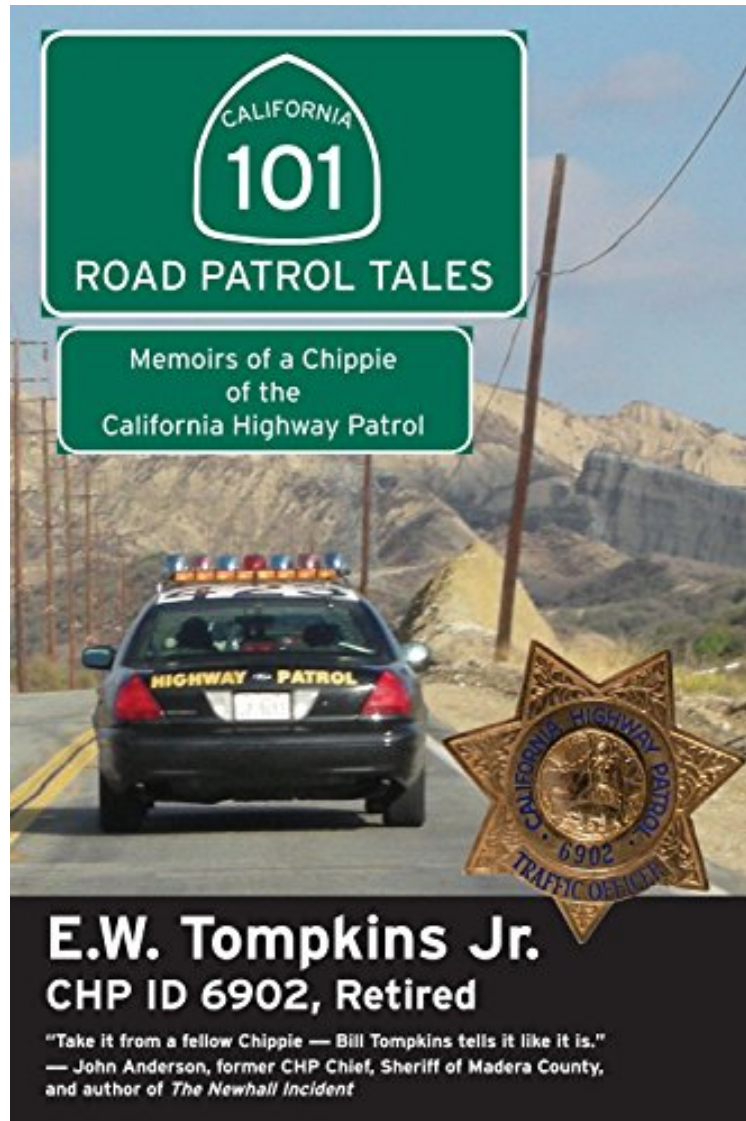


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being a CHP traffic officer. Funny and sad and all types between. I enjoyed this book a lot. His suggestion in story #100 to let the air out of the tires was a huge groaner! It was not an original thought by any means. I heard the story over 50 years ago about a small boy saying it under the same circumstances. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very interesting...By Mel's Mrs. I like hearing about the interesting situations that these guys run into. I shook my head when a little question menu popped up with its multiple choice questions about plots, mood, pace, and character descriptions. This isn't that type of book. It's a collection of short, true stories and is very readable. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good stories, very informative. By The Glove Guy I really enjoyed this book particularly because I'm in the process of becoming a CHP Officer. I highly recommend this book for anyone that is interested in learning the day to day duties of a CHP Officer and it serves particularly helpful in learning commonly used 10 and 11 codes as they are referenced regularly in this book. The only reason I don't give this book 5 stars is there is no continuity in the different areas of patrol. The stories skip between the 2 or 3 different offices that he was assigned to. I'm assuming this was done to keep the stories fresh as some tend to be similar to previous stories. This book kept me well entertained and I think everyone could enjoy the perspective of the author and the stories he has to tell.

Bringing to light an entertaining array of anecdotes, this collection of police stories recalls some of the strangest, funniest, and most poignant accounts from the freeways, highways, and country roads throughout California. From the family who pulled over for a picnic on the median strip of a busy freeway to the angelic-looking 5-year-old girl who defused a tense traffic stop by sweetly confessing, "my daddy has a beer under the seat," this is an uncompromising view of the everyday pursuits, enforcement stops, arrests, accidents, and weird encounters that patrolmen must endure. Also featured is a panoply of unlikely drunk-driving suspects, including Santa Claus, a Boy Scout troop leader, a newlywed couple, and an airline pilot on his way to fly a plane; the traffic stop of an elderly driver whose license had expired 35 years earlier--and who explained he was on his way to the DMV; and many more hilarious, odd, and tragic stories of life and death on the open road. Encouraging a renewed respect for the men and women in uniform who risk their lives to protect the public, this compilation also contains advice on highway safety and how to behave when pulled over by a patrol officer.

"Covering offbeat events to serious object lessons, Tompkins conveys what it feels like to deal with the innocent and the guilty . . . and concludes with what to do if an officer stops you . . . which alone more than justifies buying the book." --"The News" (February 2012)