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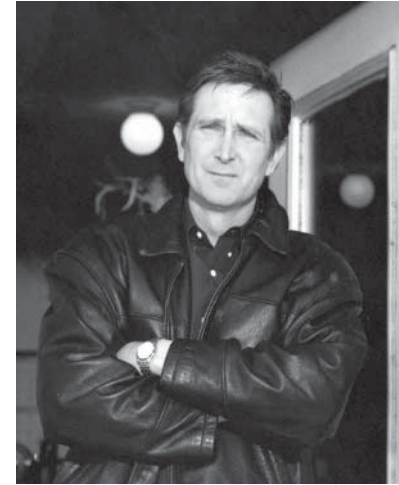
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**April 2, 2003**

### **Author Doug Stanton To Discuss Sinking of USS *Indianapolis* at Friends of the Library Lecture**

The Friends of the Library of North Carolina State University will host a lecture by Doug Stanton, author of *In Harm's Way: The Sinking of the USS Indianapolis and the Extraordinary Story of Its Survivors*. **The lecture is on Monday, May 12, at 7:30 P.M. at NC State's McKimmon Center. The event is free and open to the public.**

On July 30, 1945, the USS *Indianapolis*, returning from its top-secret delivery of the atomic bomb to Tinian Island, was torpedoed in the South Pacific by a Japanese submarine. It took nearly four days and five nights before the navy detected the survivors, who were struggling against shark attacks, the harsh elements of sun and sea, hypothermia, and dementia. Of the 1,196 member crew, only 317 survived, making this the worst naval disaster at sea in American history.



*Doug Stanton.*

Drawing on extensive interviews with the survivors and members of the rescue team, as well as new information and U.S. documents, Stanton tells the full story of the sinking and introduces



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readers to the courageous and heroic men who lived through it.

After the lecture, Stanton will sign copies of his book. **For more information, please call the Friends of the Library at (919) 515-2841, or visit the Web at**

**[www.lib.ncsu.edu/friends/](http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/friends/)**. The McKimmon Center is located on the corner of Western Blvd. and Gorman Street.

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