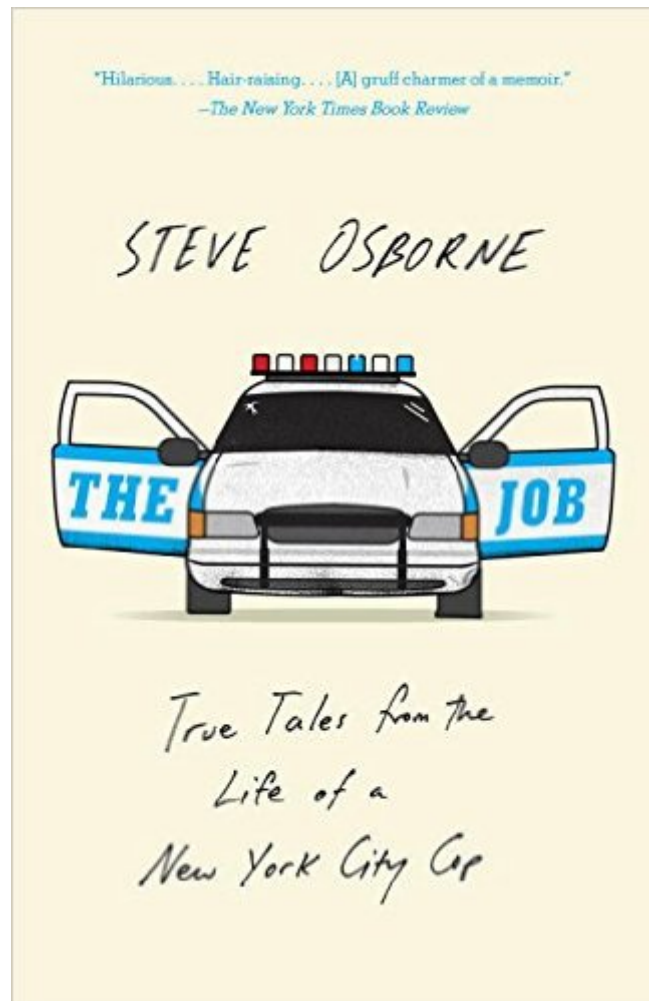


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• During his two decades on the force, if you asked NYPD officer Steve Osborne how things were going, that's what he'd tell you. On a stakeout? Nice quiet night. Drive by shooting? Nice quiet night. Now, with *The Job* he's ready to talk, and does he have some stories to tell. Most civilians get their information about police work from television shows, which are pure fantasy. Here, Osborne takes us into his world, the gritty and not so glamorous life of real street cops. And along the way he finds humor and soul searching humanity in the most unlikely places. For anyone interested in knowing what a cop's life is all about, this is a must read.

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Customer Reviews

I am a retired, 30 year veteran, of law enforcement on the west coast. After three decades of being in the trenches you'd think that I would have had enough of this sort of thing, but once police work is in your blood, it never really leaves it. Although I no longer do it, I enjoy reading about cops and what they do. I loved this book. Although it's an account of policing from the east coast, and many of the terms and procedures are different (we never say "perps" use the term "bus" for an ambulance or use the term "The Job" or "Collar"), police work is police work not only east coast/west coast, but around the world. We deal with humanity and it's pretty much the same anywhere you go. As such, it's a brotherhood. A west coast cop, an east coast cop or a cop from Europe for that matter would instantly feel comfortable in each other's company. The stresses are the same. The struggles are the same. The bad hours and having to miss family events and holidays because you are at work so

that others may safely attend their family events. I listened to this book in audio form while hiking. I found myself finishing his thoughts as I had experienced just what had seen or was trying to explain. No matter where you do policing, it's the same. This book was so well written and so effectively described the sometimes indescribable. I am going to have my wife read it so that she'll be able to better understand some of the things I witnessed and had to endure. His description of the "Foul Odor, Check the Well-being" call was spot on. You just can't understand the horror of a call like that without having experienced it, but this author, better than anyone I've ever read, was able to do it.

I have always been fascinated with the world of cops, the ones who operate in a city like New York, Los Angeles, etc., and also must admit right here and now, I have always appreciated their presence among us. Now a days it seems that a growing feeling of resentment against the police has escalated to very dangerous levels, but when one really thinks about it, the lives of these public servants that patrolled certain areas, have always been in some kind of hazard, maybe not each moment of their duties but surely sooner or later something takes place in their shifts that make national news almost immediately. To say that we would be better off without the police department to protect and serve, I hate to think the kind of world we would be forced to live in, for there are some fiercely dangerous people with the sole intention is the propagation of violence, chaos, fear, and I am sure it would force everyone to be in the possession of a weapon just to defend our own small demarcations we call our homes and place of business. I actually like to see law enforcement patrolling, intervening, neutralizing all kind of menaces that abound specially in metropolis, not to say that small towns do not have their share of bad elements. Enter *The Job: True Tales from the Life of a New York City Cop*, by the very able and surprisingly enjoyable, Mr. Steve Osborne, or is it Officer Osborne? Either way, this book is composed of several stories of his long, and I am sure, distinguished career as a cop. I will not describe the nature of the stories, for it is not my intention to ruin it for anyone that reads this great book. I was truly laughing at loud at times, other times not so much as the author describes his world over the years.

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