The 28th Edition of the Book Festival of the MJCCA featured something for everyone

The 2019 Book Festival of the MJCCA celebrates 28 years of bringing culture and conversation to the greater Atlanta community with repertoire of 45+ authors and something to offer all festival-goers.

Headlining authors such as Preet Bharara, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton, Akbar Ghajabiamila, Nikki R. Haley, Jodi Kantor, Adam Rippon, Bari Weiss, and Henry Winkler, along with local authors Perry Brickman, Zoe Fishman, Sherry Frank, Lynn Garson, Andy Lipman, Bev Saltzman Lewyn, Pat Mitchell, Brent Pease and Kyle Pease, I.J. Rosenberg, and Robyn Spizman, offered something for everyone.

“The 28th Edition of the Book Festival of the MJCCA features everyone from acclaimed actors and renowned political figures; to historians and award-winning novelists; to authors presenting award-winning cookbooks and riveting memoirs,” said Book Festival co-Chair Deena Profis. “We truly have something for everyone.”

“Our exciting lineup featured some of Atlanta’s best local authors presenting their work,” explained Book Festival co-Chair Susie Hyman. “Additionally, we included our ‘In Conversation’ interviews between authors and local journalists, as well as various events with book clubs from throughout the city’.

Popular topics included:
Activism and Change Makers included authors Perry Brickman, Extracted, and Sherry Frank, A Passion to Serve.

All in the Family authors included Elizabeth Bellak and Alexandra Bellak, Renia’s Diary; Cher Hubsher and Dawn Hubsher, A Bond That Lasts Forever; Brent Pease and Kyle Pease, Beyond the Finish; and Hillary Clinton and Chelsea Clinton, The Book of Gutsy Women.

Amazing but True Stories included authors Ben Mezrich, Bitcoin Billionaires; Perry Brickman, Extracted; Chris Edmonds, No Surrender; Jon Dorenbos, Life Is Magic; Andy Lipman, The CF Warrior Project; and Brent Pease and Kyle Pease, Beyond the Finish.

Blockbuster Fiction included authors Heather Morris, Cilka’s Journey; Alice Hoffman, The World That We Knew; and Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver, Alien Superstar.

Contemporary Fiction included authors Zoe Fishman, Invisible As Air; Emily Liebert, Pretty Revenge; Myla Goldberg, Feast Your Eyes; and Lisa Barr, The Unbreakables.

Current Events and Politics included authors Bari Weiss, How to Fight Antisemitism; and Nikki R. Haley, With All Due Respect.

Female Empowerment included authors Jodi Kantor, She Said; Pat Mitchell, Becoming a Dangerous Woman; and Hillary Clinton and Chelsea Clinton, The Book of Gutsy Women.

Fashion and Style author included Tziporah Salamon, The Art of Dressing.

History included authors Julie Salamon, An Innocent Bystander; Julie Satow, The Plaza; Shawn Levy, The Castle on Sunset; Adam Chandler, Drive-Thru Dreams; Stephen Silverman, The Amusement Park; and Daniel Okrent, The Guarded Gate.

Historical Fiction included authors Melanie Benjamin, Mistress of the Ritz; Jennifer Cody Epstein, Wunderland; Sarah Blake, The Guest Book; and Jill Santopolo, More Than Words.

Humor included author Bob Mankoff, Have I Got a Cartoon for You!

Israeli Food & Cooking included author Einat Admony, Shuk.

Justice and the Law included author Preet Bharara, Doing Justice.

LGBTQ Issues included authors Adam Rippon, Beautiful on the Outside, and Abby Chava Stein, Becoming Eve.

Love and Kindness included authors Lynn Garson, Sex and the Single Grandma; and Robyn Spizman, Loving Out Loud.

Memoirs of Note included authors Jamie Bernstein, Famous Father Girl; Akbar Ghajabiamila, Everyone Can Be a Ninja; Adam Rippon, Beautiful on the Outside; Pat Mitchell, Becoming a Dangerous Woman; Jon Dorenbos, Life Is Magic; and Nikki R.
Haley, With All Due Respect.

Sequels to Blockbusters included authors Ben Mezrich, Bitcoin Billionaires, and Heather Morris, Cilka’s Journey.

Sex in the City included authors Candace Bushnell, Is There Still Sex in the City? and Lynn Garson, Sex and the Single Grandma.

Sobering Stories of the Holocaust included authors Jack Fairweather, The Volunteer; Stephen Koch, Hitler’s Pawn; Gillian Walnes Perry, The Legacy of Anne Frank; Meg Waite Clayton, The Last Train to London; Elizabeth Bellak and Alexandra Bellak, Renia’s Diary; Bev Saltzman Lewyn, On the Run in Nazi Berlin; and Chris Edmonds, No Surrender.

Sports included Akbar Gbajabiamila, Everyone Can Be a Ninja; Adam Rippon, Beautiful on the Outside; Brent Pease and Kyle Pease, Beyond the Finish; and I.J. Rosenberg with Darren Eales, Conquered.

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