

★★★★★ **Promises Kept**, April 14, 2010

By [Grady Harp](#) (Los Angeles, CA United States) -

TOP 10 REVIEWER

REAL NAME™

VINE™ VOICE

This review is from: [Red Flag Warning \(Paperback\)](#)

When Kurt Kamm published his first book 'ONE FOOT IN THE BLACK' this reader made the following comment: 'Kamm has the gift to tell a story well: his grace in writing will doubtless move into a more sophisticated realm as he moves to his next book. The flaws here are those of pacing and disruption of story flow, a factor the author elects to overcome by naming each chapter with the names of towns that reference his character's development - not a bad technique but one that prevents steady growth of character development in favor of episodic asides that slow the momentum of the story.' In RED FLAG WARNING Kamm has not only repaired those minor flaws, but has also added another dimension to his ability as a novelist.

As with his previous book Kamm utilizes his first hand knowledge about firefighting, continues to describe the treacherous wildfires that plague California each summer, but in this finely tuned novel he adds the ability to include suspense to his writing. No longer is this novel just one about mountain fires that are so vividly described that one can feel the heat on the page, but this story includes the presence of an arsonist NiteHeat which adds immeasurably to the page-turning aspect of Kamm's writing. The manner in which he explores the psyche of an arsonist, not by scrutinizing in a psychological dissection but instead by examining the progressive destruction and fear this arsonist leaves in his path is the stuff of which fine detective stories are made. Kamm now seems as though he can enter other arenas than the fire fighting one he knows so well because his technique in writing as grown considerably. This is a book that will fascinate Californians who watch and hear those flames rise each summer fanned by Santana conditions, but it will also be a book that is so readable that the audience should steadily grow across the country. Highly recommended. Grady Harp, April 10

