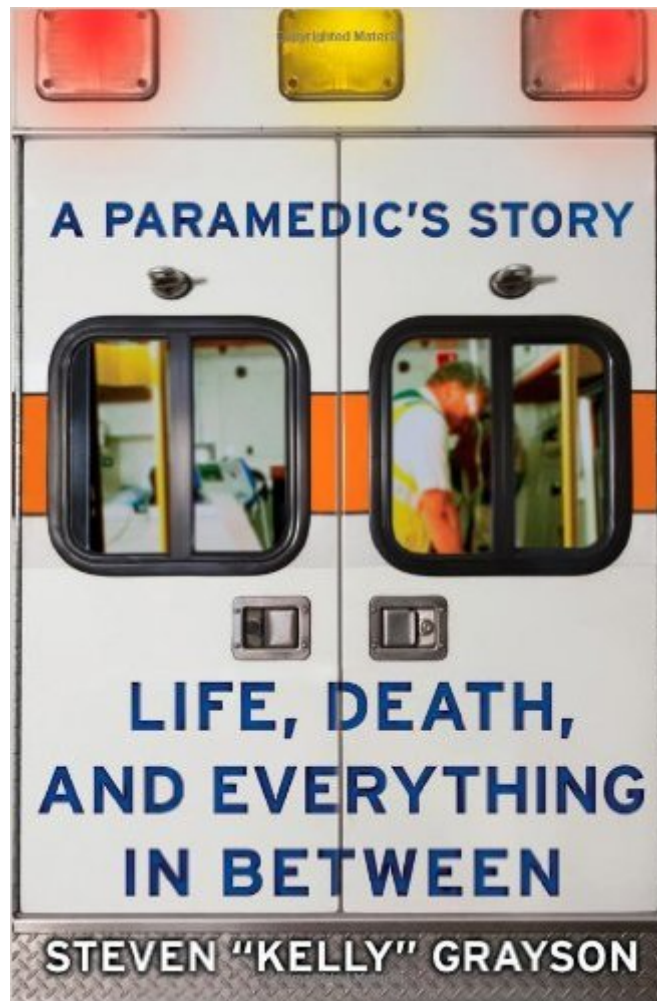


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# A Paramedic's Story: Life, Death, And Everything In Between



## Synopsis

Welcome to the life-and-death world of an E.M.T.-sometimes bloody, sometimes even funny, but always compelling. When someone dials 911, Emergency Medical Technician Kelly Grayson is there-to restart the heart that has stopped beating, deal with dangerously high blood alcohol levels, or pull a body from a mangled car wreck. As an E.M.T., Grayson sees people at their best and worst, in situations that can be gruesome, moving, and heart-breaking. Regardless of the emergency, Grayson is the first line of defense, picking up the pieces and saving lives-or, sadly, watching them slip away. *A Paramedic's Story* is bursting with stories that run the gamut from lighthearted to heart-wrenching. With his brutally candid style, Grayson gives readers his special insight into the human condition, and shows us what it feels like to hold lives in his hands every day.

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I admit I'm a fan of ER blogs in general, and I heard about this book after reading Nurse K's awesome blog. Grayson's book is hard to put down and I finished it in about two days. It became apparent from the get-go that this was going to be an amazing read just after getting through the first story dealing with a patient's yappy little rat-dog getting lit up with a defibrillator (by accident). The tales Grayson tells truly give an amazing insight into the world of EMS and lets you hear things from the perspective of the folks who are struggling to keep people alive en route to the emergency room. The people who wade through blood and mucous and really get their hands dirty, deal with combative nutcases, and who know how to rush to the rescue rather than buckling under pressure. Many of the stories are absolutely hilarious, either by nature or just the way they're told,

but there are more serious and depressing things Grayson shares with his readers. And this makes sense - after all, EMS is not a stroll in the park. People die, and the lesson you're taught is that if you want to be a successful paramedic, you learn to appear reassuring to the patient, cry when you're not at work, and the most important thing is to not let the things you see and deal with follow you home because they will haunt you. Some of the stories he shares are downright gruesome or heart-wrenching and, after reading them, it makes you wonder how anyone could find it in their heart to get up and go back to work to do it again every day.

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