

Greatest Firefighter Stories Never Told

Wildfire Toni Draper 2021-07-27 After a difficult breakup, a wildland firefighter and university professor have parted ways, but neither has moved on. When a life threatening accident reunites them, can a love that once burned so bright be rekindled? A story that explores the often out-of-control forces of nature and love.

Forgotten Heroes of Ground Zero Russell Feliciano 2005 On a daily basis, somewhere in the city, firefighters are confronted with urban decay and abandoned buildings of unbelievable proportions. Such buildings are home to the cities less fortunate and drug addicts. Fire on arrival is not an uncommon site and not typically accidental, but the work of arson. These fires pose hazardous conditions to firefighters since

the structures are already in such bad shape. For 20 years my fellow firefighters and I have had to deal with this added danger in our lives all too often. Although the outward appearance of a firefighter is a happy one, and it may look as though we are having a good time, all that could change in a mere moment. In the time it takes to snap a finger and all you know could be gone forever, or a life can be saved, that is, if given a firefighter is given the chance to do what he does best, save lives and property. You are about to read and find out the inside the life of a N.Y.C. firefighter with twenty years of experience. These are the typical, everyday circumstances one must face on a daily basis in a big city. Whether they are fighting a burning high-rise in Midtown Manhattan, a brownstone in Brooklyn, a frame building in Staten Island, a tax-payer in

Queens or a run-down apartment in the Bronx, firefighters never complain of the real dangers of their chosen profession. With the spirit and dedication that is uncommon of the laborer, they just love what they do. It all begins at the "Rock" Probie School. It is here where probationary firefighters are taught the very basics of those skills they will need in their careers, along with stamina and physical conditioning, honed under the most stressful and trying conditions for the never-ending task of being a firefighter. This is where you grasp the importance of always giving 120% in every instance, every moment, every second because every brother will depend upon another. This is where rough edges are cut off. The fundamentals are sharpened with constant training and time, the newly learned skills of a professional art. With all the tragedy and trauma, and unsaved lives they will have to face, the "Rock" gives them just a peek into the brotherhood of a firefighter, which is steep in tradition. Later in the field their skills are

sharpened by the cruelty of fire. Firefighters do not have the luxury of making costly mistakes. There are no time-outs....only at their first fire will they really know one's power and familiarize themselves with the profession of firefighting. They will also learn the words of their instructors, "Let no man or women say their training let them down or failed them". For 20 years, I have worked in some of the busiest fire companies the city has. I am a member of Ladder L-111 the "Nut House Truck". It also houses one of the best engines on the job, Eng-214. We cover the third busiest area in the city, the Bedford Sty section of Brooklyn. For almost thirty years we never lost a member of our house.... On September 11, 2001, that would all change when we lost five great individuals, ones I called my friends, better yet, I called my brothers...in all I lost 129 of my friends on that faithful day. Of the 343 firefighters killed, 129 were people I had touched in my 20-year career. This is my story...my brothers in battle. FF

Russell Feliciano L-111/Eng 214 Please visit www.ForgottenHeroesOfGroundZero.com
Mews Items Allan Zullo 2005 Mews Items celebrates the enigmatic nature of the cat with more than 150 amazing and astounding stories that will leave cat lovers of all ages clawing for more.

Firefighters! Karl W. Detzer 2015-10-22 Feel the heat in these thrilling stories! Karl Detzer blows the lid off pulp fiction in a thrill-packed collection of firefighter stories! These fearless adventurers plunge headlong into the fury of industrial accidents, tenement fires, and arson scams! When no one else can stand the heat, they're on the way to serve and protect! "Friends of mine have told me that there is little of adventure left in the great cities. Which proves that they never rode the fire department. I have." - Karl Detzer

The Greatest Survivor Stories Never Told Mara Bovsun 2002 A seventeen-year-old girl survives a plane crash in the Amazon and, despite maggots

festering in her open wounds, finds her way to help and safety. This amazing story of courage and luck, which leaves the young woman the lone survivor from a wreck that claimed her mother and 90 other passengers, is only one of many riveting stories from Allan Zullo's and Mara Bovsun's new book on survival. In *The Greatest Survival Stories Never Told*, readers can learn all about real survivors like the Honduran mother of three who drifts in the sea for days after Hurricane Mitch destroys her home and family. In her case, a red bra was the key to survival since the brightly colored object finally caught the attention of the Coast Guard flying nearby. Or they can read about the New York businessman who endures thirteen days in a muddy hole after kidnappers demand that his family put up three million bucks for his return. As he sits in the cramped, dark pit, he composes his autobiography aloud to save his sanity until his rescue. In *The Greatest Survival Stories Never Told*, dozens of stories of grit and heart

will inspire readers everywhere. The book makes for exhilarating reading.

Ordinary Heroes Joseph Pfeifer 2021-09-07 New York Times Bestseller From the first FDNY chief to respond to the 9/11 attacks, an intimate memoir and a tribute to those who died that others might live When Chief Joe Pfeifer led his firefighters to investigate an odor of gas in downtown Manhattan on the morning of 9/11, he had no idea that his life was about to change forever. A few moments later, he watched as the first plane crashed into the World Trade Center. Pfeifer, the closest FDNY chief to the scene, spearheaded rescue efforts on one of the darkest days in American history. *Ordinary Heroes* is the unforgettable and intimate account of what Chief Pfeifer witnessed at Ground Zero, on that day and the days that followed. Through his eyes, we see the horror of the attack and the courage of the firefighters who ran into the burning towers to save others. We see him send his own brother up the stairs of the North

Tower, never to return. And we walk with him and his fellow firefighters through weeks of rescue efforts and months of numbing grief, as they wrestle with the real meaning of heroism and leadership. This gripping narrative gives way to resiliency and a determination that permanently reshapes Pfeifer, his fellow firefighters, NYC, and America. *Ordinary Heroes* takes us on a journey that turns traumatic memories into hope, so we can make good on our promise to never forget 9/11.

Young Men and Fire Norman MacLean 2017-05-01 National Book Critics Circle Award Winner: "The terrifying story of the worst disaster in the history of the US Forest Service's elite Smokejumpers." —Kirkus Reviews A devastating and lyrical work of nonfiction, *Young Men and Fire* describes the events of August 5, 1949, when a crew of fifteen of the US Forest Service's elite airborne firefighters, the Smokejumpers, stepped into the sky above a remote forest fire in the Montana wilderness.

Two hours after their jump, all but three of the men were dead or mortally burned. Haunted by these deaths for forty years, Norman Maclean puts together the scattered pieces of the Mann Gulch tragedy in this extraordinary book. Alongside Maclean's now-canonical *A River Runs Through It* and *Other Stories*, *Young Men and Fire* is recognized today as a classic of the American West. This edition of Maclean's later triumph—the last book he would write—includes a powerful new foreword by Timothy Egan, author of *The Big Burn* and *The Worst Hard Time*. As moving and profound as when it was first published, *Young Men and Fire* honors the literary legacy of a man who gave voice to an essential corner of the American soul. "A moving account of humanity, nature, and the perseverance of the human spirit." —Library Journal "Haunting." —The Wall Street Journal "Engrossing." —Publishers Weekly

[The Hero Inside of You](#) Allan Zullo 2006-10
Quick, easy-to-read and inspiring stories

celebrating courage and bravery.

Firefight Ginger Adams Otis 2015-05-26 In 1919, when Wesley Williams became a New York City firefighter, he stepped into a world that was 100% white and predominantly Irish. As far as this city knew, black men in the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) tended horses. Nearly a century later, many things in the FDNY had changed—but not the scarcity of blacks. New York had about 300 black firefighters—roughly 3 percent of the 11,000 New York firefighters in a city of two million African Americans. That made the FDNY a true aberration compared to all the other uniformed departments, like the NYPD. Decades earlier, women and blacks had sued over its hiring practices and won. But the FDNY never took permanent steps to eradicate the inequities, which led to a courtroom show-down between New York City's billionaire Mayor, Mike Bloomberg, and a determined group of black activist firefighters. It was not until 2014 that the city settled the \$98 million lawsuit. At the

center of this book are stories of courage—about firefighters risking their lives in the line of duty but also risking their livelihood by battling an unjust system. Among them: FDNY Captain Paul Washington, a second generation black firefighter, who spent his multi-decade career fighting to get minorities on the job. He faced an insular culture made up of relatives who never saw their own inclusion as favoritism. Based on author Ginger Adams Otis' years of on the ground reporting, *Firefight* is an exciting blend of the high-octane energy of firefighting and critical Civil Rights history.

The Thirtymile Fire John N. Maclean 2013-11-12

A riveting account of the deadly Thirtymile fire and the controversy and recriminations that raged in its aftermath, from our premier chronicler of wildfires and those who fight them. The Thirtymile fire in the remote North Cascade range near the Canadian border in Washington began as a simple mop-up operation. In a few hours, a series of catastrophic errors led to the

entrapment and deaths of four members of the fire crew—two teen-age girls and two young men. Each had brought order and meaning to their lives by joining the fire world. Then the very flames they pursued turned on them, extinguishing their lives. When the victims were blamed for their own deaths, the charge brought a storm of controversy that undermined the firefighting community. Continuing a tradition established in his previous books, and by his father Norman's *Young Men and Fire*, John N. Maclean serves as an unflinching guide to the rogue fire's unexpected violence—which is almost matched by the passions released by the official verdict of the blaze. Weaving together the astonishing stories told by the witnesses, the victims' family members, and the official reports, Maclean produces a dramatic narrative of a catastrophe that has changed the way fire is fought. More than anything, it is a story of humanity at risk when wildfire, ancient and unpredictable, breaks loose

Firefighters Dennis Smith 1989-05 Now in paperback, bestselling author Smith gives readers a riveting chronicle of American heroism at its best. "Firefighters, " a powerful collection of stories as told by some of America's most decorated firefighters, is an unforgettable journey through the daily lives of these courageous men and women. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

The Fire Inside Steve Delsohn 2010-10-26 In the tradition of Mark Baker's *Cops*, more than 100 top firefighters describe the highs and lows of the world's most dangerous profession. Fascinating and packed with emotion, *The Fire Inside* is a unique look at the unseen world of firefighters who risk their lives for strangers every day. In their own words, these male and female heroes vividly describe how they cope with scorching flame, injuries, earthquakes, hazardous waste, and wildfire-and the rewards that keep them climbing back on the fire truck.
Notes from the Firehouse D E. MCCOURT

2011-04 A memoir from a retired firefighter about firefighting, rescue calls and life around the firehouse. It's not all about fire - that's lesson number one. No, it's a collection of things: assisting an injured person at three o'clock in the morning, calming a child in a traumatic situation, saving the belongings of a family from the ravages of a fire, seeing people in every heartbreaking situation imaginable and trying to help them, while not losing yourself in the process. And it's about the insanity found in the firehouse - to the author it's the Cracker Factory - and the politics and pettiness that try unsuccessfully to steal the joy from the job. The book doesn't dwell on the nuts and bolts of firefighting, as much as it documents the human side of the job.

The Greatest Gift S.L. Sterling 2021-12-17
Derrick destroyed Tess's heart only weeks before their Christmas-themed wedding. He'd been cheating on her with his secretary, I knew I should have said something, but didn't because I

didn't want to be the one to break her heart. After all, I'd crushed on her since he'd introduced us, so instead, I decided to step in and clean up his mess. One night she came to me, telling me how the honeymoon she'd booked was non-refundable and how she wished she had someone to travel with. Since I believed no one should be alone for Christmas I agreed to go with her. We had 10 days in Paris and when we arrived it felt as if we'd been transported into another world. She was finally laughing and smiling until we arrived at the hotel to find everything had been prepared for the newlyweds, which we weren't. One look at her and I knew the tears were going to come rushing back if I didn't step up and take control of the situation. Afterward, I pulled her in for an innocent hug. The problem was she fit perfectly as if she'd been made for me. It was then that I realized this trip wasn't going to be easy and that the next 10 days were going to be filled with cold showers, especially if she didn't feel the

connection too. From USA Today Bestselling Author S.L. Sterling comes this heartfelt holiday romance that proves time heals everything, if you let it.

State of Fire Charles Vaught 2019-09-02 In June of 2013, on summer break from my first year of college, I started a job as a wildland firefighter with the Highlands 20, an initial attack handcrew, based out of the Sinlahekin Valley in North Central Washington. I had never before thought of fighting wildfire, but my bank account was in dire straits and, truth be told, so was my ego. However, I didn't start that summer looking for personal growth, I started it with nineteen other men, each of us looking for a seasonal gig that paid well. I was already a man and thought that I knew quite a bit about myself, about the world at large. But as that summer, and that fire season progressed; I found out that I still had so much to learn; I was both a rookie to wildland firefighting and a rookie in life. Through the trials of day-to-day life on the

fireline, living and fighting wildfire with my fire crew, through the adrenaline, the danger, the laughter, the smoke, the blisters, I came to understand that it was far more than a paycheck that I was earning. I was learning, for the first time in a long while, who I really was and what I was made of. I was proving my worth to the fire crew. I was proving my worth to myself. This book evolved out of experiences from my four summers of fighting wildfire as well as to a promise I made to my fellow Highlands 20 crewmembers. I promised them that I would write a book about wildland fire fighting. At the time I had no idea what that would entail. But I knew what it would not. It would not be a book about hero-izing the exploits of wildland firefighters. No, bullshitting the reader with portrayals of wildland firefighters as faultless demigods with the morals of saints, the work ethic of Navy SEALs, and the looks of A-list Hollywood actors was never my intention. I make no claim to have been a perfect wildland

firefighter, or to have never felt fear when putting my life on the line in battles with Nature. I know for a fact that there are many other fire crews that saw more action and were in far greater danger than the Highlands 20 or I ever were. This book is by no means the definitive book about wildland firefighting. That book would be impossible to write, as every person who fought wildfire has their own experiences that vary greatly from my own. What I have found is that there are no two fire seasons alike. And that my time spent on the fireline was a perfect balance of danger and laughter, of bravery and childlike awe, of crassness and brotherhood, of selflessness and evolution. *State of Fire* is neither an ultimate description of wildland firefighting nor a book of fire-filled heroism, so you might be asking then, what is its purpose? This is a book about wildland firefighting and the indelible marks it leaves on a person's soul. This book is about finding commonality by going through hardship with strangers, who soon become

closer than family. It's about what can be learned from camaraderie, and what happens when you separate men from society and normalcy for months at a time. It's about love and loss, and the rebirth of one's self through the testing of mental, emotional, and physical strength. It is about coming to terms with one's limitations, and why challenges of every shade should not be shunned, but embraced. It is about finding meaning and worth, where once there was none. And most importantly, why these lessons were not only significant for me, but for everyone who picks up this book. This book represents - my path to, of, and away from wildland firefighting. It should be noted that *State of Fire* is a collection of nine essays. Each essay deals with a different aspect of wildland firefighting. Therefore it does not have to be read in chronological order, as each essay is independent of the next. To honor all wildland firefighters, especially those who have lost their lives on the job, I will be donating 10% of all

books sold to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation (wffoundation.org).
Both Sides of the Fire Line Bobbie Scopa
2022-09-06 Bobbie Scopa spent close to five decades working through nearly every challenge a firefighter can face. Scopa was a strike team leader for the Dude Fire in 1990, where six firefighters were tragically killed, and she served at Ground Zero immediately after 9/11. She's worked mountain rescues, city fires, mega-wildfires, and everything in between. While battling conditions and harsh flames on the outside, she also found herself waging a tougher battle on the inside. Scopa was torn between how to maintain the façade everyone expected of her and whether to live as her true self. "A hero firefighter can't possibly be transgender, right?" she thought. *Both Sides of the Fire Line* is Bobbie Scopa's uplifting memoir of bravely facing the heat of fierce challenges, professionally and personally.

Firefighterette Gillette Kathy Gillette 2007

Working Fire Zac Unger 2005-02-22 Zac Unger didn't feel like much of a fireman at first. Most of his fellow recruits seemed to have planned for the job all their lives; he was an Ivy League grad responding to an ad at a bus stop. He couldn't keep his boots shined, and he looked terrible in his uniform. *Working Fire* is the story of how, from this unlikely beginning, Zac Unger came to feel at home among this close-knit tribe, came to master his work's demands, and came to know what it is to see the world through a firefighter's eyes. From the raw material of his days' work—alarm calls both harrowing and hilarious, moments of triumph and grief—Unger has forged a timeless story of finding one's path, and a rousing adventure about the bravery and sacrifice of everyday heroes. On the web: <http://www.zacunger.com>

Things You Save in a Fire Katherine Center
2019-08-13 **INDIE NEXT PICK FOR AUGUST**
**AN AUGUST 2019 LIBRARYREADS
SELECTION** **BOOK OF THE MONTH PICK

FOR JULY** **AN AMAZON EDITOR'S PICK
FOR AUGUST** "Center gives readers a sharp
and witty exploration of love and forgiveness
that is at once insightful, entertaining, and
thoroughly addictive." — KIRKUS, STARRED
REVIEW "An appealing heroine, a compelling
love story, a tearjerking twist, and a thoroughly
absorbing story. Another winner from Center."
— BOOKLIST, STARRED REVIEW "A spirited,
independent heroine meets a smoking-hot
fireman in Center's smart romance... If you
enjoyed 'The Kiss Quotient,' by Helen Hoang,
read *Things You Save in a Fire*" - THE
WASHINGTON POST From the New York Times
bestselling author of *How to Walk Away* comes a
stunning new novel about courage, hope, and
learning to love against all odds. Cassie Hanwell
was born for emergencies. As one of the only
female firefighters in her Texas firehouse, she's
seen her fair share of them, and she's a total pro
at other people's tragedies. But when her
estranged and ailing mother asks her to give up

her whole life and move to Boston, Cassie suddenly has an emergency of her own. The tough, old-school Boston firehouse is as different from Cassie's old job as it could possibly be. Hazing, a lack of funding, and poor facilities mean that the firemen aren't exactly thrilled to have a "lady" on the crew—even one as competent and smart as Cassie. Except for the infatuation-inspiring rookie, who doesn't seem to mind having Cassie around. But she can't think about that. Because love is girly, and it's not her thing. And don't forget the advice her old captain gave her: Never date firefighters. Cassie can feel her resolve slipping...and it means risking it all—the only job she's ever loved, and the hero she's worked like hell to become. Katherine Center's *Things You Save in a Fire* is a heartfelt and healing tour-de-force about the strength of vulnerability, the nourishing magic of forgiveness, and the life-changing power of defining courage, at last, for yourself.

[The Rescuer](#) Jason Sautel 2020-09-01 He helped

save people every day—but he had no idea how to save himself. Jason Sautel had it all. Confident in his abilities and trusted by his fellow firefighters, he was making a name for himself on the streets of Oakland, California. His adrenaline-fueled job even helped him forget the pain of his childhood—until the day he looked into the eyes of a jumper on the Bay Bridge and came face to face with a darkness he knew would take him down as well. In the following months, a series of traumatic emergency calls—some successful, others impossible-to-forget failures—drove Jason deeper into depression. Even as he continued his lifesaving work, he realized he could never rescue everyone, and he had no idea how to save himself. In the end, Jason was forced to confront the truth: only the relentless power of love could pull him back from his own deadly fall. Action-packed, spiritually honest, and surprisingly romantic, *The Rescuer* transports readers inside the pulse-pounding world of firefighting and into

the heart of a man who needed to be broken before he could finally be made whole.

Battling Blazes Lisa Thompson 2008 Find out what skills are needed, what's in a day's work, and where firefighting can take you. You'll also learn fire facts and fire safety tips. Whether working in the city or the remote countryside, as a fire investigator, or even fighting fires from the air, firefighting is a hot career!--From publisher description.

Firefighters in the Dark Dashka Slater 2006 At night, a girl hears the sirens from the fire station near her house. Even though it is dark outside, she knows where they are going: to a castle, to a garden, all the way to Pluto . . . Dashka Slater and Nicoletta Ceccoli have crafted a dreamy ode to firefighters everywhere and the big, brave, spectacular feats they accomplish every day, and every night-all the world over.

From the Ground Up James Ghi 2018-11-12 From the Ground Up describes the journey of James Ghi fulfilling his childhood dream of

becoming a firefighter. As a premature infant James was not expected to survive. As a child he was underweight, was bullied in school, survived the wrath of an abusive father and stepfather but managed to meet the rigors required to become a firefighter. At each stage of his life he had to adjust to many circumstances, building himself from the ground up. In June 2007 the Charleston Fire Department (South Carolina) suffered the largest loss of life since the events on 9/11 when nine firefighters perished battling a fire at the Sofa Super Store. James had read the various reports written after the fire, recognizing the need for better training in Charleston. His successful career with Fairfax County Fire and Rescue gave him the necessary skills; education and confidence to apply for and accept the position of Chief of Training for the City of Charleston Fire Department. Little did he know his efforts to bring the Charleston Fire Department to nationally recognized training standards would be resisted at all levels and

never imagined the efforts Charleston personnel would take to discredit him. Even with the resistance, James was able to bring the Charleston Fire Department training to nationally recognized standards and meet many of the mandates in the various reports, building it From the Ground Up.

Kliatt Young Adult Paperback Book Guide 2003

Granite Mountain Brendan McDonough

2016-05-03 The true story behind the events that inspired the major motion picture Only the Brave. A "unique and bracing" (Booklist) first-person account by the sole survivor of Arizona's disastrous 2013 Yarnell Hill Fire, which took the lives of 19 "hotshots"--firefighters trained specifically to battle wildfires. Brendan McDonough was on the verge of becoming a hopeless, inveterate heroin addict when he, for the sake of his young daughter, decided to turn his life around. He enlisted in the Granite Mountain Hotshots, a team of elite firefighters

based in Prescott, Arizona. Their leader, Eric Marsh, was in a desperate crunch after four hotshots left the unit, and perhaps seeing a glimmer of promise in the skinny would-be recruit, he took a chance on the unlikely McDonough, and the chance paid off. Despite the crew's skepticism, and thanks in large part to Marsh's firm but loving encouragement, McDonough unlocked a latent drive and dedication, going on to successfully battle a number of blazes and eventually win the confidence of the men he came to call his brothers. Then, on June 30, 2013, while McDonough--"Donut" as he'd been dubbed by his team--served as lookout, they confronted a freak, 3,000-degree inferno in nearby Yarnell, Arizona. The relentless firestorm ultimately trapped his hotshot brothers, tragically killing all 19 of them within minutes. Nationwide, it was the greatest loss of firefighter lives since the 9/11 attacks. Granite Mountain is a gripping memoir that traces McDonough's story of finding his way out

of the dead end of drugs, finding his purpose among the Granite Mountain Hotshots, and the minute-by-minute account of the fateful day he lost the very men who had saved him. A harrowing and redemptive tale of resilience in the face of tragedy, Granite Mountain is also a powerful reminder of the heroism of the people who put themselves in harm's way to protect us every day.

Never Say Old Anne Barry 2008 We all say it: "I'd love to retire young." Former Kiwi firefighters Anne and John Barry did just that. They worked and saved hard and then, fit and ready for fun, sold everything when they were in their late 40s and took to the road in their custom-designed luxury bus. Now in their 50s, they have recently been giving the Ockers a taste of Kiwi, having adventures all over the lucky country and playing golf wherever they go. And, as Anne Barry's highly entertaining collection of true stories shows, there's nothing these two won't try, even if the results can be

unexpected, to say the least. Wherever the Barry's go, there is humour and action in spades. This hilarious book will both inspire you and give you the best laugh you've had in ages.

Report from Ground Zero Dennis Smith

2003-02-25 The tragic events of September 11, 2001, forever altered the American landscape, both figuratively and literally. Immediately after the jets struck the twin towers of the World Trade Center, Dennis Smith, a former firefighter, reported to Manhattan's Ladder Co. 16 to volunteer in the rescue efforts. In the weeks that followed, Smith was present on the front lines, attending to the wounded, sifting through the wreckage, and mourning with New York's devastated fire and police departments. This is Smith's vivid account of the rescue efforts by the fire and police departments and emergency medical teams as they rushed to face a disaster that would claim thousands of lives. Smith takes readers inside the minds and lives of the rescuers at Ground Zero as he shares stories

about these heroic individuals and the effect their loss had on their families and their companies. "It is," says Smith, "the real and living history of the worst day in America since Pearl Harbor." Written with drama and urgency, *Report from Ground Zero* honors the men and women who—in America's darkest hours—redefined our understanding of courage.

On Fire Larry Brown 2018-07-03 NOW WITH A FOREWORD BY RON RASH AND AN APPRECIATION BY DWIGHT GARNER "One of the finest books I know about blue-collar work in America, its rewards and frustrations . . . If you are among the tens of millions who have never read Brown, this is a perfect introduction."
—Dwight Garner, *The New York Times* On January 6, 1990, after seventeen years on the job, Larry Brown quit the Oxford, Mississippi, fire department to try writing full-time. In *On Fire*, he looks back on his life as a firefighter. His unflinching accounts of daily trauma—from the blistering heat of burning trailer homes to

the crunch of broken glass at crash scenes—catapult readers into the hard reality that drove this award-winning novelist. As a firefighter and fireman-turned-author, as husband and hunter, and as father and son, Brown offers insights into the choices men face pursuing their life's work. And, in the forthright style we expect from Larry Brown, his narrative builds to the explanation of how one man who regularly confronted death began to burn with the desire to write about life.

On the Line Linda Frances Willing 2011-08-01 This book puts a face on women in the fire service, as they share their best stories and the challenges, triumphs, joys and sorrows of being a firefighter, on the line in service to their communities.

Chicago's Forgotten Tragedy Bill Cosgrove 2010 Bill Cosgrove, in his fourth and latest book, graphically depicts the early history of the Chicago Fire Department with authoritative accuracy. He gives the reader an insight into

how the Department was organized, how it functioned, the use of technology that was available at the time, and paints a vivid picture of the many great fires of the day. He also describes the tremendous physical stamina, dedication and bravery of the firemen and the intrepid leadership of some of the officers. Bill provides the reader with a highly detailed story of the tragic stockyards fire of December 22, 1910 where 21 firemen lost their lives, including the Department's Chief of the Brigade, James Horan. This is such a fascinating account of the early history of the Chicago Fire Department that the reader will have great difficulty putting the book down until it is finished. A great read, by a great story-teller! Thoroughly enjoyable and fully factual. William C. Alletto Deputy Fire Commissioner (Retired) Chicago Fire Department

Writer's Guide to Nonfiction Elizabeth Lyon
2003-03-04 A WRITER'S COMPASS Direction for
your writing career Don't get lost on the

publishing path. Just forge ahead with the Writer's Compass. Drawing on decades of professional experience as an author, editor, writing instructor, mentor, and marketing consultant, Elizabeth Lyon helps you navigate the art and craft of writing—with clear, easy-to-follow directions: NORTH Getting Your Bearings Understand your purpose and your audience; learn to refine your ideas, select effective titles, and find the best method of organization for any piece SOUTH Troubleshooting Use checklists and guidelines to spot weaknesses and problems in leads, organization, conclusions, and style—and find out how to correct them EAST Learning to Market Map a successful cover letter, query letter, or proposal, and discover a four-step process to facilitate publication and sales WEST Refining Your Vision Brainstorm to gain perspective on your writing—and how it fits with your values, goals, and dreams
38 Years a Detroit Firefighter's Story Bob Dombrowski 2014-05-21 Decorated firefighter

and true-blue Detroiters Bob Dombrowski risked life and limb saving lives for as long as he could remember. Born and raised on the west side of Detroit, Bob narrates an engrossing account of his illustrious firefighting career, from being a trial man to retiring as senior chief. He also gives a vivid description of Motor City in its glory days and the events that led to its recent state. See major historical events such as the 1967 Detroit riot and September 11 attacks through his eyes, and be a witness to a truly inspiring thirty-eight-year career.

The Forgotten War Joseph F. Maraglino
2016-08-31 While in the process of writing this book, a catastrophic event occurred in US firefighting history. An elite force of firefighters, nineteen in number (eighteen men and one woman), died while fighting a forest fire in Arizona. A wind shift placed this raging inferno head-on into this force. One TV announcer claimed the winds were gushing up to fifty miles per hour. Television programs showed viewers

what these firefighters had to protect themselves. They lay flat on the ground and put this tentlike apparatus over them, which was probably made of a fire-retardant material, but this could not protect these heroes from thousand-degree temperatures and gusting winds, which turned this inferno similar to a flamethrower. As a firefighter, even though you've fought similar fires, many times you never take anything for granted. As you will see in this book, fires thought to be under control were turned into second and larger alarms. The red devil sometimes throws you a curve ball, and it can cost you your life and civilians lives. While you have this story fresh in your minds, say a prayer for these firefighters who got burned alive. And on the eighth day, God created firefighters.

The Greatest Firefighter Stories Never Told
Mike Santangelo 2002-08-02 Collection of fifteen stories of heroism.

Fire-Rescue 59 Alan J. Knoche 2021-09-23 Most

firefighters join the fire service when they are young—their teens or early twenties. Alan Knoche was an exception in that he joined when he was in his late thirties. He had a lot of catching up to do, but with life experiences in the Navy, the submarine service, and working at a nuclear power facility behind him, he quickly progressed from rookie to assistant fire chief. A top responder in a volunteer fire department that answered an average of two emergency calls a day, he fought fires, cut people out of crushed automobiles, and rescued victims from everything from a quarry collapse to a gumball machine. As an EMT, he also responded to thousands of medical and trauma calls and helped people who were experiencing the worst day of their lives. These stories relate some of the emergencies he faced on his "second job." They are gritty, often challenging, and sometimes sad, but actual life-threatening incidents are seldom pleasant. That's not to say it's all serious. The occasional humorous or

comical event is what helps emergency responders cope with the catastrophic and tragic sights they see on a daily basis. The men and women he served with are some of the most dedicated, talented, resourceful, skilled, and sometimes insane people you could ever hope to show up when you're having your worst day. They made these stories possible.

Fire Men Gary R. Ryman 2011 The author, the second of three generations of firefighters and having served over 30 years in various fire departments, shares his personal and professional turning points that define a firefighting career.

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