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A Walk Through Fire: Through Hell and Back Series For fans of American Gods, a dark, humorous, and richly written, dystopian fantasy about the unbreakable bonds of family and the undying strength of a mother's love. The end of the world begins as fire rains down from the

heavens. Ancient gods are released from their prison, eager to reestablish their long-lost power. But Rachel Deneuve has bigger, more contemporary concerns than a divine war. Her son Adam is in the middle of a fight against leukemia, and Rachel is determined to keep focused on that battle. But when humans begin picking sides and the fighting escalates, their home in Baltimore becomes a war zone, one she can't ignore. Desperate to stay away from the carnage—as well as the germ-ridden refugee center—Rachel and Adam flee to their remote mountain cottage, only to find their refuge marred by mutated, grotesque plants and animals. Eventually, the cancerous cells in Adam's body begin evolving as well, threatening his life and forcing Rachel to venture back into the eye of the storm. Left with no other choice but to sacrifice her own freedom for her son's safety, she must become an unwilling warrior in a battle unlike anything seen in millennia, or lose everything she holds dear. Simon MacKay,

the last Earl of Cleitmuir, was murdered two hundred years ago because of his family's dangerous legacy. Alone and cursed he haunts his home in order to protect the lost treasure. A pastime that leaves him angry and embittered until he meets a feisty American Tourist. Not only is Laurel sexy and beautiful, she can also see him in his ghostly form. Antiquities expert, Laurel Saville, leaves Chicago to visit her best friend in the romantic Scottish Highlands. She is saved from a tragic fall by the ghostly Simon. Once she realizes she is not crazy, she pledges to help him find his family's missing artifact. A pledge hindered by treasure hunter Alex Mackenzie, a descendant of the clan that murdered Simon. Laurel risks everything, including her life, to help Simon resolve the issues keeping him earth bound. But will she lose him forever or is there a way Laurel can keep him with her on this earthly plane? Just as it seems life is opening before Violet with unlimited possibilities for her future, her

hometown of Atlanta is devastated by a citywide fire, and her idolized older brother heads off to France as an officer in the Great War. Violet's safe, tight-knit family is about to be tested beyond anything they have ever experienced, and her dreams for the future keep colliding with forces outside her control and a rapidly changing culture. While she tries to rebuild her life from loss after loss, two very different young ministers both profess her place in their own dreams for the future. As her childhood faith is shaken to its very core, Violet must determine who she truly is, what she most wants, and what it means to love. Amidst disorder and angst, these characters face an unthinkable struggle to find order and commonality among people they've known all their lives. The Internet as we know it today is the result of a continuous activity for improving network communications, end user services, computational processes and also information technology infrastructures. The Internet has become a critical infrastructure for

the human-being by offering complex networking services and end-user applications that all together have transformed all aspects, mainly economical, of our lives. Recently, with the advent of new paradigms and the progress in wireless technology, sensor networks and information systems and also the inexorable shift towards everything connected paradigm, first as known as the Internet of Things and lately envisioning into the Internet of Everything, a data-driven society has been created. In a data-driven society, productivity, knowledge, and experience are dependent on increasingly open, dynamic, interdependent and complex Internet services. The challenge for the Internet of the Future design is to build robust enabling technologies, implement and deploy adaptive systems, to create business opportunities considering increasing uncertainties and emergent systemic behaviors where humans and machines seamlessly cooperate. Peace, many would agree, is a goal that democratic nations

should strive to achieve. But is democracy, in fact, dependent on war to survive? Having spent their celebrated careers exploring this provocative question, John Ferejohn and Frances McCall Rosenbluth trace the surprising ways in which governments have mobilized armies since antiquity, discovering that our modern form of democracy not only evolved in a brutally competitive environment but also quickly disintegrated when the powerful elite no longer needed their citizenry to defend against existential threats. Bringing to vivid life the major battles that shaped our current political landscape, the authors begin with the fierce warrior states of Athens and the Roman Republic. While these experiments in “mixed government” would serve as a basis for the bargain between politics and protection at the heart of modern democracy, Ferejohn and Rosenbluth brilliantly chronicle the generations of bloodshed that it would take for the world’s dominant states to hand over power to the

people. In fact, for over a thousand years, even as medieval empires gave way to feudal Europe, the king still ruled. Not even the advancements of gunpowder—which decisively tipped the balance away from the cavalry-dominated militaries and in favor of mass armies—could threaten the reign of monarchs and “landed elites” of yore. The incredibly wealthy, however, were not well equipped to handle the massive labor classes produced by industrialization. As we learn, the Napoleonic Wars stoked genuine, bottom-up nationalism and pulled splintered societies back together as “commoners” stepped up to fight for their freedom. Soon after, Hitler and Stalin perfectly illustrated the military limitations of dictatorships, a style of governance that might be effective for mobilizing an army but not for winning a world war. This was a lesson quickly heeded by the American military, who would begin to reinforce their ranks with minorities in exchange for greater civil liberties at home. Like Francis

Fukuyama and Jared Diamond's most acclaimed works, *Forged Through Fire* concludes in the modern world, where the "tug of war" between the powerful and the powerless continues to play out in profound ways. Indeed, in the covert battlefields of today, drones have begun to erode the need for manpower, giving politicians even less incentive than before to listen to the demands of their constituency. With American democracy's flanks now exposed, this urgent examination explores the conditions under which war has promoted one of the most cherished human inventions: a government of the people, by the people, for the people. The result promises to become one of the most important history books to emerge in our time. To prevent a violent campaign by Saldjaran Jafzim's army, Rakvir Stagarnik leads a small force to seek the Kalq Runa'at, thought to be a threat to the throne. To persuade him to sign a declaration of loyalty, Rakvir follows him in walking through fire. Cheated of the chance to capture the Kalq

Runa'at, Rakvir's enemies send him on an embassy taking tribute to the Kahg of the Magd. Learning he is to be killed, Rakvir escapes and, discovering ships for an invasion, burns them. When war begins he is despatched with a small force on a diversionary campaign within Magdarg. After several victories, he fears that his home town is under siege and hurries to get there before the worst happens. The third volume in the epic "*Through Fire*", "*Magdarg*", is set in a distant planet, not too dissimilar from our own. Richard Hernaman Allen, a former Commissioner of HM Customs & Excise, wrote "*Through Fire*" over a period of thirty years. Through Iraqis' eyes--through their stories--this book "tells the truth" about what war and the U.S. government's antiterrorism policies have really meant for them. Iraqis recount the abuses they experienced in the U.S. and new Iraqi detention systems, the excessive violence, and collective punishment of the U.S.-led occupying forces, as well as tensions between Kurds and

Arab Iraqis--tensions rooted in Saddam Hussein's genocide against the Kurds. Stories coming out of Iraq between 2004 and 2011 also describe the efforts of courageous and creative Iraqis speaking out against injustices and building movements of nonviolence and reconciliation. We also get a glimpse of how the author, a peace-worker, immersed in the violence and chaos of war, dealt with the pain and suffering of those around her, as well as her own personal losses and kidnapping ordeal. Her experiences strengthen her belief that the power of nonviolent suffering love (the way of Jesus) is stronger than the power of violence and force, and can break down barriers and be transformative in threatening situations. She counters the myths of the superiority of violent force to root out evil in places such as Iraq and challenges us to do all we can to prevent the tragedy of any future war. Famous for her novels, short stories and writings on women, Saadawi is known as the first Arab woman to

write about sex and its relation to economics and politics. Imprisoned under Sadat for her opinions, she has continued to fight against all forms of discrimination based on class, gender, nation, race or religion. In *In a Daughter of Isis*, she painted a portrait of the childhood that moulded her into a novelist and fighter for freedom and the rights of women. This autobiography takes up the story of her extraordinary life. A man takes the odyssey of a lifetime through Alaska on a motor bike, while reliving his youth spent with drugs and resulting in a stroke. Firefighting burns in Aidan O'Neill's blood. The son of a fireman, O'Neill has a sixth sense about fire and often takes dangerous risks. When one act of disobedience nearly gets a rookie killed, O'Neill is suspended. His weeks off are supposed to be a time to reflect but instead he escapes to Mexico, where another rash act of bravery actually kills him. But only for a few minutes. Called back to Reno, he's now haunted by visions of hell and paralyzed in the face of

fire. And at the worst time, because an arsonist is targeting Reno. With a growing love interest with one of the investigators complicating everything, Aidan must discover where his trust rests as the fires creep ever closer. Take a tour of one of the world's most interesting jobs. What does it mean to become someone who lives without fear, a companion of peace throughout any trial? Is such a person possible? More importantly, is it possible for you to become that person? Violent situations are dramatically escalating in the West. There is no assured way of preventing them, no way to avoid them, and no way to ensure success when encountering them. It is a problem for which there is only one solution. It is a solution that whispers to us in every facet of our lives: we must be confident of who we are in light of a greater vision. In *Forged Through Fire: Developing Preparedness for the Perilous Encounter*, Burns describes real readiness for the active shooter, the serial killer, or the intruder that invades your life. Perhaps

even more importantly, Burns calls forth a deep understanding of who we are. In a world of magic and dragons, peace can only last so long. The ruthless King Angus uses his order of Grey Knights as a means to oppress the powerful dragons and witches, and they retaliate by destroying human cities. When one young woman appears with the mark of both a dragon and a witch, she becomes a symbol of hope for the dragons and witches - and a symbol of fear for the King, who believes she'll only bring doom upon humanity. She's the only one who can save us. She is *The Girl Who Walked Through Fire*. Though the killings by the "Nameless Ones" cease, a rebellion in eastern Kardakan is put down brutally. Rakvir Stagarnik is sent on a mission to preserve peace, but the Thlaxacan ruler who resisted war is murdered and his successor leads his people against all the "Otherworlders". Rakvir breaks their northern army and, by walking through fire, persuades the Thlaxacan temple-priests that the solar

eclipse did not mean "Angry Thlac". He demands that the priests dissuade their followers in Kardakan from further violence. Unfortunately in a final battle, death awaits one who least deserves it. Peace returns to an exhausted world and Rakvir and his family pick up the threads of their lives. The sixth and final volume in the epic "Through Fire" "Thlaxaca: Blood of the Blood Sun", is set in a distant planet, not too dissimilar from our own. Richard Hernaman Allen, a former Commissioner of HM Customs & Excise, wrote "Through Fire" over a period of thirty years. The astonishing, Job-like story of how an existence filled with loss, suffering, questioning, and anger became a life filled with shocking and incomprehensible peace and joy. Vaneetha Risner contracted polio as an infant, was misdiagnosed, and lived with widespread paralysis. She lived in and out of the hospital for ten years and, after each stay, would return to a life filled with bullying. When she became a Christian, though, she thought things would get

easier, and they did: carefree college days, a dream job in Boston, and an MBA from Stanford where she met and married a classmate. But life unraveled. Again. She had four miscarriages. Her son died because of a doctor's mistake. And Vaneetha was diagnosed with post-polio syndrome, meaning she would likely become a quadriplegic. And then her husband betrayed her and moved out, leaving her to raise two adolescent daughters alone. This was not the abundant life she thought God had promised her. But, as Vaneetha discovered, everything she experienced was designed to draw her closer to Christ as she discovered "that intimacy with God in suffering can be breathtakingly beautiful." Having escaped from a Magd slave camp, Rakvir Stagarnik and his companions flee south to Kardakan, where they are taken up by the Governor of Bulgand, a wise man. Rakvir's career advances in the Kardakan army through his strategic ability and skirmishes with the Magd. His love for Arhilka is put to the test by

the Governor's daughter, Ruhqshana. Military success takes him to Arukand, capital of Kardakan where he must remain sure-footed amid the shifting sands of the venal and vindictive court of Saldjaran Jafzim. Various teachers expand his understanding of how he should lead his life. But is he the hunter or the hunted? The second volume in the epic "Through Fire", "Kardakan", is set in a distant planet, not too dissimilar from our own. Richard Hernaman Allen, a former Commissioner of HM Customs & Excise, wrote "Through Fire" over a period of thirty years. In the tradition of *Guns, Germs, and Steel* and *Sapiens*, a winner of the Royal Society Prize for Science Books shows how four tools enabled us humans to control the destiny of our species. "A wondrous, visionary work." --Tim Flannery, scientist and author of the bestselling *The Weather Makers*. What enabled us to go from simple stone tools to smartphones? How did bands of hunter-gatherers evolve into multinational empires? Readers of *Sapiens* will

say a cognitive revolution -- a dramatic evolutionary change that altered our brains, turning primitive humans into modern ones -- caused a cultural explosion. In *Transcendence*, Gaia Vince argues instead that modern humans are the product of a nuanced coevolution of our genes, environment, and culture that goes back into deep time. She explains how, through four key elements -- fire, language, beauty, and time -- our species diverged from the evolutionary path of all other animals, unleashing a compounding process that launched us into the Space Age and beyond. Provocative and poetic, *Transcendence* shows how a primate took dominion over nature and turned itself into something marvelous. Each year thousands of forest fires threaten homes, natural resources, and public safety in Canada and around the world. And each year thousands of courageous men and women fight to protect the communities threatened by these fires. Full of glorious colour images and enriched by

insightful firsthand accounts, *Coming Through Fire* puts the reader on the fireline with these brave men and women-right in the heat of battle. Written and photographed by two experienced firefighters, this book authentically captures the wildland firefighting experience. "A merciless wind whips grains of sand with a sound like a woman screaming." Amid the ruins of the old world, desperate remnants of humanity cling to existence, ruled by tyrants and beset by flesh-eating monsters. Bracken roams the barren wasteland, a hard, broken man. Pursued by a vicious warlord, he transports an orphaned boy named Huxley across the desert. On their journey through ravaged cities and desolate terrain, the unlikely companions come face-to-face with devastation and hopelessness, searching for purpose and redemption on the road. The Magd are defeated, and the alliance is broken. Rakvir returns to Kerkrand to govern as Duyar and finds problems adjusting, especially when Arhilka nearly dies in childbirth. A unique

solar eclipse causes many Thlaxacans to believe that the world has been re-born to the age of "Angry Thlac" who wants all "Otherworlders" to be driven from their lands. The "Nameless Ones" begin a campaign of assassinating "Otherworld" rulers, intending that reprisals will foment rebellion. By chance, Rakvir recognises the man sent to kill the Zgar and gets him to take him to the leader of the "Nameless Ones", fearing that the only thing that will persuade them to stop is by walking through fire again. The fifth volume in the epic "*Through Fire*", "*Thlaxaca: the Blood Sun*" is set in a distant planet, not too dissimilar from our own. Richard Hernaman Allen, a former Commissioner of HM Customs & Excise, wrote "*Through Fire*" over a period of thirty years. Meet the intense and sexy bad boy bikers of the Chaos Motorcycle Club in Millie and High's story from Kristen Ashley's New York Times bestselling series. *The flame never dies* . . . Millie Cross knows what it's like to burn for someone. She was young and wild and he was

fierce and even wilder—a Chaos biker who made her heart pound. They fell in love at first sight and life was good, until she learned she couldn't be the woman he needed and made it so he had no choice but to walk away. Twenty years later, Millie's chance run-in with her old flame sparks a desire she just can't ignore. And this time, she won't let him ride off . . . Bad boy Logan "High" Judd has seen his share of troubles with the law. Yet it was a beautiful woman who broke him. After ending a loveless marriage, High is shocked when his true love walks back into his life. Millie is still gorgeous, but she's just a ghost of her former self. High's intrigued at the change, but her betrayal cut him deep—and he doesn't want to get burned again. As High sinks into meting out vengeance for Millie's betrayal, he'll break all over again when he realizes just how Millie walked through fire for her man . . . Coming Out through Fire is for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons who seek to move through the trauma of homophobia with

the passion and power of transformation. It is also for pastors, therapists, and other helping professionals who seek to confront prejudice and fear and to further the process of healing and recovery in the church and wider community. for Walking Through the Fire What happens as a Christian when your life doesn't turn out as planned? When tragedy strikes teenager Addison McNeely and her faith is tested, she faces the toughest challenges of her life. If only she had listened to her best friend and not attended that party, a party that changed her life forever. With her faith wavering and struggling to forgive those who have caused her to suffer a devastating personal loss, she wonders where God is in all of this. Where is He when her life is falling apart? Why didn't He stop the tragedy that has forever changed her life? Why her? These are the questions that have her struggling to forgive and to forgive God, most of all. Her father, a Christian and her hero, died four years earlier. Her mother, who is not a Christian, is

busy fighting demons of her own. So who can help her make sense of everything that is happening to her-her best friend, Alayna? Addison wonders if they even have anything in common anymore. To complicate things further, she has fallen in love with the handsome Wyatt Kingsley, who once referred to her as "a friend." As if things couldn't get any worse, she must also contend with Karlie Adams, her archenemy. Will Addison continue in bitterness and anger or listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, a voice she has ignored so many times? Will she be able to find her way back to God? Will she come to the realization that Jesus really does love her and that He will always be with her and walk with her, even when she walks through the fire? Zosia Goldberg's heroic and startling tale of surviving the Nazi Genocide begins with the siege of Warsaw, whereafter Goldberg escaped the Warsaw Ghetto through the sewer and went on to survive the Holocaust posing as a Gentile. She was a *débrouillarde*, someone who could run

through fire without getting burned. Hers is a story of resistance at every turn, of continual attempts at sabotage, of perpetually escaping and defeating the enemy. Her account is filled with unique energy and a wonder at the strangeness of human behavior. For not only did she suffer bitter betrayals by fellow Jews, she also encountered the unexpected sympathies of Nazis, and was at many times aided by her very tormentors. This is not just a story of the Holocaust, but of a woman struggling to make sense of human folly and depravity. The flame never dies . . . Millie Cross knows what it's like to burn for someone. She was young and wild and he was fierce and even wilder-a Chaos biker who made her heart pound. They fell in love at first sight and life was good, until she learned she couldn't be the woman he needed and made it so he had no choice but to walk away. Twenty years later, Millie's chance run-in with her old flame sparks a desire she just can't ignore. And this time, she won't let him ride off . . . Bad boy

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communicate with the tempestuous volcano gods. But she has another gift...the ability to Call her twin "Otherselves" on other worlds. Holly resides in the Water World - our world. When she's called by Leah from the Fire World, she nearly drowns. Suddenly the world Holly thought she knew is filled with secrets, magic...and deadly peril. For a malevolent force seeks to destroy the mirror worlds. And as Leah and Holly are swept up in the tides of chaos and danger, they have only one choice to save the mirror worlds - to shatter every rule they've ever known... The Otherselves series is best enjoyed in order. Reading Order: Book #1 Through Fire and Sea Book #2 Amid Wind and Stone Book #3 In Truth and Ashes "Du solst starben zwischem goyem!" A fellow Jew within the Warsaw Ghetto, offended by Zosia Goldberg's Polish of no Yiddish accent, spat at her in Yiddish: "May you die amongst the goyem!" Zosia took this 'curse' instead as a message from God. Her dramatic tale begins with her escaping the Warsaw

Ghetto through the sewer, whereafter she survived the Holocaust posing as a Gentile. Zosia did not die amongst the goyim, and yet along her dangerous journey she should have died on numerous occasions. She was a 'débrouillarde', someone who could run through fire without getting burned. Hers is a story of resistance at every turn, of continual attempts at sabotage, of perpetually escaping and defeating the enemy. Her account is filled with unique energy and a wonder at the strangeness of human behaviour. For not only did she suffer bitter betrayals by fellow Jews, she also encountered the unexpected sympathies of Nazis, and was at many times aided by her very tormentors. This is not just a story of the Holocaust, but of a woman struggling to make sense of human folly and depravity. Sylvie dreams of being a prima ballerina. When the Franco-Prussian war begins in 1870, Sylvie is thrown into turmoil and tragedy. Sylvie must rely on the strength that ballet gives her in order

to survive and achieve her goal. Through Fire and Water presents the Mennonite faith story within the sweep of church history. This engaging text uses stories of men and women, peasants and pastors, heroes and rascals, to trace the radical Reformation from sixteenth-century Europe to today's global Anabaptist family. Written in an accessible and nonacademic style, this revised edition updates the story and incorporates new historical research and discoveries. "A superbly written introduction to Anabaptist-Mennonite history in contexts ranging from Kansas to Congo." —Perry Bush, Bluffton University "An accessible and engaging read for those who know little about Mennonites, and also for those who think they are familiar with this complex story of faith, culture, and action." —Marlene Epp, Conrad Grebel University College "Captivating personal stories, set alongside an honest portrayal of the Mennonite journey." —Doug Heidebrecht, Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies "Words

should not seek to please, to hide the wounds in our bodies, or the shameful moments in our lives. They may hurt, give us pain, but they can also provoke us to question what we have accepted for thousands of years.' Nawal El Saadawi is one of the greatest writers to come out of the Arab world. Born in a small Egyptian village in 1931, her life and writings have shown an extraordinary strength of character and a unique ability to create new worlds in the fight against oppression. Saadawi has been pilloried, censored, imprisoned and exiled for her refusal to accept the oppression imposed on women by gender and class. Still, she continues to write. In *A Daughter of Isis*, Nawal El Saadawi painted a beautifully textured portrait of the childhood that moulded her into a novelist and fearless campaigner for freedom and the rights of women. *Walking through Fire* takes up the story of her extraordinary life. We read about her as a rural doctor, trying to help a young girl escape from a terrible fate imposed on her by a brutal

male tyranny. We learn about her activism for female empowerment and the authorities that try to obstruct her. We travel with her into exile after her name is put on a fundamentalist death list. We witness her three marriages, each offering in their way love, companionship and shared struggle. And we gain an unprecedented insight into this most wonderful of creative minds. The epic novel "*Through Fire*" is set in a far distant world. In order to provide background for the events which take place in the novel, a short history and geography of the world are provided here. As the hero encounters many people in different lands, the different lands speaking different languages, a list of characters and of translations of all the foreign words used are also set out. Certain poems play an important part in the narrative. They are collected here, as well as maps of the world and notes on pronunciation. Richard Hernaman Allen, a former Commissioner of HM Customs & Excise, wrote "*Through Fire*" over a period of

thirty years. This reprint of a French narrative recounts the journey of a French officer of engineers as he marches with Eugene de Beauharnais' IV Corps deep into Russia. He relates battles at Moskwa and Borodino before reaching Moscow, and then the retreat from Moscow including the crossing of the Beresina. "The story of what Dakota did . . . will be told for generations."—President Barack Obama, from remarks given at Meyer's Medal of Honor ceremony In the fall of 2009, Taliban insurgents ambushed a patrol of Afghan soldiers and Marine advisors in a mountain village called Ganjigal. Firing from entrenched positions, the enemy was positioned to wipe out one hundred men who were pinned down and were repeatedly refused artillery support. Ordered to remain behind with the vehicles, twenty-one year-old Marine corporal Dakota Meyer disobeyed orders and attacked to rescue his comrades. With a brave driver at the wheel, Meyer stood in the gun turret exposed to

withering fire, rallying Afghan troops to follow. Over the course of the five hours, he charged into the valley time and again. Employing a variety of machine guns, rifles, grenade launchers, and even a rock, Meyer repeatedly repulsed enemy attackers, carried wounded Afghan soldiers to safety, and provided cover for dozens of others to escape—supreme acts of valor and determination. In the end, Meyer and four stalwart comrades—an Army captain, an Afghan sergeant major, and two Marines—cleared the battlefield and came to grips with a tragedy they knew could have been avoided. For his actions on that day, Meyer became the first living Marine in three decades to be awarded the Medal of Honor. Into the Fire tells the full story of the chaotic battle of Ganjigal for the first time, in a compelling, human way that reveals it as a microcosm of our recent wars. Meyer takes us from his upbringing on a farm in Kentucky, through his Marine and sniper training, onto the battlefield, and into the

vexed aftermath of his harrowing exploits in a battle that has become the stuff of legend. Investigations ensued, even as he was pitched back into battle alongside U.S. Army soldiers who embraced him as a fellow grunt. When it was over, he returned to the States to confront living with the loss of his closest friends. This is a tale of American values and upbringing, of stunning heroism, and of adjusting to loss and to civilian life. We see it all through Meyer's eyes, bullet by bullet, with raw honesty in telling of both the errors that resulted in tragedy and the resolve of American soldiers, U.S. Marines, and Afghan soldiers who'd been abandoned and faced certain death. Meticulously researched and thrillingly told, with nonstop pace and vivid detail, *Into the Fire* is the unvarnished story of a modern American hero. Praise for *Into the Fire* "A story of men at their best and at their worst . . . leaves you gaping in admiration at Medal of Honor winner Dakota Meyer's courage."—National Review "Meyer's dazzling

bravery wasn't momentary or impulsive but deliberate and sustained."—The Wall Street Journal "[A] cathartic, heartfelt account . . . Combat memoirs don't get any more personal."—Kirkus Reviews "A great contribution to the discussion of an agonizingly complex subject."—The Virginian-Pilot "Black Hawk Down meets Lone Survivor."—Library Journal During a buffalo photo shoot, wildlife photographer Nikki Lancaster snaps a picture of an odd man who later follows her to her car. She races away, only to have a vehicle run her off the road and leave the scene of the accident. When the first officer on the scene is DCI Agent Xavier Palinski, her ex-fiancé, Nikki figures things can't get any worse. She's wrong. Days later, Nikki discovers a dead body in that same area. After search teams find the bodies of three other women, Nikki suspects she hasn't just photographed a crazy tourist. Instead, she's captured a serial killer on film. Chafing at the ridiculous safety measures forced on her by

Xavier and her family, Nikki can't escape the feeling that safety is an illusion. Eventually, the evil she encountered will not only haunt her dreams but will destroy her, her family, and any glimmers of a second chance at love. All around them was a world broken by the power of magic and torn by the cruelty of humans. Shattered a mere century before, vast tracts of land are uninhabitable, and repression is the order of the day. And yet a few noble people struggle for a better life. Fryca wanted to be left in peace to experiment with technology. Instead, frightened bigots attacked his home, sending him fleeing across barren soil and through rotted swamp. Inswán hoped for a quiet life overseeing the growth of his barony. Until an onslaught by his neighbour drove him to a war he railed against. This is their story. Splintered Lands: Through Fire Forged is a 21,000 word short story collection by James Tallett, author of The Four Part Land series and the epic fantasy best-seller Breaking an Empire. Other books by James: The

Four Part Land: Tarranau Chloddio Breaking an Empire A Desert of Fire and Glass Splintered Lands: Splintered Lands: All Good Things... Splintered Lands: Vagabonds and Swine (as Editor) Novellas: Bloodaxe Wolven Kindred Lands of a Distant Truth Anthologies (as Editor): Ancient New Ruined Cities The Ways of Magic The Death God's Chosen Just two weeks after winning reelection to his ninth term in Congress, Steve King was stunned to learn the "Swamp" was poised to unleash a treacherous media blitzkrieg designed to kill his Congressional political career on the spot. The words, "They believe they can force you to resign" ring in his ears yet today. I knew Democrats and the media would pile on. Unfortunately, the threat was from within his party and it was far more dangerous. The Republican establishment, RINOs, elitists, globalists, and NeverTrumpers needed me out of the way. This is the full story.

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