

UNDER FIRE

by Gabrielle Prendergast

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):



Contemporary/Realistic



Action/adventure



Science Fiction



Fantasy



Romance



Horror



Mystery



Nonfiction



Historical fiction



Other:

In *Under Fire*, sixteen-year-old Poppy is left in charge of her younger brother Jed and their family farm when their father departs to assist in battling a distant wildfire. Confident in her ability to manage, Poppy's world is upended when the wildfire shifts direction, threatening their home. With their father's return uncertain and the fire encroaching, Poppy and Jed must make critical decisions to ensure their survival and that of their farm animals.

This novel is a gripping tale of resilience and quick thinking in the face of natural disaster. Prendergast's concise storytelling and relatable characters make it an engaging read, especially for those who appreciate stories of survival and family bonds. The portrayal of Poppy's determination and the siblings' dynamic adds depth to the narrative, making it more than just an action-packed adventure.

I would recommend *Under Fire* to readers who enjoy fast-paced stories with strong protagonists and themes of perseverance. Its accessible language and length make it suitable for reluctant readers or those seeking a quick yet impactful read. The book's emphasis on family, responsibility, and courage under pressure resonates well, offering both entertainment and thoughtful reflection.

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