

**FIRE FIGHTERS**

**A Time For Love** by Joye Ames

[F/AME]

Disregarding police procedures, Officer Annie O'Malley runs into a burning building to save the life of an abandoned baby. After firefighter Tony Rousso narrowly manages to bring both Annie and the baby back to safety, he realizes the feisty redheaded officer is the same woman he had asked out to dinner once before.

**Firestorm** by Nevada Barr

[M/BAR]

Exhausted by efforts to stop a wildfire that has already devoured 17,000 acres in California, ranger Anna Pigeon takes refuge when the fire crosses her path and emerges with nine other people, only to discover a murdered body.

**Line of Duty** by Terri Blackstock

[F/BLA]

A bomb explodes at the Icon International building in New Orleans while lawyer Jill Clark Nichols is in the top floor boardroom. The thirty-story building goes up in flames and fire departments from all around the area are called in. Her husband Dan rushed in to save her. But as firefighters work to evacuate the upper floors of the building, a second and third bomb explode, causing the lower floors to cave in. Firefighters and civilians are buried beneath the rubble. When the smoke finally clears, a count is taken. Jill narrowly escapes the chaos of the explosions and fire only to find Dan missing.

**Trial by Fire** by Terri Blackstock

[F/BLA]

Pastor and fireman Nick Foster found the body in the inferno engulfing his church. From the bullet wound in the head, it's clear this is no ordinary fire victim. The quiet community of Newpointe, reeling from the shock of the dead man's identity, struggles with the agonizing question: who did it and why?

**Ash Child** by Peter Bowen

[M/BOW]

When Gabriel Du Pre investigates the brutal death of an old woman and encounters two teenagers skulking about at the scene of the crime, Gabriel must race to catch a killer who has a penchant for fire.

**Fannin' the Flames** by Parry Brown

[NB/F/BRO]

The fire and rescue squad from Los Angeles County's Fire Department Station Twenty-seven's "C Shift" was a rock-solid team. The camaraderie among them was only made stronger by the fact that they were all minority. But when their unit becomes the prey of a perverse trickster, their loyalties to one another are deepened to the core. Someone on the inside is trying to sabotage C-Shift and Jerome White and his longtime mentor, Capt. Lloyd Frederickson, are certain it's racially motivated.

**Flashover** by Suzanne Chazin

[F/CHA]

Georgia Skeeahan investigates two mysterious deaths, both involving victims of fires that show signs of "flashover" – the vicious and overwhelming combustion of a room and its contents by simultaneous ignition. She suspects the connection between the two might be disputes over line-of-duty compensation for disabled firefighters. Georgia is left grasping for straws when the bottom of her life drops out: someone close to her disappears from an apartment with a few odd and chilling clues and a man found at the scene is none other than Georgia's boyfriend and fellow marshal, Mac Marenko.

**The Fourth Angel** by Suzanne Chazin

[F/CHA]

Georgia Skeeahan, a rookie fire marshal with the New York City Fire Department, investigates a deadly SoHo fire and uncovers links to three other unsolved fires and to a series of bizarre letters from a psychopathic arsonist.

**The Dead Horse Paint Company** by Earl W. Emerson

[M/EME]

The fire at the Dead Horse Paint Company, a huge barn of a store, was a nightmare come true. Lives lost, lives wrecked, Staircase Fire Chief Mac Fontana himself a witness to the carnage, but it wasn't only the fire that raged out of control, it was also the team of fire fighters – who committed a series of grave missteps and ended up having to cover their tracks. Now, years later, the horror comes roaring back. Callahan, the arrogant old fire chief, has been invited to defend his role in a convention seminar on the Dead Horse Paint Company fire. But, before Callahan can utter a word, he is found in the trunk of a car, burned, ironically, to a crisp, in the snowy hills outside the town. Is it payback time?

**Into the Inferno** by Earl Emerson

[LP/EME][F/EME]

In the freezing Pacific Northwest winter, the fire fighters of North Bend Fire and Rescue respond to a freeway accident. Two trucks have collided on the icy pavement and the highway is in chaos with irate drivers, volunteer fire crews and hundreds of escaped chickens. The trucks are cleared, the highway reopens and another day ends. But six months later, fire fighters who were at the scene begin to succumb to an unknown ailment. Jim Swope wakes up with the first symptom of a disease that renders its victims brain-dead within a week. That's how long he has to find out how they've been poisoned and discover an antidote, if one exists.

**Pyro** by Earl Emerson

[NB/F/EME]

To a firefighter, there's nothing worse than a nuisance arsonist. His multiple fires keep a station up at night, running in circles and more vulnerable at the next "real" call. In Seattle, Lt. Paul Wolff of Station Six's ladder truck hates a pyro more than most. Two decades before, an arsonist's fire killed Wolff's firefighter father, sending his mother into a spiral of depression and triggering a chain of events that left his brother in jail for murder and Wolff seething in anger and isolation. Already disciplined for punching out a superior officer, Wolff is now taking a young female firefighter under his wing.

**Vertical Burn** by Earl Emerson

[LP/EME][F/EME]

Twenty-eight paces, John Finney counted his steps as he fought his way for help from inside a Seattle warehouse burning on Leary Way. When he reached his rescuers, he told them where his partner laid waiting. They didn't reach Finney's partner until the building had cooled. Now, six months after that tragic day, no one remembers Finney giving the directions that pinpointed his partner's position. No one can remember anything about Finney except that he left his friend to die. For Finney, the son of a fire chief, losing his reputation and the trust of his fellow firefighters is a bitter blow. Finney doesn't believe the fire was an accident and he doesn't believe the campaign against him is one either.

**The Smoke Jumper** by Nicholas Evans [F/EVA]

A woman must choose between two men, best friends, who both love her, in a story of love, loyalty, honor and guilt set against the perilous backdrop of wilderness firefighting.

**House On Fire** by Denis Hamill [F/HAM]

Kevin Dempsey appeared to have it all: a beautiful wife named Polly; Zoe, his beloved little; a rewarding job as a firefighter; the comfort of a close knit Irish family. But as he sits one night in the house that he bought as a surprise for Polly, who is scheduled to return that evening from a trip with Zoe, everything he has, or thought he had, goes up in flames. It begins with a phone call from Polly telling him that she is not coming back, that she is taking Zoe with her and that Zoe is not even his child. Kevin's world, everything he knows and loves, falls apart.

**The Protector** by Dee Henderson [F/HEN]

Jack O'Malley is a fireman who is fearless when it comes to facing an inferno. But when an arsonist begins targeting his district, his shift and his friends, Jack faces the ultimate challenge: protecting the one lady who witnessed the arsonist. When Cassie and Jack hunt for the perpetrator together, it's a sure fire recipe for suspense and romance.

**Firestorm** by Iris Johansen [CAS/F/JOH][F/JOH]

Arson specialist Kerry Murphy solves crimes with the help of her dog Sam, but behind her reputation as a fire detective, she hides a terrifying secret that explains her success more thoroughly than her hard work and dedication.

**First Degree Burn** by Peter Lance [M/LAN]

A fire rages in SoHo. A priceless painting is destroyed. A young woman lies dead in the ashes. When the victim's abusive ex-boyfriend is killed resisting arrest, the police close the case. But Eddie Burke can't let it go. He knows that the arsonist was a pro, not a jealous lover and he knows that the torch, whoever he is, will still be out there.

**Suspicious Origin** by Patricia Mac Donald

[F/MAC]

When Boston cable television news producer Britt Andersen learns of the death of her beautiful sister, Greta, she heads straight for her sister's hometown. Estranged from Greta since their father died, Britt meets for the first time her brother-in-law, Alec Lynch, the owner of a successful snowmobile dealership. When the fire marshal discovers the house fire was set deliberately, Britt pushes the police to question Alec more closely. Why does Dr. Olivia Farrar, with whom Greta worked, hold a grudge against Alec? What do the Carmichaels, Alec's former neighbors, really know about the events that led to the deadly conflagration?

**Dirty Fire** by Earl Merkel

[F/MER]

Once police officer John Davey had everything, until bribery charges destroyed his life. Now he's been given a second chance. He's asked to join the investigation into the baffling murder of a Chicago couple that was shot to death before their home was set on fire. In the charred ruins of the North Shore mansion, he finds clues to something more sinister than deadly premeditated arson, a criminal maze threading back throughout history and a connection to billions of dollars in artwork that disappeared during the Holocaust.

**Cheyenne Summer** by Vella Munn

Western/MUN]

The beautiful Seeks Fire will learn that the brave she idolizes is not the gentle soul she believes him to be. Touches the Wind, shamed by her parents, will find new strength in the aftermath of a great inferno that scorches the plains and destroys half the village.

**Fire Flight** by John Nance

[LP/NAN][F/NAN]

Veteran pilot, Clark Maxwell thought his fire bombing days were well behind him. But when Jerry Stein, Maxwell's friend and air tanker fleet owner calls at the height of the fire season to beg him to reenter the war, he doesn't hesitate. A pair of ferocious forest fires is raging out of control, threatening to destroy Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and incinerate thousands of area homes. As the wildfires spread, whipped by massive winds and the federal forces arrayed against the fires reach their limits, anxiety grows in the local population. A paranoia plagues the fire bombers and smoke jumpers as well, after a mysterious string of violent airborne accidents among the air tanker fleet claims the lives of some of the most fearless and experienced veterans.

**Beyond Recognition** by Ridley Pearson

[F/PEA]

A Seattle fire marshal reveals to Boldt the ominous quotations sent to him before each of the fires. A twelve-year-old boy, caught in an ugly battle at home, unintentionally witnesses a drug deal that may not involve drugs at all, but ingredients far more volatile and lethal. Did the boy, in fact, see the arsonist's face? Can police rely on a twelve-year-old as a witness? Or is the fire marshal, his past suddenly in question, more involved than anyone wants to believe?

**Playing With Fire** by Peter Robinson

[F/ROB]

Investigating a dual arson case that has claimed three lives on an English canal, Detective Inspector Banks teams up with fellow investigator Annie Cabot and discovers that the victims are linked to an art forgery operation.

**The Rescue** by Nicholas Sparks

[LP/SPA][CAS/SPA][F/SPA]

Taylor McAden is a volunteer fireman who is always the first to plunge into danger. But there is one risk he can't seem to take: falling in love. Until he meets Denise Holden, a single mother who has moved to the small town of Edenton, North Carolina, to build a new life. A near fatal car crash will bring these two together, but before that can happen, Taylor must first look into his past and see if it's not too late to take a chance on the future.

**Wind Spirit** by Aimee and David Thurio [NB/M/THU]

With Navajo Reservation plagued by a series of arson fires, including one that kills the wife of a council member, Ella Clah of the Navajo, police pursues the killer, but traditionalist tribal members hamper her investigation.

**Hotshots: A Neil Hamel Mystery** by Judith Van Gieson [M/VAN]

While probing the death of firefighter Joni Barker during a much publicized blaze in the New Mexican wilderness, Albuquerque detective Heil Hamel journeys inside the world of “hotshots” – elite forest firefighters – and the fierce controversies over their work.

**The Perfect Match** by Susan May Warren [F/WAR]

As the town’s interim fire chief, Ellie Karlson is determined to lead the local macho fire crew in spite of their misconceptions about her. But when someone begins setting deadly fires, Ellie faces the biggest challenge of her life. Especially when sparks fly with one of the volunteers on her crew: Pastor Dan Matthews.

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**M=Mystery**

**W=Western**