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Editorial Review

From Library Journal

In words as devastatingly heartbreaking as the photo on the book's cover, Smith uses his skill as a writer to capture the horrors of September 11, 2001. Smith is a retired New York City fireman and author of the bestselling *Report from Engine Co. 82*, so he is able to convey the mind-set of this "brotherhood." The firefighters, rescue workers, and police personnel who responded to the World Trade Center attack all went into this cataclysm to do their job-to rescue as many people as they possibly could. The author captures the raw emotion of the event as seen through the eyes of people who survived and also as a participant during the search and rescue mission. A cast of actors present the testimonies of survivors, making this work even more gripping. Excellently performed, *Report from Ground Zero* is highly recommended for all libraries.

Theresa Connors, Arkansas Tech Univ., Russellville

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Review

"Tremendously powerful." —**The New Yorker**

"Mr. Smith has captured the horror and chaos of those first terrifying hours, and the ensuing anger and grief and determination. He has also captured the courage of New York city's firefighters and the spirit of the city's firehouses, bloody but unbowed in the wake of that terrible September morning." —**Michiko Kakutani, New York Times**

"To say the book is moving is an understatement." —**Amazon.com**

About the Author

Dennis Smith, a former New York City firefighter, is the founding editor of **Firehouse Magazine** and the bestselling author of eleven books, including **Report from Ground Zero**, **Report from Engine Co. 82**, and **A Song for Mary**. He is currently chairman of First Responders Financial Company.

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