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When a serial arsonist known as The Fire Dancer strikes in the wilds of Arizona, Tess finds herself fighting more than wildfires.

Tess Masterson's parents died in a terrible barn fire. The tragedy drove her to become one of the best smoke jumpers in the business. Though she makes a living jumping out of planes into roaring wildfires, she's never found the courage to face the wounds of her past--or to deal with the anger that flares whenever she encounters Chase Huston.

When a serial arsonist known as The Fire Dancer strikes near her old homeplace in Arizona, Tess must examine her past. Can she confront her own demons and put a stop to the terror that has the area in flames?

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Kathy Filardo says

Great read though at times I grew frustrated with both main characters for their juvenile grudges and angry with how the sexual abuse and rape was covered up. Good suspense with the firebug though And loved Wildfire.

Bekah Kirkland says

The Skinwalker parts made my skin crawl- made me think twice about reading the book after dark. They fit well into the story, though, I think some of the spiritual aspects could have been developed better. I really enjoy Coble's contemporary suspense/mystery novels! I enjoy her varied & flawed characters. I also love how she vividly describes each setting. The geographical elements really set the atmosphere. They are characters in & of themselves.

Kayron says

A Good Read

Overall this was a good book. However, had it not been one of my "Book Clubs" suggested reads I would not have read. I am pulled into a story by the way the first chapter is developed, but after I got beyond this point I was drawn in.

Kathryn Smith says

Suspense till the end but so worth it.

Sarita says

It has been a few years since I've read a book from Colleen Coble. My favourite still remains the Aloha Reef series, followed by the Rock Harbor series.

I read this book in one sitting. The mystery was so intriguing and the suspects of who the arsonist could be, kept chancing in my mind. However, when the arsonist was revealed the person was one of my main suspects, however, some truths that came to light was unexpected.

Tess had to deal with a lot of hurt and guilt after watching her parents die 12 years ago. I enjoyed seeing how her relationship with Chase also developed and once she could let go of her jealousy and bitterness towards him, she could see the great man he was. I loved Aunt Doty and how she handled Jimmy.

The book deals with some difficult issues (view spoiler) so not recommended for sensitive and young

readers.

Elisabeth says

This was really good. It had a lot of twist and turns. I didn't know who did it until the end. I kept thinking different people. Not a lot of romance in this one but a touch of it.

Lynn Hughes says

Wow !!!!

Her books just keep getting better. The more I read makes me want to read more . I'm not going to tell you what takes place. You will have to read to find out for yourself .

I couldn't put the book down .

Kathy says

Wow ! A great book!

Nancy says

Skimmed this..nice to see a Christian author in a smaller paperback size..but this story never really "captured" my attention..read 2 discover the arsonist basically.

Miriam says

One of Coble's earlier novels, this one is set in ranch country in Arizona. Fire is the central character of the story that alternates between wild fire fighters / jumpers and the Masterson ranch. Just who is the arsonist who is setting fires all over the county? harming businesses and ranches without rhyme or reason? And why do the Masterson's seem to be the center of the arsonist's ire?

There are plenty of clues but they don't come together until the very end, an ending that will surprise you. You can read around the religious comments and Christian faith if that's not your thing. All in all, a well-crafted story.

Teresa TL Bruce says

Fire Dancer was not my favorite Colleen Coble book so far, but it is still an exciting mystery. The characters live on an Arizona ranch, and some are also firefighters who jump from planes to fight wildfires. Great

imagery. Frightening suspense. Compelling romance. Faith was woven into this story, but it played more of a background role than in her other books I have read.

CAUTION: Without giving any spoilers, I wish to warn that some of the characters' discoveries of the truth about past events are disturbing, and the arsonist's internal dialogue gave me the creeps!

Dawn Turner says

I LOVED the fact that Colleen had the courage to deal with something many authors seem to avoid like the plague - spiritual issues such as Skin Walkers. Those supernatural leaning aspects were one of the things I enjoyed most about this book, particularly since she hit it head on from the perspective of the power of prayer over such things. Go, Colleen!

Cara says

This is one of Colleen Coble's earlier works, but don't let that cause you to hesitate, as it's an interesting story.

I really loved these characters, all of them, not just the main ones. They were all flawed in their own ways, but they were all characters that one could relate to.

Arson is a crime that isn't touched upon as much in suspense and crime novels. It was fascinating to get inside the mind of an arsonist, and learn about the general characteristics they have. It was eye opening to me to see the impact that fire causes, whether it be a wildfire or a fire started intentionally.

I also loved that I got to see the career of someone who fights wildfires. I don't live in an area where they are present, so it was interesting to me to connect to some of what I see on the news.

There were parts of the book that I thought were a bit predictable, one of the big secrets was something I had figured out about halfway through. I was also able to figure out who it was, but that made me feel more proud than disappointed. Usually with Coble I don't figure it out! Also, the figuring it out didn't ruin the story for me.

I loved the romance in this book. I ship it!

Overall, a gripping page turner. If you're a fan of suspense and looking for something a little different, I imagine you'll enjoy this book!

4 stars.

Jill says

I have read and enjoyed a lot of Colleen Coble's books, but this is far and away my least favorite of her books. It is just a far-fetched, convoluted mess.

Barbara says

The book begins with a young girl, Tess, getting a horse as a present from her loving parents. Within a few pages, though, her parents are gone, victims of a barn fire that eventually catapults grieving Tess into the world of smokejumpers, a dangerous profession requiring people to parachute from planes to fight wildfires.

Tess, now at the top of her game, becomes embroiled in another mystery: who cut the suspension lines of her chute, causing her friend Allie to suffer a serious accident (obviously meant for Tess)? A serial arsonist is thought to be at work, but he seems to be only targeting Tess's family.

Coble writes a good mystery, and she throws in a few plot twists (such as Stevie's loving husband having an affair) and shows how people can hide behind a facade of goodness while leaving a messy trail of distrust and hatred in their wake. There are revelations of incest and child molestation, but Coble (to her credit) doesn't dwell on these unsavory topics. There's also a bit of romance for Tess in the form of her foster brother, Chase Huston.
