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Forged In Fire (A Red-Hot SEALs Novel Book 1)



Synopsis

2013 RITA® Finalist for Best Romantic Suspense AND Best First Book Beth Brown doesn't believe in premonitions. But her recent dream feels too real to ignore: a commercial airliner is hijacked, and a handsome passenger is shot dead. Beth hasn't met the mystery man in her dream; she would never forget a gorgeous face like his. But she can't deny the bizarre connection she feels. Now awake, and unable to allow for the violence she's convinced is impending, she races to the airport and comes face to face with the man of her dreams. Zane Winters lives for his job, using his uncanny psychic powers to carry out missions for elite SEAL Team 7. Yet the constant adrenaline highs can't drown out the numbness seeping into his life as he yearns to find a woman he can trust. All that changes when he meets a beautiful stranger who sets his soul on fire and somehow knows he's about to die. To thwart the global crisis the hijacking will unleash, Beth and Zane join forces. But even amid the danger, they can't deny the powerful force drawing them together. Is it merely attraction or destiny? Revised edition: This edition of *Forged in Fire* includes editorial revisions, new scenes and a new ending.

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Customer Reviews

Zane Winters and his SEAL teammates are scheduled for a flight to Hawaii to attend a friend's

wedding, unaware that their flight is going to be hijacked. Beth Brown has never believed in psychic abilities but her beliefs are put into question when she comes face to face with the man she watched die aboard the flight the night before in her dream. Without any proof to back them up, Beth and the SEAL team must find a way to stop the flight and save the lives of those aboard. Trish originally posted a first teaser scene prior to publishing on a site I'm part of. I was hooked from that first scene. I couldn't wait to get my hands on the full thing and find out if it lived up to the first pages and boy did it. I mostly read Young Adult because I love it and also because I write in that genre but I love any story as long as it's good. I couldn't put the book down! The tension starts in that very first scene and doesn't let up. The action is awesome and makes one wonder if maybe Trish is hiding some navy SEAL training of her own. The romance is just the perfect amount to make you really care for the characters without getting in the way of the action or being overly mushy. Don't get me wrong. I love a good romance. Trish delivers the perfect balance of action, suspense and romance with *Forged In Fire*. I can't wait for the next one in the series! *Just an FYI if you didn't get from the fact that this book begins with a dream of a hijacking that ends the life of all the passengers, there is brutality in this book, including rape that, though isn't described in detail, a loved one's response to it is. The response is handled incredibly well and almost too true to life. If you're squeamish about violence consider yourself warned.

This book was so irritating that I felt compelled to post a review to help others avoid being suckered by all the other five-star reviews. To each his own I guess, but you should know that this book contains very little romance, one stupid sex scene where afterwards the "heroine" chews out the hero for not using a condom (can you say mood-breaker?), lots of violence, and an agonizing gang rape. Another reviewer pointed out how little gets resolved in this book and I have to agree. The book literally ends where the SEAL team is trying to decide how to deal with all the inter-agency politics and the bad guys. Also, one of their team mates is in the hospital fighting for his life and you never hear if he makes it or not. I will never read another book by this author again.

The plot was probably the best part of this book. I really enjoyed the basis of the story and military life, etc. but I don't think this one is for me. Love our military and cannot say enough good things about them but some of the comments made seemed so staged and out of place even for military that it was just..well odd. Beth made me want to smack her upside the head at times and tell her to grow up or something similar. Her character seems like there was such potential to make a great relationship with Zane; leaving it as some. Some typos in the e-book were a bit much and slowed

down the reading experience. Great pace to the story, and it flowed very well. My biggest issue is the ending. All I can say is REALLY?!?!? I swear I thought I got screwed and did not get the entire book. Sure, this is the beginning of a series but don't you think the book should actually have SOME type of conclusion? It's like watching a movie or TV show, and the power went out with 10 min left of the show. Boom, that's it, you are done. Left me thinking WTF? Only 3 stars because it was a decent story, fairly good set up and great pace and suspense at times. Could be less for the tragic ending and a few other things, however I think some of that is my personal preference so I did not reduce it to 1 or 2 stars.

I absolutely love a romantic suspense blended with paranormal. Forged in Fire has just a small bit of paranormal in it. The main element in this story besides the romance is the suspense. From the first chapter, Trish McCallan stirs up the conflict and the pace, and quite frankly, it doesn't stop until the last page. There's really not a dull moment in this book. There is so much action, adventure, and fiery hot tension between Beth and Zane that you don't want to miss a minute of. The characters are so three dimensional and they breathe life right off the pages. Seriously. I couldn't get enough of this book, and as much as I wanted to find out everything, I didn't want this thrill ride to be over. My only pitfall was the ending. It's not a major issue, but some things are not wrapped up. From what I read on the author's website, there's another book coming, but darn it, I hate waiting! I want MORE of this NOW!!! Readers, take my advice. If you are a fan of romantic suspense, then I suggest you hightail it to your favorite ebook retailer and get yourself a copy of Forged in Fire. But let me warn you- clear your schedule, because you're not going to want to put this down.

I can't believe that the 279 people who wrote four star reviews (to date) read the same book I did. The plot had great promise, but the story telling needs help. The characters who do not have ESP are able to figure out what's going on better than those who have the gift. So many times I stopped and thought, WHAT? How did he jump to that conclusion based on what I've read here? Completely unbelievable! I read in complete horror when an airport gate full of people are in danger and the hero and heroine spend what precious little time is left arguing over their as of yet non-existent relationship instead of immediately exchanging the information necessary to save them. I gave up on this book one-quarter of the way through. I hope this author obtains the services of a good editor, someone who will point out the deficiencies in plot and writing style and help her take her good ideas and form them into an engaging and believable plot.

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