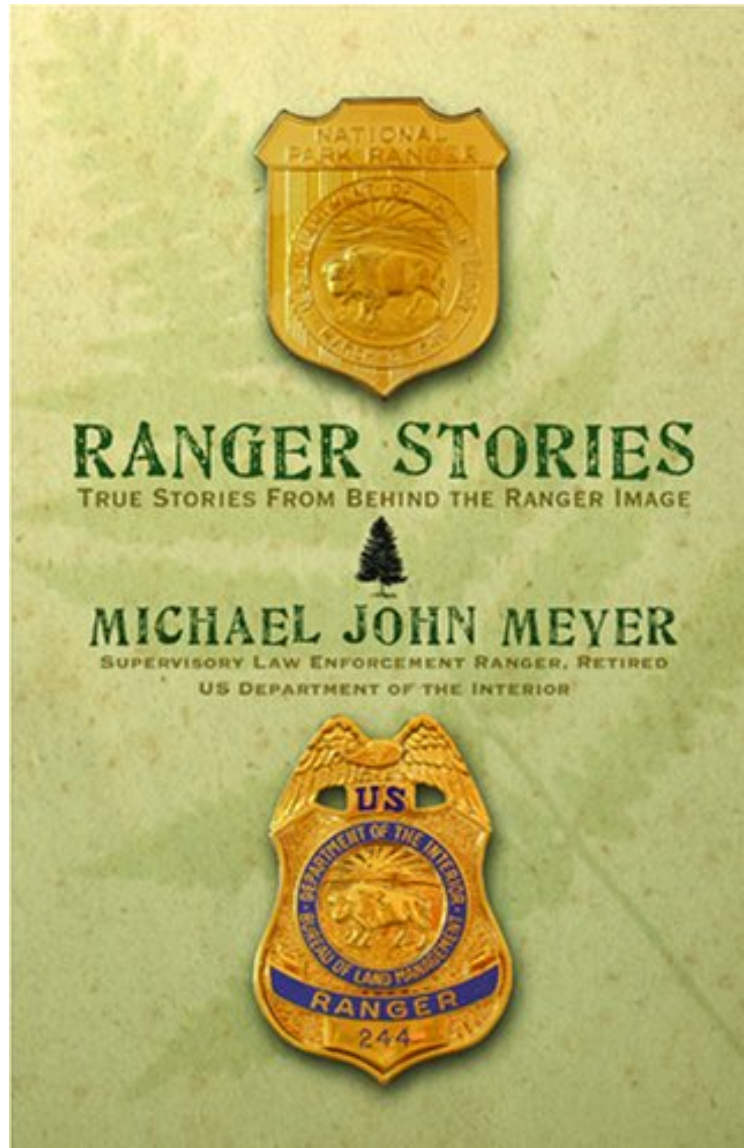


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to read the stories, old and new, of the work that everyone in the NPS does in the parks. I am so very proud of having worked with these people. I know what they did, do, and will do, so preserving these stories of everyone to read is very dear to my heart. They are just a wonderful bunch of people working for the good of the country. Everyone needs to know that whether they go to national park service areas or not. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Park Rangers Rock! By R. D'Alessandro III A short, roughly edited book that makes for easy, enjoyable quick reading, this memoir by former NPS BLM ranger Mike Meyer provides a fascinating insight into the lives of those extremely capable folks who chose law enforcement as a career. He has a jaundiced view of agency managers and their inability to effectively manage LE rangers (if they'd never been one), but what he doesn't display is the usual urban cop's utter disdain for all and everyone as potential perps, and this is the salient difference between urban LE and wildlife LE officers - an ability to understand and accept people's personalities, quirks and weaknesses and not look down on them. Traveling and working with wildlife law enforcement rangers as I've been lucky to do in my own federal government career, I find them the best people in the world to know and work beside in the managing and protecting the natural, cultural and historic resources entrusted by the People to our resource agencies. Meyer shares his incident reports and journal writings, which could have used some editing, but the occasional typos, and errors in punctuation and grammar don't distract at all from the fantastic insights into a life lived on the edge. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. He's no scholar..... By Jarrod I understand the author does not claim to be a professional writer, however, this book is one of the most poorly written I've ever seen. The stories lack depth or any deep descriptions, and just fails to transport you to the places that are being described. I do, however, appreciate his attempt to bring more attention to the great men and women that are Rangers in this country!

"I knew that for my own morality and conscious, I had to see a weapon and feel the threat before I could pull the trigger. I yelled at Jim again to bring his hand out slowly. On my own gun, I could see the hammer move toward me as I put more pressure on the trigger. I was mentally prepared for Jims' next move." -Excerpt, Knives Were Involved, Chapter 13 Grand Canyon National Park, Grand Canyon, AZ Michael Meyer considers himself one of the luckiest men on Earth. He didn't work in a corporate building all his life, instead, he went to work everyday in the wilds of America's most beautiful national parks, including Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, the West, and in Alaska. Here, Ranger Stories presents 23 of the best, most exciting moments from a lifetime as a top-level law enforcement ranger for the Park Service and Bureau of Land Management. It is also the story of a humble hero who at the height of his career, made a difficult choice for the happiness of his family. Meyer led an envious lifestyle of adventure involving boats, .38 caliber revolvers, helicopters, high-speed chases, and sheer courage in man-to-man standoffs. His is a memoir that reads like a modern-day cowboy Western where life is valued very little by some of the hardened characters Meyer crossed paths with. By honing his tactics as a smart and patient law enforcer, you'll marvel at how rangers protect tourists when they're not even looking and long after vacation season has ended.

About the Author After serving in the United States Army and graduating from San Diego State University with a degree in geology, Michael Meyer worked seventeen years for the US National Park Service at Glacier, Saguaro, Arches, Death Valley, Lassen Volcanic National Parks and Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Mike finished his Park Service career as a Supervisory Ranger at Grand Canyon National Park. In 1991 he transferred to the Bureau of Land Management and worked thirteen years in the California Desert District as a Supervisory Law Enforcement Ranger. Mike's career spans thirty years of ranger law enforcement with the US Department of the Interior. He lives in Palm Desert, California.