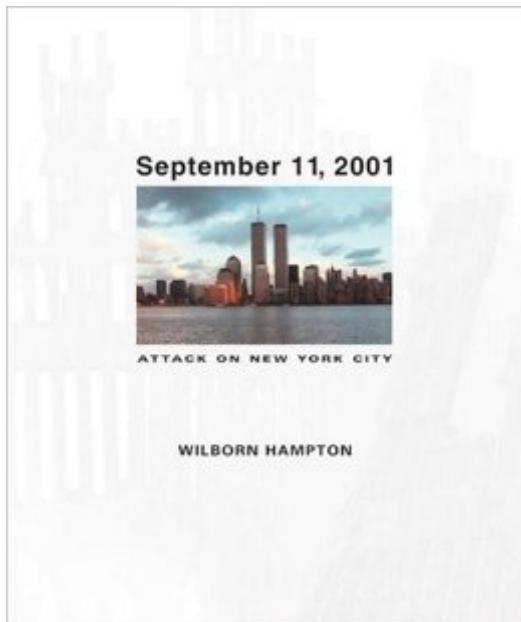


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# September 11, 2001: Attack On New York City (Bccb Blue Ribbon Nonfiction Book Award (Awards))



## **Synopsis**

The award-winning Wilborn Hampton recounts one horrifying day in history through the eyes of several who experienced it firsthand. A blind man and his dog struggling to escape from the burning North Tower, a company of firefighters risking their lives to help with the evacuation, an ordinary citizen turned rescue worker sifting through debris after the towers collapsed - each of these individuals endured a personal nightmare, and each carries a separate memory. In **SEPTEMBER 11, 2001: ATTACK ON NEW YORK CITY**, Wilborn Hampton captures an unprecedented piece of history through interviews and accounts of survivors, heroes, and terrorists. In addition, the seasoned reporter tells his own story, thus bringing to readers the grieving, compassionate voice of a fellow New Yorker who was close to Ground Zero. Amplifying the narrative are fifty-four black-and-white photographs, indelible images of horror and heroism unfolding. The panorama of views Wilborn Hampton presents, following several individuals through September 11 and its aftermath, creates an intimate portrait of life and loss, and a deeper understanding of the events of that tragic day.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

You could probably fill a library with the amount of books written about the events of September 11, 2001. For his own part, author Wilborn Hampton decided to write about that day in way that speaks to younger readers. Setting the age group ready for this book at about middle school onwards, Hampton tells a variety of different but true stories that took place on that day. In this book, the narrative is split between eight different groups of people. As the day progresses, some of the people presented are left in limbo, others escape their fate unscathed, and at least one person dies. When you write a book about this subject you're almost guaranteed that your tale will not be boring. The real question is, how well do you tell the events of that day with the respect they deserve? Hampton gives his story just the right amount of gravitas without plunging the narratives into hopeless despair. It's a delicate balancing act that he gets juuuust right. The book is split into five sections. There is the Introduction, then chapters entitled, "The Attack", "Flight", "The Aftermath", and "Epilogue". We meet Jim Kenworthy and his wife Ginger Ormiston who both worked in the towers. We hear the story of Omar Rivera, a blind man that was in the 71st floor of the North Tower. We follow a squad of firefighters from Ladder Company 6, Rudy Giuliani, and even the author himself. Each story lends another glimpse into what was going on that day. With this method of storytelling, Hampton can gives us the point of view of people inside the towers when the planes hit, outside on the streets below, and at home watching television (as most of us were that day). He doesn't sacrifice narrative tension in the course of telling his story, and I appreciated that.

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