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MEDIA ALERT

BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE PERCY JACKSON BOOK SERIES IS COMING TO GWINNETT COUNTY

April 18, 2023 - Rick Riordan is the author of five #1 New York Times best-selling middle-grade series with millions of copies sold throughout the world, including Percy Jackson and the Olympians, The Heroes of Olympus, and the Trials of Apollo all based on Greek and Roman mythology. He and his first-time co-author Mark Oshiro will discuss the latest book in the series, *The Sun and the Star!* and giving fans the inside story about how they created this Nico di Angelo adventure.

With only five planned tour dates, the Gwinnett County Public Library and Presenting Sponsor Brave + Kind Bookshop are thrilled to have them visiting the Metro Atlanta area.

WHEN: May 4, 2023, at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Gas South Convention Center Hall A, Duluth, GA 30097

ABOUT THE AUTHORS:

Before becoming a best-selling author, **Rick Riordan** taught English and history at public and private middle schools in the San Francisco Bay Area and Texas. While teaching full-time, he began writing adult mystery novels, culminating in the triple (Edgar, Anthony, and Shamus) national award-winning Tres Navarre series. He turned to children's fiction when he started *The Lightning Thief*, marking the debut of Percy Jackson, as a bedtime story for his oldest son. In addition to writing, he

now serves as publisher of Rick Riordan Presents, an imprint of the Disney-Hyperion Publishing family, specializing in middle-grade adventures with lots of humor and action, drawing on myth or folklore. He is also an executive producer on the upcoming Disney+ Original series Percy Jackson and the Olympians, which recently wrapped production. Dubbed "Storyteller of the Gods" by Publishers Weekly, Rick lives in the mortal world of Boston, Massachusetts, with his wife and two sons.

Mark Oshiro is the author of three [young adult novels](#), including *Anger Is a Gift*, the 2019 Schneider Family Book Award winner, and *Each of Us a Desert*, an NPR Best Book of 2020. They have also written two middle-grade books, *The Insiders*, a Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year, and *You Only Live Once*, David Bravo. When not writing, Mark is trying to achieve their life goal of petting every dog in the world. Mark is based in Atlanta, Georgia.

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