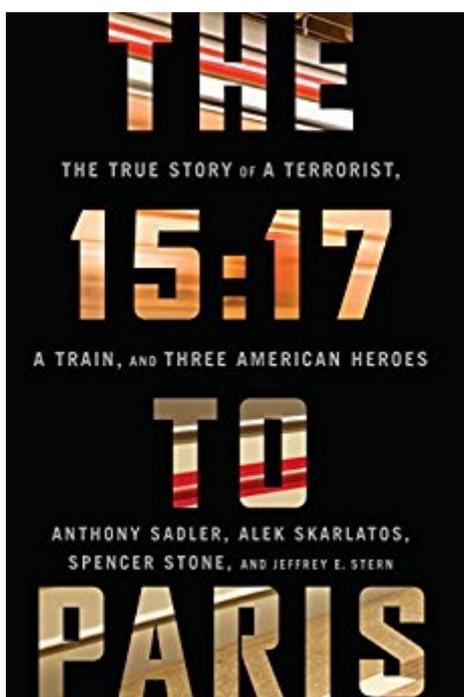


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The 15:17 To Paris: The True Story Of A Terrorist, A Train, And Three American Heroes



Synopsis

On August 21, 2015, Ayoub al-Khazzani boarded the 15:17 train in Brussels, bound for Paris. Khazzani's mission was clear: he had an AK-47, a pistol, a box cutter, and enough ammunition to obliterate every passenger on the crowded train. Slipping into the bathroom in secret, he armed his weapons and prepared to launch his attack. But when he emerged, he encountered something he hadn't anticipated: three Americans who refused to give in to fear. Anthony Sadler, Alek Skarlatos, and Spencer Stone were childhood friends, taking a vacation together. They had some relevant training: Stone is a martial arts enthusiast and Airman First Class in the US Air Force; Skarlatos is an active duty member of the Oregon National Guard; and not one of the three was afraid of a fight. But their decision to charge the gunman, then overpower him even as he turned first his gun, then his knife, on Stone would never have happened if they hadn't had a lifetime of trust, support, and loyalty between them. This book is the gripping, true story of a terrorist attack that would have killed more than 500 people if not for their actions, but it is also the story of three American boys and their friendship. Using each hero's point of view in sequence, *The 15:17 to Paris* skillfully builds the drama of the attack, while weaving in the stories of the protagonists' lives, the friendship and loyalty that would come to define them, and the events that led them, inexorably, to that fateful day. *The 15:17 to Paris* is an amazing true story of unparalleled, unexpected courage, and people coming together against fear rather than splitting apart. It is a story of near tragedy averted by three young men who found the heroic unity and strength inside themselves that we all aspire to.

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Customer Reviews

Was lucky to receive an early copy on 8/12. This book gives you the perspective from Alek, Anthony, and Spencer. These guys are true heroes and this book was such a great read with detail information. I highly recommend everyone buy a copy and read it. It will not disappoint.

Couldn't put it down.

I am so proud of these three young gentlemen. They were willing to die to save each other and other passengers they didn't even know. I watched Alek on Dancing with the Stars and he is so "real" and not full of himself with his new-found celebrity. Spencer, what a guy... and Anthony, so interesting... This book tells you how they met, what they experienced to "bond" them and the choices they made in life (some weren't entirely their own) helped them on that train that day in August in 2015.

I saw a story about this book on CNN. It sounded like something I would enjoy, so I bought it. While it was much more expensive than most of the Kindle books I buy, it was worth the price. I thoroughly enjoyed this book, though I did think it was a bit disjointed in places. These experiences may have seemed unreal to Anthony, Alek and Spencer when they were happening, but as a reader I want all the details to be coherent. That said, it is well written and intriguing enough to keep me reading.

What an interesting book about three normal American kids who bonded in a Christian Middle School, went on to lead separate lives, and joining years later for a re-union trip across Europe ended up through an uncommon act of valor, saving the lives of hundreds while thwarting a terrorist on the train to Paris! What is great is reading about all the ways this fantastic deed could have been thwarted if only one thing were different, but how, by God's hand (or astronomically high odds of blind luck) everything came together with such a wonderful result. I read the entire book in three sittings. It was a definite page turner.

If you want to know what really happened, you can read here. What would you do if fate decrees? Let's Roll!

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