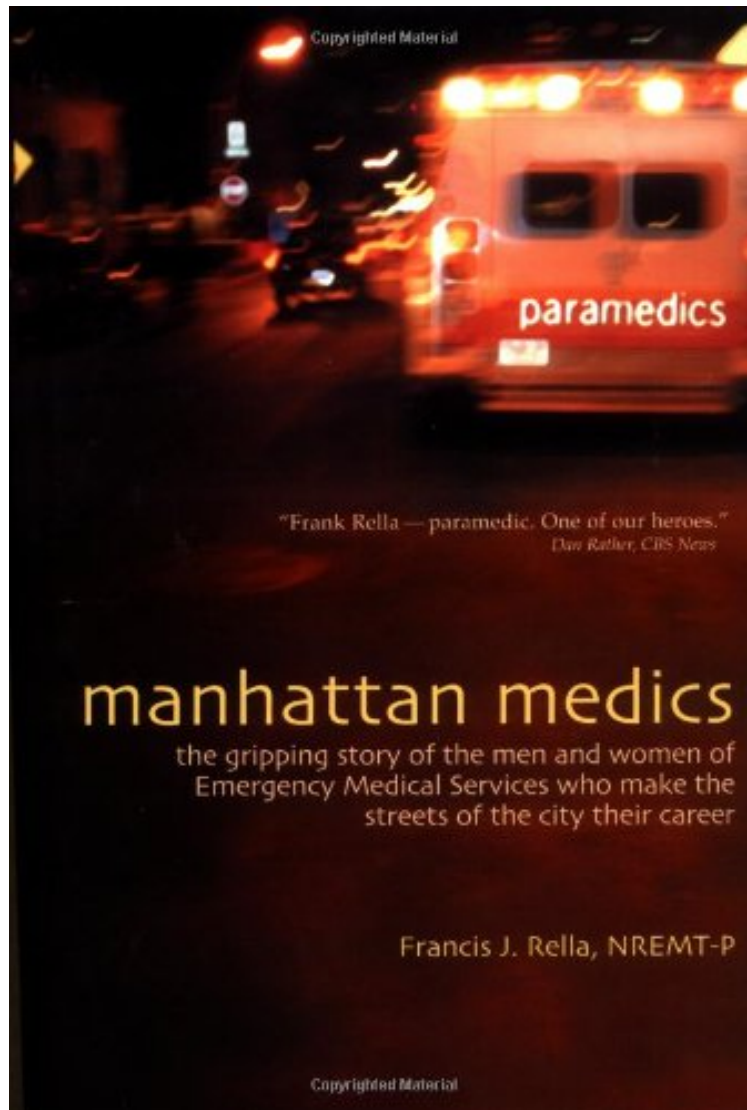


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## Emergency Medical Services Who Make the Streets of the City Their Career:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I had the awesome pleasure of meeting Mr. Rella while deployed in the Middle East. A quiet unassuming and humble man of incredible integrity. It was a co worker of his that made mention that Frank wrote a book. I had to 'run out and get it' An incredible personal story of humanity in the aftermath of 9/11. A must read book!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Frank Rella's story made me feel like I was there as the tower was coming down

By Sean E. Huie

A story about a man and his fellow New Yorkers' acts of heroism in the days after 9/11. Frank puts the reader back at ground zero with his stories and anecdotes. I'll always remember my time spent with Frank, a true American hero. I would recommend this book to anybody looking for a story about sacrifice, paramedics, or New York. This is an easy read on one of our country's most historic events.

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By Carol L Murphy

Excellent read, kept me interested to the end. Definitely recommend this book to anyone who is interested in 911 true facts.

This firsthand account of September 11, written by a paramedic on the scene, chronicles the days before and after the collapse of the World Trade Center towers. Frank Rella describes the paramedic crew stationed at St. Vincent's Hospital in lower Manhattan, the eerie foreshadowing of the coming disaster, and his encounter with a Middle Eastern man who offered a tarot card reading. Rella details how he and his partner arrived at Ground Zero just as the second tower collapsed and rescued a firefighter who was having a heart attack. The vivid descriptions of turf battles between paramedics and fire department personnel at Ground Zero and elsewhere will arouse controversy and interest.

From School Library Journal

Adult/High School-An emotional, vivid portrayal of the way Rella and his fellow Manhattan paramedics responded to the September 11 tragedy. When he got home from a crazy double shift and heard the news, he raced back to Manhattan. On his own initiative and often without regard for superiors' orders, the author worked at the center of activity at the World Trade Center. He took the first injured person, a firefighter, into the hospital. He literally saw his life pass before his eyes when he was pelted with debris as building number seven collapsed. Rella describes it all-the heroics of the men as they rushed to aid victims, the agonizingly long wait for instructions at the Chelsea Piers staging area, and the backstabbing and bureaucratic wrangling that went on between groups in the midst of this disaster. In terms with which teens will identify, the author describes his fellow paramedics, warts and all; the myriad responses people have in an emergency; and the aftershocks of the tragedy. A fast-paced read, the story occasionally gets bogged down in explanations of the various paramedic agencies and positions. Still, it's a readable, welcome tribute to these heroes.

Jane S. Drabkin, Chinn Park Regional Library, Woodbridge, VA

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From Booklist

Teacher, ex-marine, emergency medical technician, and paramedic Rella began work on this book as a way of debriefing himself after the critical stress of being on duty when the World Trade Center fell. What evolved is a very personal memoir of that day and those immediately after the attacks. Beyond that, it is a tribute to the valiant efforts of all emergency medical personnel, everyday, in every city in which they serve. Although he changes names to shield the privacy of specific individuals, Rella graphically portrays the psyches of those who opt to run into burning and collapsing buildings rather than flee the scene, as most people do. Further, he pays homage not just to the uniformed folks who gave their lives trying to save others on 9/11, but also to the walking wounded who will forever carry mental scars from having to watch helplessly as thousands died. This account of those who have made the dangerous work of rescue a personal routine is significant for its raw honesty.

Donna Chavez

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"Frank Rella--paramedic. One of our heroes."