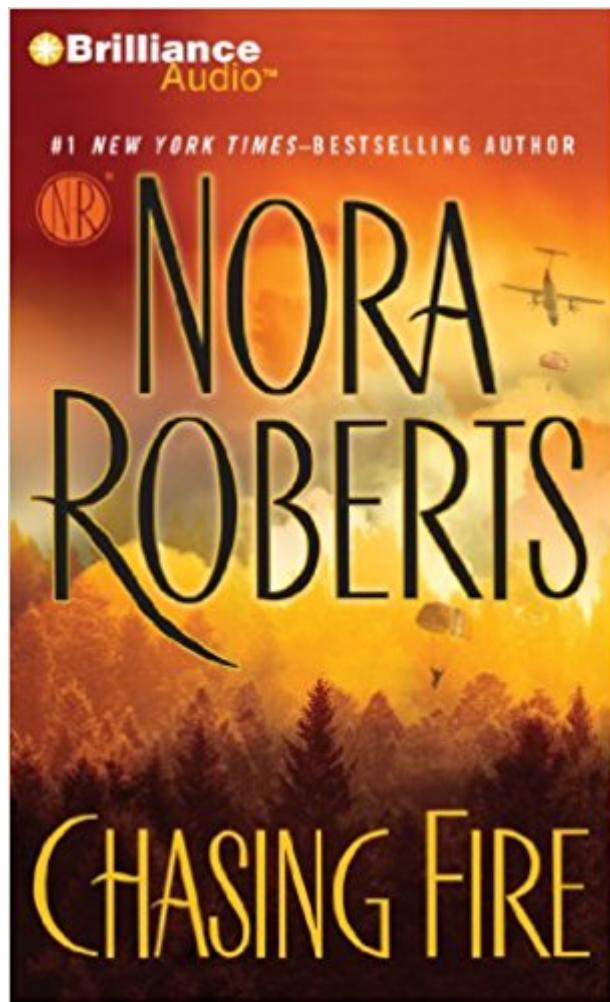


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## Chasing Fire



## Synopsis

Little else in life is as dangerous as fire jumping. Flying past towering pillars of smoke, parachuting down to the edge of an all-consuming blaze, shoveling and sawing for hours upon hours, days at a time, all to hold the line and push back against the raw power of Mother Nature. But there's also little else as thrilling — at least to Rowan Tripp. The Missoula smoke jumpers are one of the most exclusive firefighting squads in the nation, and the job is in Rowan's blood: her father is a legend in the field. She's been fighting fires since her eighteenth birthday. At this point, returning to the wilds of Montana for the season feels like coming home — even with reminders of the partner she lost last season still lingering in the air. Fortunately, this year's rookie crop is among the strongest ever — and Gulliver Curry is one of the best. He's also a walking contradiction, a hotshot firefighter with a big vocabulary and a winter job at a kids' arcade. He came to Missoula to follow in the footsteps of Lucas "Iron Man" Tripp, yet he's instantly more fascinated by his hero's daughter. Rowan, as a rule, doesn't hook up with other smoke jumpers, but Gull is convinced he can change her mind. And damn if he doesn't make a good case to be an exception to the rule. Everything is thrown off balance, though, when a dark presence lashes out against Rowan, looking to blame someone for last year's tragedy. Rowan knows she can't complicate things with Gull — any distractions in the air or on the ground could be lethal. But if she doesn't find someone she can lean on when the heat gets intense, her life may go down in flames.

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## Customer Reviews

Starred Review. This searing stand-alone from bestseller Roberts (The Search) celebrates the smoke jumpers of Missoula, Mont., who routinely risk life and limb to beat down raging forest fires. As close knit as any military combat unit, the "Zulies" include veteran Rowan Tripp, haunted by the loss of Jim Brayner, her onetime jump partner who was killed the previous season in a fall, and rookie Gulliver Curry, who soon earns the nickname "Fast Feet" for his speed and prowess. Threatening trouble is cook Dolly Brakeman, Jim's girlfriend, who blames Rowan for his death— and whose new baby may well be Jim's. Rowan and Gull grow closer as the team battles fires from Montana and Idaho to California and Alaska. Meanwhile, the Zulies are plagued by vandalism and sabotage as well as a killer with arson among his crimes. Roberts fans can expect another bestseller. (Apr.) (c) Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This tale encompasses edge-of-your-seat thrills, murder and two engaging romances. There's no better way to spend your money and time Romantic Times --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Smoke jumpers, those that fight wildfires with specialty training and parachute jumping, is the setting for this story. The story opens with a smoke jumper and her jump partner falling from the sky on a fire. As she looks back at her partner she sees him pull his toggle in the wrong direction, which sends him into the bowels of the fire, where he is killed. The following summer, as the wildfire season begins, there is trouble between the female partner of the jumper that was killed and his dating fling, and her baby. There are several incidents where the smoke jumpers are placed in dangerous situations in and around the base camp. And then a fire is reported in a forest close to base and a murder has occurred. The story continues until the equipment used for fighting fires is tampered with and they are put in danger in a fire. The smoke jumpers continue fighting wildfires with a twist on the final fire. This author again demonstrates her ability to learn the correct language and procedures for fighting wildfires and she completes a love story between firefighting incidents and keeps the readers attention on the characters as they go through this different summer. She also interposes a secondary love story and connects the events so that the reader is rewarded with an exciting story line and is able to follow through the entire book without loosing their place and to remain enthralled with the story line.

Such a refreshing and entertaining reading:1. I've never read a book about smoke jumpers, so I loved getting immersed in their foreign-to-me world.2. The main romance between Rowan & Gull was an absolute delight to read thanks to the lack of clichÃ©s. Every now and then I have enjoyed them in romance books, but a couple who communicates their feelings and thoughts will always be a winner for me. No need to use third parties or unnecessary denials to stop them from getting their HEA.3. The romance subplot didn't bore me, and it usually does when it's not about the main couple. What stops this from being a perfect reading: The long descriptions about the missions got tiresome. I get being told once or twice about them, but there were many missions, so to read the technical talk over and over and over again was exhausting. (Although thankfully not as much as the one in the Inn BoonsBoro trilogy.)\*\*\*OVERALL Chasing Fire is another Nora Roberts winner. Too bad it isn't part of a series, would've loved to see every one of them getting a HEA like Rowan and Gull.

Chasing Fire, the latest novel by Nora Roberts centers around the lives of Zulies, men and women who jump forest fires for a living. At the heart of the story is Rowan Tripp, the lovable and tough daughter of Iron Man Tripp (a legend in the profession). Rowan has lived her life fighting fires and avoiding deep relationships with men, having made it a rule not to have a relationship with either fellow jumpers or trainees. It would seem that parachuting into deadly fires is not as dangerous as the devilishly sexy Gulliver "Gull" Curry, who is an adventurer, owner of an arcade, and trainee who has set his sights on not just jumping fires but Rowen. To further complicate matters, Rowen and her entire team are still reeling from their teammate's death (Jim) who was killed the season before. When Dolly, a cook who Jim had a relationship with returns to base, she brings trouble and the news that she gave birth to his daughter. Bent on revenge and keeping up trouble, Dolly sets out to make Rowan's life miserable. To complicate matters, not only does Rowan have to worry about stomping out fires, but her father is falling in love (with a school teacher named Ella) and Dolly has been murdered. As Rowan struggles to accept love, she must also find a killer. I really enjoyed Roberts latest because there was just enough technical talk to indicate that she researched the subject matter, but not so much that it was boring. Roberts also has the uncanny ability to create a cast of characters that we all love and who the reader can identify with. And finally, Roberts does an excellent job weaving the murders, romance (especially Rowan's sweet father) and the ins and outs of the profession into a fast moving and enjoyable story.

I purchased this book for a friend. Her and I like to read Nora Roberts and I was sending her a care

package with other goodies included. So why not a good book?! We both bookcross so she has since recycled it to her local bookzone for others to enjoy. I was not able to read this particular book but I have no doubt that it is anything less than wonderful just like her other books.

Nora Roberts hit a homerun again! I loved her newest addition 'Chasing Fire'. Characters are well defined and after a short time you feel like you have moved in and become a part of the crazy and dangerous life of the Missoula smoke jumpers. Rowan Tripp is a strong woman, daughter of the legendary smoke jumper, Lucas 'Iron Man' Tripp. She has followed in her now-retired father's footsteps, fighting fires since her 18th birthday. Rowan finds herself putting the newest group of recruits through their paces. As they climb, hurdle, crawl, run and claw their way through obstacle courses she can't help but notice Gull Curry among them, and he can't help but notice her. Gulliver Curry is one of the best, and yet he's a walking contradiction, a hotshot firefighter with a big vocabulary and a winter job at a kids' arcade. But Rowan has nothing to worry about as she has a hard and fast rule, she doesn't hook up with other smoke jumpers. Gull is convinced he can change her mind, and determined to be an exception to that rule. Everything changes in this tight knit family of smoke jumpers when someone seems intent on getting revenge for last years tragedy. This one kept me reading late into the night as most of Nora Roberts books do. I always find it fascinating how much I learn about whatever topic Nora takes on. This one was no exception. You may not think you would have any interest in smoke jumpers but trust me when I tell you that this was an extraordinary read none the less.

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