



AUTHOR SERIES

ALISON O'LEARY ***SO CLOSE TO HOME***



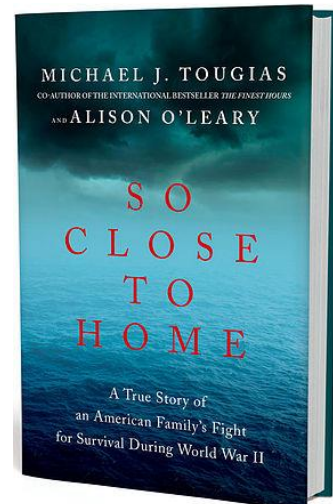
Alison O'Leary's co-author, Michael Tougias, will appear here next April 25th to tell about the making of the recent Disney film based on his book, *The Finest Hours*

Alison O'Leary is a longtime journalist who has worked for newspapers from Austin, Texas to Reno, Nevada; Bath, Maine and suburban Boston. She was a correspondent for the *Boston Globe* for several years before completing her B.A. at Emerson College and becoming editor of *The Boston Parents' Paper* magazine and *skirt!* Boston magazine.

On May 19, 1942, a German U-boat in the Gulf of Mexico torpedoed the freighter *Heredia* with sixty-two souls on board.

Most aboard were merchant seamen, but there were also a handful of civilians, including the Downs family: Ray and Ina, and their two children, 8-year-old Sonny and 11-year-old Lucille. When the ship exploded, chaos ensued—and each family member had to find their own path to survival.

An inspiring historical narrative, *So Close to Home* tells the story of the Downs family as they struggle against sharks, hypothermia, drowning, and dehydration in their effort to survive the aftermath of this deadly attack off the American coast.



Admission is Free – All Are Welcome

Saturday, October 8, 2016, 1:00 PM
Community Room, Walpole Public Library
143 School Street, Walpole, MA