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Zach Fortier is back with more true crime accounts from the streets. This time with true stories of Cops gone bad. Join Zach as he meets a cop who will be a future member of the FBI's 10 most wanted, hunted for a brutal quadruple murder and that is just the beginning!, Zach details Cops that make every mistake possible, Theft, Murder, Fraud, Drug Abuse and more.

Cops ending up in prison themselves. Proving the point that "Anyone is capable of anything given the right set of circumstances". Take a ride on the dark side of Law Enforcement. The side the cops rarely talk about.

## Hero To Zero Details

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## From Reader Review Hero To Zero for online ebook

### Ashley Fontaine says

In his typical raw, rough and real style, Zach Fortier brings another page-turner of a book! One filled with tales about cops that decided to walk on the wrong side of the law for a variety of reasons.

And what happens when they fall from they pedestal that we have placed them on.

Some of the fallen more than deserved to no longer wear a badge. When they get their comeuppance, you can't help but smile. And Zach's unabashed, unapologetic words leave no room to wonder exactly how he feels about the situation!

Others, that started out with the true heart and soul of a crime-fighter, succumb to the deadly lure of worldly traps. When they take their nosedive, you can't help but cringe.

A realistic look inside the lives of the people that carry a badge, and what happens when they tarnish it.

Gripping and intense, so if you are a Fortier Fan, grab this one!

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### Cassandra says

Written in a very conversational style. That made it very easy to read.

The stories are interesting, but short. Some would say that is good some would say bad. I read this entire book on my Samsung Galaxy. Like I said very easy to read, lol :)

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### Shannon Gambino says

Written in a style similar to CurbChek, Zach Fortier provided us with enough crash and burn material to easily satisfy our morbid rubbernecking curiosity. We all go through phases of thinking that our lives are in the pits until we read the stories in *Hero to Zero* and realize we might not have it so bad, after all. Mr. Fortier recounted approximately twenty-five police officers from his past who rose to fame and plummeted into shame merely by their choices. Split second decisions to lie, steal, control, imbibe, fight, fornicate, and/or loaf brought the offending officers shame, unemployment, jail time, or even death. Real-life stories of those bound to uphold the law prove that even they were not above the law, and eventually, the company they chose to keep pulled them down and cost them everything.

From rags to riches to a lovely shade of orange, I had to laugh at some of the stories because of the minimal effort it took for the characters to go down in flames. *Hero to Zero* had me cringing, chuckling, and rolling my eyes at the behavior. Moral of the story: keep your pants zipped up and your hands out of other people's pockets. A thumbs up for *Hero To Zero*.

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### Jenny Karraker says

I felt like the Dirty Harry character was writing this book, with the hard guy approach, swearing, and simple statement of facts about cops who had experienced success and then fell from grace. I think being a policeman and being exposed to so much evil and corruption has got a take a toll of your life, whether professionally or personally. It almost made me mistrust every cop I see. However, I needed to remember that though these men and women failed, many others have succeeded and not given in to the temptation of drugs, big money, corruption, etc. Always trying to understand what's happening, I wondered if there were any common denominators in these people's lives. It did seem that many were not secure in their own skin, and the pull of power and control that the police force gives filled that void in their life and took over. Several seemed to be rigid in their beliefs in the sanctity of marriage and didn't set appropriate boundaries with selfish and immoral wives, which eventually cost them their careers. Others were lazy, just doing the bare minimum, but trying to make themselves look better than they were. Others had horrific childhood situations that they were not able to overcome. I guess their stories just reflect human nature with all our weaknesses and foibles, baggage and fears. However, in such dangerous and high profile positions, they are more vulnerable, and the fall is often harder and farther and definitely more visible which makes their stories all the sadder.

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### **Roxanne Reyes says**

Very thought provoking and interesting read especially for those coming from a sheltered upbringing/lifestyle. Reading about murders, adultery, DUI's etc sound so grim and troubling; hard to imagine the ordeal that these law enforcement officers go through in their private lives while trying to do their daily jobs, I tip my hat to law enforcement personnel because they risk their lives and sometimes it is a thankless job dealing with so many unsavory and shady characters and criminals. I am not cut out for that career but bravo to those that are part of it and do it with honor and loyalty. I recommend the book and it's an easy read.

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### **Christina says**

Much in the same style as Fortier's other books. Hero to Zero is based on a "hero" in the perception of the public eye who are exposed and fall to zero. Zach always has a way of making me feel like I was there. Just like his other book it was very intriguing and I couldn't put it down. This book sheds light on the circumstances, evidence, and motivations surrounding these horrific events. It goes to show that those on top, usually fall the hardest. A tribute to those who have suffered amazing tragedy and persevered through sheer determination...and those who lost everything in the face of shattered fame.

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### **Name Marla says**

I just finished reading Hero to Zero and, as all of Zach's books, it did not disappoint. I love reading about what really goes on in our world - the world we never hear about. I am always amazed at the stories Zach has to share. His walk on the "dark side" of law enforcement is page-turning. Hero to Zero is an interesting account of those in uniform whom most of us look up to, look to for help, look to for guidance, and wouldn't ever imagine acting in any way like those they are protecting us from. This book gives us the inside scoop in the no-nonsense way that Zach sees life around him and is written in that same no-nonsense way. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it and, once again, can't wait for the next book!

## **Gabriel Laserna says**

Insightful look into the professional and personal lives of policemen and women. True and often sad tales of good officers who make bad choices and watch as their careers implode because of it. A compelling, fascinating and often times comical look into a world most "daywalkers" never experience.

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## **Walter Herrick says**

This Zach Fortier book is easily the most pessimistic of his...and really shows how off the author is.

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## **Lisa says**

Hero to Zero

A Cops Meltdown

Another great read from Zach Fortier. "Anyone is capable of anything given the right set of circumstances". Sad statement but so very true! This book is reality.

If you have ever wondered what happens to cops who continue to go through stresses and strains of life. This book is for you. Everything from theft, embezzlement, drugs abuse, cheating wives and husbands, and even murder is all in this book. Military cops, City cops, Sheriffs, and Highway Patrol all are Heroes but then shit happens...

This book is heartbreaking reading stories about people who are living their dream being amazing cops then fall from doing something stupid. Other stories about cops who should not be cops from the very beginning reading them fall is justice served.

I love Zach's style he has a way of making you think you are there instead of just turning the pages of a book. Then there are times when you are reading then saddening you finish a story and think...I just did not read that...the visions stay in your mind and you just cannot shake them...

Not my favorite book because I disliked reading about how and why these exceptional amazing cops did what they did. Sometimes even administration trying to covering up things that are bad. Making bad decisions is part of life, but reading about cops fall to ZERO crashing to the ground off that pedestal that we put cops on just is tough, but it happens way more than any of us know.

Cannot wait until the next book... Keep them coming Zach Fortier!

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## **Sara says**

"Hero To Zero" is Zach Fortier's latest book that exposes what life as a cop is really like. This one focuses not on the various crimes that he witnessed, but the crimes and personal issues of the cops themselves. It's gossipy in the best way, and even though you don't personally know the cops (who are for the most part assigned aliases) you still find yourself snickering at their downfall, or shaking your head being thankful that they were caught.

Why is it that people enjoy stories like this? I am not really sure why its human nature to enjoy hearing about the downfall of the fallen heroes among us, but there is no one that can tell it better than Fortier. The stories are gritty, told in a personal and conversational manner. It feels like you're chatting over a beer or something, which makes it a quick and enjoyable read. My parents loved it too, as well as Fortier's other books.

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## **Carolyn Arnold says**

Compelling: A Real-Life Look Behind the Blue Line

"No sane person alive would take this job."

This sentence from the book sums up Hero to Zero. Under the eye of the media, but wanting nothing to do with it, a true cop has to balance a fine line between good and bad.

As a former cop, the author pulls from experience and he puts it this way: 'anyone is capable of anything given the right circumstances'. The real life stories retold in this book make it clear that statement holds merit.

You have cops who have dreamed of being such all their lives only to make bad decisions, or have misplaced loyalties prove to be their downfall. With some it takes years for their undoing, and for others a relatively short amount of time. In most cases, the outcome is heartbreaking even if for some, it seems justice has prevailed.

This is the 2nd book I've read of Zach Fortier's; the first being Curbchek. While both books could be used as research material for the crime author, I found Hero to Zero to be a compelling read and it provides unbelievable insights into "cop life".

For one, it reaffirms the myth about the secrecy and confidentiality inside the brotherhood of blue--it does exist even if on an expiry date.

For me, this book instilled a deeper respect for those who serve and who have served.

"You might read about one rape that occurred the previous night or one fatal crash. Cops...see all of it. Not the single case that gets printed but the dozens that don't. They don't just read about it, they live it. The screams of the helpless and wounded in pain: the smell of blood, brains, and s\*\*\* of the near dead and dying. They see and experience it all and come back the next night for the next installment of what the rest of us rarely even realize is going on, every day, all day long." - Hero to Zero

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## **Kater Cheek says**

I got this off bookbub, figuring that I was willing to take a chance on a free book. It's exactly as promised:

stories of cops who went from excelling in their career to being persona-non-grata, usually because of hubris.

Fortier has a direct style of writing. For the most part, it's "just the facts" but when he has an opinion of a person's character, he doesn't hide it. Ther stories themselves are fascinating, and more than once I wished he would expand on it. Any one of these stories could be the outline for its own novel. I've read many true-crime novels with less material to work with. So in a way, it was frustrating that Fortier didn't elaborate and find out more details in some cases. He'd just say something like "so and so eventually got caught in a drug bust and arrested for being with an underage girl" and I'd think "Wait, tell us more about that!" but he'd just go on to the next story.

I liked this book. It was pretty short, but it had a distinct viewpoint that felt authentic and I enjoyed getting to know more about what it's like to be a cop.

I recommend this for fans of true crime novels.

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### **Holly Cochran says**

I received this book from Zach Fortier as thanks for having read and reviewed his previous efforts.

Hero to Zero tells the stories of real life "hero" cops, and how they came to be viewed as great officers in their departments and their communities. Fortier then details their falls from grace, their loss of their police credentials and their careers. The causes? Usually greed, ego, or just plain stupid decisions - just like the rest of us. The stories are each fascinating in their own way, as are the behind-the-scenes details of life in law enforcement. Fortier has put out another excellent work with this book. I would give it 5 stars but for editing issues (easily fixed - hope his publisher does this ASAP!). Good work, Mr. Fortier!

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### **Holly Morey says**

This is a look at everyday police officers who ruined their careers by doing something stupid. The stories were very interesting but the writing had a lot to be desired. I think this book would have been more interesting if the author was more objective and hadn't personally known the subjects. I doubt that I will read any other books by this author.

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