

The Bravest: An Illustrated History, 1865-2002

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The New York City Fire Department is one of the most respected and admired institutions in the world. Its firefighters are known for their bravery, dedication, and professionalism. The Bravest is an illustrated history of the FDNY from its humble beginnings in 1865 to the present day.



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The book features over 200 stunning photographs and illustrations, as well as firsthand accounts from firefighters who have served the city with courage and distinction. The Bravest is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the FDNY or the history of New York City.

The Early Years

The FDNY was founded in 1865, after a series of devastating fires in the city. The first firefighters were volunteers, and they used hand-pumped

engines to fight fires. In 1870, the FDNY became a paid department, and it began to use steam-powered engines.

In the early years, the FDNY faced many challenges. The city was growing rapidly, and there were few fire hydrants. The firefighters also had to contend with dangerous working conditions. In 1872, a fire at the Brooklyn Theater killed 278 people, including 12 firefighters.

The 20th Century

The 20th century was a time of great change for the FDNY. The department began to use motorized fire engines and ladder trucks. It also developed new firefighting techniques, such as the high-rise water tower.

The FDNY also played a major role in the city's response to major disasters, such as the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in 1911 and the World Trade Center attacks in 2001.

The 21st Century

The FDNY continues to be one of the most respected and admired institutions in the world. The department's firefighters are known for their bravery, dedication, and professionalism. The FDNY is also a leader in fire prevention and safety education.

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