Children's Book Art Silent Auction

SUPPORTING THE FREE SPEECH RIGHTS OF YOUNG READERS

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Dear friends,

A book is challenged in a school or library in the United States almost every day. Just this month the Chicago Public Schools banned Marjane Satrapi's terrific graphic novel *Persepolis* in middle school classes.

The good news is that the **American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression (ABFFE)**—the bookseller's voice in the fight against censorship, is leading the fight against book censorship. Its *Kids' Right to Read Project*, co-founded with the National Coalition Against Censorship, is providing critical support for the students, parents, teachers, and librarians who are fighting challenges in their local communities.

That's why we have agreed to co-host the 19th annual Children's Book Art Auction at BookExpo America. Proceeds will support ABFFE's defense of the free speech rights of young readers. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the River Pavilion of the Jacob Javits Convention Center.

Please consider contributing a piece of your wonderful art to the auction. This year's event will include a special section of pieces honoring Maurice Sendak, who inspired and supported so many artists and illustrators and was a champion of free speech. Consult the **auction's FAQs** for details.

We hope to see you at the River Pavilion. Thank you for your support!

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