



On Making: Exploring the Creative Process Cozbi A. Cabrera and Jason Reynolds

Ms. Cabrera is an illustrator, dollmaker, clothing designer, and author of several books, including the brand new *Me & Mama*. Mr. Reynolds is a #1 bestselling author, a Newbery Award Honoree, a two-time National Book Award finalist, an NAACP Image Award Winner, the recipient of multiple Coretta Scott King honors, and the 2020–2021 National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature.

Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 7:00 PM Central

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*Purchase a copy of Cabrera’s *Me & Mama* OR a copy of Mr. Reynolds’ forthcoming graphic novel *Long Way Down* from FAN’s partner bookseller *The Book Stall* to receive a link to a lively “After-Hours” event hosted by Ms. Cabrera and Mr. Reynolds. All details on the webinar registration page.*

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Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 7:00-8:00 PM, **On Making: Exploring the Creative Process**, a FAN Webinar feat. Cozbi A Cabrera and Jason Reynolds. **REGISTER:** www.bit.ly/MakingFANWebinar. **BONUS AFTER-HOURS EVENT:** Attendees who purchase a copy of Ms. Cabrera's *Me & Mama* OR Mr. Reynolds' forthcoming graphic novel *Long Way Down* from FAN's partner bookseller *The Book Stall* are invited to attend an **AFTER-HOURS** event hosted by Ms. Cabrera and Mr. Reynolds that will start immediately after the webinar. Details can be found on the main event registration page.

What turns on the switch? Where do creative ideas come from? How does an artist or author follow a path from concept to creation? Join us for a fascinating conversation between two acclaimed, prolific creatives as they explore making, the art of craft, and how the spark of inspiration evolves over time.

Trained as an art director, **Cozbi A. Cabrera** left a successful 15-year career designing album covers for Atlantic Records and Sony Music to “discover, create, and share pockets of grace and beauty” as a multimedia artist. Her work spans a range of media, from handmade cloth dolls (muñecas) created in honor of her Honduran heritage, to writing and illustrating children’s books, to launching a clothing line.

Ms. Cabrera’s stunningly intricate dolls are collector’s items, and have been featured on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, in *Martha Stewart Living*, the Land of Nod catalogue, and many US networks. She has had solo exhibitions at the Jewish Fund Gallery, Ernest Rubenstein Galleries, and the Lincoln Center Education Art Gallery. Her dolls, quilts, and paintings exhibited concurrently with the Gees Bend Quilts at the Myrtle Beach Art Museum in 2017. Ms. Cabrera has authored and illustrated two books, including the brand-new *Me & Mama*, and has illustrated five others.

Born in Washington, DC and raised in neighboring Oxon Hill, Maryland, **Jason Reynolds** found inspiration in rap to begin writing poetry at nine years old. He focused on poetry for approximately the next two decades, only reading a novel cover to cover for the first time at age 17 and publishing several poetry collections before he published his own first novel, *When I Was the Greatest*, in 2014.

Mr. Reynolds is an award-winning and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author. His many books include *Miles Morales: Spider Man*, the Track series (*Ghost*, *Patina*, *Sunny*, and *Lu*), *Long Way Down*, which received a Newbery Honor, a Printz Honor, and a Coretta Scott King Honor, and *Look Both Ways*, which was a National Book Award Finalist. His latest book, *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*, is a collaboration with Ibram X. Kendi, Ph.D. His forthcoming book, a graphic novel update of his 2017 book *Long Way Down*, will be released in October of 2020.

Recently named the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature, Mr. Reynolds has appeared on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*, *Late Night with Seth Meyers*, and *CBS This Morning*. He is on faculty at Lesley University for the Writing for Young People MFA Program, and lives in Washington, DC.

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