AN OPEN BOOK

Annual literary festival returns to Atlanta

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If there’s one thing many of us have in common, it’s that we love a good story and pearls of wisdom. More than 45 authors bring both to this year’s Book Festival of the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta. There are memoirs, intrigue, investigative journalism, novels and more. The festival officially runs Oct. 30-Nov. 18. However, a prologue to the event started last month and continues with special appearances in the coming weeks.

“We are recognized as the largest Jewish book festival in the country,” says Pam Morton, festival director. “It’s a celebration of culture and community. We work so hard to bring a huge range of subjects. There is something to appeal to everyone.” »
LOOK WHO'S COMING

• Following prologue events earlier in October, actor Tom Hanks officially opens the book festival with a collection of short stories and his first work of fiction titled “Uncommon Type: Some stories.” Oct. 30


• Academy Award-winning actress Sally Field discusses her descriptive, newly published memoir “In Pieces.” Oct. 21

• Investigative journalist and New York Times bestselling author Ronen Bergman discusses “Rise and Kill First: The Secret History of Israel’s Targeted Assassinations.” Oct. 29

• Mike Luckovich, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution editorial cartoonist and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, brings the humor with his book of political cartoons on Donald Trump, “A Very Stable Genius.” Nov. 4

• Author Liane Moriarty, whose bestselling novel “Big Little Lies” inspired the HBO hit series of the same name, is sure to grab audience attention with her just released book, “Nine Perfect Strangers.” Nov. 10

• Novelist and columnist Anna Quindlen presents a slice of New York City life in her new novel, “Alternate Side.” Nov. 11

• Pulitzer Prize-winning presidential historian Jon Meacham is in conversation about his New York Times bestseller “The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels.” Nov. 17

Anna Quindlen will appear at the book festival. Photo courtesy of MJCCA