



Quietly Hostile: A Conversation with Samantha Irby Samantha Irby

#1 *New York Times* bestselling essayist, and television writer and producer.

Megan Stielstra

Award-winning essayist. Teaches creative nonfiction at Northwestern University and is an editor-at-large with Northwestern University Press.

Friday, May 19, 2023, 7:00 PM
Evanston Township High School Auditorium
1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201

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Friday, May 19, 2023, 7:00 PM, Quietly Hostile: A Conversation with Samantha Irby, Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201. Interviewer: Megan Stielstra. NOTE: First 400 attendees will receive a free copy of *Quietly Hostile*, one per household. Books will also be on sale. No registration required.

Beloved #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wow, No Thank You*, **Samantha Irby** has returned to the printed page with *Quietly Hostile*, a much-anticipated new collection of side-splitting essays, and not a moment too soon. Irby's career has taken her to new heights. She dodges calls from Hollywood and flop sweats on the red carpet at premieres (well, one premiere). But nothing is ever as it seems online, where she can crop out all the ugly parts.

Irby got a lot of weird emails about Carrie Bradshaw, and not only is there diarrhea to avoid, but now—*anaphylactic shock*. She is turned away from restaurants for being inappropriately dressed and looks for the best ways to cope, i.e., reveling in the offerings of QVC and adopting a deranged pandemic dog. Filled with such unabashed gems as advice for the bathroom etiquette you were dying to know but always too afraid to ask about and an exposé on how to speak with an actual teenager, *Quietly Hostile* makes light as Irby takes us on another outrageously funny tour of all the gory details that make up the true portrait of a life behind the screenshotted depression memes. Relatable, poignant, and uproarious, once again, Irby is the tonic we all need to get by.

Irby writes the blog *bitches gotta eat*, and has several bestselling essay collections, including the *New York Times* #1 bestseller *Wow, No Thank You* and *We Are Never Meeting in Real Life*. She was a writer and co-producer on *And Just Like That ...*, the HBO reboot of *Sex and the City*. Irby is an Evanston Township High School alum.

Irby will be in conversation with **Megan Stielstra**, the author of three collections: *Everyone Remain Calm*, *Once I Was Cool*, and *The Wrong Way to Save Your Life*, the Nonfiction Book of the Year Award from the *Chicago Review of Books*. A longtime company member with 2ndStory, she has told stories for National Public Radio, the Museum of Contemporary Art, and regularly with the Paper Machete live news magazine at the Green Mill. She teaches creative nonfiction at Northwestern University and is an editor-at-large with Northwestern University Press.

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