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# I Am A Secret Service Agent: My Life Spent Protecting The President



## Synopsis

Dan Emmett was just eight years old when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. From that moment forward, he knew he wanted to become a Secret Service agent, one of an elite group of highly trained men and women dedicated to preserving the life of the President of the United States at any cost, including sacrificing their own lives if necessary. Armed with single-minded determination and a never-quit attitude, he did just that. Selected over thousands of other highly qualified applicants to become an agent, he was eventually chosen to be one of the best of the best and provided protection worldwide for Presidents George Herbert Walker Bush, William Jefferson Clinton, and George W. Bush. *I Am a Secret Service Agent* skillfully describes the duties and challenges of conducting presidential advances, dealing with the media, driving the President in a bullet-proof limousine, running alongside him through the streets of Washington, and flying with him on Air Force One. With fascinating anecdotes, Emmett weaves keen insight into the unique culture and history of the Secret Service with the inner workings of the White House. *I Am A Secret Service Agent* is a must read for young adults interested in a career in federal law enforcement.

## Book Information

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"A heart-pumping account. . . . Readers will admire Emmett's discipline, commitment, physical strength, and endurance." *— Publishers Weekly* "He . . . join[ed] the Presidential Protective Division to work both 'shift' assignments and on more heavily armed Counter Assault Teams during the Bush and Clinton administrations. . . . A tough job for tough-minded people—rewarding but with a heavy load of responsibility." *— Kirkus Review*

After a stint in the Marine Corps, DAN EMMETT joined the United States Secret Service, serving on the elite Counter Assault Team before being selected for the most coveted of all assignments in the Secret Service, the Presidential Protective Division. After 21 years as an agent, Emmett retired from the Secret Service and joined the CIA for six more years. Today, he is an adjunct professor as well as a security consultant for both private industry and the United States government. Emmett is the author of *Within Arm's Length* and its YA adaptation, *I Am a Secret Service Agent*.

This is a fascinating look at what it actually takes to become (and stay) a secret service agent. The author became interested in the secret service as a young child when President Kennedy was assassinated. He moved throughout his young adulthood with a linear focus on his career goal - first with college, then the marines, finally, with a persistence that few possess, to join the secret service. I found the author's experiences interesting and a bit humbling - there are very few jobs that require you to requalify every eight weeks. That the men and women comprising the presidential protective detail do this willingly was sobering. Anyone interested in the secret service will appreciate this book. I gave this four stars instead of five because of the first couple of chapters. I found the large number of simple sentences distracting. This was only present in the beginning of the book and I am very glad that I continued to read.

Former agent Dan Emmett has truly honored the Secret Service with the writing of this book. In my learned opinion, after studying the Secret Service for many years and reading dozens upon dozens of books related to the agency, this very fine book is the best one ever written and perhaps will never be matched. Many books on the agency are dry, clinical studies of the agency, sanitized chronicles of a perhaps too-safe perspective, or tabloid-type historical junk, high on controversy but low on true substance. Dan Emmett has written a book for the ages. From 1865 to the present time, the Secret Service has stood guard over the nation's currency and/or its presidents. In this same period of time, only one agency-related book rises above all others: *I Am A Secret Service Agent*. Well done, Agent Emmett. Thank you for your service to our country.

*I Am A Secret Service Agent* is the story of a young boy's dream came true. Dan was only 8 years old when President Kennedy was assassinated and from that moment on, he dreamed to become a Secret Service Agent. From college to a career in the Marine Corp, a opportunity came along to realize his dream and he took it but not without hard work that got him to that point. This is Dan's

story of how you can have a dream and with hard work and persistence, anything is possible! This book captivated for two days for what this story is saying, yes it may be short but it's a great book to read! It's the most perfect book for youngsters to read and for them to realize that anything is possible if they put their minds to it. I loved the fact that this book was written in a way that was perfect for kids to learn what being a Secret Service Agent is like without scaring them about the really hard things that this job entails. Thank You to Dan Emmett for sharing your story with the world on what it truly means to have a dream of being a Secret Service Agent!!! I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book from NetGalley!

I'm just wondering if this is essentially a reprint of Dan's first book, "Within Arm's Length"? Much of the "free sample" I downloaded for my Kindle was EXACTLY the same as the first chapter of WAL...can anyone clear this up?

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