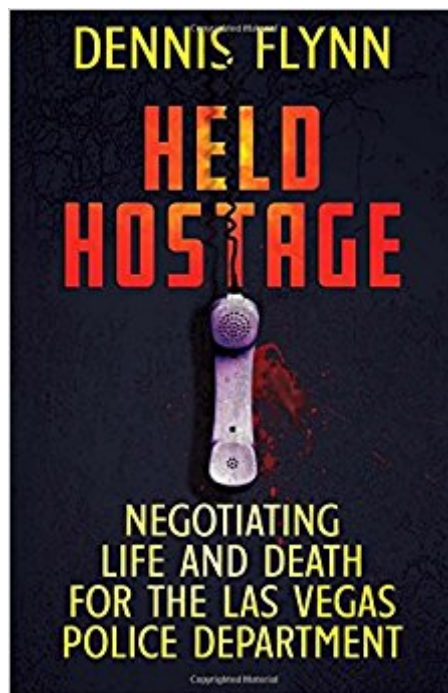




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Held Hostage: Negotiating Life And Death For The Las Vegas Police Department



Synopsis

“As he was rising, I saw Brian raise the loaded Glock .40 pistol towards the approaching SWAT officers. I wanted to scream for him to stop; I knew he was about to fulfill his ultimate goal. What do you say to prevent someone from committing suicide-by-cop? Or has a gun pointed at a hostage? Or an armed man who has barricaded himself in a hotel room? Or a despondent woman who is threatening to kill herself? Veteran police negotiator Lieutenant Dennis Flynn spent nearly two decades responding to more than a thousand of these and other high-intensity incidents with the Crisis Negotiations Team in Las Vegas, Nevada. His goal? Bring them out alive! A behind-the-scenes view of life-and-death situations that police negotiators face and how they were resolved one way or the other under the bright lights and glitter of Sin City.

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Customer Reviews

"Flynn has written in 'Held Hostage' a riveting true life account of his work as a police crisis negotiator in rough and tumble Las Vegas. From hostage takers to depressed suicidal individuals, the challenges he and his fellow negotiators faced were daunting, and usually came with life and death consequences. His candid descriptions of these critical incidents, including both successes and failures, and his acknowledgment of what went well and what didn't, is refreshingly candid. This book takes the reader into a specialized world that few will ever experience; a world of immense pressure, critical decision making, and uncertain outcomes. This is a must read for anyone interested in crisis (hostage) negotiations." - Gary W. Noesner, Chief, FBI Crisis Negotiation Unit,

Author of "Stalling For Time: My Life as an FBI Hostage Negotiator." "From a negotiator with a heart as big as the city he served, Flynn tells compelling yet humble stories of Sin City's most harrowing police standoffs. Told in crisp detail, Flynn provides an enlightening perspective of the police response to barricaded subjects, suicidal jumpers and cornered criminals. His refreshingly candid revelations of the lessons learned remind us all of the complex, emotional and sometimes heartbreaking nature of this business. The analyses alone are worth the price of the book and should be mandatory reading for every crisis negotiation and tactical team leader." - Deb McMahon, owner, Crisis Systems Management, a crisis/hostage negotiation training and consulting company as well as author of 'Into the Chaos: Crisis Negotiation Field Manual' "Held Hostage' is the real and raw stories of one of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's most experienced Hostage/Crisis Negotiators. He pulls no punches with this gritty true life collection of stories that reveal not only the hard hitting life and death tales from his incredible career, but reveals the humanity of a seasoned cop. Read it and you will step into a world that few ever experience." - Lieutenant Randy Sutton (Ret) Author of A Cops Life / True Blue and host of Blue Lives Radio, The Voice of American Law Enforcement "In 'Held Hostage', author and retired cop, Dennis Flynn, provides gripping scenes full of life and death decisions from real police crisis negotiations in Las Vegas. Flynn takes you into the command post where you'll see the human side of cops, the moment-by-moment decisions, and teamwork negotiators use. Flynn's ability to objectively critique each operation he worked is a tribute to the pursuit of truth all cops share. 'Held Hostage' is cops trying to save lives on full tilt." - Bradley Nickell, Las Vegas Police Officer and author of Repeat Offender "Written in a conversational style, easy to read and hard to put down, this book tells the stories of real-life incidents while pointing out effective strategies as well as mistakes made. 'Held Hostage' is filled with valuable lessons learned written in the context of the actual events. Reading it is like watching several interesting and engaging incident debriefs at a negotiation conference, and having the presenter unabashedly share lessons learned. The take-aways are priceless." - Troy King, President, Western States Hostage Negotiators' Association (WSHNA), and Sergeant/Team Leader of Portland Police Bureau's Crisis Negotiation Team

Lt. Dennis Flynn served thirty years with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and spent 18 of those years with the Crisis Negotiations Team, including 10 years as the team leader. He has traveled throughout the United States and Canada providing training for police negotiators. He retired in 2015 and still resides in the Las Vegas area with his wife and three sons.

I really enjoyed the subject, reading about this special group that gets called out under the extremest of circumstances. Especially the retelling of different cases they went out on in the Las Vegas area, and how they handled them. If only there had been some proofreading to iron out the many issues with the text that made repeated grammar "speed bumps" that ruined the flow of readability. Missing words, extra words, strange context etc, I would have rated it much higher.

COULD NOT PUT THIS BOOK DOWN! What a great book that gives a true inside look at some of the most intense situations that law enforcement deals with. This book will put you in the front seat with a clear view of what really happens during these intense events. Dennis Flynn does a fabulous job at helping the reader understand exactly what is happening and why. I can only hope Dennis Flynn is not done writing!

Even living in Las Vegas and seeing these events on the news, you don't get a true understanding of the human side of hostage negotiators. This book clears that path and helps you understand what makes a negotiating team successful, and explains what seemingly simple mishaps can occur that may cause horrible consequences. Each event was told with clarity and emotion and I found myself unable to stop reading. Anyone who is looking to better themselves as a listener or empathizer should read this book. We'll done!

If looking to further your career in Law Enforcement by entering the world of Hostage Negotiations, this book is a must read! Then again, if you're in the general public and interested in what your Law Enforcement officers do on a daily basis, a must read!

I loved this book. It was very insightful, and interesting. If people really want to know what goes on in these types of situations this is the perfect book. Dennis Flynn you did a amazing job, and you are a true inspiration to every cop.

I will say that I am not involved in any sort of law enforcement,do not inspire to and I am voluntarily reviewing a ebook copy given to me by the publisher.This is a wild ride.Mr.Flynn tells readers about his journey to becoming a Crisis negotiator.Each chapter is divided into an incident with the sounding details, a crisis negotiator's perspective and lessons learned.This was a enthralling fast read, though some typos and grammar mistakes to did slow it down at times,that flowed relatively well.Each case builds upon the previous ones.This allows the reader to see the progress of the

team.

It takes a special kind of person to be a hostage negotiator. Nerves of steel, unwavering commitment, and a big heart. Imagine sitting down with such a person and letting them tell you the inside story of their best and worst cases, what happened, how, and why. It's riveting. From the first case to the last, Flynn puts you on the edge of your seat and keeps you there. Hold on tight.

I would have given this book more stars except for the hundreds of typos and grammatical errors. Instead of concentrating on the book, I kept wondering who, if anyone, did the proofreading.

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