

STORIES

41 authors

The event begins with a concert and conversation featuring country artist **Kenny Loggins**, who will share his children's book, "Footloose." The festival features 41 authors and 35 events, and offers something for everyone, says organizer Pam Morton. "We've got music, comedy, fashion, current events, the Holocaust, Israel, pop culture, food and outstanding fiction," she says.

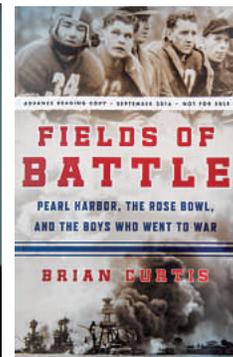
Each year, organizers screen the work of about 250 authors and select those they believe will resonate with festivalgoers. "We pride ourselves in having something for everyone," Morton says. The event is expected to draw 13,000 people.

CNN legal analyst, attorney and best-selling author **Jeffrey Toobin** is a fan favorite at the Book Festival. This year, Toobin will present his latest book, "American Heiress," which details the kidnapping of Patty Hearst. Other featured authors include: CNN National Security Analyst **Peter Bergen**, author of "The United States of Jihad"; Emmy-winning TV personality **Carson Kressley**, author of "Does this Book Make My Butt Look Big?"; and television personality **Andy Cohen**, author of "Superficial." New York Times best-selling author **Alice Hoffman** will present her latest novel, "Faithful," and famed celebrity manager **Shep Gordon** will tout, "They Call Me Supermensch."

From the Northside

Dunwoody author **Brian Curtis** will discuss his book "Fields of Battle: Pearl Harbor, the Rose Bowl and the Boys Who Went to War."

In his book, Curtis tells the story of the players and coaches who played in the 1942 Rose Bowl, which was moved from Pasadena to Duke University after the attack on Pearl Harbor prompted organizers to fear more attacks on the West Coast. "It wasn't just the fact that the game was different, it was the players that went off to war and fought



Dunwoody's Brian Curtis tells the story of the 1942 Rose Bowl.

together, sometimes with their coaches," he says.

Curtis was surprised to learn that the children and grandchildren of those men knew so little about their experiences. Roughly 80 percent of the players and coaches in the game ended up serving in the war in some capacity, he says. "One of the blessings is I've been able to share with the families about what I've uncovered, about where Dad served, and how Dad served, and was he injured and things like that," Curtis says. "It's certainly given me a new perspective on World War II. It's really a human interest story, a nonfiction narrative that will take people for a ride."

The Marcus Jewish Community Center Book Festival. Nov. 5-20. Individual tickets \$10-33. Series passes \$120-\$145. Some events are free. 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody. 678.812.4005. atlantajcc.org/bookfestival »

insider TIP » Culturally Jewish food will take center stage. This year, Lloyd Handwerker, the grandson of Nathan's Hot Dogs founder Nathan Handwerker, is one of the featured guests.