

HarperCollins *Español* Features Spanish Authors

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, June 15, 2016 – **HarperCollins *Español*** will be present at the ALA (American Library Association) Annual Conference and Exhibition in Orlando, Florida, through the participation of three of its Authors: **León Krauze, Cecilia Ramírez Harris, and Maritza Wills Fontecha**, who will introduce their most recent works during Sunday June 26th—day that will be allocated for Spanish Literature—from the *booth* of the Publishing House in the Exhibition.

HarperCollins *Español* will be introducing the following works at this event:

- **«*La Mesa*»**, from León Krauze – *11:00 am to 12:00 pm*. A glimpse at the lives and experiences of Hispanic immigrants in the United States, originated from the television series called «La Mesa», that has been touching the heart of its viewers for almost two years by presenting interesting dialogues between the journalist and everyday people from any street corner in the city of Los Ángeles.
- **«*El diario de mi detox*»**, from Cecilia Ramírez Harris – *1:00 pm to 2:00 pm*. Through this work, the well-known journalist pours her experience of more than two decades in the subjects of health, wellbeing and lifestyles, sharing amazing discoveries on nutrition that have been applied to her personal life.
- **«*Jhon Jairo Velásquez: Mi vida como sicario de Pablo Escobar*»**, from Maritza Wills Fontecha – *3:00 pm to 4:00 pm*. Authorized biography of one of the main lieutenants of the so called “Czar of Cocaine.” It offers an exhaustive narrative on his involvement with the Medellín Cartel, his criminal work for the group called “Los Extraditables,” plus his days in prison after surrendering to the Colombian authorities, and his later release.

All three authors will be present at **booth #1413 in ALA**, and will sign copies of their books for those attending the event.

ABOUT LEÓN KRAUZE

Well-known and award-winning Mexican journalist, author, and host. His career started within the sports journalism and he later became a famous international political analyst, specializing in society and politics in the United States. Krauze, a versatile author, has published both sports history books and United States politics books, plus three volumes of young adults, including the novel *"El vuelo de Eluán"* and the *bestsellers "Historias perdidas"*. Over his twenty years of journalistic career, Krauze has published his writings in *The New Republic*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Newsweek*, *The Daily Beast*, *Los Angeles Times*, *El País*, and *Letras Libres*, among many others. He contributes frequently to *The New Yorker*, besides having a weekly column in the Mexican Journal *El Universal*. He is presently the main news anchor at KMEX, Univisión Channel in Los Ángeles, which has the largest audience in the nation.

ABOUT CECILIA RAMÍREZ HARRIS

Award-winning Venezuelan journalist, expert in health matters with a twenty-year career sharing information on subjects that have to do with medicine, wellbeing and health through Univisión, the number one Spanish speaking television network in the United States. In her section called *«Vida Sana con Cecilia»*, aired weekly within the *Primer Impacto* program, she invites her viewers to make a change towards a healthier lifestyle.

ABOUT MARITZA WILLS FONTECHA

Maritza studied Romance Languages in the National University of Colombia, and Neurolinguistics. During the development of her spiritual work, she assisted two North American citizens who were inmates at the Nacional Modelo jail. It was here that she met Jhon Jairo Velásquez, with whom she established a moral support relationship. Maritza Wills silently gathered all the experiences and wars that took place in Jhon Jairo's criminal life, which she now shares in her book with his consent.

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