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# Sirius, The Hero Dog Of 9/11





### Synopsis

This 32 page children's book, with 25 child-friendly photos, is an ideal introduction to the facts and themes surrounding the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center. This is the true story of "Sirius," the police patrol dog who died in the Twin Towers on 9-11-01. The story is told by "Sirius" in his own words, and also recounts his friendship with his police officer partner, David, who survived the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks. This book has been used in New Jersey's state-wide 9/11 Education curriculum since 2009 for grades 3-8, as well as in other elementary schools and middle schools across America. "Sirius, The Hero Dog of 9/11" is not only the inspiring story of a dog and his police officer partner, it is also the true story of tragedy, triumph and courage on the darkest day in America's history. The author, Hank Fellows, was an eyewitness to the immediate aftermath of the destruction of the Twin Towers. The two songs that Hank wrote shortly after 9/11, "The Spirit of America" and "Halfway to Heaven," have been performed by children and adults across America. These songs also have been performed at 9-11 ceremonies in New York City since 2003, as well as at ceremonies in Shanksville, PA (near the Flight 93 Memorial), and in Arlington, VA (to honor the firefighters who rescued Pentagon victims). Hank has presented programs about 9/11, and performed his songs across America. On September 10, 2006, Hank Fellows received a Citation from the New York City Council for his "continued generosity and devotion to the remembrance of September11th." On March 8, 2007, Hank Fellows was honored by the 9/11 Memorial Committee of Jersey City for his "commitment and dedication to our Community." Please visit Hank's website www.AmericasSongwriter.com.

#### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

This is a lovely book, but if you don't Google beforehand...\*spoiler\*you don't know that this is about a dog who passed away. I bought this to read off my Kindle for my class of mentally disabled adults and I have a lot of them that really can't handle that subject matter. We have to talk of death as a way of life and mention that people died as a whole during 9/11, but to have the main character say, "I was dead." ...that was just a little jarring.I thought this would be about a dog who helped save people during the aftermath of 9/11. A little misleading.

Sirius, the hero dog of 9/11 is a wonderful and moving story of one of the unsung heroes of 9/11. Mr. Fellows tells this tale through the eyes of an actual police K9 security dog. This storytelling device is a clever and heart-warming way to allow children to experience a brief but telling overview of New York, K9 dogs and the events of 9/11. The author writes in a very friendly way that imparts a lot of fascinating information without talking down to children or ignoring some sad realities. There is a tone of heroism from the first page that continues throughout the entire book, whether it's talking about immigrants, rescue dogs or the spirit of the American people in the wake of a tragedy. Again, the device of a dog as narrator is the perfect way to convey details that are sometimes difficult to explain to children or at least make interesting. I highly recommend this book to anyone but especially parents and educators who are looking for a fresh way to teach children about this unfortunate chapter in American history. As we honor the victims and the day each September 11th, this is a tale worth retelling again and again.

Sweet story about 9/11 for children, teaching about the events of the day from a cute, non-human hero. I didn't really like that it has a major spoiler on the first page, telling us that the dog died that day. Also had a slightly awkward transition when the dog became a spirit. Ended nicely and I liked the picture of the memorial at the end.

What a Great way to let young children know what happened that day. Wow powerful story I was very moved to tears

I used this book with my second graders! I thought it was great except when Sirius became a "spirit". I wasn't sure how my second graders would react to that. They were fine, but .....

Sweet story. So sad that Sirius didn't survive the tragedy. Good book for all ages. I think it would be very easy for a child to understand.

I loved this book! Even though it was so sad. You have to tell the truth. It is the perfect book for kids to learn about 9/11

WOW!! What a wonderful way to honor ALL the hero's of 9/11. As an educator I look forward to sharing this story with my students!! Let us NEVER forget!!

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