Neil Pasricha INTRODUCTION

(Note: If you have a personal story / introduction relating to Neil, that's always best. Think of the below as backup only and edit as needed.)

SHORT VERSION

I am excited to introduce our keynote speaker Neil Pasricha

(NOTE: Last name pronounced PASS-REACH-AH)

Neil is the *New York Times* bestselling author of five books including *The Book of Awesome* and *The Happiness Equation*.

After receiving his MBA from Harvard, Neil spent a decade as Director of Leadership inside Walmart, the world's largest company.

He is one of the most popular TED speakers of all time and his work has been featured by CNN, BBC, and The Oprah Winfrey Network.

Please help me welcome... Neil Pasricha!

LONG VERSION

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Neil is the *New York Times* bestselling author of five books including *The Happiness Equation* and *The Book of Awesome*. His books have published in over a dozen languages, spent over 200 weeks on bestseller lists, and sold over a million copies.

His first book *The Book of Awesome* was based on his blog, 1000 Awesome Things, which has scored over 50 million hits and twice won the Webby for "Best Blog in the World" as awarded by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences.

Neil has degrees from Queen's University and Harvard Business School and spent a decade as Director of Leadership inside Walmart, the world's largest company.

As a speaker, Neil has delivered one of the ten "Most Inspiring" TED Talks of all time. He has spoken to hundreds of thousands of people around the world from Ivy League Deans to Fortune 500 CEOs to Royal Families in the Middle East.

And now we're lucky to have him join us at [INSERT NAME OF EVENT]

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