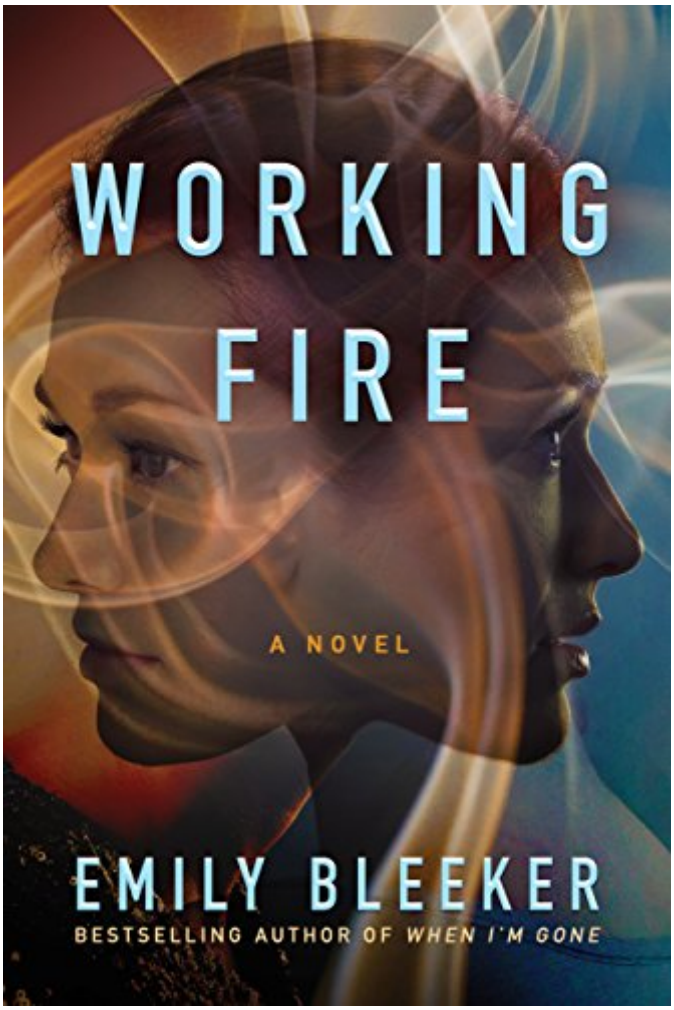
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Working Fire: A Novel



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Synopsis

From the Wall Street Journal bestselling author of When IÃ¢â ¬â„¢m Gone comes a compelling novel of a bond between sisters, tested by tragedyÃ¢â ¬Â¦Ellie Brown thought sheÃ¢â ¬â„¢d finally escaped her stifling hometown of Broadlands, Illinois; med school was supposed to be her ticket out. But when her father has a stroke, she must return home to share his care with her older sister, Amelia, whoÃ¢â ¬â„¢s busy with her own family. Working as a paramedic, EllieÃ¢â ¬â„¢s days are monotonous, driving an ambulance through streets sheÃ¢â ¬â„¢d hoped never to see again.Until a 911 dispatch changes everything. The address: her sisterÃ¢â ¬â„¢s house. Rushing to the scene, Ellie discovers that Amelia and her husband, Steve, have been shot in a home invasion. After Amelia is rushed to the hospital, Ellie tries to make sense of the tragedy. But what really happened inside her sisterÃ¢â ¬â„¢s house becomes less and less clear. As Amelia hangs on in critical condition, Ellie uncovers dark revelations about her familyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s past that challenge her beliefs about those closest to herÃ¢â ¬Â¦and force her to question where her devotions truly lie.

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Customer Reviews

Emily Bleeker has written a twist filled novel full of family secrets, misconceptions, and complex relationships. I have really enjoyed all of her books to date, so I was excited to pre-order this new book from this talented author. 'Working Fire' did not disappoint.Told in alternating timelines and alternating between sisters, Amelia and Ellie. The book starts off with every EMTs worst nightmare: running a call on a family member.While the scene is set in the first chapter, with a terrible shooting, the story continues... Slowly you piece together the interwoven character filled story as it unfolds and we get a sense of things leading up to this tragedy.This is an enthralling mystery that keeps the reader madly swiping. Just when it seems one puzzle has been worked out and resolved, there is another piece of that puzzle still not quite fitting. Things that you think are true, are often not true, only partially true, or misconstrued. I honestly did not know until the end who the killer was and why it lead to the crime until the end.With an intricate plot, Emily Bleeker has written a novel that will stay with the reader long after finishing it.I am a verified purchaser in Australia

Working Fire is told in dual timelines, the first is through EllieÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s eyes starting the day she gets a call that thereÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s been a shooting at her sister AmeliaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s address and the second is from AmeliaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s point of view six weeks prior. The alternating chapters each have a clear, distinct voice as the sisters were both well drawn and multidimensional, I had a strong sense of both of them as individuals as well as a firm grasp regarding the dynamic of their relationship with each other.While there is definitely a mysterious element at play here, I donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t think itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s the driving force of the book. Yes, I was super curious about exactly what had happened the day Amelia was shot as well as what events sent things into motion, but at its core this is a novel about family relationships and the secrets that can rip them apart. There's really not much that interests me more than the bond between sisters and some good old fashioned family secrets and Working Fire had plenty of both. While I wouldn't describe this as twisty, it did keep me guessing and still surprised me a few times.There was an emotional component to this, Bleeker has an evocative writing style that makes you care about the characters she creates even if you don't always understand them. This would be perfect for people who don't want violence or highly disturbing content in their mysteries, it's on the lighter side yet still manages to pack a decent punch. The ending especially caught me off guard, it was unexpected and fitting.

WORKING FIRE is a fast-paced, suspenseful story with lots of twists and turns and plenty of family

drama. The main characters are two sisters living with their families in a small Illinois town. The younger sister, Ellie, has always wanted to leave her hometown behind and finally manages to do so to go to medical school. Her older sister, Amelia, is still there, raising her family with her retired firefighter husband, Steve. When their father, the highly-respected, retired fire chief, has a stroke, Ellie reluctantly leaves school and returns home to help Amelia take care of him. Ellie becomes a paramedic working in the same fire station where her Dad was once chief. While out with her partner, they receive a call about a shooting and Ellie quickly realizes it is at her sisterÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s address. The rest of the story is told in dual timelines from the weeks leading up to the shooting (AmeliaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s view) to the day of the shooting and those immediately following (EllieÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s view). Themes of family relationships, secrets, betrayal and loyalty percolate through the story line as it progresses toward learning what actually happened on that fateful day at Amelia and SteveÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s house. This book definitely keeps the reader on their toes. Just when you think youÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve got the mystery figured out, something else unexpected happens. I enjoyed this new mystery thriller by Emily Bleeker and look forward to reading more from her in the future.

"Working Fire" by Emily Bleeker"...for one moment, reality and the questions that accompanied it floated away, and she enjoyed the beauty of the fire and the dancing embers around her. Fire was the same everywhere whether devastating a house, a city, or an open prairie. ...she remembered one more important thing about Fire. Sometimes in nature, fire causes pine ones to open and prairies to bloom. Sometimes it cleared out old dead trees to make way for new life. Sometimes fire wasn’t about destruction -- sometimes it was about renewal. Sometimes fire was necessary." (End of chapter thirty nine)Emily Bleeker has written a twisting, turning novel full of family secrets, misconceptions, and multi-faceted relationships.Life seemed so set for both Ellie and Amelia. Two sisters with a close bond and few secrets. Then tragedy strikes and what seems to be before is not what it truly is afterward. Lives change, relationships change, perceptions change, people change.An enthralling and thrilling mystery that keeps the reader on their toes. Just when it seems one puzzle has been worked out and resolved, there is another piece of that puzzle still out there. Things that you think are true, are often not true, only partially true, or misconstrued.With extremely well written and relatable characters and an intricate and beguiling plot, Emily Bleeker has written a novel the reader will not soon forget.Rating:
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