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**Book 6 in the Best-selling Full Circle Series**

**Will Reyne remain trapped in a life without risk--  
and a life without love?**

As a smoke jumper, Reyne Oldre--friend to Rachel Tanner and Beth Morgan (*Refuge*)--once led a team of courageous firefighters into a blaze that ended in unspeakable tragedy. Now crippled by fear, she conducts fire research from a safe distance, determined not to risk that kind of pain again. But when the flames of love begin to flicker between her and smoke jumper Logan McCabe, Reyne must face the fearsome storms from her past and battle the raging Firestorm that burns in her soul.

## Firestorm Details

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## Jennifer Clausen-greene says

When I hear "romance novel" the first thought that comes to my mind is a book filled with raunchy sex, inappropriate relationships, infidelity, etc. This book was not like that at all and I was so thankful!! I personally am more of a murder-mystery/true crime type of gal, and all my "knowledge" of romance novels comes from the 2 others I read years ago, whose titles I shall not mention, but they did not leave a good impression upon me. My mother-in-law on the other hand is obsessed with romance novels and has read some of the previous books by Ms. Bergren and highly recommended them to me, so I figured what the heck I would give them on last try. I am so grateful that I did.

From a Christian point of view the author did a fabulous job of mixing some of the basic elements you would find in a romance novel while still representing her faith in God without coming across as uptight and preachy. I loved the conflicts within the story that kept our heroin, Reyne, and our hero, Logan, discovering each other on new levels and facing life's difficulties together. The romance, intrigue, conflict, sexual temptation and tension, and Christian morals and values were represented well and flowed easily within the plot, making the story believable and easy to fall into. The Characters were well rounded and the author did a wonderful job of developing characters that drew you into their lives and let you feel like you know them beyond there love interest. You also find beautifully written support characters that you fall in love with and they take you on a marvelous journey right along with our heroin and hero as well.

Got you attention yet? Want a little peak inside the story itself? Just keep reading.....

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Due to more mature situations I would not recommended this book for anyone younger than High-school age and up.

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and read her biography here: <http://waterbrookmultnomah.com/author...>

You can purchase your own copy of Firestorm or any of the other books in the series by going here.

You can also read my review and others on Amazon by following this link:

<http://pirategrl1014.blogspot.com/>

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### **Tima says**

Reyne is a firefighter. After losing four members of her team in a forest fires she retreats to research where it is safe and vows to never date a firefighter. But then Logan, a smoke jumper, enters the picture with his project that could save lives and ruins her good intentions. Now she must decide if it's worth it to risk her heart and her life to Logan and firefighting.

I had read this book years ago when I read the entire series. But I couldn't remember most of it so decided to read it again. I enjoyed it the second time around as well. There were a couple of flaws for me. One was how annoying Logan was in the beginning. I think the author did too great of a job of portraying how Reyne felt about him at first. It also seemed a bit more shallow than her previous books. It was a short, fun summer read, but not very much depth.

The story was entertaining and at times heartfelt. I think this time around the death of her friend touched me more than it did last time simply because of my experiences. So I'm guessing different parts of the book will resonate with different people. All in all, it was a cute book and I'm glad that I reread it.

I received this book free of charge from WaterBrook in exchange for my honest review.

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### **Melmac MacDonald says**

I remember reading this book in high school and enjoying it very much. While I never thought it measured up to the first 5 books in the series I always loved Bergren's writing. I was looking forward to rereading this book. In the spirit of being honest the book was not anywhere near as good as I remembered. In fact I found it completely cheesy. Unlike Bergren's other books these characters are not well developed and you'll find yourself trying to catch up with no markings along the way.

The fire aspect is fascinating but at times I found the technical aspects to be a bit overdone. The best part of the book is being able to revisit characters from previous books. My taste in high school was obviously quite a bit lower than it is now. Call me a snob or call me particular, this one won't be staying on my shelf.

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### **Lisa Johnson says**

Title: Firestorm (Full Circle Series #6)

Author: Lisa Tawn Bergren

Pages: 352

Year: 2001

Publisher: Waterbrook Press

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The dragon is what the firefighters call it. A wall of flames that shoots hundreds of feet in the air and jumping from tree to tree, it can change direction in a second. Reyne is an experienced firefighter for the forest department during the summers while finishing school the rest of time. She was fighting a particularly rough fire called Oxbow when her team and others were caught with no escape. Renye's biggest challenge was to keep the newest firefighters calm and to get them to remember their training. However, this fire and its consequences scarred her heart for so long that after she graduated, she went into a different part of firefighting.

Reyne meets for coffee with two other women every Saturday morning at her cottage. Their friendship is steeped deep because of the mutual love they all have for Jesus. During her time in the valley, she made friends that impacted her life, but can she ever conquer the fear of losing a loved one again? Logan was a man who loved fighting the dragon. His love for Renye grew and he planned on marrying her before the summer was out.

Beth was one of Renye's friends, who battled cancer. She had a deep faith, and she challenged Renye to risk. What exactly are the words that Beth speaks to her? Would Matt, Beth's husband, ever dare to love again? Would Hope, her daughter, remember her or allow anyone in her life again? How will God move in their lives to help them each overcome the obstacles they face and to embrace Him without fear?

Ella is a nurse in California, and her faith gives her the strength to comfort many women facing cancer. Ella is 34 years old and wonders if she will ever be married and have a child, then Matt came along. Would Hope ever embrace Ella, loving her as a mom as well as learning to allow Ella to love on her? In this book, we spend the most time reading the adventures the firefighters take fighting forest fires all over. The characters and action are very engaging as well as the scenes in which the author places them. After reading Firestorm, the reader is blessed to read a short story about Matt, Ella, and Hope called "Sandcastles". Both of the stories are very fun and entertaining to read. This is the first novel I have read by Lisa Tawn Bergren, and I am sure it won't be the last.

My rating for Firestorm is four stars.

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## **Denise Kettering says**

At points this book seems to drag, although there is plenty of action towards the end of the book. The book is a fairly predictable format as from the beginning it is pretty clear that the protagonists, who are initially at odds with one another, will fall in love and given the title will have to fight a forest fire together. The book is really about learning how to trust in God and recover from a traumatic experience.

Reyne Oldre survived a firestorm that has caused her to develop equipment that will keep firefighters safe in the field. She is outraged when Logan McCabe interrupts her funding presentation and uses his network to gain the funding she sought. As they work together on the project, however, feelings begin to develop and they have to decide whether they can be in relationship with someone else who is a firefighter.

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## **Laura says**

This is a none stop action book which involve friendship between three women and how they deal with one

of them who has a terminal illness, one of them is a firefighter. This story talks of the courage of firefighters who goes into the blazes to stop the spread of the fires with all of the things against them such as the wind, lighting, location and other natural surroundings which could cause a shift in the situation in a flash. Into this mix one of the women has to face up to some of her past as a firefighter and some of the negative results, she meets another firefighter who encourage her to move past her fears in order in order to move on, especially if she will remain in this occupation. This book has non-stop action as well as how people who cares for each other form lasting friendships.

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## **Paula-O says**

The Full Circle Series Book#6 "Firestorm" by Lisa Tawn Bergren

I had not read any of the others in this series but "Firestorm" is a great stand alone novel to read.

I was drawn into the story of Reyne Oldre from the beginning, she worked with fires. This is not my usual type of reading, but I soon found myself loving all the terms used in the language of folks fighting big-time fires.

Reyne had a real bad experience at "Oxbow" the grand-daddy of fires and lost some of her team members, going through a very harrowing time herself and had the nightmares still from time to time. She had gone into research to stay with the job she loved but stay out of the field work.

It was at a crucial moment in a meeting to win over some big folks to get a grant for her project that the door burst open literally and she met Logan McCabe.

Logan was a Smoke-jumper and he too had a project to win over these guys for a grant to help. He had a way of being so charming - telling jokes and all the men knew him and before she knew what was happening Logan had taken over the meeting, she was so upset to say the least-needless to say Logan and Reyne did not hit it off well at that first meeting.

This book tells of a relationship of three women who had been friends for sometime and one of them has cancer (uncurable cancer). Their friendship is one for all and all for one-so to speak.

You will meet many wonderful folks that work with fires and they bond so that whenever they are thrown together fighting fires they work as one.

Soon Logan and Reyne are put together to do a project and it doesn't take long for them both to know they are in deep trouble as their attraction and friendship grows....

I hope you will take the time to read this one as it is a great story and I learned a lot about fighting fires and the courageous folks that work together to put them out.

I was given this book by WaterBrook Multnomah Publishing grp for an honest review and this one was a pleasure to do..

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## **Chris says**

Firestorm by Lisa Tawn Bergren would not have been my first choice as a book to read – it was actually my only choice (here's a plug for people to help me get my Klout up).

Firestorm is Book 6 in the Full Circle series. Within the series each book is somewhat tied to the other through the relationships of characters. Firestorm follows Reyne Oldre a few years after her being involved in a tragic accident while fighting a forest fire. No longer on the frontlines of fighting forest fires, Reyne is making a presentation as part of her US Forest Service job for a research project to help save more firefighter lives. Just as she begins to wind up her presentation, she's interrupted by the obligatory entrance of a loud,

brash, handsome (wink,wink) man who steals the attention of the board and the funding for her project. A week later this same man parachutes in to her home while she has company and tells her that they will be working together on his project. Needless to say, this encounter doesn't end well. From there on out, while not being too formulaic the inevitable happens. Arguing, testiness and love. True love. It is refreshing that the characters are Christians and actually pray for guidance and help. The book is well written and I am sure that the others in the series are as well. I have to be candid in saying that romance novels are not my cup of tea. Same goes with girl movies. I can leave them to the girls. But I will recommend that if you do like romance novels this is a series for you. As always, Waterbrook/Multnomah provided this book to me in return for an honest, unbiased review.

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## **April says**

Reyne doesn't much like Logan when she first meets him, but love blossoms as they fight the dragon they both chase - fire. We catch up with Beth and Matthew and Rachel and Dirk from earlier stories in the series. There are tears, challenges and finally a peace when you let go and let God reign. In many ways this is a heart wrenching book. Reyne has demons to face. Beth is sick. I am glad the author brought us full circle to see the lives of the characters years following when the stories began.

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## **Stacy says**

Out of the books in this series that I've read, I really liked this one! I felt like the author had finally found her stride. Reyne, a friend of Rachel and Beth, meets Logan. Both Logan and Reyne are firefighters who end up working together, and, through their time together, fall in love. The parallel story follows Beth's bout with cancer and her eventual death. Having gotten to know Beth's character from previous books in the series it was really, really hard to read about her last days. The book was much more faith-focused than others, and the author does some great research on firefighting, making the facts flow easily in the story. One thing I did not like as much was that Reyne and Logan spend a lot of time alone together in her house. Though nothing happens, it surprised me that none of the other characters says anything about it. Over all? If you're looking for a book to make you cry, but also has a pretty happy love story, this would be a good book to read.

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## **Abigail says**

I liked Firestorm. A lot. Bergren wrote an interesting romance you really can't help but like. At first I was a bit irritated at Logan's jump to pursue Reyne, especially when he went as far as to make a bet over it. It seemed, to me anyway, like he was just out to conquer and he didn't particularly pray about it or even really think it out well.

However, despite my initial reaction to Logan's pursuits, I couldn't help but end up liking him. I know Reyne is supposed to be the main character, but I'm going to go off about Logan for a lil bit since he was my favorite in the book. Logan's a fun, quirky (in a masculine kind of way, of course), dude who's passionate about his job. The longer the plot went the more level headed he seemed to be as he worked to spend as

much time with Reyne as possible, and came up with some of the most original ideas for dates.

One of the things I noticed about this book is the distance I felt from the characters. Generally I like to feel involved in the plot, almost as if I am the character. I didn't quite get that this time around, which is okay. Since the plot covers several months, time is a little less detailed and the relationship between the two is unraveled at a distance almost. Instead of being directly involved, I felt like I was watching from a distance. Was an interesting change of pace for me.

Recommended. I received a free copy of this book from the publisher for this review. These opinions are my own; I was not required to write a positive review, nor was I compensated for this review.

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### **Kathleen (Kat) Smith says**

For me it's so rare to have a book grab me by the heartstrings so strong that my emotions are complete bond to it like I have found in the latest novel by Lisa Tawn Bergren in Firestorm. When it can make me sigh at just the right moments and cry at the saddest ones, then in my opinion, the writer is truly using her God-given talents. Oh she completely had me in this one every step of the way in the characters lives that she so eloquently created.

In this Full Circle Series, Firestorm is book 6. In never having read any of the previous 5, I was a bit optimistic that I would feel left out. NOT the case at all. This one can be read as a stand alone but I feel after finishing this one, I would DEFINITELY go back and inhale the other 5 to get to know the characters more and because Lisa's writing is so well crafted for the reader.

In Firestorm, we are taken immediately into a fire where our main character, Reyne Oldre is leading a team of women firefighters in a task to help curb what is known as the Oxbow fire. By digging trenches into the fireline, they are hoping that they will create a break to keep the fire from spreading. As they fight to reach the other team in the middle, the winds suddenly change and the fire roars to new heights. Racing for shelter in a nearby meadow, Reyne and her team try to cover themselves with fire retardant tents to help protect themselves from being overcome by the heat and flames. They will have to ride this one out in the mouth of the dragon. When it is all over, Reyne discovers that her team has suffered losses, losses that she will be forever bound to when she loses 4 of her team members.

Now she struggles with that fear from her past as she begins working with a handsome smoke jumper, Logan McCabe. She worries if God will help her deal with the fear of the unknown when she finds herself being drawn into first a friendship and then to a romance with Logan. Knowing the hazards of the job, Reyne wants Logan to opt for a management position to keep him out of the line of fire, but Logan tries to remind Reyne his fate isn't something either of them can control. She must learn to put aside her feelings and learn to trust God in whatever the outcome will be. Along the way, Reyne has to amazing friends, Rachel and Beth who show her through their unconditional love just what God can do in her own life.

I received Firestorm by Lisa Tawn Bergren compliments of WaterBrook Multnomah for my honest review and LOVED every single moment of this one. I literally read it in a matter of hours because I simply could not leave either character hanging without knowing how this would end. Lisa keeps the reader challenged in very real-world ways with both of her character so the reader can relate to dealing with worry and fear that you may never see the love of your life again being you both are engaged in a life-or-death job. I think that is where she gains the biggest advantage in hooking her readers. I rate this one a 5 out of 5 stars and now am



off to purchase the other 5 books in this series. For those of you that love firefighters, a bit of romance and a great Christian message, then I know you will absolutely be in love with this one as much as I am.

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### **Erin Cataldi says**

Lisa Tawn Bergren, an accomplished Christian novelist with dozen of books in print, combines fear, risk, love, loss, and fires all into one novel, in "Firestorm." As I've admitted before this isn't my favorite genre but I'm always pleasantly surprised when I read a Christian romance that doesn't have me gagging. This story follows fire science expert, Reyne, as she tries to overcome her fears and learn to trust in God again after she loses four of her crew in a horrendous firestorm. After taking a much safer job behind the scenes she starts to cross paths with sexy smoke-jumper, Logan, but is hesitant to get too attached because she fears that he too will be overcome by the fire someday. As the story progresses she learns to drop some of her barriers as she takes a dying friend's advice (her best friend, Beth, has cancer) to live life to the fullest and to trust God with what he has in store for you.

Overall, it was predictable and sappy but still pulled at the heartstrings. A light breezy read that doesn't require too much of your focus. On a side note, it is also interesting to see how fire-jumpers and firefighters combat big forest and plain fires. Read at your leisure if you like Christian romance.

I received this book for free from Waterbrook Press in return for my honest, unbiased opinion.

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### **Jodi Deters says**

What a journey! Fast-paced, entertaining, and a real tear-jerker! Oh my goodness I sobbed and sobbed and sobbed... but it was worth it.

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### **Loraine says**

Once again Lisa Tawn Bergren has done an excellent job with both storyline and characters. I have very much enjoyed the Full Circle series and really liked this last novel in the series. A nice extra was the added novelette that brought Matthew's story to its conclusion.

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