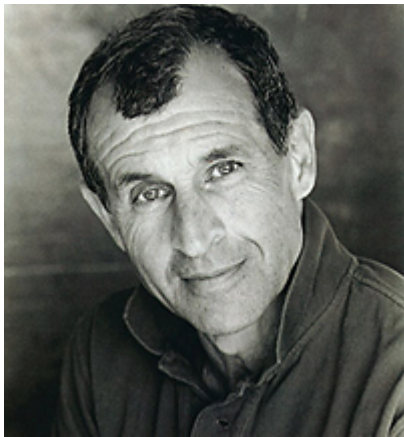


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Current Titles



Showcase Author Kurt Kamm

"Red Flag Warning" Los Angeles County is burning. A serial arsonist is setting the parched hills on fire. Plunge into infernos and face the smoke, heat and danger with the men on the fire lines. While NiteHeat prowls in the darkness, setting fires and taunting investigators, the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Arson Unit struggles to find the fire-setter and stop the devastation.

Who is NiteHeat? Is it Ruffy, the 911 dispatcher who has failed firefighter training? Is it Mikey, a dropout who appears at every fire and steals firefighting equipment? Is it Father Dom who claims the fires are started by Satan? Discover the incendiary device triggered by a cooking timer from Williams Sonoma.

Did you ever wonder how wildland arson investigators find the point of origin and evidence in a fire which consumes thousands of acres? Did you ever wonder what goes through the mind of an arsonist? Read RED FLAG WARNING.

"How the book came to be" One of the fires in Malibu, the 80 mile-per-hour Santa Ana wind-driven Canyon Fire, burned to his front door and destroyed the homes of several neighbors. Mr. Kamm said the lessons he learned from L.A. County Fire Department while writing this book helped him save his home.

About the Author:

Malibu resident Kurt Kamm has used his experience in several devastating local wildfires and access to Los Angeles County firefighters to write a compelling novel about the life of a wildland firefighter. Mr. Kamm spent two years in the wildland firefighter camps and female inmate fire camps of Los Angeles County Fire Department. He also visited the CalFire Academy in Ione, CA. He interviewed firefighters, helicopter pilots, paramedics and traumatic stress counselors while writing this story.

Kurt Kamm has lived in Malibu for several years with his wife and three dogs. He was previously a Wall Street executive and semi- professional bicycle racer. He is Vice Chairman of the UCLA/Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center Foundation and an avid supporter of the Wildland Firefighter Foundation.

"One Foot in the Black" Greg Kowalski grows up in Michigan with an abusive father, a Saginaw city firefighter. Cut off from his family, Greg travels to California to become a seasonal firefighter. He is tormented by the contradiction of hatred for his father and the need to have his father's approval and love.

Greg moves on to the brutal LACoFD Helitak training academy at Camp 8 where he graduates and begins work. He suffers traumatic stress after his crew is trapped on a mountainside in an explosive wildfire in which his captain and mentor dies. The night before this incident, Greg's father is killed in a fire in Saginaw. Greg struggles to cope with these dual tragedies.

He comes to terms with the loss of his captain, but has greater difficulty surmounting his father's influence on his life. The title is a metaphor for the life of Greg Kowalski, a nineteen-year-old searching for his place in life.