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A fire during her high school graduation brings Kathy romance with a young fireman named Steve and worry that her own brother might be the firebug; later, her father's serious accident interrupts Kathy's first year of training at San Tomás Hospital.

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Jackie says

Read this book (again and again) when I was about 13. Loved it! I was going to be a nurse until I found out you had to take chemistry, which was a subject I wasn't fond of. So, I became a librarian instead!

Kristine Hansen says

Somewhat typical story aimed at young adults about a girl who wants to become a nurse and her adventures in her first year at nursing school. This one stands out as a little bit different because we get to see Kathy from high school graduation and over the summer before diving into nursing. A bit of mystery, a bit of romance, and a lot of rounding out of the other characters made this book a pleasure to read. I look forward to finding other books in the series.

Rosie says

Kathy Martin is a graduating senior planning on entering nursing school. On graduation day, a fire breaks out in the school gym caused by what the fire department believes is an arsonist. A friend of Kathy's is a possible suspect, but so is her younger brother Nick. The hunt for the arsonist dies down as Kathy prepares to enter nursing school. Here she befriends her fellow nurses in training and learns all the work needed to become a nurse. Kathy must return home when her father is in an accident and must decide whether or not to return to school as well as whether she should disclose some information about the fire.

This book was published in the late 1950's, so some of the words and character descriptions might seem old-fashioned or outdated, but otherwise, it's an okay read. There's definitely the mystery element involved as Kathy investigates the cause of the fire and a bit of romance between Kathy and a fireman she meets, but the focus is definitely on Kathy's goal of becoming a nurse. I'd give another Kathy Martin book a try if I can find one.
