One Nation: America Remembers September 11, 2001
During our nation’s most trying times, it has been LIFE that has provided the images that help us understand, remember, and in the process, renew. Now the editors of LIFE have assembled a moving, brilliantly illustrated account of tragedy and triumph. This is about firemen going in amidst the rubble, but it is also about a Frenchman in Paris holding up a sign that says, "We are all Americans." This is about our leaders taking charge, but it is also about schoolchildren in Iowa hanging an American flag on a tree in their backyard. Beginning with the history of lower Manhattan, the book explains what happened on September 11, profiles many of the heroes, victims and rescuers (fireman, police, doctors, and rescue dogs among them), and paints an inspiring portrait if a nation and world coming together in sadness, pride and resolve. The book is more than photographs. Explanatory text runs throughout, and the book also includes a selection of original essays about America and September 11, written by such notables as Maya Angelou, Thomas Keneally (Schindler’s List), Stephen Ambrose, Melissa Fay Greene (The Temple Bombing), Andrei Codrescu, Gordon Parks, Doug Stanton (In Harm’s Way), Bob Greene (Duty), James Bradley (Flags of Our Fathers), and others. All profits from the sales of this book will be donated to American Red Cross, September 11th Fund, International Association of Fire Fighters, New York Fraternal Order of Police WTC Fund, The National Organization for Victim Assistance, and The Twin Towers Fund. When Americans think of photographic journalism at its finest, they think of LIFE magazine. This book will draw upon the best photographers employed by TIME, LIFE, PEOPLE and other magazines. Many of the photographers have had their own collections published in book form.

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Wow. This book will be the definitive collection of first-rate photographs and images of September 11th and its aftermath. "One Nation" is a must have regardless of whether you’ve been collecting other magazine or newspaper images of September 11th. It’s hardbound with thick stock paper, pretty close in design to a coffee-table book. The hundreds of stunning photographs, coupled with the detailed narrative, make it an ideal collector’s book and a thoughtful gift. It’s sure to be a hand-me-down to children and grandchildren as well. This breathtaking book of pictures is divided into numerous sections, more or less organized by chronology. Let me describe a few highlights, since there are too many images to describe in this short space. One of the first sections, tells (and shows in pictures) the story of how the World Trade Center was designed and built. That section has quotes from the architect and pictures from the Towers' development process. The next major section is devoted exclusively to a minute-by-minute description of the Events of September 11th (what some of us here simply call "ES11"). This section has dozens upon dozens of pages of pictures and text -- all from September 11th. You can't help but be moved by some familiar images from television as well as an array of touching photos that have never been released in this format. The narrative to this incredibly detailed section also includes detailed maps, timelines of key events, and profiles of survivors, those who passed away, and individual heroes. The pictures are powerful, almost all in vivid color, and show the moments of September 11th unfolding in real time. The middle chapters include an essay about the history of New York and the City’s importance in our natural and global culture.

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