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**REVAMPED FOR 2025, SUFFOLK AUTHORS FESTIVAL  
DEBUTS NEW NAME AND FAN FAVORITE HEADLINER**

**SUFFOLK, VA (January 8, 2025)** More than a decade ago, Suffolk Tourism unveiled a niche literary event, uniting fiction lovers and best-selling authors at the Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival. As we usher in 2025, Suffolk Tourism is gearing up for the 11th installment and transitioning into the “Suffolk Virginia Authors Festival (SVAF).” Avid readers and aspiring writers will especially enjoy meeting 59 best-selling authors representing a multitude of genres and backgrounds. Slated for 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at the Hilton Garden Inn Suffolk Riverfront & Suffolk Conference Center, SVAF is free and open to the public. A separate ticket is required to attend the VIP Meet & Greet Reception that allows early access to the festival, first dibs on book purchases, mingling with the authors and light refreshments (plus a festival goodie bag of epic proportions). Tickets are \$30 and are limited to 50 individuals; VIP tickets go on sale January 15. Call 757.514.4130 for availability. Additional festival details may be found at [SuffolkVaAuthorsFestival.com](http://SuffolkVaAuthorsFestival.com).

The 2025 SVAF will include opportunities to engage some of your favorite authors and discover new favorites through face-to-face conversations, book signings and purchases, as well as moderated panel discussions showcasing intriguing topics with groups of authors. Expanded genres for the event include Cozy and Traditional Mystery; Romance; Suspense, Thriller and Action; Sci-Fi and Fantasy; Paranormal, Supernatural and Horror; Steampunk; Detective; Women’s Fiction; Historical Fiction; LGBTQIA; Holiday; Short Stories and Anthologies; Young Adult; Children’s Literature; Poetry; and Non-Fiction.

Headlining the 2025 SVAF is **USA Today Best-Selling Author** and **Amazon All-Star Author**, **Tonya Kappes**, who has penned more than 175 southern cozy mysteries, all of which have

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graced numerous bestseller lists, including USA Today and Woman's World Book Club. Best known for stories charged with southern charm, emotion and humor and filled with flawed characters, Kappes' novels have garnered reader praise and glowing critical reviews. She lives with her husband in northern Kentucky. Now that her four boys have flown out of the nest, Kappes writes full-time in her camper. Hollywood has taken notice of Kappes' success and a television show based on her bestselling 40-book "A Camper & Criminals Mystery Series" is in development. Visit her website at [TonyaKappes.com](http://TonyaKappes.com).

***In addition to Kappes, SVAF will present the follow authors:***

Esme Addison; Dee Armstrong; Betsy Ashton; Bonnie Blevins; T.B. Bond; Kimberly Burns; Mary Burton; Ellen Butler; Austin S. Camacho; Lee Clark; Cassandra Rose Clarke; Maya Corrigan; Mollie Ann Cox; John DeDakis; Diane Fanning; John Gilstrap; Nicole Glover; Marni Graff; Bradley Harper; Jenna Harte; Rebecca Hemlock; Jeffrey James Higgins; Tim Holland; Teresa Inge; Jacqueline T. Johnson; Kathy Kasunich; Thomas Kies; Maggie King; Pamela K. Kinney; Carrie Ann Knox; Eleanor Kuhns; J.R. Lesperance, Hugh Lessig; Timothy J. Lockhart; Siera London; Allie Marie; Miko Marsh; Rachel McRady; Amy Patricia Meade; K.L. Murphy; Stacie Murphy; Nancy Naigle; Nan O'Berry; TJ O'Connor; Mark Piggot; Patti Gaustad Procopi; Bill Rapp; Amy M. Reade; VM Roberts; Katharine Schellman; Misty Simon; Hunter J. Skye; Suzanne Snowden; Ravynn K. Stringfield; F.J. Talley; Christine Trent; Heather Weidner; and Kathryn Louise Wood.

*To learn more about the Suffolk VA Authors Festival, please contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757-514-4130, visit <https://www.SuffolkVAAuthorsFestival.com/>, or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SuffolkVaAuthorsFestival/>.*

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