

Pulling Each Other Along, Features Inspirational Works of 31 Chapter Authors

*New book includes foreword by NFL Hall of Famer and broadcaster Terry Bradshaw
and NFL Super Bowl Champion Rocky Bleier*

City — Date— Authors Doug Cornfield and Todd Civin have just released a compilation book featuring 31 well known and inspirational chapter authors. ***Pulling Each Other Along***, which has been over two years in the making, includes stories written by chapter authors sharing their inspirational stories of who pulled them along.

“Pulling Each Other Along has been a long-time dream of mine and watching the incredible cast of authors who signed on exceeded my expectations,” explained Civin who has written and published nearly sixty books about people with disabilities. “Assembling a cast which includes former NFL star Rocky Bleier, the first Ironman with Downs Syndrome, Chris Nikic and Liv Stone, speaks of the power of the Pulling Each Other Along concept.”

Cornfield, the Executive Director of Disability, Dream & Do, which creates sports camps for children with differing abilities added, “Pulling Each Other Along is more than just a book but a movement of kindness that allows all of us to acknowledge the people who helped to pull us along during our most challenging times. The world needs PEOA more than ever and the initial response by those who’ve read the book is a testament to that.”

The title and concept of the book can be credited to Dave Clark, whose chapter titled ***Why We Pull***, is the inspiration for the book. Clark is the only professional baseball player to play the game on crutches, the result of contracting polio when he was only ten months old.

The foreword of the book was written by NFL Hall of Famer and TV analyst Terry Bradshaw. Cornfield and Civin partnered together to share stories that focus on incredible people being helped by others. The mission is to bring people together by emphasizing the good in human nature and divide because of differences we all have.

“There are several individuals with disabilities among the chapter authors, but also many able bodies individuals who experienced challenges in their lives of a different nature.” explained Cornfield. “We wanted to be inclusive in our inclusion, so the book also includes chapters by Bonnie Mann, 3x World champion boxer and a story about the inventor of the popular game Operation. We also have incredible stories by Zappos Adaptive, The Challenged Athletes Foundation and John Cronin, owner of John’s Crazy Socks.”

The book promotion launched in early November as part of a Kickstarter campaign and raised \$16,000 to help defray printing costs and has now continued on the Indiegogo platform. Supporters can pre-order book and select from a wide variety of rewards including copies signed from the authors on the star-studded roster. The official launch date of PEOA is expected to take place in March, 2022 when it will be available on the Pulling Each Other Along website at www.pullingeachotheralong.com.

Chapter authors include:

- **Dave Clark**- The only professional baseball player on crutches
- **Bonnie Mann**- 3x World Champion Boxer & HOF Inductee
- **Dr. Amanda Kloo**-Teacher, mother, athlete blessed with the "Miracle of Cerebral Palsy"

- **Rocky Bleier**- The only Bronze Star & Purple Heart recipient with four Super Bowl rings with the Pittsburgh Steelers
- **Tim Walsh**-Author, filmmaker, and 2020 Game Innovator of the Year nominee
- **Willie Robinson**-World traveler and linebacker coach of the Georgetown Hoyas
- **Mike "Dreamchaser" Smith**-Above the elbow amputee, Army Veteran and Triathlete
- **Mindy Scheier**-Founder of Runway of Dreams; Fashion Designer
- **Dana Zumbo**- Business Development Manager, Zappos Adaptive-Functional, fashionable products to make life easier
- **Liv Stone**-Team USA 2x Gold Medalist Para Surf World Champion
- **Bob Babbit**- Founder of Challenged Athletes Foundation
- **Chris Nikic**- Only person with Down Syndrome to complete a full Ironman
- **Brent Pease - Kyle Pease**-First brothers to complete the famed Ironman Kona World Championship
- **Beth James & Liza**-First Mother/Daughter team to finish an Ironman and compete in the Ironman World Championship
- **Amy Palmiero**-Single leg amputee, World-record holder and ESPY winner
- **Brandy & Gavin Lawry**-Gavin "The Face" ...unbreakable spirit of love pursuing health
- **SWFL** - Southwest Florida Community Foundation
- **Dave Stevens**-Only legless TV personality / NCAA football and pro baseball player
- **Marnie Schneider**- Author, Speaker, & Founder of Keep on Playing Foundation
- **Lauren Lieberman**-Founder & Director of Camp Abilities and Global Fulbright Scholar
- **Jay Lawrence**- Quadriplegic, football league creator & team owner
- **Baxter Humby**-First professional fighter to become World Champion with one hand
- **Jamal Hill**-Paralympic swim champion ranked #1 in the USA- Paralympic bronze medal winner
- **John & Mark Cronin**- Father-son team spreading happiness through John's Crazy Socks.
- **Courtney Runyon**- Best-selling author, speaker, autoimmune survivor, and social media darling
- **Laura Chagnon**- Quadriplegic, legally blind, traumatic brain injury survivor, published poet, motivational speaker
- **Ava Paige**-Singer/songwriter, fighting Leukemia "one note at a time"
- **Ieva Robinson**-Pro basketball USSR born overcomer of challenges
- **Auti Angel**-Earth Angel who Pioneered Wheelchair Hip Hop
- **Austin & Angelia Booth**- Mother/son duo with "Punishers" protection
- **Thom (Tank) Cullen**-President Collier County Punishers
- **Rick & Dick Hoyt**- Father/son duo team that competed in 32 Boston Marathons and 1100 athletic competitions. First duo to complete Ironman World Championships in Kona Hawaii

The previous works of Cornfield and Civin have highlighted many different people of all walks of life, and especially those in the disability communities. The two have different skill sets and have worked together on PEOA to bring these incredible stories to the world.

Pulling Each Other Along Available

Pulling Each Other Along will be available at www.pullingeachotheralong.com and at www.civinmediarelations.com at a cost of \$24.95 plus shipping. It will also be sold wherever books are sold.

Disability, Dream, Do

The Disability Dream and Do (D3Day) sports camps were created by Dave Clark, the only pitcher in professional sports history to pitch on crutches, and Doug Cornfield, a former NCAA medal winning runner at Georgia, who himself had a child born with no arms. These camps allow professional players to interact with children with special needs in various drills and compete in sports with no limitations. In 2016, Dave Stevens, who was born without legs yet played college football and minor league baseball, came on board as the D3Day camps expanded to other cities in the US. Dave, Dave, and Doug now put on camps all over the country and share their amazing stories as well as inspire others to look past a disability and turn it into an ability.

Civin Media Relations

Civin Media Relations is a publishing company that specializes in sharing the stories of those with differing abilities. Founded in 2013, after publishing the book *One Letter at a Time* by Rick Hoyt and Todd Civin, Civin Media Relations has written and published more than fifty children's books and seven full length books under the genre of differing abilities.

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