2025 Author Night Features Casey Sherman 6 pm, May 14th 2025 Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack St., Lowell, MA

Best-selling author, investigative journalist, true-crime writer and EMMY-nominated television producer Casey Sherman examines hope, resilience and courage under fire in some of the most captivating stories of our time from the greatest small boat rescue in U.S. history to his own personal search for justice.

On May 14, Sherman will discuss his newest publication, *Blood in the Water* a gripping contemporary true crime narrative for everyone who was fascinated by the Murdaugh murders, and for anyone compelled by the intersection between money, power, and family.

This event celebrates and honors Matt Fitzpatrick, a friend of Casey Sherman, and Foundation member who initiated the Meet the Author series for the Pollard Memorial Library, which is named for his maternal grandfather, former Lowell mayor Samuel S. Pollard. Matt passed away in December, 2024, and is deeply missed by his library friends and colleagues.

Sherman made international headlines with his rigorous and startling re-investigation of the murder of his aunt, Mary Sullivan, believed to be the youngest and final victim of the Boston Strangler. He chronicled the case in his bestselling thriller *Search for the Strangler: My Hunt for Boston's Most Notorious Serial Killer* (Grand Central Publishing, 2005).

In his maritime masterpiece *The Finest Hours*: *The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue* (Henry Holt & Co., 2014)—a Disney blockbuster starring Chris Pine, Casey Affleck and Eric Bana—Sherman told the inspiring story of four young Cape Cod Coast Guardsmen who saved the lives of 32 men on a capsized oil tanker in 1952. Then he investigated and wrote *Boston Strong: A City's Triumph Over Tragedy* (ForeEdge, 2015), the definitive account of the terrorist bombings that exploded at the finish line of the Boston Marathon in April 2013, resulting in one of the largest manhunts in U.S. history. *Boston Strong*, major motion picture from 20th Century Fox starring Mark Wahlberg, is based on Sherman's book.

Sherman is also a contributing writer for *Esquire, Huffington Post, Boston Magazine* and *FOX News*, and was nominated for an EMMY Award for his work as a television news producer for WBZ-TV. He has appeared on more than 100 television programs, including segments for CNN, FOX News, *The Today Show*, C-SPAN, *Unsolved Mysteries, The History Channel, ABC World News Tonight, The CBS Evening News, Discovery,* The Travel Channel and *The View*.

Sherman was born in Hyannis, Massachusetts and graduated from Boston University. A gifted storyteller and commanding speaker, he has performed his one-man show *Tales of Suspense* at venues around the country, including the historic Wilbur Theatre in Boston.