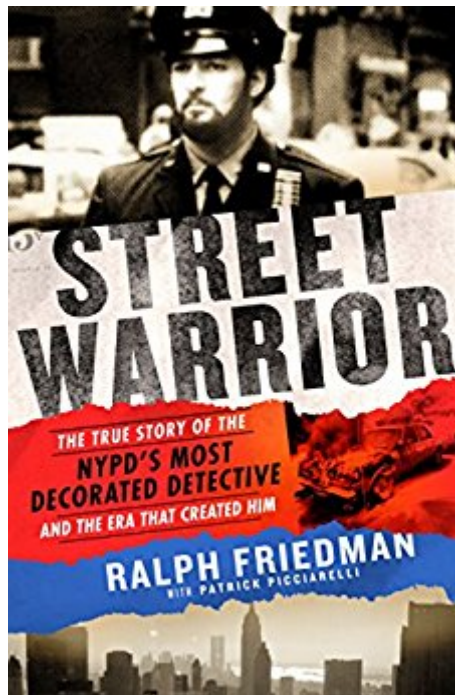




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# Street Warrior: The True Story Of The NYPD's Most Decorated Detective And The Era That Created Him



## Synopsis

2,000 arrests. 100 off-duty arrests. 6,000 assists. 15 shootings. 8 shot. 4 kills. These are not the performance statistics of an entire NYPD unit. They are the record that makes Detective 2nd Grade Ralph Friedman a legend. Friedman was arguably the toughest cop ever to wear the shield and was the most decorated detective in the NYPD's 170-year history. Stationed at the South Bronx's notorious 41 Precinct, known by its nickname "Fort Apache," Friedman served during one of the city's most dire times: the 1970s and '80s, when fiscal crisis, political disillusionment, an out-of-control welfare system, and surging crime and drug use were just a few of its problems. Street Warrior tells an unvarnished story of harrowing vice and heroic grit, including Friedman's reflections on racial profiling, confrontations with the citizens he swore to protect, and the use of deadly force.

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this is the story of one of the most decorated Detectives in NYPD history. Ralph Friedman was a

cop in the Bronx in the 1970's and 1980's until his career was cut short after an on duty vehicle accident. His story is action packed and relentless as he pursues evildoers in high crime areas of the Bronx. Ralph worked in Fort Apache-41 Pct. and the 52 pct. as a Detective. He was involved in numerous shootouts and arrests both on and off-duty. They say a Police Officer is on duty 24 hrs. a day and Ralph Friedman truly was. From stories of his numerous arrests, the shooting of his Transit Authority brother and the mugging of his Mother, you will feel as if you are there. As stated often by the author, his career took place when there were not handcuffs on law enforcement and they could proactively pursue criminals and have the backing of the Politicians, Police Brass and the public. Criminals were afraid of Officer Friedman and as you read his story you will know why. Law enforcement needs more like him. Recommended.

Brought back a lot of memories. Ralph and Pat brought to life the horrors that not only Cops dealt with but also about the overwhelming number of good people living in the South Bronx during that time. One memory it brought up for me was when i was in MNTF assisting in many narcotics warrants. We would close the block, the warrants were executed, suspects removed and ..then...the good people living in fear would shake our hands.... every single time. The incident Ralph writes about, involving a female friend,that got NYPD Intelligence Division involved was SHOCKING, even by Cops standards...Great Book Ralph...IMHO you nailed it Brother

If you were a NYPD cop, have known a NYPD cop, come from a family of NYPD cops or simply want to get a glimpse inside the dedicated, fast paced, roller coaster that is "The Job," in the New York City Police Department you will find no better place to learn more about or relive a noble profession. Detective Friedman's story covers the full spectrum of life on the streets and powerful emotions that live out there. When you close the last page you will, as he hopes, hold in enduring respect those who have given and still give selflessly for those they know not; who really are the goods guys in a daily struggle with the full spectrum of crimes against innocent people. For me, I could hear once again my father's voice and laughter, understand again the dark humor that sustains NYPD cops, and most of all see him once again on those incredible New York City Streets. Follow Detective Friedman into that world and come away changed.

Great read !! Having lived during his time in NYC I could almost follow him during his adventure and although not a LEO and occasionally work in a bar near by and all familiar of the territory and the crime.

If you like real police stories, this is the book for you. Hero cop Ralph Friedman is one tough cookie. Read all about the NYPD and his 14 years on the job. Well written inside story.

Excellent read by an actual Street Warrior

Best book and I hate to read.

This book was well written and hard to put down. A real look at one of the NYPD's most decorated and courageous officers in the departments legendary history! The people of NYC owe Ralph Friedman a debt of gratitude!!

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