



FILM SERIES – 2017

THE FINEST HOURS

Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 PM

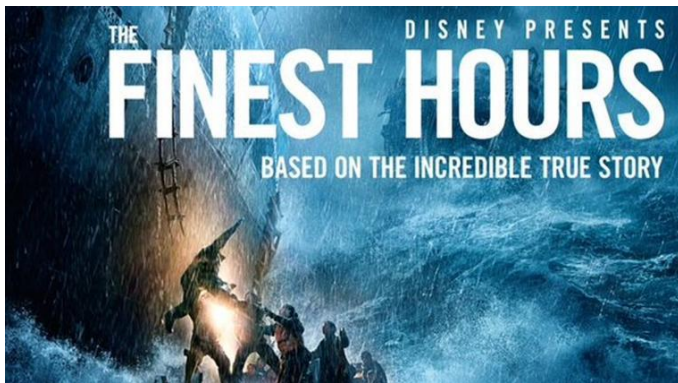
See the Disney film

**Chris Pine • Casey
Affleck • Ben Foster**

Tuesday, April 25, 7:30 PM

Hear the Author

**Michael Tougias
on The Making of the Film**



In the early hours of Monday, February 18, 1952, while a brutal storm raged, two oil tankers, the *Pendleton* and the *Fort Mercer*, found themselves in the same horrifying predicament: Built with "dirty steel," and not prepared to withstand such ferocious seas, both tankers split in two, leaving the dozens of men on board utterly at the Atlantic's mercy.

The Finest Hours is the gripping, true story of the valiant Coast Guard attempt to rescue the souls huddling inside the broken halves of the two ships. Extensive research and firsthand interviews combine to create an unforgettable tale of heroism, triumph, and tragedy.

**Filmed on location on Cape Cod
and Boston's South Shore.**

In November 2012, Michael Tougias was here at the Walpole Public Library, presenting his 2009 book, *The Finest Hours*. Walt Disney Pictures had actually purchased the rights to the book in 2011, but Tougias didn't mention this, since one never knows whether a film will ever actually be made and released. Fortunately, the film was shot in late 2014, completed in 2015, and released to theaters early in 2016. Michael will relate many fascinating details about the making of the film, much of which he observed first-hand.

**ADMISSION IS FREE
ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Community Room, Walpole Public Library
143 School Street, Walpole, MA**