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The Rancho Mirage Writers Festival returns to Rancho Mirage, Jan. 31, 2024.

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Sam Wasson, center, signs books during the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Jan. 31, 2024.



Valerie Biden Owens speaks during the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Jan. 31, 2024.



Doris Kearns Goodwin signs books during the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Jan. 31, 2024.



General David Petraus signs books during the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Jan. 31, 2024.



A woman takes a picture of some of the decor during the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Jan. 31, 2024.



Attendees check out some of the books for sale during the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Jan. 31, 2024.



Attendees walk in between sessions at the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Jan. 31, 2024.



Attendees watch General David Petreaus in the outdoor pavillion during the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Jan. 31, 2024.



People line for the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival at the Rancho MIrage Library and Observatory in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Jan. 31, 2024.

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Valerie Biden Owens, left, and Lesley Stahl have a conversation during the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Jan. 31, 2024.

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