

# SANTASADŌ

## Ferry Zandvliet - Souvenirs

Better After Bataclan

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Ferry is a 'grumpy old guy'. He is angry. He is angry with his environment, his parents' divorce, angry with everything that goes wrong, with the world at large.

That stops on November 13th 2015. He and his friends are in the audience at a concert in the Parisian Bataclan theater when three men with Kalashnikovs open fire in the packed hall. Ferry sees and feels how dozens of people around him are killed. And for a moment he is sure that his life has ended as well. But crawling through the blood and bodies he miraculously escapes.

The experience changes his life. His anger slowly turns into appreciation and forgiveness, he even befriends the father of one of the attackers. He shares his story of optimism with a growing audience and changes from a 'grumpy old guy' into an inspirator.

This book describes Ferry's experiences of that terrible Friday evening and the five years that follow. Experiences he wouldn't want anyone to have, but also with the consequences he never wanted to miss out on.

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- Dutch edition published by Growing Stories



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

When **Ferry Zandvliet** attends a concert in Paris in 2015 he is unaware that the evening will change his life. Three shooters launch a terrorist attack that Ferry manages to survive while 89 others are killed. Ferry suffers from chronic insomnia, hyper alertness, fear, and a post-traumatic stress disorder. But he also finds a new love for living and a better understand of himself. He is now a sought-after speaker and has published the book *Souvenirs* on the event and its after-effects exactly five years after the attack.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

'*Souvenirs* is a lesson in accepting the inevitable and forgiving the unforgivable. Five stars, compliments!'

**Eric van 't Zelfde**, Head Master of the Dream School

'Ferry walked straight into my heart with his courage, fears, and his wish to make different choices. Perhaps Bataclan was the most important event that he could experience. I am incredibly proud of him.'

**Ellie Lust**, television maker and former inspector and spokesperson for the Dutch Police

'Ferry, you really have turned the events into a life experience with which you try to help others to move ahead with their lives. That power is unparalleled!'

**Humberto Tan**, television presenter and journalist

'Ferry has succeeded in sharing a deeply intense story with the reader. He takes you along on a terrible journey that takes your breath away while reading. And even more impressive are his accounts of dealing with such trauma. Definitely not easy, but possible, as Ferry shows us.'

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