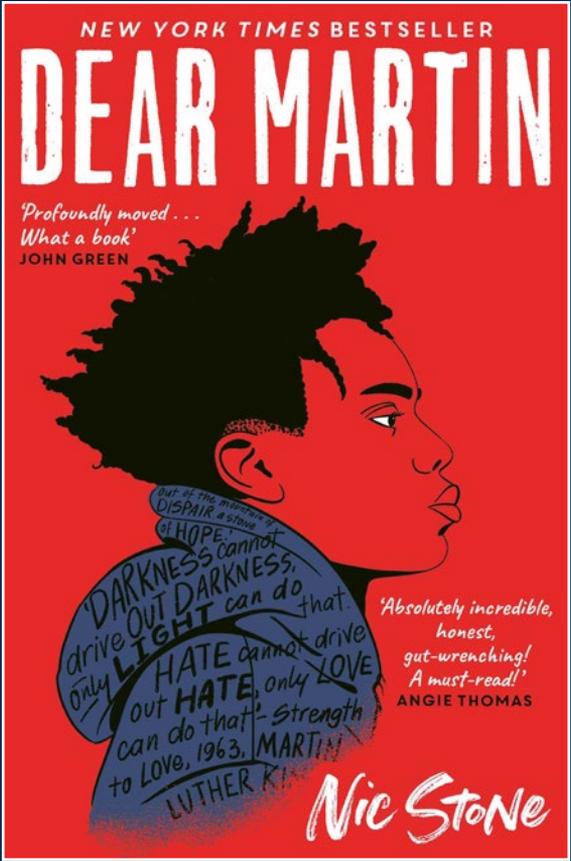


MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CONVOCAATION

Featuring *New York Times* bestselling author
Nic Stone

Dear Martin: Applying Dr. King's Teachings in Modern America

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023 | 12:45 p.m.



Nic Stone

New York Times bestselling author
and Williams C. Morris Award finalist



Nic Stone has dedicated her life to writing stories she needed when she was younger; the stories that make us feel seen, represented, and ready to connect with others.

She did not read about characters

who looked like her or who came from a world like hers in childhood books. Because of this, she wanted to bring her own story, along with the stories of people like her, to life. Nic Stone believes that sharing our stories is vital to doing the essential work of racial and social justice. Stone is a fierce advocate for reading freedoms in public education. While having her own work banned in some parts of the country, she fights for the rights of readers to pick up any book they choose and for authors to tell their authentic stories without fear of censorship. She has put her passionate convictions into practice in her award-winning novels, which have been lauded by *NPR* (her books have appeared twice on *NPR's Best Books of the Year list*), *The Atlantic*, and *Publishers Weekly*. Stone's No. 1 *New York Times* bestseller *Dear Martin* was a William C. Morris Award finalist and was called "an unforgettable tour de force of social justice" by *Booklist*. *The Horn Book* has lauded how Stone's writing, which includes blockbusters *Dear Justyce*, *Odd One Out*, *Jackpot*, and *Clean Getaway*, "carries the weight of history" as much as it is memorable, beautiful, and captivating.

Nic Stone was born and raised in a suburb of Atlanta, GA. After graduating from Spelman College, she worked extensively in teen mentoring and lived in Israel for a few years before returning to the U.S. to write full-time. Growing up with a wide range of cultures, religions, and backgrounds, Stone strives to bring these diverse voices and stories to her work.

PROGRAM

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Weldon Johnson Performed by Angela Smiley-Carpenter

Welcome and State of Diversity Remarks.....**Robert Solomon, Esq.**

Vice President for Inclusion
Diversity and Equal Opportunity
Case Western Reserve University

Introduction **Eric W. Kaler**

President
Case Western Reserve University

Address **Nic Stone**

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Closing Remarks **Eric W. Kaler**

Please join us for light refreshments and a book signing
immediately following the lecture.

View the resource guide created by Kelvin Smith Library
at researchguides.case.edu/NicStone to learn
more about Nic Stone and her work.

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