

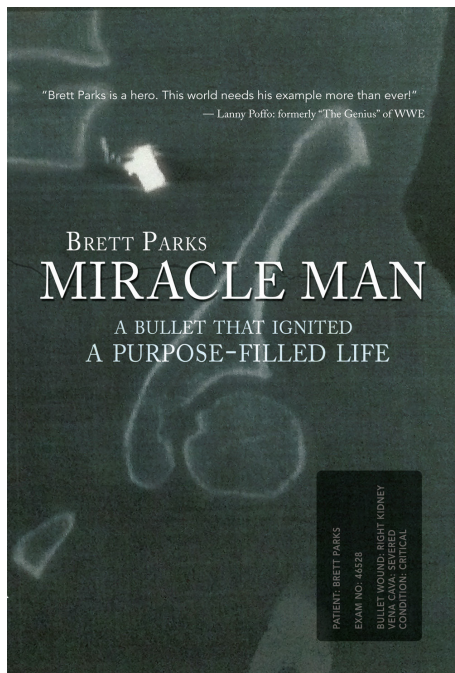


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## GOOD SAMARITAN SHOT BY MUGGER EXPERIENCES MIRACULOUS HEALING NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCE REIGNITES AUTHOR'S FAITH



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**For immediate release:** Brett Parks heard the cries for help and he responded. But as blood poured out of his abdomen and trickled out of the corners of his mouth, he wondered, was it worth it? In *Miracle Man: A Bullet That Ignited a Purpose-Filled Life* (Ambassador International; May 2015; \$13.99, paperback) Parks inspires and encourages readers through the incredible story of his near death experience.

Before his brush with death, Brett was in the best physical shape of his life, but his spiritual life was weak. Brett admits that he did not always respond to God's calls for obedience. "I heard him calling to me, but I had something else going on. My Christian life was good, but it could have been better," writes Brett. "Then, October 17 happened."

On October 17, 2012, without hesitation, Navy airman and fitness trainer Brett Parks responded to screams for help, chasing down a mugger. The attacker fired a gun from inside his sweatshirt pocket, sending a devastating shot into Brett's body. The bullet shredded Brett's kidney, destroyed several inches of his intestines, and pierced the largest vein in his body.

As the medical team worked fervently to save Brett's life, his wife received the bleak news. Their unborn daughter and young son may not grow up with a father. The medical battle included 14 surgeries in 20 days, an unexpected amputation, and a coma that lasted nearly three weeks. Brett says he also experienced spiritual warfare. Still haunted by the horrible visions of what he describes as a battle between the devil and God for Brett's soul, he emerged from his coma to begin a long and challenging recovery.

While Brett lost his leg during the experience, he gained a second shot at life. "Through tears of thankfulness, I told the Lord I would go wherever He led me," remembers Brett. Brett received the governor's Medal of Merit. He's won several medals in the Warrior Games and is now preparing to qualify for the 2016 Paralympics Games in Rio, Brazil.

**About the Author:** Brett Parks is the founder and president of Second Shot Ministry and travels around the nation speaking to schools, businesses, and churches about hope, faith, and how he overcame a 99.999% mortality rate. Because of his heroic actions, Brett was rewarded with the governor's Medal of Merit, which was presented by Governor Rick Scott. When Brett is not traveling, he loves spending time with beautiful wife Susan and playing with his son Jason and daughter Stella.

To connect with the author or request a review copy of *Miracle Man* please contact publicist Alison Storm at [media@emeraldhouse.com](mailto:media@emeraldhouse.com).

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## Suggested Interview Questions for the Author:

1. What inspired you to write *Miracle Man*?
2. Some people at the scene of the shooting recall seeing a woman praying. Who was she?
3. You went from thinking you were going to die to knowing you were going to live. Why the shift?
4. You were able to call your wife from the scene of the shooting. What did you say to her?
5. You say you were shot in your “surgical soul.” What does that mean?
6. Just when you thought you had survived the worst, what happened to make you think you could die?
7. What did the cleaning lady say she witnessed happening in your hospital room?
8. What makes you think you had a glimpse of hell while you were in a coma?
9. Why did you decide to compete in the Warrior Games and Paralympics Games?
10. Why is setting goals in each chapter of life so important to you?
11. Do you ever wish you would have minded your own business?
12. What do you hope people learn from your story?

## Endorsements:

Brett Parks tells an inspiring story of freedom, fear, fight, and faith. He joined the Navy out of a sense of patriotism and gratitude for the freedom he enjoyed as an American citizen in a post 9/11 society. Then, in a moment of genuine fear, he chose not to run, but to chase, and in the midst of defending another, he was brutally shot, critically wounded, and ultimately left for dead. As days turned to weeks, he chose to fight for his life--a decision made out of faith for the very life he knew he was called to live and the message he was chosen to deliver. Brett is a tribute to his country, to his community, and to his faith.

—Kate Ziegler

United States Olympic Team (2008, 2012)

There is a country song that says “Live Like You’re Dying.” The only thing more inspirational would be to LIVE after you come as close to death as you possibly could. How would our lives be different? Do we have to actually come face to face with death or can we learn from someone who has? Brett LIVED to tell the story of what it’s like, you have the opportunity to have the same changed life without the near death experience. Read the book. Put yourself in his shoes and LIVE like you have never LIVED before!

—Caz McCaslin

President Upward Sports

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## **BRETT PARKS** *Author of "Miracle Man"*



On October 17, 2012, Brett Parks was shot in the abdomen while breaking up a robbery. Because of his injuries, Brett spent 20 days in a coma. Upon waking, Brett found that he had lost a kidney, a third of his colon, and the lower part of his right leg.

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The city of Jacksonville also acknowledged Brett by presenting him with a proclamation stating that December 5th is Brett Parks Day.

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### Connect with the Author

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