

9/11 REVISITED

It was inevitable: as the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks nears, a host of books on the subject is hitting shelves. Six diverse approaches that are well worth your time:

THE FRESH TAKE

WATCHING THE WORLD CHANGE

by David Friend Thanks to digital photography and 24/7 TV news, writes Friend, the attacks were witnessed in real time everywhere—a kind of “sadistic, global reality show.” His intriguing book explores how photos shaped the experience and helped us through.

THE BACKSTORY

THE LOOMING TOWER: AL-QAEDA AND THE ROAD TO 9/11

by Lawrence Wright So who are those guys? Wright’s history illuminates the world that spawned Bin Laden, the missed opportunities to stop the attacks and the risks ahead.

THE BIG PICTURE

AFTERMATH by Joel Meyerowitz The only photographer granted continuous access to Ground Zero during the cleanup,



The view from Brooklyn, Sept. 11, 2001, from *Watching the World Change*.

Meyerowitz has assembled a haunting, essential archive.

THE REVISIONIST HISTORY

GRAND ILLUSION: THE UNTOLD STORY OF RUDY GIULIANI AND 9/11

by Wayne Barrett and Dan Collins “The public needed a hero . . . Rudy Giuliani stepped forward,” the authors write, but his failures—to prepare for terrorism, to protect responders—tarnish his crown. An eye-opener.

THE WIDOWS’ TALES

LOVE YOU, MEAN IT by Patricia Carrington, Julia Collins, Claudia Gerbasi and Ann Haynes A moving look

at how life went on for four wives who lost husbands—and found each other—when the towers went down.

THE VISUAL LEARNERS’ OVERVIEW

THE 9/11 REPORT: A GRAPHIC ADAPTATION

by Sid Jacobson and Ernie Colón Couldn’t make it through the 9/11 Commission’s hefty report? Get this expertly illustrated look at that awful day and its lessons.



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