



DAY ONE - Monday, June 27, 2022 - 11:30 AM

Finding the Superhero Within: From Trauma to Resiliency"

Session Description

Comic book writer and illustrator M.D. "Mayday" Trippe will speak about his many decades of resilience, searching for hope and purpose as a survivor of child sexual abuse. Without access to treatment or therapy, Mayday found a path to rebuilding himself in the stories of fictional heroes, in comic books, fantasy movies, and science fiction shows, especially those who had themselves survived childhood traumas and dedicated their lives to protecting others. With his autobiographical short story, *Something Terrible*, Mayday shares his own secret origin in order to dispel widely-accepted but harmful myths about victims child sexual abuse and the offenders who targeted them

Bio:

M.D. "Mayday" Trippe is an artist and writer from Jefferson, Georgia best known for *Something Terrible*, a critically-acclaimed autobiographical book about childhood trauma and recovery with the help of superhero stories. Mayday also illustrated part of the Eisner and Harvey award-winning anthology, *Comic Book Tattoo*, worked with Marvel Comics icon Stan Lee on an all-ages superhero comic, *Chakra: The Invincible*, speaks at comic conventions and sexual abuse prevention events across the country, and teaches digital drawing lessons locally.