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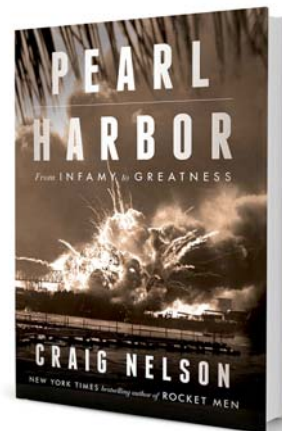
From Infamy to Greatness

With Historian and New York Times Bestselling Author

Craig Nelson

Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 10:00 am

The America we live in today was born, not on July 4, 1776, but on December 7, 1941, when an armada of 354 Japanese warplanes suddenly and deliberately attacked the United States, killing 2,403 men. Now, 75 years after the actual event, Craig Nelson's *Pearl Harbor: From Infamy to Greatness*, follows, moment by moment, the sailors, soldiers, pilots, admirals, generals, emperor, and president as they engineer, fight, and react to this overwhelming moment in history. Beginning with a pre-polio Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Franklin D. Roosevelt attending the laying of the keel at the Brooklyn Navy Yard of the USS Arizona, Nelson maps the road to war as Japan's leaders lurch into ultranationalist fascism, culminating in their insanely daring scheme to terrify Washington with a technologically-revolutionary mission in one of the boldest military stories ever told.



Nelson's presentation, backed by a research team's five years of work producing nearly a million pages of documents, as well as a thorough re-examination of the original evidence assembled by federal investigators, provides a blow-by-blow account from both the Japanese and American perspectives, and is a historical drama on the greatest scale. Nelson delivers all the terror, chaos, violence, tragedy, and heroism of the attack in stunning detail, and offers surprising conclusions about the tragedy's unforeseen and resonant consequences in the war that followed and beyond.



Craig Nelson

Craig Nelson is the author of several award-winning books including the *New York Times* bestseller, *Rocket Men*, *The Age of Radiance*, *Let's Get Lost*, *Thomas Paine* and *The First Heroes*. His writing has appeared in *Vanity Fair*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Soldier of Fortune*, *National Geographic*, *The New England Review*, *Popular Science*, *California Quarterly*, *Reader's Digest*, and a host of other publications.

As a historian, he's known for epic moments in the American experience – the race to the Moon; the nation's founding; the nuclear era, and Pearl Harbor. Distinguished for their scholarship, and massively researched from scratch, his books are eye-opening and definitive accounts of the profound moments that made us who we are today.



**This FREE program will be held at the Putnam Valley Free Library
30 Oscawana Lake Road ♦ Putnam Valley, NY 10579 at 10:00 am**