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Firefighter Michael McGinnis has a broken past. Using his troubled childhood as inspiration, he's channeled his harsh memories toward working hard as a search and rescue man with the fire department. He's no stranger to intense situations, but despite his years on the job, nothing can prepare him for helping Casey, his drug addict brother, when a dangerous bookie hunts him down for unpaid gambling debts.

Michael is thrown into a web of lies, deceit, and tough love for his brother. An unexpected romance blossoms with fellow paramedic, Eva Crisante, adding fuel to the fire in a burning inferno that engulfs him.

Michael thought he was brave - but being dragged into Casey's criminal life makes him second guess everything he thought he knew about himself and his family.

Download this intense firefighting thriller now!

Through Smoke Details

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Barbara says

His book was a great read. The book was pretty accurate. I have read several books on fire fighters and paramedic/EMT. Dennis Smith wrote the book about Engine 82. This book was great as it measured up to all the other books I read.

Shannon Adamson says

I liked this book, a lot. I would rate it a 3.5.

I normally only purchase romance novels, and this was classified as one. There really wasn't a whole lot of romance in it to be honest with you. But that was okay actually, the story rocked!

The book takes us on a journey with Michael McGinnis and his dealings as a NYC firefighter and the troubles he has come into, courtesy of his brother, Casey. Casey, a druggie with a betting habit, comes to Michael looking for a place to stay. He brings one friend over, and it all goes downhill from there.

On the romance side of the story, he has been working along side Eva Crisante, a Paramedic stationed at the same firehouse as Michael works at for quite some time. They were partners back in the day, and always remained friends. But a hang out here, and a date there, there friendship blooms into something bigger.

This book left me in suspense every turn of the page. What I thought would happen didn't. This is only book one in Jessica Tate's Troubled Hero series, and I can tell you that it won't be the last book of the series that I read....

P.D. Workman (Pamela) says

Looks like the cover has changed a few times, the one I bought isn't up yet.

This one disappointed me, and I eventually gave up on it. Shallow characters, conflicts not fully developed, too much focus on just having sex. If you're just looking for a light firefighter romance, give it a try, but don't be fooled into thinking it is deep or suspenseful.

Charity says

soooo this was a free read on Kindle. I really wanted to love this book. I think it had all the right ingredients for a great story!.sexy fire fighter ..a troubled brother..crime..money and romance..

What went wrong? Nearing the end of this book I find my self struggling to bond with shallow characters and a plot with a flat climax amidst numerous spelling and grammatical errors! (ie: there instead of their)

I think there's potential for a great storyline to be built around these characters.. I'm actually considering following the series in hopes that this happens!

Patricia Ibarra says

Michael McGinnis is a firefighter that has to deal with tragedies of his everyday work that wear him both physically and emotionally. He has to deal with memories of his dead father, of losses very close to him, and if this were not enough, with Casey, his younger brother who leads a very troubled life. I liked this part of the book and these characters, but the author made a terrible task in portraying Mike's girl-friend, Eva. She is pretty, hard-working, competent, caring, empathetic, patient among one thousand virtues more. I think that even Mother Theresa looks like a sinner before her. A totally unbelievable character. What was the author thinking?

Jen_C says

Really wanted to like it. Had some issues with it though. It is very anti-cop. Makes me scared to have a fire in NYC because I may get a hungover, crybaby, impulsive fireman responding to my call for help. Also had continuity issues (he was in his dress uniform for a funeral but when his girlfriend undresses him she removes his jeans??). Overall, I just did not really like the H and h. He was TSTL at times and cried too much for me. I need more alpha than that. Other may really like it but it was not my cuppa. I'd say 2-1/2 stars.

Susan Moore says

Unique and captivating story.

I really enjoyed this book. There is post 911 firefighters, a very evil bookie, and excellent characters written about in this book. Free. I'm following it with the second in the series, which is a plus. Great camaraderie within the companies members and their families.

Haley Whitehall says

This book was classified as a romantic suspense, but there isn't much romance in this story. The romance that was present between NYC firefighter Michael McGinnis and paramedic Eva Crisante didn't work for me. They were too hot and cold.

Casey's drug addict brother brings trouble into Michael's world. Michael didn't even know his brother bet until he meets his bookie. The scary man threatens him saying one brother is as good as another, and then things start happening like a rash of warehouse fires.

This book is well written and suspenseful. I thought all the characters were well developed. The author has clearly researched firefighters, drug addicts etc. because everything rang true. Everything that is except

Michael not getting the police involved sooner. That started to irritate me. Also, he's had drinking problems in the past but apparently is fine drinking now. It seldom works out that way.

The ending took me by surprise, however I didn't quite believe Casey had made such a drastic change. It made for a good story, yes. Somehow it wasn't quite satisfying though. Also, this book did have a lot of misused words and typos, too. Overall it was a good free read.

Latalya Jenkins says

Very detailed and action packed

I greatly enjoyed it. Good twists and turns and keeps the reader engaged. I will look for other books from this author.

Pat Dicesere says

Great read...

Good exciting book I really enjoyed it. Can't wait to get the second book and the third. This book had some quite highs and lows but still enjoyed it.

Joan says

I was hoping for a hot and heavy (no... not THAT sort of hot and heavy!)novel here. Plenty of drama in the firefighting scenes, a few nice romantic touches, a bit of angst with the brother and so on. (Come on. A girl can read fire-fighter froth once in a while can't she?)

(Perhaps not ;))

But this was dull. The firefighters were wimps. The **fires** were wimps. I wanted ACTION and scorching flames and the stench of smoke in the nostrils and the sting of sore eyes, etc. I wanted to be scared for the firefighters. If this had been a tv programme I would have gone out to make a cup of tea when the fires started. I didn't hate the book; it was just boring.

Mary says

This was a "free" e-book I downloaded when I was using an app to find free books on my Kindle. I'm a snob about typos and spelling and found this to be a tedious read because of the issues I kept seeing ("he had along way to go"...) The characters start out sounding deep but nothing is truly given to their background - you're expected to build too much (IMHO) of your own story of their lives and minds into the pat, stereotypical events that happen.

Sorry for the harsh review but coming from reading books like "The Language of Flowers" to this was a huge intellectual jolt.

Patty says

Very good book. Definitely want to read all the books. I cried when a firefighter died and then during the funeral scene. It was like I was right there. This story stayed with me after I read it. It really touches your heart.

Joan says

The least negative short review I can offer is that this novel was prematurely published. It might have potential if the writer wanted to spend some time revising and working on this rough draft. I am a retired teacher of writing and spent most of my career with students in 7th through 12th grades. I have read all the run-on sentences, misused vocabulary, sloppy phrasing, wrong-case pronouns, wrong-tense verbs, inconsistent or inappropriate tone, unnatural dialogue, and immature and imprecise wording that I ever want to read. I was only able to struggle through 9% of this sloppily-written novel (which contained all of the above.) Perhaps there's a story here; I'll never know.

Laura Sullivan says

Have you ever found a gem of a restaurant down a little street that no one has heard of, then when you start telling people how great it is they know about it. Best kept secret and all. Well this book is IT. Not highly advertised or a well known author, but this book is a gem.

Jessica Tate gives Indie authors a good name. This book has a wonderful flow, and it moves at exactly the right pace. I won't be cliche' and say I couldn't put it down, but I read it in 2 sittings.

You have family love and hate, complicated love story, and a really bad guy. You will cheering for the underdog, and really feeling the family emotions. If you like Baldacci you will love "Through Smoke", these characters will stay with you.

Great read, keep it up Jessica Tate you are an author to watch.
