederick Douglass, Wilma Mankiller, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She has been a featured author at the *National Book Festival*, the National Museum of American History, and the White House.

**Vicky Smith** (panel moderator and workshop presenter) is the children's editor of Kirkus Reviews, a position she has held for over ten years. A former children's librarian and director of an independent public library in Maine, she has served on the Newbery, Caldecott, and Sibert committees. She is an adjunct instructor at Simmons University, and once held a Guinness world record for a team read-aloud marathon (which proves only that anyone who can read can break a record).

### **Generation Citizen Team**

- *Keith Chappelle* comes to Generation Citizen after working for Democracy North Carolina, the North Carolina Democratic Party, and Children's HealthWatch at Boston Medical Center.
- *Jason Lofchie* taught for over a decade at Brockton High School and Cambridge Rindge & Latin School prior to becoming Program Director at Generation Citizen.