

## The day the towers fell . . .

The breathtaking account of one fireman's heroic actions on September 11.

The amazing but true story of Richard 'Pitch' Picciotto, the highest-ranking officer in the World Trade Center when the first tower fell. Here he describes how he led his men and a handful of survivors to safety.

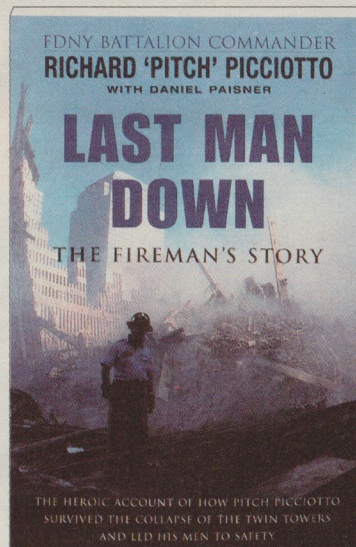
Pitch and his men were racing up from the 17th floor when the world seemed to explode around them. From knowledge gained during the 1993 WTC bombing, Pitch was able to lead the firefighters up an alternative stairwell, where they discovered over 50 workers too weak or crippled to get out on their own. Pitch ordered his firefighters to form a human chain, and helped them down the stairs towards safety. They had reached the seventh floor when the North Tower collapsed; Pitch and a handful of survivors woke to find themselves buried on the landing of the second floor.

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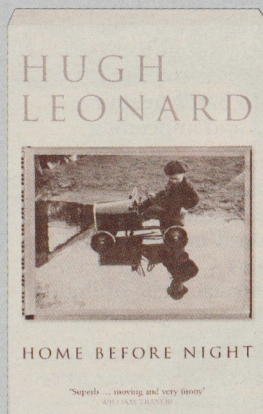
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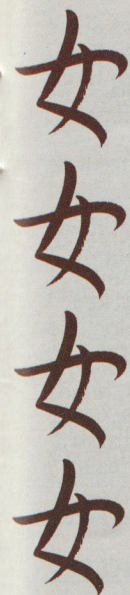
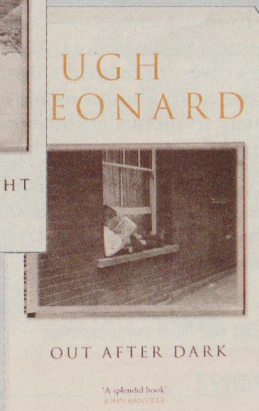
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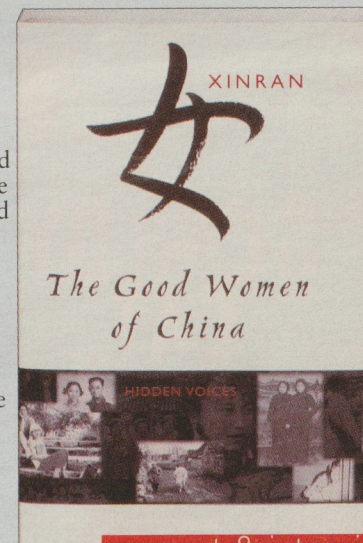
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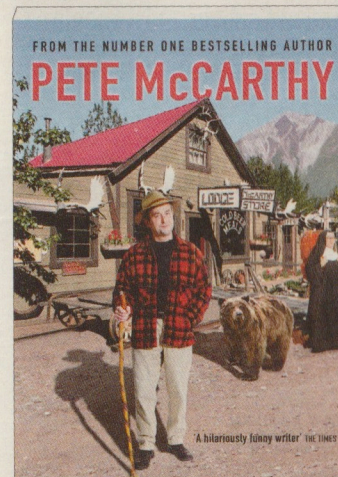
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