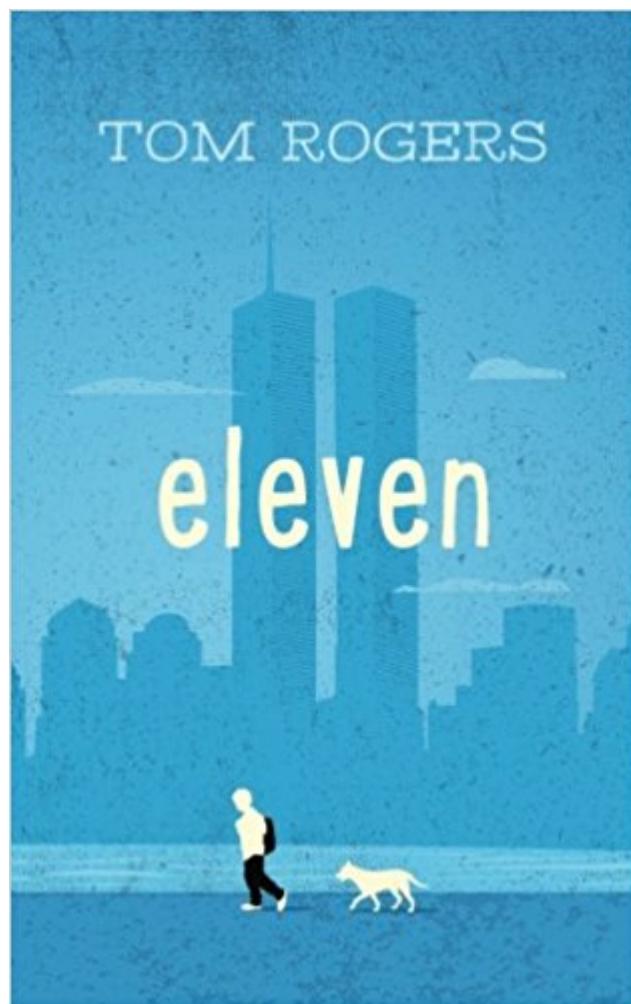


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Synopsis

Alex Douglas always wanted to be a hero. But nothing heroic ever happened to Alex. Nothing, that is, until his eleventh birthday. When Alex rescues a stray dog as a birthday gift to himself, he doesn't think his life can get much better. Radar, his new dog, pretty much feels the same way. But this day has bigger things in store for both of them. This is a story about bullies and heroes. About tragedy and hope. About enemies with two legs and friends with four, and pesky little sisters and cranky old men, and an unexpected lesson in kindness delivered with a slice of pizza. This is Eleven: the journey of a boy turning eleven on 9/11. A best-seller at the 9/11 Memorial Museum, a Kirkus "Best Books" selection, and winner of Writer's Digest and Moonbeam Children's Book Awards.

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Tom Rogers is a novelist and the screenwriter of numerous animated films, including The Lion King 1-1/2, Kronk's New Groove, LEGO: The Adventures of Clutch Powers, and Disney's Secret of the Wings and the upcoming Legend of the NeverBeast. Originally from Texas, he now lives in Los Angeles with his wife and tango partner, Jennifer. Eleven is his first novel for young adults.

I wasn't sure how to approach this book at first. As a woman in her late 20s, I knew this was a children's book and thus wondered how well I'd be able to get into it. I need not worry, as there were three separate stories beautifully interwoven between one another. And even though the "main" character of the book was an 11-year-old..I found that I could relate to this part of the story most. I might be in my late 20s now, but when the events of this book occurred I was 12 years old. Unlike Alex I was told about what happened in school and we watched TV right in school, but many of Alex's observations within the book remind me strikingly of my own thoughts and recollections of that day. The Man In The White Shirt was a nice touch, and I loved how it was kept up in the air whether the man was Alex's father or Mac's son until the end. Beautifully written

I read this for a teacher who wondered if I thought it would be appropriate as a read-aloud for her 4th grade class. Having finished it, I would say the author covered the destruction of the Twin Towers with a rare balance of accuracy and sensitivity. Experiencing that terrible day through the eyes of a very normal eleven year old created a book that told just enough of the heartache combined with some very realistic kid-centered action. Yes I would recommend this book to any youngster who wanted to know more about 9/11.

This is a touching, engrossing and extremely well-written book that tweens, teens and adults will enjoy. I picked this up when a friend recommended it, and I couldn't put it down. It has well-drawn characters, an emotional story and a great twist that gives it the perfect ending. In addition, this book is an excellent way to bring up the history and significance of the tragedy of 9/11. It is never heavy handed, or emotionally manipulative. A beautiful book.

Eleven has the components necessary for choosing a book for permanent curriculum status. The

angel comments by Mr. Rogers in his dedication set the tone for this well written and intriguing book. The story unfolds on two levels, each very important to the understanding of 9/11. Students can understand the events of 9/11 through the father's experiences of the actual attack, the bravery of the first responders, and the aftermath. They can identify with Alex, the protagonist, as he copes with the changes in his life on that fateful day. I highly recommend this book to private and public schools as a required reading selection. Mary Ann Key

All Alex wants for his 11th birthday is a dog, but his parents want him to show responsibility before they agree. Then, on his birthday, planes hit the Twin Towers. Alex grows up immediately and cares for his little sister, a found dog, and an older man waiting not so patiently for his son to return from work at the World Trade Center. This is 9/11 from a child's POV, and it is gripping.

Great read...hard to read but it really was good...I bought this because I am a Middle School English Teacher in Texas now and this is one of the books for our 6th and 7th grade Summer Reading...I can't wait to see what our students come back with after they have read this AMAZING book! I am from NJ and a former FF/EMT during this horrific time in our nation and now teach so again it was a hard read but it was also a good read and recommend this book for YA readers as well as adults.

Great story and an ideal way to introduce young people, born after 9/11, to the event. Perfect as an upper elementary read aloud. Highly recommended!

I bought this for my 11 year old son in June and he sort of pushed the book to the side for other things during the Summer. I had a Dr. appointment this week and while he waited for around an hour he ALMOST finished the book! He finished it the next morning and asked if the writer Tom had any other books :). Of course I checked and saw that this is his first novel for young adults so I will indeed keep an eye out for some items. My son loved your book.

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