



A Forty Year Journey in Corrections

By Robert D. Hannigan

Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 632 pages. Television shows like Prison Break and movies like The Shawshank Redemption portray a skewed version of what goes on behind the prison walls. Robert D. Hannigan sets the record straight with his memoir, A Forty Year Journey in Corrections. Here he offers anecdotes, history lessons, moral conundrums, and a hearty dose of real life experience to counteract the Hollywood interpretation so many of us rely on. Hannigan began his career as a prison guard working the night shift at the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory. Though inmates threw glass jars and bars of soap at him on his first night, he soon earns their respect by refusing to be frightened away. Perhaps his Marine training helped him stay so strong in the face of burly convicts. Over the next few decades, Hannigan honorably climbs the promotional ladder all the way to warden, witnessing events that are sad, bizarre, funny, horrific, and all degrees in between. Many of Hannigan's chapters are personal stories about his experiences with inmates and other personnel, but he occasionally veers off into accounts of renovations, complaints about political favoritism, and musing on various recurring problems, such as over-crowding. Though his...

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