

# A week with ZETTA ELLIOTT

## Author Academic Activist (Sept 13-17, 2016)

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Born in Canada, Zetta Elliott moved to the US in 1994 to pursue her PhD in American Studies at NYU. Her poetry has been published in several anthologies, and her plays have been staged in New York, Chicago, and Cleveland. Her essays have appeared in *The Huffington Post*, *School Library Journal*, and *Publishers Weekly*. She is the author of over twenty books for young readers, including the award-winning picture book *Bird*. Her urban fantasy novel, *Ship of Souls*, was named a *Booklist* Top Ten Sci-fi/Fantasy Title for Youth. Three books published under her own imprint, Rosetta Press, have been named Best Children's Books of the Year by the Bank Street Center for Children's Literature. Rosetta Press generates culturally relevant stories that center children who have been marginalized, misrepresented, and/or rendered invisible in traditional children's literature. Elliott is an advocate for greater diversity and equity in publishing. She currently lives in Brooklyn.

**Inclusivity & Indie Authors: The Case for Community-Based Publishing**  
St. Catherine University, Mendel 106, 2004 Randolph Ave., St. Paul (Tue Sept 13 @ 7 pm)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1576818495957311/>

**CEED/Ancestry Community Organizing Workshop**  
**Inclusivity & Indie Authors: The Case for Community-Based Publishing**  
Lucy Laney School, 3333 Penn Ave. N, Mpls (Fri Sept 16 @ 10 am) Please RSVP: [hello@ancestrybooksmn.com](mailto:hello@ancestrybooksmn.com)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/187857264966279/>

**Zetta Elliott Reading & Panel Discussion: Elevating Absent Narratives**  
The Loft Literary Center, 1011 S Washington Ave., Mpls (Sat Sept 17 @ 7 pm)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/312269269124828/>

*All events are free and open to the public.*

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