

# Surviving the Darkness: A Paramedic's Harrowing True Story of Tragedy, Trauma, and Triumph

In the early morning hours of July 6, 2013, a freight train carrying 74 cars of crude oil derailed in the rural town of Lac-Mégantic, Quebec. The resulting explosion and fire sent a towering inferno into the night sky, incinerating the town's downtown core and killing 47 people.



## Seventy Two Hours: A Paramedic's Story

★★★★☆ 4.2 out of 5

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Paramedic Justin Bautista was one of the first responders on the scene. In his new book, *Seventy-Two Hours*, he shares his firsthand account of the horrific tragedy and the harrowing rescue efforts that followed.

Bautista and his team worked tirelessly in the aftermath of the derailment, treating the injured and searching for survivors. They faced unimaginable scenes of devastation and loss, but they also witnessed incredible acts of heroism and compassion.

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### **A Harrowing True Story**

In the early morning hours of July 6, 2013, Justin Bautista was jolted awake by a phone call. A freight train had derailed in the nearby town of Lac-Mégantic, and he was needed on the scene.

Bautista, a paramedic with over ten years of experience, rushed to the scene of the derailment. What he found there was a scene of utter chaos. The train had derailed, sending cars of crude oil tumbling off the tracks. The resulting explosion and fire had engulfed the town's downtown core.

Bautista and his team of paramedics worked tirelessly to treat the injured and search for survivors. They faced unimaginable scenes of devastation and loss. The streets were littered with debris, and the air was thick with smoke and the smell of burning oil.

Despite the horrific conditions, Bautista and his team refused to give up. They worked for hours, treating the injured and searching for survivors. They witnessed incredible acts of heroism and compassion, and they never lost hope.

### **A Testament to the Strength of the Human Spirit**

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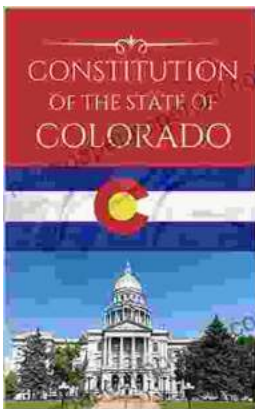
Bautista's story is a reminder that even in the face of unimaginable tragedy, there is always hope. It is a story that will inspire and uplift readers, and it is a story that will stay with them long after they finish reading it.



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