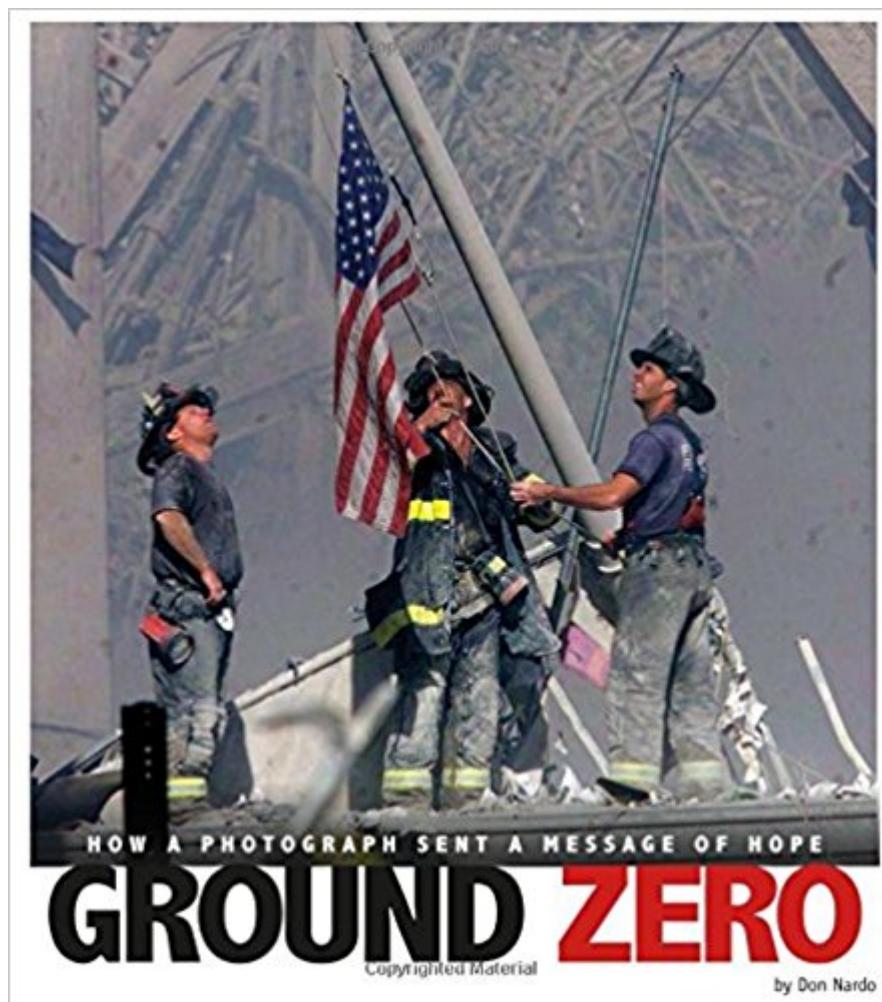


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# Ground Zero: How A Photograph Sent A Message Of Hope (Captured History)



## Synopsis

The tragic events of September 11, 2001, sent shockwaves around the globe that are still felt today. Nearly 3,000 people died in the terrorist attacks and thousands more were injured. On the afternoon of the attacks, three firefighters paused in their rescue work to raise an American flag at Ground Zero in New York City. In the midst of horror and despair, the iconic photo of the men would remind Americans that they were far from beaten. It represented the country's strength, courage, decency, and its hope for the future.

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## Customer Reviews

Historian and award-winning author Don Nardo has written many books for young people about modern history, including studies of the rise of Hitler and Nazism, World War II, international terrorism, and dozens of military topics. In addition, he specializes in ancient history and has published numerous volumes about the histories and cultures of the ancient Greeks, Romans, Egyptians, and peoples of Mesopotamia. Nardo, who also composes and arranges orchestral music, lives with his wife, Christine, in Massachusetts.

Ground Zero, How a Photograph Sent a Message of Hope tells the story of photographer Thomas Franklin’s experience at the wreckage of the World Trade Center, as well as the known backstory behind the 9/11 attacks. The first chapter begins with a summary of the events that occurred on the morning of the attack along with a map showing the path each plane took. Afterwards, it tells the story through Franklin’s eyes from the moment he heard the event had occurred, to his attempt to get a closer look at Ground Zero. He knew that he would have to traverse lots of rubble and debris, but despite the risks, he made it to Ground Zero and what he saw there would go down in history through his photograph. Inside the area he found the true devastation the event had caused, and he noticed three firefighters raising an American flag amidst the wreckage. He took many frames of the photograph, which later became known as Ground Zero Spirit. Though the firefighters did not know their act of patriotism was being caught on camera, the photo soon became renowned. Because unlike many other photos from the event, it told a story of hope not just of death and destruction. Franklin immediately noticed that the photo had striking similarities to Rosenthal’s *Raising the Flag at Iwo Jima*. Both photos were a beacon of hope and bravery after two of the most important events in American History. Ground Zero Spirit was named *America’s One of the 100 photos that changed the world* by Time magazine and many renditions can be found from murals, fire truck decals, all manner of commodities, and even a wax sculpture in Madame Tussaud’s wax museum! Interestingly when Franklin originally took the photo he had mixed feelings about people’s response to it, he feels the photo is about “The thousands of innocents who died senselessly at the hands of terrorists,” and although he agrees that it was the most important photograph he will ever take, he doesn’t feel defined by this picture. The main story is supplemented by many pictures; each with defining quotes to go with the text as well as interesting facts. For example, did you know that a forty-five cent stamp dedicated to 9/11 bearing the famous image raised over 10.5 million dollars to help support the families of the rescuers who died at the scene? That the New World Trade Center is 1776 feet tall symbolizing the year of American independence? Learn the story of where the firefighters got the flag and its mysterious disappearance. This book is part of the series called Captured History by Don Nardo. The series analyzes some of the most important images American history, their effect on American society, and the stories behind the people who took them. I would say that all young Americans should read this book to help them understand one of the most devastating moments in American history. The amount of emotion eliciting images and interesting facts Don Nardo has fit into *Ground Zero, How a Photograph Sent a*

Message of Hope is truly amazing. I give this book 5 patriotic stars!Reviewed by Zander H., age 14,  
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