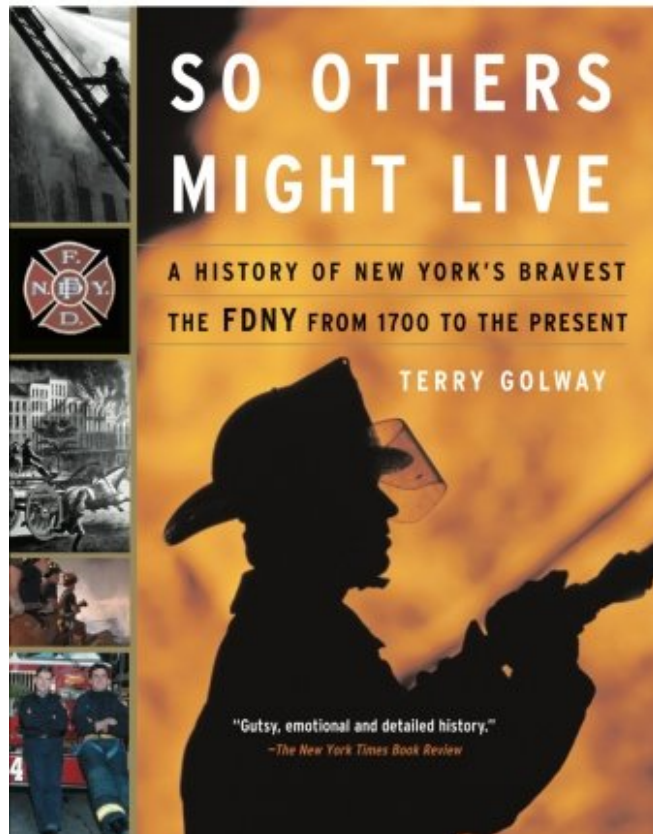


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throat politics, the enormous backlash of accepting women into the predominately all-male rank and file, to confronting the violent scourge of terrorism, responding to the 1993 World Trade Center Bombing, Oklahoma City in 1995, and the catastrophic attacks of September 11th 2001 that left the departments command and experience infrastructure decimated. If you're a fan of New York's Bravest or know someone who's currently serving with them this book is for you! Despite a rather slow beginning and a historical infraction with the date of the Oklahoma City Bombing, it's still well worth the time to read. After seeing Mr. Golway interviewed on the HBO Documentary A Good Job: Stories of the FDNY, I knew I had to check out his book. As an avid reader and writer myself, I have to say that Terry does an exceptional job chronicling the history and the world of the New York City Fire Department. A Must-Have for any firefighter or civilian interested in firefighting! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Never Forget.....By CoinHunter A must read, very interesting and informing book about the selfless dedication of firefighters to not only just do their job, but to put their heart and soul into it. You must have a special trait to put your life on the line to save others in dire need. It's sometimes literally putting others' lives ahead of your own....and that says it all. God Bless, and Never Forget 9/11, may all who gave everything rest in peace..... 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good old school firefighting By Christian Boyd Good stuff. This book details the evolution of FDNY's Rescue Company, focusing on R2. Interesting because: #1 - Did not realize the Rescues were that busy #2 - Did not realize that Rescue Co.'s "picked" their guys Just a great overall inside look at this Rescue and the men that rode it.....full of stories about tough and odd jobs from the 1960's to today.

In the first history of the New York Fire Department--FDNY--in over sixty years, journalist Terry Golway weaves together stories of heroic firefighters and extraordinary fires to create a moving and original account of New York as seen through the eyes and actions of the city's firefighters. From the eighteenth century's most ambitious public-works project--the building of aqueducts from upstate to help control fires--to firefighter-turned-politician Boss Tweed's backroom politics, fire and firefighters have played an integral part in the life of New York. So Others Might Live also offers a new view of the building of modern urban America and the social turbulence of New York from the 1700s to the present day.

From Publishers Weekly Writing with humor and passion and an understanding of the firefighter's mindset that comes from deep personal experience (his father, father-in-law, godfather and uncles were all firemen), New York Observer editor-columnist Golway (The Irish in America, etc.) takes readers inside the New York City Fire Department. As Golway's account follows the FDNY going back to its origins in New Amsterdam, points of familiarity emerge from the fine details: the need, even in 1731, to raise money for state-of-the-art equipment; the "respect and awe" felt by little boys for firefighters; the passion of firefighters for their work; the feverish search to recover the bodies of fallen brothers. Golway also provides vivid portraits of the city's worst conflagrations: the "ocean of fire" that destroyed 674 buildings in lower Manhattan in 1835, the tragic 1904 excursion boat fire that left 1,000 dead, the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Fire and the 850 alarms reported on April 20, 1963, "the busiest day in FDNY history." Closing chapters are devoted to the 1993 and 2001 World Trade Center attacks. Centuries of heroism and bravery are documented here, along with profiles of firefighters famed within the organization, and many readers will see this as a compelling volume to shelve alongside Richard Picciotto's Last Man Down, David Halberstam's Firehouse and former Fire Commissioner Thomas von Essen's forthcoming autobiography, Strong of Heart. 70 bw photos. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. "Gutsy, emotional and detailed history." -- New York Times Book About the Author Terry Golway, columnist and City Editor of The New York Observer, is a frequent contributor to the Irish Echo, American Heritage, the Boston Globe, and the New York Times. He is the co-author of The Irish in America, and the author of For the Cause of Liberty: A Thousand Years of Ireland's Heroes, and Irish Rebel: John Devoy and America's Fight for Ireland's Freedom. He lives in Maplewood, New Jersey.