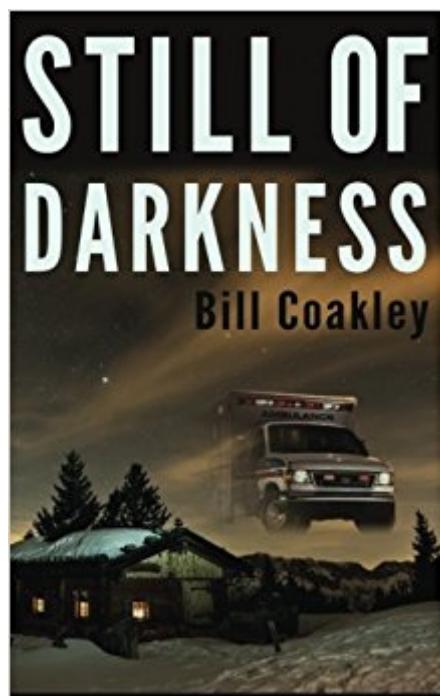


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Still Of Darkness



Synopsis

In this page-turning true life story, the author recounts his days in the Emergency Medical Services. With real, believable characters entwined in real-life stories that have more grit and realism than any action/adventure book, you won't be able to put down Still of Darkness until the last page has been turned.

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Very interesting read. Coakley started his profession as a Paramedic in the early '80's out of Stanislaus County, CA. Educated and licensed by the state's second only school for this profession. Quite a journey from then to the modern-day medical protocol and equipment that has since come into being. It's always better to learn from old-school professionals regardless of "new" technology and implementation that relies too heavily upon computer data. When all breaks down, you gotta know how to roll with sight and "manual" hands-on know how. This book could have been more concisely written for smoother reading, better formatting layout and minor grammatical editing. **HOWEVER**, highly recommend reading as very insightful and inspiring. Most importantly, our first responder agency's should always work together for the victims/patients best possible outcome. Stay out of their way folks and let them save the lives that are possible to save. No egos, no exceptions.

Haven't seen Billy since back in 8th grade, wow....over 40 years. It was awesome to read a book written by a classmate so many years ago. To read about him as a man when I only knew him as a

young boy was a sweet treat. I'm proud of Billy's life choice to save as many lives as he could. Billy's book was a great page turner, I couldn't put it down until I was finished which took a little over 3 hours. It was interesting, exciting, revealing, colorful, educational, intriguing, funny, sad and a delight to read. I especially enjoyed how he described his buddies that he worked next to. I could almost smell the Mexican meals and hear the loud sirens going. The first two chapters brought back memories of the tv show MASH because of the helicopter and ambulances bringing in the wounded and the surgery crew, how they cut up and made the job funny and light hearted to get through the tragic and sad experiences they lived through. It showed in Billy's sarcasm which has always been a part of who he is and joking around to make life easier for those around him and himself. He sounded very blessed to have saved many lives and sad for those you he had tried with his expertise and respect for his job and his patients. The best part and the saddest part was that it was all true! Thanks Billy for sharing you life and giving me an enjoyable read.

As one who knew Paramedic Coakley, when he worked for my parent's private ambulance company, and who often joined him in that "still of darkness" as I too was called out of my own bed to ride in the ambulance with one of my parents as we drove over to his house to pick him up and I was then dropped off to watch over his children while he was out saving lives, I found myself revisiting those years of my childhood and recalling what a great man and father he is. I never got the chance to personally witness his skills as a Paramedic, but I would often hear my parents or our other employees talk favorably of his abilities and skill level in the field as well as what an all around great guy he is:)As a former EMT myself, Bill's memoires took me back to not only my own childhood growing up in the world of EMS, but he also opened up my eyes to how new Paramedic medicine was in the world of EMS during that time in my life. Especially in the smaller rural counties.His words took me back in time to a very adult world that I viewed through a child's eyes and thought I knew so much about, but really had very little understanding of how much was involved in its successes as well as the total cost of its "failures." Even when I became of age and obtained my EMT..the short 5 years I did it for and the few calls I went on before deciding it wasn't for me, despite my growing up in the business, were a mere drop in the bucket to Bill's vast amount of knowledge and experience. Bill truly demonstrated in his book, through his personal and professional techniques in the field, during his many years as a medic, what I remembered my EMT instructors constantly trying to drill into our class. And that was, how to "adapt, improvise, and overcome."Those of us who have worked in the EMS field will truly appreciate each call that Bill writes about in this book..as well as the much needed stress debriefings, down time, and trying to

find some comic relief using dry humor in an insane world. Those of you who haven't worked in EMS..will walk away with a better appreciation and perhaps even a little more understanding of what the entire EMS team goes through on a daily AND nightly basis. Good job Paramedic Coakley and well done!! :)

The stories are interesting and quite fun to read. Being a medical provider in a different part of the country it is interesting to see how other parts of the country operate. The only thing that wasn't so impressive was that there were quite a few grammar errors.

Bill tells it like it's. The events and people are real. He gives the real life of a Paramedic working on an ambulance. Once you start the book you really do not want to put it down.

Good job for first manuscript. Good read for anyone interested in becoming part of Emergency Medical Services, First responders and Emergency Room personnel.

a great read for anyone in the medical field. Bill Coakley brings a great mix of medical knowledge and humor to this first book of his. This read will have you turning the pages wanting to hear more. If you know someone in the medical field or entering the medical field get this book for them!

Great read of real life events ! Can't wait for the next book :) He is a dad and grandfather

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