

2019 Fort Worth BookFest Author Interview Series



... with **Marvin Benton**, author of *Unfallen Hero* ...

Where is your favorite place to read?

On my back deck

What is your favorite book to give an adult or a child?

The Shack

What books do you return to most often, whether passages or

whole?

The Bible

What is the last book that had you reading past your bedtime?

The entire series of *Left Behind*.

Who made reading important to you?

My three daughters. It wasn't important to me before they showed me the benefits of reading.

Author Bio

Formerly a member of the Little Rock, Arkansas Fire Department, Marvin Benton oversees the enforcement of the city's parking ordinances as the Parking Enforcement Coordinator. As a firefighter, Marvin received burns over thirty-three percent of his body during a rescue mission when the building collapsed. Marvin was named "Firefighter of the Year" and received the city's Medal of Valor for his heroism in that fire. Marvin retired a few years after the incident and became the Fire Prevention Officer where he trained thousands of citizens on fire safety.

Marvin is devoted to sharing his personal story in the form of motivational speeches to encourage others to persevere in the face of obstacles. In 2015, with a spiritual nudging from Valerie his loving wife, Marvin began to write his remarkable story. He had always wanted to do so, to offer something of value to others - faith and courage in the midst of horrific circumstances. As a gifted documentarian, writer, and Marvin's collaborator, Valerie assisted Marvin with his story and together, they composed an uplifting, funny, painful, but always sobering memoir that will challenge readers to live life with the provocative boldness of an unfallen hero. This book chronicles that fateful night, Marvin's road to recovery, and struggles with a new life.

Follow Marvin for more information on what he is up to: [Facebook.com/marvinbenton](https://www.facebook.com/marvinbenton); www.unfallenhero.com

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