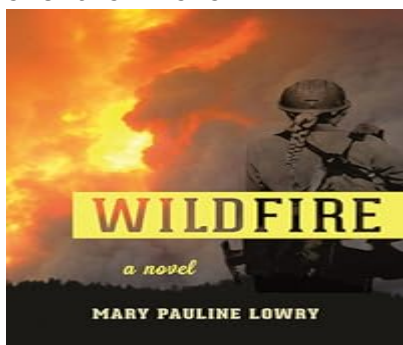


Wildfire By Mary Pauline Lowry This is one of my best five books of 2014! Many thanks to Skyhorse Publishing for providing me with this ARC 9781629144979 Julie lost her parents to a horrible accident at age 12. In order to deal with her grief and to rebel against the grandmother who took her in.

Julie has an obsession with fire that began after her parents died when she was twelve years old. Her pyromania leads her to take an unlikely job as a forest firefighter on an elite Type 1 "Hotshot" crew of forest firefighters who travel the American West battling wildfires. The only woman on the twenty person crew Julie struggles both to prove her worth and find a place of belonging in the dangerous insular and very masculine world of fire (while also fighting against an eating disorder she's had since her teens). As her season "on the line" progresses so do her relationships with the strange and varied cast of characters that make up her hotshots team—and she learns what it means to put your life on the line for someone else. It was great to listen to! When forests burn and mountains rage in hellish conflagrations the unpredictable and malevolent force that is fire ignites a burning desire in the hearts of those who are bold and daring enough to confront it. Wildland firefighting's equivalent of the Marines they are the quintessential hardcore grunts who are the tip of the spear when Mother Nature turns up the heat; tasked with clearing away unburned fuel on the fire line to halt an advancing wildfire's onslaught. It's this tantalizing allure that compels "Julie" a young tomboyish and deeply flawed individual to join the select ranks of a Colorado Hotshot crew and blaze a trail of her own in the mostly male-dominated fraternity. Haunted by the death of her parents and disownment by her Grandmother Julie must contend with rigorous training regimens sexist remarks from her teammates harassment and the high anxiety of being plagued by an eating disorder since her adolescence. Author Mary Pauline Lowry draws upon her own real life experiences as a former Hotshot and crafts a wonderful work of literary fiction about the human spirit that's just as intriguing and ferocious as a raging wildfire. Written with a complex assortment of unique characters as well as tense and tender subplots "Wildfire" burns with the same authenticity as John Maclean's "Fire on the Mountain" and "North Country;" destined to be a movie. 9781629144979



Railing against the path her grandmother has set for her Julie joins a Hotshot crew an elite team of remote area forest firefighters who use chainsaws and shovels to fight fire. At first the crew is uncertain about this woman intruding into their male dominated world but with determination and grit and a lot of hard work she manages to carve a niche for herself. I wish more men like me who work in predominantly male environments (the Army) would read this book to more fully appreciate the struggles and significant contributions of our female colleagues. 9781629144979 As the daughter of a hotshot I had hoped this would be an interesting and entertaining behind-the-scenes story of forest firefighting as well as a fish-out-of-water story for the heroine. After having lost her parents at an early age and raised by a grandmother (whose name is Frosty and lives up to the hype) will this rookie even have the balls to make it up the hill let alone succeed in a wilderness composed of fire forest and machismo? Nevertheless Lowry makes Julie malleable: tough and strong but also feminine; prone to the mistakes suffered by someone who at once needs to prove her toughness while also following stringent guidelines to maintain decorum:

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to ride a sled pulled by a gaggle of joyful dachshunds: {site\_link} This is a story of a hotshot fire fighting team, The main character is Julie who drops out of college to join the crew. A wonderful book and an inside look at firefighting and how dangerous their lives have become. This novel brought me into a world I would never experience otherwise.

Their lives are on the line. The Hotshots are hard men and women and just like them this book is brash and occasionally crass. They speak their own language and the author has just put it out there without any explanations and that's really how it should be: Her novel *The Roxy Letters* is forthcoming from Simon Schuster on April 7 2020. She's the author of the novel *Wildfire* and is a regular contributor to *O the Oprah Magazine*: Her writing has also appeared in *The New York Times Magazine* *The New York Times* *The Millions* and other publications. She recently received her MFA from Boise State University in Idaho: She currently lives in Boise with her husband George who is English and has taught her that tea really is a balm for the soul: One of her dreams in life is to ride a sled pulled by a gaggle of joyful dachshunds: Her novel *The Roxy Letters* is forthcoming from Simon Schuster on April 7 2020, She's the author of the novel *Wildfire* and is a regular contributor to *O the Oprah Magazine*: Her writing has also appeared in *The New York Times Magazine* *The New York Times* *The Millions* and other publications. She recently received her MFA from Boise State University in Idaho. She currently lives in Boise with her husband George truly broadening my perspective. The author was a hotshot I had high hopes; as a former wildland ff and a hotshot wife it's hard not to be annoyed when authors get things wrong: I'm not sure what year the book was set in maybe knowing that would have made some of the crew/culture specifics make more sense, If I wasn't familiar with the wildfire world I would have glazed over the paragraphs full of terminology, My biggest issue with this book is there's no real story. It's a fictional account of a female's rookie year on a hotshot crew, She has a lot of issues - being bulimic and an orphan - and those issues aren't addressed one days she's just not puking anymore: There's a lot of focus with sexual gender roles and expectations but even that isn't addressed. Then every bad thing that can happen on a fire happens to them, It could have a good of a story without so much drama. I hope people don't walk away thinking this is what it's like to be on a hotshot/fire crew. This gives the account of a young female who joins a hotshot crew - forest firefighters: I found it fascinating how forest fires are fought compounded by the fact that Julie is the only female on the crew: I highly recommend this! 9781629144979 I found this book on Audible, This is the realm of an elite and rare breed of firefighters: The Hotshots. Before smoke jumpers and air attack assets get deployed Hotshots are often the first ones downrange: However just earning a place on the crew proves just as daunting as opposing an out of control wildfire: All tempered by an overriding obsession to go one-on-one with fire. With the respect of her comrades she has everything she wants but the job is dangerous and every time they fight fire she engaged in fairly destructive behavior: Now in her early 20s Julie has become the only woman on a 20 person Type 1 Hotshot crew of elite forest firefighters, Mary Pauline Lowry doesn't pull any punches in this gritty novel of a woman trying to find a place where she belongs and learn to live with her inner demons. The story is fascinating the writing is timeless and Julie's struggle to belong is both heartbreaking and heartwarming, 9781629144979 I devoured this book like fire consumes a dry forest in August. The early chapters chronicle the main character's struggle to join a group of men whose bonds are forged in the crucible of fire: She made me feel the discord of the group in every sentence, As the story progressed I found the intense fire-fighting scenes as enthralling as her internal struggles, I finished the book on a plane and was not able to choke back the tears I did not expect: I believe *Wildfire* will resonate with women who work in male-dominated professions/pursuits as well as men who work in predominantly female environments. It will teach us all about how we bring our life stories to our chosen professions and how we are transformed by our trials by fire, In this way *Wildfire* serves the larger purpose of why I read novels-to learn more about the human condition. *Wildfire* burns in it's spiritual intensity emotional honesty and gripping description of a world that few of us will ever see up close: In the end though it read more like a how-to book filled with detail but no real story: The author clearly knows the world of

firefighting but the storytelling never pulled me into it: 9781629144979 Mary Pauline Lowry author of the hilarious and wildly popular novel *The Roxy Letters* (published April 2020) is well versed in writing letters, *The Roxy Letters* a love letter to her beloved Austin focuses on one woman's search for meaning. Mary Pauline was once a wildland firefighter before the fame of *Roxy*; a *HotShot* in fact an elite crew of firefighters tossed seemingly anywhere to do battle, Indeed the author writes: This book is a love song for my boys on the Pike Interagency Hotshot Crew, Fun Fact: the woman on the cover of *Wildfire* is actually the author, What I thought would be a day in the life turned out to be much more: Although the money is good it still takes a certain element to want to subject oneself to such adverse conditions: Julie the lone woman on the crew of twenty faces staggering odds; not just that but the reasons she's even attempting this feat. Lowry throws several gut punches that made me wince but that's more a testament to her storytelling than my lack of awareness: Slowly she takes her time developing characters; leaving little pieces of humanity like breadcrumbs to mark where you've been or where you may have been lost. I often felt I was on the mountain ready to take flight; as comfortable running downhill from the past as I was uphill to an uncertain future. It is her story of growth and maturity. She makes friends and learns life isn't always fair. 9781629144979 The prologue hooked me. This novel has a strong voice. I found the description of the firefighters very compelling. *Wildfire* is a truly amazing book. You don't need to know everything to get this story. I'm going to make the call. *Wildfire* Mary Pauline Lowry is a native of Austin Texas. Mary Pauline Lowry is a native of Austin Texas. The ending though was unexpectedly sad. 9781629144979 I really wanted to like this book. We are told everything not shown. 9781629144979 An amazing interesting book. The writing makes every detail so vivid and real. Lowry's dialog will always surprise you. Lowry is masterful in this section. Just wasn't the book for me. In *Wildfire* lies another love letter. The list of names takes up the page. (Lowry dazzles with the terminology grit and bluster). *Wildfire* is often a lesson in fear and adrenaline. yet always surrounded by love. 9781629144979.