



Queers & Quills Panel Sessions

Friday 2.23.25

Session 1 | 2:30pm

- **Writing The Feels-** *Don't Go Breaking My Heart*
Moderator: Adrian J. Smith
Panelists: C. Rochelle, Marley Valentine, Sloane Kennedy, Rebecca Rathe, Bryce Oakley
- **Queer Representation in YA Stories-** *Young Royals*
Moderator: Kirt Graves
Panelists: Brian D. Kennedy, Paul Michael Winters, Grace Ellis, Aiden Thomas
- **Co-Writing-** *Birds of a Feather*
Moderator: JR Gray
Panelists: Andi Jaxon, Faye Stetz- Waters, Christina Lee
- **Building A Series-** *A League of Their Own*
Moderator: Abigail Taylor
Panelists: May Archer, Garry Michael, Joelle Lynne, CE Ricci, Michael Robert

Session 2 | 3:45pm

- **Crafting the Ideal MC's in Romance- *Somebody To Love***
Moderator: Fredrick Smith
Panelists: Loren Leigh, Vinni George, C. Rochelle, Lee Blair
- **Bringing The Funny- *The Joke***
Moderator: M.A. Wardel
Panelists: Bix Barrow, Dominic Lim, Emery Lee, Nicole Pyland, Laura Piper Lee
- **Realism in Kink & Consent- *Vice Versa***
Moderator: Kate Hawthorn/Nikki Markham
Panelists: Heather Nix, Althea Faust, Lance Lansdale, Ashley Herring Blake, Meryl Wilsner
- **Nuances in Representation- *Queer As Folk***
Moderator: Mahogany Mail
Panelists: Courtney Kae, DC Emerson, Jeffery K. Davenport, Meka James, Amy Spalding

Untucked Sessions | 7:00pm

- ***Romance is Romance***
Panelists: Laura Piper Lee, Rachel Katz, Abigail Taylor, Courtney Kae, JJ Arias, C. Rochelle, Amy Spalding, D.C. Emerson
- ***The Landscape of MM Romance***
Panelists: Dominic Lim, Frederick Smith, Brian D. Kennedy, Max Maddox, Keira Andrews, Emery Lee
- ***Behind the Scenes of Being a Writer***
Panelists: MA Wardell, Annabeth Albert, Emily Rath, JR Gray, Andi Jaxon, Meryl Wilser, Ashley Herring Blake, A.E. Via



Saturday 5.24.25

Session 1 | 9:30am

- **Neurodiversity & Mental Health Representation- *A Different Light***
Moderator: Heather Nix
Panelists: Leslie McAdam, Annabeth Albert, Ashley Herring Blake, JL Gribble, Abigail Taylor
- **Writing Intimacy, Chemistry, Spice & Plot- *Givin' Em What They Want***
Moderator: Alison Cochrun
Panelists: CE Ricci, JJ Arias, Hailey Turner, Jeffery K. Davenport, Layla Reyne
- **Advice to New & Aspiring Writers- *Good Luck, Babe***
Moderator: Laura Piper Lee
Panelists: Dallas Smith, Adriana Sargent, Aiden Thomas, Amy Spalding, Ana Ashley
- **Sex Positivity & Broader Queer Inclusivity- *The Advocate***
Moderator: Courtney Kae
Panelists: MA Wardell, Meryl Wilsner, Emith Rath, Rachel Runya Katz, Kate Hawthorne

Session 2 (Narrator Panel) | 10:45am

- **Ask Me Anything- *Dear Abby***
Moderator: Marley Valentine
Panelists: Amy Hall, Caleb Summers, Carrie Coelle, Gary Furlong, Kirt Graves, Lindsey Dorcus, Mark Sanderlin, Quinn Riley