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Veteran journalists Casey Sherman and Dave Wedge have written the definitive inside look at the Boston Marathon bombings with a unique, Boston-based account of the events that riveted the world. From the Tsarnaev brothers' years leading up to the act of terror to the bomb scene itself (which both authors witnessed first-hand within minutes of the blast), from the terrifying police shootout with the suspects to the ultimate capture of the younger brother, *Boston Strong: A City's Triumph over Tragedy* reports all the facts—and so much more. Based on months of intensive interviews, this is the first book to tell the entire story through the eyes of those who experienced it. From the cop first on the scene, to the detectives assigned to the manhunt, the authors provide a behind-the-scenes look at the investigation. More than a true-crime book, *Boston Strong* also tells the tragic but ultimately life-affirming story of the victims and their recoveries and gives voice to those who lost loved ones. With their extensive reporting, writing experience, and deep ties to the Boston area, Sherman and Wedge create the perfect match of story, place, and authors.

If you're only going to read one book on this tragic but uplifting story, this is it.

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Kathleen says

On my flight to Rome - September 21st - I watched the movie Patriots Day (holding back tears) and the woman next to me was watching a comedy and laughing and laughing. I remember being at Kings Grocery Store in Hoboken and looking up at the television to see/hear that there had been a bombing at the Boston Marathon. I'm originally from the Boston area and had watched the Boston Marathon as a child and an adult - I knew it did not look good. Unfortunately, with many of the mass shootings, when it happens in a town/city that you know so well, it effects you deeply (I was living in Denver when Columbine happened). I sense that 9/11 affected people more deeply in the NY/CT/NJ and Boston (DC - I haven't lived in DC)). I had the book as an ebook, so decided to read the book. It helped to read the events of the day and the week and especially about the people - the victims of the marathon bombing, police, first responders, elected officials and a bit of the bombers themselves. Once the police discovered that the bombers were in Watertown, in a shootout - killing the older brother and then the younger brother escaping by foot, with elected officials deciding to "close" Boston - the MBTA, etc. to find him in Watertown. They found him, wounded, underneath a tarp of a boat in a couple's driveway. It was to say the least an unbelievable week (April 15- 19, 2013) in Boston. The whole city rose up to fight back - BOSTON STRONG - were the words adopted by everyone. The Red Sox lived Boston Strong from April to October 2013 - winning the World Series. It was helpful to read about the lives of some of the victims. The bombings, killed 3 people immediately and an estimated 264 people were injured. The brothers shot (6 times) and killed an MIT officer (to steal his gun, which they were unable to do). The brothers also high-jacked a Mercedes Benz SUV with a young Chinese man - he was able to escape from the car, unharmed, a miracle - they certainly would have shot him if possible. The book ends with the younger brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in prison in Shirley, MA (not too far from my hometown). I was with my father, watching TV, when the verdict was announced, guilty and sentenced to death. The guilty was not shocking, but sentenced to death as MA had ended the death penalty in 1984. With the death penalty, many believe that the legal process of appeals will go on for years. Dzhokhar is in a United States Penitentiary in Florence, CO.

Carlee says

It was interesting to hear how people at the marathon were able to persevere and overcome tragedy.

I only had 2 minor complaints about the book: 1) it was a little difficult to keep track of the different people as the book jumped around from person to person. and 2) there were at least 3 mentions of the fact that the two planes that flew into the WTC on 9-11 had taken off from Logan airport. Maybe that fact was remembered by 3 different people featured in the book but otherwise it was redundant.

Zora says

Not very in depth, and no critical-thinking investigative journalism that I would expect in a full-length book on such a topic. As I'd just read Columbine, this suffered by comparison. But the victim's stories are sad, and it was readable.

Sharon says

All I can say is wow. The authors did a lot of research to bring this to print. Through this writing you come to know victims and first responders of that awful day in Boston. It is told with respect.

Don Willits says

A riveting account

Couldn't put it down, as much as I enjoyed the movie, I knew it had been adapted to focus more on the star rather than the story. This is the story and the movie pales by comparison.

Sandra Kraemer says

Awesome story of the survivors and the first responders, including civilians . While I was reading this book the DEADLY Las Vegas shooting on October 1, 2017 occurred. It seemed to make the stories in this book more profound, or stand out more(I was actually reading about Jason Aldean in this book as unknown to me, the Las Vegas horrific shooting was occurring). So many people in this Boston Marathon terrorist attack made the most out of the worse. I had not recalled until I read this book that the big city of Boston was shut down for a day in the search for the remaining terrorist at large. So sad to see anyone maimed or killed but especially young children and those who have or had a whole life ahead of them. This book really made me think about the importance of our government keeping a good watch eye on suspected terrorists as these two slipped by and into one of our sacred cities with very tragic results !! The book struck a deep emotional chord with me. The only thing I found tedious about this book was trying to remember the story of each of the victims as narrated in the beginning of this book. So glad Boston had the victory of the Boston Red Sox to be able to focus on something more positive that year.

Cindy says

I'm glad I read this!

Alyssa says

I thought this was a very interesting and well researched book. I fought back tears during so many parts of this book but I am glad that I am a little better able to understand the horror these people went through.

Dave says

Thank you to ForeEdge and the authors, Casey Sherman and Dave Wedge, for this copy of Boston Strong. Thanks also to goodreads for the First Read program.

Well written and researched, the authors take you through the lives of all those most closely involved in the Boston Marathon bombing. Perhaps a little too much background on all the players, and I thought a little too much patriotism and devotion to Boston by some of the characters. A little more concentration on the core group affected was what I was looking for. But, the heart strings are what were being pulled mainly, or that's how I perceived the purpose of the book.

Nicely done and worthy of a read.

Ceh131973 says

I received this book free in exchange for a honest review.

[Boston Strong] by [Casey Sherman and Dave Wedge] was a very well told account of the events leading to, during and after the Boston Marathon bombing. As I finished this book the surviving bomber is just going to trial so the whole thing is a bit surrealistic. I am used to reading about disasters and horrific events but usually long after they have occurred. i don't expect to see them on my news feed.

I believe the authors did a great job of telling the story without too much bias and with an event like this (as 9-11) that is hard because there is so much emotion tied up in it. I recommend this book especially if you want to know more about the survivors, hero's, and even the bombers.

KC says

Very readable, emotional book about the terrorist bombing at the 2013 Boston Marathon. The authors provide a detailed accounting of events leading up to, during, and after the attack. I often found myself in tears as I read how the event impacted both victims and first responders. Finally, reading about how the police, politicians, and citizens of Boston (and other cities) responded to this incident, both immediately and long-term, was nothing short of inspirational. This may not be the kind of book you'd normally pick up to read, but I definitely recommend it.

Amerynth says

I received a copy of "Boston Strong: A City's Triumph over Tragedy" by Casey Sherman & Dave Wedge through the LT Early Reviewer's program. It is a really excellent piece of journalism.

As a former Bostonian, it was probably too soon for me to read a book about the horrific bombing of the marathon. I felt like the book put me through an emotional wringer.

Sherman and Wedge did a great job capturing the events leading up to the marathon bombing, the aftermath and the feeling in the city as time marched on.

Laura says

I read this book because I saw the movie Patriots Day and was interested in the full story. Very engaging and easy to follow for a complicated set of circumstances.

Caroline Craig says

Wow. This book was extremely heavy and I didn't think I would have such a visceral reaction to it. The stories of the survivors, the victims, and the law enforcement were incredible and the manhunt text kept me captivated. I definitely learned new things.

Marcia says

A riveting look at the Boston Marathon bombings and how the victims and city of Boston recovered and came together. Even though I was glued to the news as this unfolded, there were details I learned in the book and more about the bombers' background. The acts of heroism on the part of first responders and civilians are inspiring. #bostonstrong
