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Title: United We Stand

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I am reading the book United We Stand by Eric Walters. I have several questions that I could ask about this book, but I have settled on asking, “Why would James want to go to Ground Zero… to a place that has been destroyed and that is so dangerous?”

The reason why I think that James wants to go there is to try and find his father. If I went through all the same things that James went through I would try my hardest to do just that. With all firefighters their motto is, “Never leave anyone behind.”

The evidence that supports my thinking that James is trying to find his father is on p. 117, “We’re not just anybody,” James said, abruptly. “We need to get in.” The desperation that is in his voice makes you feel that he would do anything to get to Ground Zero to find his father! He then goes on to explain just who his father is, a firefighter, and his great need to get into Ground Zero. They even lie to the officer and say they are 18 years old.

Another piece of evidence is on p. 120 when an officer tells James, “If you told us in the beginning why you needed to be here we might have let you in. Firefighters and police, we may fight amongst ourselves, but we are still all family… especially now.”

With everything that has taken place at Ground Zero and the feelings of hopelessness and agony of not knowing where his father is really makes you think! What would you do? Would you risk everything to find your father or another family member? I know I would!