



***Through the Fire***  
by Shawn Grady  
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## Scorching Debut of Arson, Murder, and Second Chances from a Real-Life Fireman

### *Through the Fire* by Shawn Grady

Minneapolis, MN—Debut author Shawn Grady's firefighting career has taken him from high-rise fires in the city to the burning heavy timber of the eastern Sierras. Compelled to share these experiences, he now channels the energy, the lack of sleep, the fires, and the medical calls into an action-packed novel.

"*Through the Fire* was inspired by things I've seen and heard, things I've felt and smelled and tasted," said Grady. "I'm able to give a sense of what I feel like when the tones go off and a string of rigs are dispatched to a structure fire. What it's like to slide down a three story pole and jump onto a screaming fire truck. How it feels to wake up for runs eight times after midnight."

But more than just a story about of a fireman's life, *Through the Fire* also explores deeper themes—such as trusting a God who both gives and takes away.

"I've had the privilege on rare occasions to see lives snatched from the brink, but all too often I have served as a shepherd in times of death and loss," said Grady. "I couldn't help but let the experiences and emotions burning in my bones spill out upon the page—I've written of what I know, and I think that will be palpable."

*Firefighting burns in Aidan O'Neill's blood, but his innate gift for reading flames has made him overconfident and sometimes puts lives in danger. When one call goes horribly wrong and a rookie is hurt, Aidan ends up suspended and finds himself questioning everything.*

*It couldn't have happened at a worse time.*

*An arsonist is targeting Reno, leaving a scorched path of destruction. The department needs Aidan back, but his return is troubled. The gift he relied on for so long has gone silent...and it's as though the fires are coming for him, hunting him down. Teaming with a beguiling fire investigator who may know more than she's saying, Aidan must discover where his trust rests as the flames burn ever closer.*

A riveting and realistic page-turner, *Through the Fire* blends *Backdraft*-like thrills with the romantic suspense of a Kristen Heitzmann or Dee Henderson novel.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:



Shawn Grady has served for more than a decade as a firefighter and paramedic in Reno, Nevada, where he lives with his wife and three children. He was named "Most Promising Writer" at the 2008 Mt. Hermon Writers Conference. Visit his Web site at [www.shawngradybooks.com](http://www.shawngradybooks.com) for more information.

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