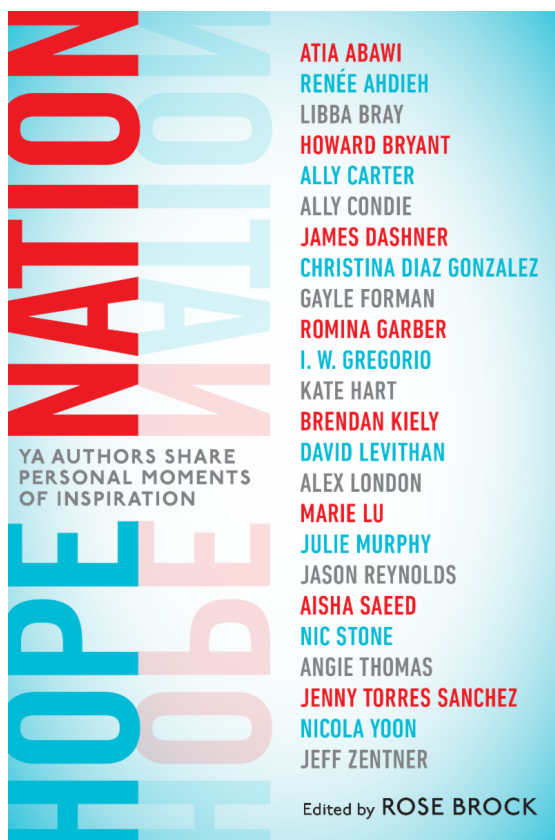


# *Hope Nation* for YA Readers

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(YA) makes a strong statement at the Mississippi Book Festival with this provocative panel discussion about *Hope Nation*, a timely collection of essays, letters, and intimate stories by twenty-three influential authors, aimed at young people facing uncertain futures in a climate of oppression, alienation, and defeat.



Moderating the exchange among YA's hottest authors about why and how they write their conscience will be **Rose Brock**, editor of *Hope Nation* and professor of Children's and Young Adult Literature at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

A longtime educator and advocate for using audiobooks as a tool for literacy, Dr. Brock is a co-founder of the North Texas Teen Book Festival. She is also the author of *Young Adult Literature in Action: A Librarian's Guide*, Third Edition, publishing March 2019.

## OFFICIAL PANELISTS



**Angie Thomas**  
(*The Hate U Give*)

Angie Thomas is a Jackson native who made it to the top of the *New York Times* bestseller list with her award-winning debut novel, *The Hate You Give*. A former teen rapper, she holds a BFA in Creative Writing from Belhaven University.



**Nic Stone**  
(*Dear Martin*)

Nic Stone is an Atlanta area native whose *New York Times* bestselling *Dear Martin* was a William C. Morris Award finalist. Having worked extensively in teen mentoring, she is now a full-time writer, and is also the author of *Odd One Out*, available October 2018.



**Julie Murphy**  
(*Puddin'*)

Julie Murphy is the number one New York Times bestselling and award-winning author of *Puddin'*, *Ramona Blue*, *Dumplin'* and *Side Effects May Vary*. She lives in North Texas.



**Nicola Yoon**  
(*The Sun is Also a Star*)

Nicola Yoon is also a New York Times bestselling author. Her first novel, *Everything, Everything*, is now a major motion picture; and *The Sun Is Also a Star* was a National Book Award finalist. She grew up in Jamaica and Brooklyn, and now lives in Los Angeles.



**Becky Albertalli**  
(*Leah On the Offbeat*)

Becky Albertalli will join the panel to discuss her 2018 New York Times bestseller *Leah On the Offbeat*. The author of number one bestselling novels *The Upside of Unrequited* and *Simon vs. the Homo sapiens Agenda* (on which the current hit movie *Love, Simon* is based), lives with her family in Atlanta.

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