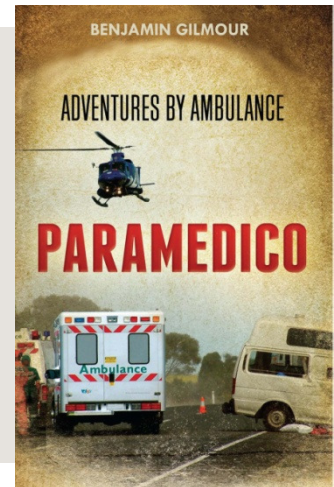


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Description

'As you read this, more than a hundred thousand ambulance medics across the planet are responding to emergencies. They are scrambling under crashed cars, carrying the sick down flights of stairs, resuscitating near-dead husbands at the feet of hysterical wives, and stemming the blood-flow of gunshot victims in seedy back alleys. A good number too are just as likely to be rolling their eyes at some ridiculous, trivial complaint their patient has considered life threatening enough to call them for.'

Paramedico is a heart-stopping, white-knuckle ride about a paramedic at work in an ambulance, attending emergencies in far-flung places such as England, Iceland, Macedonia, Mexico, Pakistan, The Philippines, South Africa and Thailand – at the time of the 2004 tsunami. This is also a brilliantly written collection of wild tales of wild people whose lives are so different from our own that it's hard to believe they really exist. Gilmour is able to make us stop and think not only of how to live a life, but how precious life is and how important it is to protect it.

Sales Points

- A glimpse inside the hidden world of adrenalin-junkie lifesavers, the paramedics
- Covers Benjamin's ambulance experiences in 8 countries: England, Iceland, Italy, South Africa, Pakistan, Mexico, Macedonia, The Phillippines and Thailand—each experience varying from utterly gory, to strange and terrifying
- Benjamin is also making a documentary on this subject, that was shot during his travels
- Features exotic locations and a strong travel element with lots of action, and is written in an irreverent voice that takes you right along with Benjamin as moves from country to country and saves lives amidst the chaos or eerie calm of each city
- In Mexico, Benjamin has a flaming cross burned onto his chest as part of his initiation into the paramedics team
- Perfect for all those people who loved *Marching Powder* and *Emergency Sex*

Author Profile

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