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Where There's Smoke: Inspirational Romantic Suspense (Montana Fire Book 1)



Synopsis

From RITA award-winning author Susan May Warren comes a new action romance. Book 1 in the Montana Fire: Summer of Fire trilogy. She's a smokejumper afraid of fire. Kate Burns is a legendary smoke jumper, known for her courage and willingness to risk everything to get the job done. Only she has a secret, one she won't admit to anyone. He can't forget the love they once shared. Supervisor Jed Ransom commands the Jude County Smoke Jumpers with a reputation as a calm, level-headed leader. Kate is the only one who's ever gotten under his skin. They must face the flames together. A raging wildfire in the mountains of Montana brings Kate and Jed together to train up a new team of jumpers. Suddenly, they must face the past they've been running from and the secrets that keep them apart. When an arsonist goes after their team, Kate and Jed must face their deepest fears and learn to rely on each other as they fight a blaze that could destroy them all. In this first book of the Montana Fire: Summer of Fire trilogy, Kate and Jed are about to discover that where there's smoke, there just might be a chance to start again. Don't miss the next books in the series: Playing with Fire (Book 2) Burnin' For You (Book 3)

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Customer Reviews

The new Montana Fire summer series by Susan May Warren is off to a blazing hot start. Book one, *Where There's Smoke*, is the story of Blazin' Kate Burns, a smokejumper following in her fathers' footsteps, determined to prove she can make it in this male-dominated field and Jed Ransom, fire boss and her fathers' prot  g   who will stop at nothing to keep her safe, including resisting his love for her. The unique and original storyline begins with characters at odds with each other who are forced to work closely together while working out their personal differences and end up ultimately having to work out their bigger issues with God. In classic Warren style, what starts as an entertaining and thrilling read becomes not only an opportunity to contemplate Kate and Jed's choices, but the catalyst for their transformation as well. I love how Warren always brings the reader back to spiritual observations and insights. For those of us who are Susan May Warren fans, it was fun to see how she tied the much loved Christiansen series into this new one. Darek Christiansen was, for a time, on the same Jude County hotshot team with Jed Ransom as was Luke Alexander from the novella, *You Don't Have to Be a Star*. *Playing With Fire*, book two, features smoke jumper Conner Young, who was also in Warren's Team Hope series and Liza Beaumont from the Christiansen and Deep Haven series. *Burnin' for you*, book three, features smoke jumper Reuben Marshall and pilot Gilly Priest. Terrific summer reading until Warrens' *Mercy Falls*, Montana search and rescue team adventure series begins with *Wild Montana Skies*. Can hardly wait!

WOW! I don't even have words! It goes without saying that I neglected all my duties and responsibilities once I started reading this. I LOVE reading about smoke jumpers and I loved the character development in this book. I felt even more connected to the characters than normal. At one point, while quietly crying, I had to actually pull myself back and remind myself I was actually not the heroine...the end of the sentence was redacted to prevent spoiling.

Kate always wanted to be a Smoke Jumper like her dad had been. She wanted him to be proud of her; not like her mom who left them. Kate spent her life trying to prove herself, but is this what God planned for her life? Jed was the prot  g   of Kate's dad. He showed up at 17 years old, ready to train for the dangerous career. Can Kate keep herself safe as she jumps into forest fires? How can Jed keep his promise to Kate's dad? Is it true that someone's setting the fires? This was a fantastic

start of the new series! I'm looking forward to the next book.

Wow, this novel was smoking hot! Seriously, you could just feel the flames from the fire and it was as if you are right there with the smokejumpers! Warren definitely brought this story to life. Her trademark story writing was all in evidence; from great characters, the chemistry, faith and a story that keeps the pages flying. Really looking forward to the rest of this series! *This is what I would consider a long novella. Just the right length to give you depth. Included are some steamy kisses, talks of faith and some harrowing moments!

4.5 Stars

Every time I see a new book by Susan May Warren, I absolutely MUST have it! I treasure her novels. She writes with an amazing depth and a true, powerful spiritual message. It's like sitting down and hearing a wonderful message at church! Blazin' Katie Burns is a legendary smokejumper, known for her courage and willingness to risk everything to get the job done. But she has a secret she won't admit to anyone.... Supervisor Jed Ransom commands the Jude County Smoke Jumpers with a reputation as a calm, level-headed leader. Kate is the only one who has ever gotten under his skin. But Jed has some issues, too. A raging wildfire in the mountains of Montana bring Kate and Jed together to train a new team of jumpers. They must now face the past they have been running from and the secrets that keep them apart. An arsonist goes after their team and they must face their deepest fears. This is the first book of the Montana Fire series and I am so happy there are three books! Susan May Warren has such a heart for God and it shows in the pages of her novels. She creates characters that nearly jump off the pages at the reader and dig deep into their heart. She takes you into the scenes, into the forest that is ablaze till you nearly feel that *you're* the one running from the wild fire that's threatening to take your life. I loved every single minute of this book, couldn't wait to finish it and now I can't wait for the next!

A hymn was subtly instrumental in a firefighter's deliverance and healing during and after a particularly bad fire, and when I finished this terrific book a hymn came to mind: "Lord, I stand amazed by the wonder of it all" . . . thinking of the wonderful talents He has given us to minister to one another. God has given Susan May Warren an awesome gift for ministering through the stories she tells. She is a master. She has a gift for making a tremendously exciting story come alive with word pictures that put you right into the center of the action and emotions of her characters and the circumstances they're trying to overcome. Without preaching, God gets the glory for the happy ending. When I finished the last page, I felt refreshed, having been reminded that God loves me and

is always here for me. And Where There's Smoke is a truly romantic story, too! =)

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