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I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO KNOW THIS. BUT I WAS THERE.

A firsthand account of Ground Zero and what disaster leaves behind — long after the world stops watching. The dust disappeared. The memories did not.

Nearly twenty-five years after working twelve-hour shifts at Ground Zero, Solange Schwalbe is finally telling the story she could not face for decades. Her experience reveals not only what she witnessed inside the Pit, but how catastrophe can continue to shape health, relationships, identity, grief, resilience, and the meaning we make from what survives.

SHOW / STORY IDEAS

01 "I Don't Write This as a Hero. I Write This as a Witness."
Why Solange sees her role at Ground Zero as witness, not hero.

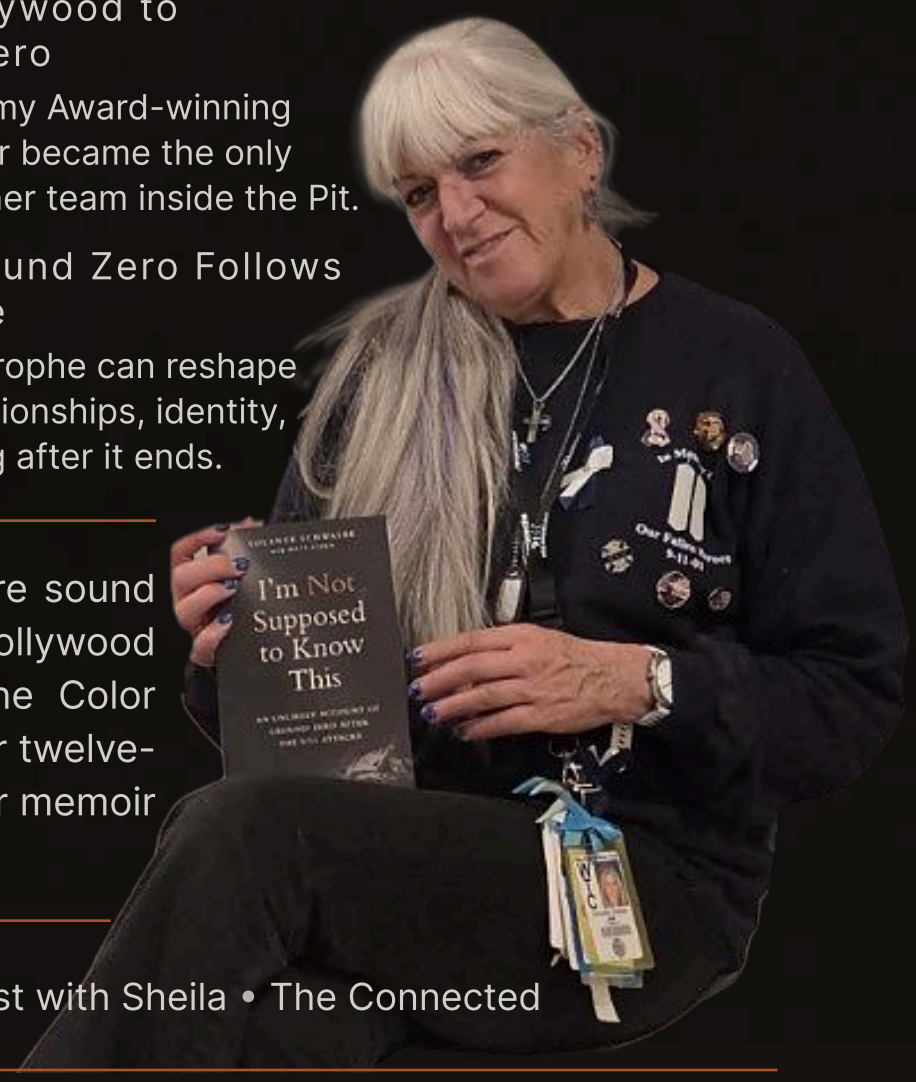
02 The Things I Wasn't Supposed to Know
What Solange witnessed inside Ground Zero — beyond what most Americans could see.

03 Why Did It Take Nearly 25 Years to Tell This Story?
What kept Solange from confronting these memories — and what finally made her ready to speak.

04 When You Don't Belong — But You Show Up Anyway
How showing up in an unfamiliar world can become purpose.

05 From Hollywood to Ground Zero
How an Emmy Award-winning sound editor became the only woman on her team inside the Pit.

06 When Ground Zero Follows You Home
How catastrophe can reshape health, relationships, identity, and life long after it ends.



ABOUT SOLANGE

Solange Schwalbe is an Emmy Award-winning motion picture sound editor and author of *I'm Not Supposed to Know This*. Her Hollywood career included films such as Gremlins, The Goonies, The Color Purple, and Die Hard. In early 2002, she traded movie sets for twelve-hour shifts at Ground Zero. Nearly twenty-five years later, her memoir tells the story she spent decades unable to face.

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