

Thanks for your interest in Author/Speaker/Coach Larry Skahill and his award-winning book *Dead Man Rising: From a Watery Grave to an Incredible Life*.

Whether you are looking to schedule an appearance by Mr. Skahill, seeking an interview or considering group coaching, we hope you will find this media kit contains everything you need. If not, please feel free to contact us at media@larryskahill.com or call us at 855-299-PROP (7767).

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It was "a dive boat skipper's worst nightmare come true" (Capt. Ron Fairbanks, dive boat skipper and PADI instructor).

Join Larry on this "enormous personal journey" (Dr. Kenneth Waxman, Board of Governors, American College of Surgeons) to the very "gates of Heaven" (Pastor Jerry Morris) and back to a fight for his life that will require "grit and determination" for a "triumph over adversity against all odds," (Captain Steve McCullough, Santa Barbara Harbor Master).



An award winning author, Professional Life Coach and exciting speaker, Larry Skahill was living his life-long dream of a career on the leading edge of the high-tech world, managing the Vandenberg AFB Weather Station operations and maintenance crews. For sport, he spearfished in the beautiful waters off the Central Coast of California. While diving in the safety of a swim area, his life would be endangered and forever changed by a careless boater.

Instead of receiving the promotion of a lifetime, the accident left Larry permanently disabled. Relying on his deep faith in God and his own destiny, Larry courageously fought back to build a new life. He returned to his love of the ocean where he taught over thirty other individuals to free-dive and spearfish.

He studied with the American Association of Christian Counselors as well as the International Coach Federation – the oldest and highest standards organization in the emerging field of Coaching.

Larry's coached at many levels, from individuals whose own lives have been seriously disrupted, to organizational executives and leaders of international Aerospace firms. He developed Life Coaching tools, programs and curriculum for both individuals and organizations. He specializes in partnering with others to discover and achieve their missions in life.

Larry's third book, *Propel Beyond Fear: Dive into Life* (due out fall of 2013), combines his love of free diving with coaching using a variety of adventurous dive stories to coach readers to a life well lived.

If you need additional information beyond that provided here, please don't hesitate to contact us.

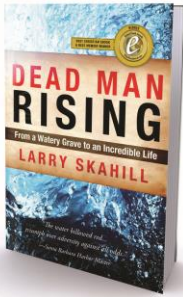
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Awards
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Professional
Endorsements
For
Dead Man Rising



Global ebook Awards Double Winner:

- Best Memoir ebook 2012
- Best Christian ebook 2012



"Gripping. Miraculous."

Bill Gossard
Deputy Director NTSB
(National Transportation Safety Board)

"a riveting survival struggle...a brush with death and Heaven...a true miracle."

Reverend Jerry Morris,
B.S., Cal Poly Pomona

"I found his account of the incident very similar to independent witness statements. The water billowed red..."
"grit and determination"
"triumph over adversity against all odds"

Captain Steve McCullough
Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol

"Remarkable." An "enormous personal journey..."

Kenneth Waxman, M.D.
Board of Governors,
American College of Surgeons

"A worst nightmare come true. I couldn't put it down."

Ron Fairbanks, Certified PADI Dive Instructor
and Captain of the 'Miss Devin' Dive Boat



Publications:

“Safe in Our Father’s Arms” “The Upper Room” Monthly devotional magazine (circ. 1.5 Million)

*Please note that Larry received a personal request from the publisher of “The Upper Room” for additional devotionals for this largest circulation Christian Daily Devotional .

Regular contributor for “Writers Voice,” a publication of the Christian Writers Guild of Santa Barbara

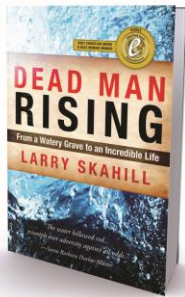
Other Books by Larry Skahill:

- Propel to Hope: When Life Hurts Like Hell (2013)
This daily devotional is available as a free PDF download from Larry’s website. This is intended to make it immediately available to those going through brutal times. Print copies are not currently available.
- Propel Beyond Fear: Dive Into the Incredible Life (release date: fall 2013)
 - A DVD series and study guide are also in the works per the requests of men’s pastors and counselor/coaches.Larry combines his love of free-diving and spearfishing with his coaching regaling the reader with some incredible yet true dive stories that will have you on the edge of your seat. You will be challenged to apply these stories to your own life and coached to a life well lived.

Seminars and Workshops:

- Living Beyond Life
The story beyond the NDE story of “Dead Man Rising” 45min
- Propel to Hope: When Life Hurts Like Hell
From Survive to Thrive 45min
- Dive Into Life* *The Incredible Life & Adventure God has for you* 6, 20 min DVDs / 45 min sessions
- The “VIP” Vision* *Discovering the Life You Were Meant to Live*
 - Living Life Backwards *Achieving Your Visions and other Goals* 6, 20 min DVDs / 45 min sessions

*“Dive into Life” & “The VIP Vision” can be combined into a weekend seminar, where “Dive into Life” will encourage individuals to seek an “Incredible” Life – one filled with adventure and meaning while “The VIP Vision” will give attendees the tools needed to discover, plan out and achieve their life vision.



Readers' Reviews:

5 STARS: **A Book of Life...**

"Dead Man Rising" is a wonderful testimony of God's modern day miracles in one man's life. The method of flashing between what was happening in real time and thoughts from the past kept the book lively and exciting. The honesty of the thoughts whirling through Larry's mind at various times whether in the flashbacks or real time, made the book come alive. Mr. Skahill became not just "puppet figure" but a real human being with the mixture of "good and bad" that exists in all of us. One can feel his struggle with pain and doubts of whether his life will ever be worth living again. But, always God is victorious and his conclusions of God's mercy, the miracle of still being alive, and what is truly important in life present a lesson to all of us.

5 STARS: **It's all easy after propellers...**

This book details the amazing story of a Christian man who survives a terrible accident, has to overcome the pain of physical therapy and the realization that his secular world is changed forever. It is told in the language of men with the outlook of a Christian man. I was touched by the faith that Larry maintained throughout this ongoing ordeal and his realization that he had to trust totally in the Lord for his survival.

5 STARS: **A true story with a great wow factor.** This was an easy read, very well written and VERY gripping! I found myself trying to stay awake just to finish a few more pages. The words carry you right into the author's world; you can almost see everything as if it were going on all around you. As true events are unfolded I found myself anxious to know what came next. Well done Mr. Skahill, thank you for finding a most excellent way to tell your story. I have wondered about the world of diving, now I am hoping I will get the chance.

5 STARS: **Vivid story of a Christian man's exhibition of strength and gratitude- Must read!** A gripping, amazing & true story of how a man exhibits his reliance on our Heavenly Father to give him the needed strength to endure the pain caused by a tragic accident. Throughout the book he reminds himself of Philippians 4:13 and that he can do all things through Christ Jesus. He leads me to rethink many events that have occurred throughout my life and whether or not I have fully acknowledged God's glory and grace. A very quick and easy read that an average reader can complete in a few evenings.

Sample Media Release: (contact us for a more up-to-date release)

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Media Release:

For immediate release

August 19, 2012

"Dead Man Rising" wins two Global ebook Awards.

Dead Man Rising: From a Watery Grave to an Incredible Life won the Global ebook Awards for 2012 for best memoir and best Christian ebook. Selected from a field of over five-hundred entries from sixteen countries, author Larry Skahill was thrilled to receive the awards from TV, film, stage actress and NYT best-selling author Marilu Henner.

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While delighted by both Global ebook awards, Larry was especially pleased with the memoir win as memoirs alone represented hundreds of entries and was the largest category in the contest.

Dead Man Rising is currently available only in ebook form at:
http://www.amazon.com/Dead-Man-Rising-Incredible-ebook/dp/B007YY3VIS/ref=tmm_kin_title_0

Due to the dual Global ebook awards, a print edition will be released in the spring of 2013.

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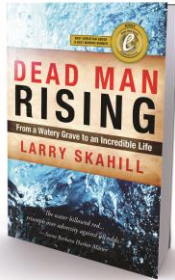


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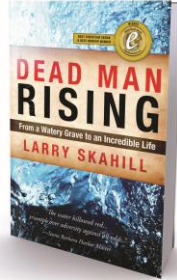


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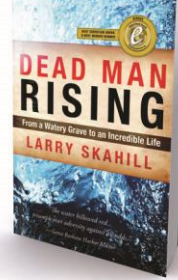
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Sample Reviews:

Experience a Dive into Death and Beyond (~125 Words):

Hold onto your seats folks, *Dead Man Rising* doesn't just tell you about yet another person's journey "beyond." Using the craft that won him TWO Global ebook awards for best Memoir and best Christian ebook of 2012, Larry Skahill slaps a dive-mask on your face and takes you for a dive into the glorious underwater world and back to the surface where you will sense the impending slashes of a boat's propeller, feel the pain, take a trip beyond this life and return to the most challenging fight for life I've ever read.

Brutal, thrilling, poignant and hilarious, *Dead Man Rising* is not only a fast-paced read, it will inspire you with hope and a determination to lead a life that counts. Five Stars!

It's All Easy After Propellers (~350 Words):

Larry Skahill's double Global ebook award-winning first effort *Dead Man Rising* does not disappoint as he puts you in the dive mask in the cold waters of the Pacific. He paints such a strong image that I could easily imagine floating and watching my own blood darken the water around me. I was taken on a journey of the senses as I learned how to free-dive (snorkeling with a lot of depth) in the wonder-filled kelp beds and the glorious underwater world off the Central Coast of California. I heard the ominous approach of the boat, experienced his deadly "2,000 RPM propeller" injuries, felt death's approach, took a trip to heaven and returned to the brutal pain of a shattered and slashed body.

But this is not just a "typical" near-death-experience (NDE) book merely focused on the curiosity of what happens when you die, although that is certainly reason enough to read this exciting story. Mister Skahill takes you on a hard-fought, hope-filled journey to reclaim a shattered life, spiced with heroes, challenges, lessons, laughter, and hope.

Brutal in his honesty regarding his own shortcomings as a Christian, I knew this incredible story could be believed. Although there is plenty of pain and intense emotion that only the edge of death could bring, there are surprisingly hilarious moments, tender, poignant scenes - the chapter centered on the six-year old battling brain cancer (to whom the book is dedicated) had me laughing, crying, questioning God and yet filled with a sense of hope. If anything, *Dead Man Rising* is a book of hope.

Warning: You will find yourself burning the midnight oil with this one. This is an easy read. Using skills not normally found in new authors, Mr. Skahill will have you turning pages. I liked the way the book *discovered* the lessons that these experiences brought to the author rather than shoved them down my throat. *Dead Man Rising* challenged my faith, the way I look at life, and helped me rediscover what is truly important: hope, faith and love.

Two thumbs up!

Suggested Interview questions:

- Why do you believe the accident killed you? What's your proof?
- Were you a Christian before the accident?
- How has the accident, this experience, changed you?
- What is the most important lesson you learned?
- If there was one thing you would want everyone to take away from your book, what would that be?
- It seems there are a lot of NDE (near-death=experience) books out now. Why yours?
- How/Why did you get into coaching?
- What's next for you?
- If you could change one thing about your life, would that be about the accident? Why?
- How does your experience prove that Christianity is the one true religion? People of other faiths have "seen the light," doesn't that mean they were going to heaven?
- What were you thinking about after you got hit by the boat? And what exactly did you pray?
- So, you believe in the power of prayer?
- Why do you believe your survival of the boat accident to be a miracle?
- What can you tell us about Heaven?
- How do I get to Heaven?

In closing:

Thanks for investing your valuable time checking out my media kit.

It's been quite a personal journey to this point. Please allow me to give you a bit of the story behind the story:

I was happily on my way to achieving my childhood career dreams (up for a major promotion on a contract my employer has with NASA and JPL) when the boat accident changed everything. I've been asked if I could change one thing about my life, would I "eliminate the accident?" "No, I would not, emphatically not.

In a way, the accident is sort of my fault. You see, I prayed to God that He would use me and give me a way to testify to more people. Shortly thereafter, I was run over by the boat. Over the ten years that have passed, I have spoken to well over a thousand individuals about the accident, my trials and most importantly, my faith. With the release of my award-winning book (so thankful for those awards), I hope to reach tens of thousands and maybe even more.

People have derived great hope from my story. And it gets better: I have witnessed and been a part of dozens of miracles and healings as well. Yes God loves me, but He loves *all of us*. And that is where our hope lies, in Him.

In my joyful former career, like many others I was busy – very busy. And it was a good busy. Yes I attended church and helped out in small ways when I could. I put my money in the till, but was there a better way to live? Yes, there was not only a better , busy life, but a *best* busy life.

The accident woke me up to what it truly means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, not just a “fan” (thanks Kyle Idleman). I was encouraged to visit people “going through stuff.” Whether at hospitals or in homes, I woke up to the sufferings of others. Through my volunteer work at Open Recreation (an after school program for kids), I became aware of desperate needs in my community. Not just poverty, but the strong lack of fathers in homes. As I got back into diving (I don’t hurt in the water), I took other men out with me. They carried the gear I could not and I taught them to dive. Pretty good deal. But I also *listened* as they shared their lives with me. The lack of fathers or the hurts caused by fathers was a repetitive theme. I asked a lot of questions. And I listened some more (I’m learning to listen). I watched these men grow in ways that were eventually explained by John Eldredge’s book “Wild at Heart.” A friend pointed out the similarity of my experiences with these men to that of life coaching.

I became a Professional Life Coach through the American Association of Christian Counselors thanks to a reference from my friend Ron Hall, pastor of Encouragement at Christ’s Church of the Valley in San Dimas California (thanks Ron). I went on to study with Tony Husted, Erickson College and their ICF (International Coach Federation) certified courses (thanks Tony).

I have worked with individuals struggling with deep, hurtful issues (I am not a counselor and I do *not* counsel). Some of these men I’ve referred to counseling, but for those who are capable of looking forward and moving on, God has used me to help them heal. I’ve also worked with high school and college students trying to figure out what to do with their lives. I’ve helped business people and leaders develop their visions for themselves or their organizations; make plans and go out and achieve their goals.

My passion is to help others discover the Incredible Life that God has waiting for them. I love that I get to incorporate my diving into my coaching and what I see now as God’s purpose for my life, my ministry. Oh the power of a life lived in God’s will. God is using me in ways that never dreamed of.

I love to write, dive and invest my life in others.

I can’t imagine doing anything else with my life and thank God for every single moment.

Gratefully,

Larry Skahill

p.s. I’d love to hear from you. Is



Larry Skahill is a “recovering rocket scientist,” father of four, award-winning author/speaker and Professional Life Coach who lives on the beautiful Central Coast of California where he pursues his passions of spearfishing, writing and life coaching.

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