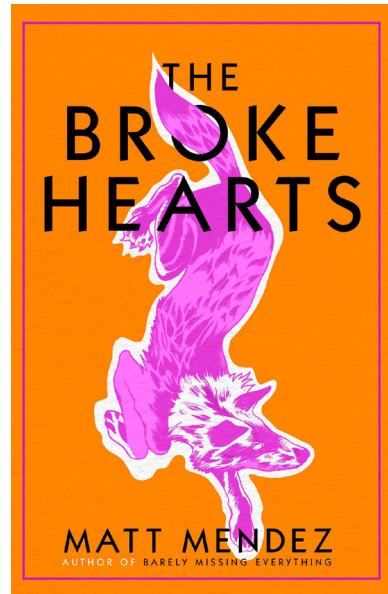


Matt Mendez



EXPLORING THE BROKE HEARTS

w/ Matt Mendez

Main Library - Teen Dept.

Saturday, October 28th, 2023 from 2:00PM-2:30PM

Matt Mendez is the author of *The Broke Hearts*, *Barely Missing Everything*, and the short story collection *Twitching Heart*. *The Broke Hearts* was called “masterfully realized...with images that accrue ever more refined meanings” by Kirkus and *Barely Missing Everything* has been called a “searing portrait of two Mexican-American families” by Publishers Weekly and “tremendously real” in a review by Apple Books. The New York Times says [Mendez] “has an uncanny ability to capture the aimless bluster of young boys posturing at confidence.”

Barely Missing Everything was named a 2019 Best YA Book by Kirkus, Seventeen Magazine, NBC Latino, and Texas Monthly. It was a Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers Nominee, awarded second place in the International Latino Book Awards, a Junior Library Guild Selection, and a Land of Enchantment Black Bear Book Award winner.

Like many of his characters Matt grew up in El Paso, Texas and continues to love and live in the Southwest, now in Tucson, Arizona. He is a military veteran and earned his MFA from the University of Arizona where he has taught creative writing. Matt is the father of two daughters that he loves fiercely.