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**THE BALTIMORE BOOK FESTIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 23, 24 & 25, 2011
THE PLACE WHERE READERS AND AUTHORS CONNECT**

Hundreds of bestselling authors and book lovers come together for the 16th annual **Baltimore Book Festival**, the mid-Atlantic's premier celebration of the literary arts. The festival takes place **Friday, September 23** and **Saturday, September 24** from **noon to 8pm** and **Sunday, September 25** from **noon to 7pm** in **Mount Vernon Place**, centered on the 600 block of North Charles Street. During the weekend, more than 100 nationally renowned, celebrity and local authors are featured, including **Aaron "Big Daddy" McCargo, Jr.**, *Simply Done, Well Done; Common, One Day It'll All Make Sense*; **Daisy Martinez**, *Daisy: Morning Noon and Night*; **Father Leo Patalinghug**, *Grace Before Meals*; **Jaimee Young**, *Campfire Cookery*; **Kimberla Lawson Roby**, *Secret Obsession*; **Laura Lippman**, *The Most Dangerous Thing*; **Marcela Valladolid**, *Mexican Made Easy*; **Myla Goldberg**, *The False Friend*; **Roland Martin**, *The First: President Barack Obama's Road to the White House*; **Sam McBratney**, *Guess How Much I Love You*; **Sherman Alexie**, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*; **Shirley Strawberry**, *The Strawberry Letter: Real Talk, Real Advice, Because Bitterness Isn't Sexy*; **Susi Wyss**, *The Civilized World: A Novel in Stories*; **Tavis Smiley**, *Fail Up: 20 Lessons on Building Success from Failure*; and **Terry McMillan**, *Getting to Happy*. The Baltimore Book Festival is presented by Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and produced by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts.

The Baltimore Book Festival is packed with an assortment of fascinating activities centered on literature. Programs take place at the **Literary Salon, Food for Thought Stage, Children's Bookstore Stage, CityLit Stage, Radical Bookfair Pavilion** and **Book Festival Music Stage**. Throughout the three-day festival, stages and tents host distinguished authors, celebrity chefs and radical, independent, and DIY writers and publishers, cooking demonstrations, spirited and informative panel discussions, top

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children and young adult's writers and illustrators, children's arts and crafts activities, workshops for aspiring writers and publishers, poetry readings and live music from regional entertainers. Additionally, food and beverages are available, located throughout the site.

For more information on the **Baltimore Book Festival**, visit www.baltimorebookfestival.com or call 1-877-BALTIMORE.

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Editor's note: Detailed releases and a complete schedule are forthcoming.