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With an Introduction by Rudolph Guiliani

During our nation's most trying times, it has been *Life* that has provided the images that help us understand, remember, and in the process, renew. Now the editors of *Life* have assembled a moving, brilliantly illustrated account of tragedy and triumph. This is about firemen going in amidst the rubble, but it is also about a Frenchman in Paris holding up a sign that says, "We are all Americans." This is about our leaders taking charge, but it is also about schoolchildren in Iowa hanging an American flag on a tree in their backyard. Beginning with the history of lower Manhattan, the book explains what happened on September 11, profiles many of the heroes, victims and rescuers (fireman, police, doctors, and rescue dogs among them), and paints an inspiring portrait of a nation and world coming together in sadness, pride and resolve. The book is more than photographs. Explanatory text runs throughout, and the book also includes a selection of original essays about America and September 11, written by such notables as Maya Angelou, Thomas Keneally (*Schindler's List*), Stephen Ambrose, Melissa Fay Greene (*The Temple Bombing*), Andrei Codrescu, Gordon Parks, Doug Stanton (*In Harm's Way*), Bob Greene (*Duty*), James Bradley (*Flags of Our Fathers*), and others.

Ten percent of the cover price of this book will be donated to the September 11th Fund of the New York Community Trust and the United Way of New York City. The purpose of this fund is to help address the immediate and longer-term needs of victims, their families, and communities affected by the events of September 11, 2001.

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Sandy says

This is such a sad book about the Sept. 11, 2001 bombings. The photos are amazing; it's hard to imagine someone had the presence of mind to take photos while the chaos was happening around them. This book is truly one that everyone should read.

Kimberly says

I bought this book when it came out in 2001 and though I looked at the pictures at the time I never read the words. Now 10 years later to the day and I decided to read the book cover to cover. While reading it I couldn't help but notice the first edition of this book (the one I have) lists the dead at at least 5,000. It reminds me that even three months after the attack the true number of those lost was still not known for sure.

This book is a moving tribute and reminder to the events of 9/11. Every home in America should own this book (or one like it) to show future generations so 9/11 will never be forgotten and both the large and small stories/events of that day will be passed on.

9/11/01 Never forget.

Lynn Bingaman says

We bought this book shortly after 9 11, and I get it out every September, but I usually get so emotional over it that I can only read several pages. This year I decided to finish it. I am so glad I did. The end of the book was so hopeful and inspiring, even in these dark times.

David Ward says

One Nation: America Remembers September 11, 2001 by Life Magazine (Little, Brown & Co. 2001) (973.931). This is a commemorative collection of photos documenting the most deadly terrorist attack ever perpetrated on U.S. soil and the heroic response of the people of the city of New York. This celebrates the triumph of the human spirit. I found this pristine hardback copy in the free bin at the local used book store. My rating: 7/10, finished 4/30/15.

Stefani says

I LOVED this book - it is exactly what I wanted to have available in my classroom while teaching a unit centering on 9/11. The pictures are painful but stunning reminders of the attacks and show the full

experience of those around ground zero. Honestly, I bought this book because I knew the images would be what I needed but the essays ended up being what really made me fall in love with it. I have sticky note flags all over the pages of images, quotes, and essays that I want to share with my students. Best book on 9/11 thus far.

Elijah says

One Nation by LIFE Magazine is a book about the events of 9/11, 2001. It tells the stories of many different people through pictures and words. It is very interesting, because it shows how little people actually knew about the attacks when this book was published in 2001. One of the facts stated was that about 5000 people died in the attacks. Later information put the estimates around 2700. The book not only tells about the attacks in New York, but also of the ones in Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. It is really amazing to see how little people knew at the time. Even more stunning is the fact that people believed all of the information; so much that they published a book about it, stating the incorrect information as fact. This book is a veritable time machine. Touching with words and pictures, 'One Nation' really shows how people tried their best to help out directly following the attacks. The individual stories are especially heart-wrenching. The fact that people helped out total strangers—some losing their lives in the process—made the significance of the terrorism all the more important. The attacks of 9/11 shocked and frightened the nation, but brought people closer, so that they could stand and fight against the enemy.

I feel that people should read this book because it makes people more aware of the shortcomings in this world—and the bravery. While some people were so fanatic that they decided to blow up buildings, others risked their lives to save the lives of many. The passengers on Flight 93 dared to wrench the controls of their plane from the hands of the terrorists, and maybe saved the White House because of their heroic deeds.

Rose says

Mayor Giuliani: "Less than two hours later, both 110-story Twin Towers collapsed, killing some 5,000 innocent men, women, and children."

We now know that approx 2600 people died at the WTC, not counting those on the impact planes.

Of those:

~ 100-200 people fell or jumped before the collapses

~ 300 people died on the ground from being struck by debris or falling bodies before the collapses

Probably several hundred died prior to the collapse from the plane impacts, fire, or smoke inhalation, although we can never know quite how many

The youngest victim in the buildings was 18 - not a child - although some women were pregnant when they died.

Understandably, since the book was published in Nov 2001, the WTC death toll it reports is higher than the final number. However, within 6 weeks after the attack, the death toll within the towers was officially reported as significantly lower than 5000 - and of those, it is obvious that many would have been killed well

before the collapse. Newspapers came up with estimates lower than 3000 at that point by combining information on losses suffered by individual companies and emergency responder units.

I appreciate that Giuliani's introduction was more emotive than a history lesson, but would it have been that hard to put in a caveat about the figures rather than baldly stating them as hard facts? "As I write, it is believed that..."

Julie says

As hard as it is to read about about this subject, this book did a great job in providing facts about the tragedy in a way that was respectful. The way the book was laid out and how the information was delivered made it actually somewhat "pleasant" to read. This is important history, and I feel that it was presented in the best way possible given the subject matter.

Nathan Stelzner says

The book "One Nation Remembers September 11, 2001" by Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani is great book about what happened to many people in New York City on September 11, 2001. It is very sad to read about all the stories of what people went through on that day. The pictures tell a whole other story. When I saw a picture of firefighters running into the building and knowing what could happen. I couldn't help but think of how hard that had to be. I would recommend this book to high school student. It makes you appreciate what you have. It would be an easy read for people and there are many pictures to look at.

Jamie says

This is the only 9-11 book everyone should read..IMO.

A beautiful tribute to all..firefighters, police officers, emergency rescue teams, military, K-9 rescue dogs and their handlers, Priests, Flight 93 Passengers, Flight Attendants on all 4 planes, doctors, surgeons, Red Cross, teachers in the childcare centers of the buildings hit, restaurant owners giving out food to those involved in the recovery effort and last but certainly not least All American and non American Volunteers.

Tasya Dita says

This book is truly powerful.

9/11 will always have a special place in my heart. No, I am not an American, nor I was in America, and I was certainly too young to remember that day (3 years old!). But the story of people from all background and all around usa, convened there and even charged towards danger, trying to save as many as possible even though they might lose their own lives? It always gives me hope that even in the darkest time we can emerge together stronger and even restore my faith to humanity. Seeing stories from eyewitness- of the dramatic rescue and people they've lost- and the harrowing pictures present, gave me chills and even brought tears to

my eyes.

And with all the horrible-ness and division that currently happens in the USA, I think this is the perfect book to read.

16 years ago, america bound together as a nation amidst the grief and losses it suffered. you guys bounded together like never before, and unlike any other country had done. 16 years latter, you guys are almost torn apart by division and hatred. How can things changed so quickly? Thousands of people dead, alongside of hundred others who died try to save people.

Don't let your hatred make you forget that you are a nation, one nation, bound together by the same history and identity as each other.

chucklethescot says

This book features short narratives, allowing the book to be dominated by stunning photographs which show the World Trade Center as it was built, and then the poignant photos relating to the terrorist attack. It was a lovely presentation and reminds you exactly what was lost that day. I liked meeting the rescue dogs who are forgotten heroes in these disasters. The photo of poor Father Judge being carried from the building always gets to me when I see it. The book contains map of NYC and the routes that the planes took and the photos are truly incredible.

Logan Nott says

Loved this book because it laid a greater insight on 9/11 as a whole. I would recommend to anyone due to how real this book is, it highlights how sad 9/11 was and its effect on America.

Kimberly says

I have the book *LIFE One Nation: America Remembers September 11, 2001* that was published 10 years ago, and I was so moved and touched by the section "Faces of Ground Zero" that I just had to get this edition where they caught up with some of the same people 10 years later.

After reading this edition with "Faces of Ground Zero 2011" I was happy to see some of those faces with less shock, pain and sadness in their eyes. Though these people are still sad over the loss they experienced it's good to see that overall they are doing well and surviving. I was especially glad to see that Joanne Foley Gross had a beautiful smile to show since her photo 10 years before was so heart stricken (her photo taken in 2011 is enough of a reason to own this book).

Besides the newer section "Faces of Ground Zero 2011" this book also includes a new foreword by Tom Brokaw, the speech the President gave on the death of Bin Laden and a photo of the Survivor Tree. Other than a few page layout changes and the new sections listed above this edition has the same content as the first book 10 years ago. But even if you own that book, this one is still worth buying.

9/11/11 - 10 years later we have not forgotten and we will never forget!

Jessica says

I do also own the original edition of this book, but for some reason, never added it to my Goodreads.

Ten years have done little to diminish the devastation of that clear fall day. I was in college and mistook the news for a movie trailer. This book is beautifully done; it does not shy away from the sadness and horror of September 11 but does not glorify it either. Hope winds its way through the text and pictures also.

My only quibble is with the very end of the book. I thought President Obama's speech on May 1, 2011 was a great addition, but I would have liked to have seen some photographs of America's reaction to the news of bin Laden's demise.

Highly, highly recommended.
