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A testament to man's best friend and his most critical role in American history, Dog Heroes of September 11th pays tribute to 79 canine heroes and their handlers, retelling their heart-stirring stories and photographically capturing many defining moments of the days that followed September 11, 2001.

This oversized gift book features over 400 color photographs, many never seen except in this publication. Nona Kilgore Bauer, who has won multiple awards for her books on dogs, interviewed each of the handlers who participated in the recovery efforts at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, Shanksville, Penn., and the Fresh Kills landfill, the site to which remains from the fallen towers were transported, and lovingly retells their stories of heroism and bravery.

In its first edition (released in 2006), Dog Heroes of September 11th won numerous awards, including book of the year from the Dog Writers Association of America, Book-of-the-Month Club, and the Independent Book Publishers Association.

The second edition, expanded with over 100 new pages and over 150 new full-color photographs, presents chapters on military working dogs in Iraq and Afghanistan, the therapy dogs who worked at Ground Zero, the SDF's new National Training Center, and post-9/11 rescue missions at home and abroad. A special section, written by selected 9/11 handlers, pays tributes to their canine partners who passed away after their recovery missions.

In addition to paying tribute to the dog-and-handler teams that were deployed after the attacks, this I-5 Press book supports the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF) in its mission to produce certified search and rescue teams to protect our whole nation. A portion of the proceeds of Dog Heroes of September 11th benefits the SDF.

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"If you deem yourself a dog lover, get ready to love them even more. A book full of courage, dedication, hope and faith - not just in mankind, but in mankind's best friend." - Denis Leary, actor; writer; comedian; co-owner of Daphne, Holly, Lulu and Gomer; and founder of the Leary Firefighters Foundation.

"This book will touch the soul; highly recommended..." - Library Journal

"In the ten years since 9/11, we have seen dogs and people sacrifice so much in the name of our freedom and safety. Reflecting on the heroism of America's search and rescue dogs and handlers then and now, Dog Heroes of September 11th is an extraordinary commemorative volume of a time America will never forget." - Dennis B. Sprung, president and CEO, American Kennel Club

About the Author

A 15-time Dog Writers Association of America nominee (and frequent winner), Nona Kilgore Bauer has authored nearly two dozen books on canine subjects. She was the recipient of the Vern Bower Humanitarian Award from the Golden Retriever Club of America. A breeder and trainer of Golden Retrievers for the past 30 years, Nona has excelled with her dogs in field work, including hunt tests and field trials. She completed her first Field Champion/Amateur Field Champion with her Labrador Retriever Schatzie in 2003. She lives with husband Philip and her Golden and Labrador Retrievers in La Belle, Missouri.

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