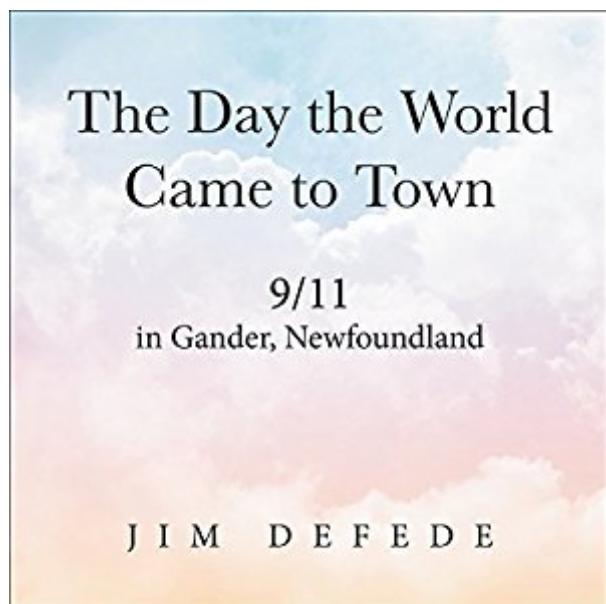


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# The Day The World Came To Town: 9/11 In Gander, Newfoundland



## **Synopsis**

Perfect for fans of the musical Come From Away! When 38 jetliners bound for the United States were forced to land at Gander International Airport in Canada by the closing of U.S. airspace on September 11, the population of this small town on Newfoundland Island swelled from 10,300 to nearly 17,000. The citizens of Gander met the stranded passengers with an overwhelming display of friendship and goodwill. As the passengers stepped from the airplanes, exhausted, hungry and distraught after being held on board for nearly 24 hours while security checked all of the baggage, they were greeted with a feast prepared by the townspeople. Local bus drivers who had been on strike came off the picket lines to transport the passengers to the various shelters set up in local schools and churches. Linens and toiletries were bought and donated. A middle school provided showers, as well as access to computers, email, and televisions, allowing the passengers to stay in touch with family and follow the news.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I had not heard about this story or the book prior to the Tony awards. I was so excited to find it available on . The story is so uplifting and interesting. It is really well written. I really appreciated how the author realized that with all of the names / people in the book that just using names after the people were introduced would not be helpful to the readers. I am thinking about ordering another copy to keep so I can share one and save one.

Very interesting story. Not a smooth read though. Kind of choppy and I kept having to go back in the book to remember who people were. May have been better as 6 or so short stories that go from beginning to end. Either way, a great overall story that few are aware of. Still recommend as something to dive a little into each night.

An extremely interesting read about what happened in Gander, Newfoundland, and the surrounding area, when 38 airplanes bound for the USA landed there on September 11, 2001. The story is very well told by Jim DeFede about how this small community took such exceptional care of all these people for five days. I would recommend this book to anyone who remembers the awful tragedy of that infamous day! It tells the positive side of that horrible time.

Although this was not the most "literarily" written book, the story was wonderful to read! Most people are not aware of what happened in Gander, Newfoundland immediately after 911. The willingness to help, the warmth of the local communities and the care they gave unselfishly to all the passengers and airline crews who were forced to land in Gander, was amazing! A VERY worthwhile read!

A story to make the reader laugh and cry, all while feeling so amazed and awed at what took place in a small town I had never heard of, but of which I will never forget! Thank you Jim DeFede for taking this reader back to that fateful day and reminding me of where I was, and how I also felt such pride to be an American and wished that Patriotism would last forever in all of our lives.

Great story....uplifting tale of how people can work together and achieve what seemed impossible in the face of impossible odds!!! The people of New Foundland should be proud of his story and should be mandatory reading in schools especially now with terror around many corners this shows the good in people in the face of a horrific event.

The story of Gander should always be told when the story of 9/11 is told. The kindness and hope given to stranded passengers is a beautiful reminder of the goodness on a dark day.

We saw COME FROM AWAY, the musical which used this book and other 9-11 stories from Newfoundland with great effect. So we were eager to dig in and learn more, DeFede's book does a meaningful job: we meet amazing Canadians and the scared passengers who somehow got clothed, fed, and loved by the generous folk of Gander. The story trails a bit at the end, but is still

worth reading. Everyone should know how the people of Newfoundland rose to meet the results of terrorist horror. I'd like a similar book from Iceland.

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