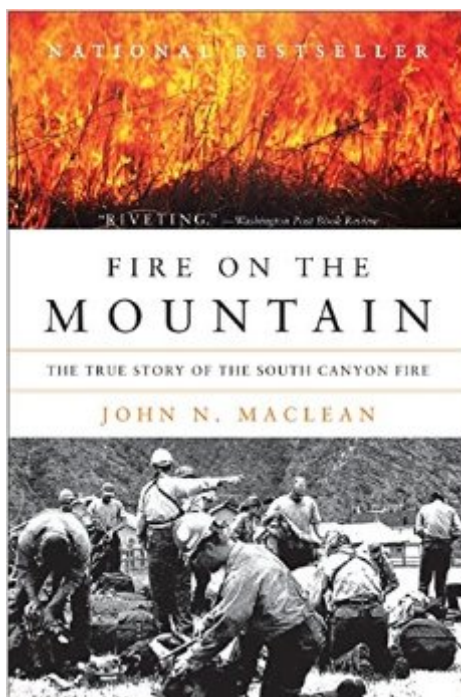


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# Fire On The Mountain: The True Story Of The South Canyon Fire



## Synopsis

In 1994, a wildfire on Colorado's Storm King Mountain was wrongly identified at the outset as occurring in South Canyon. This unintentional, seemingly minor human error was merely the first in a string of mistakes that would be compounded into one of the greatest tragedies in the annals of firefighting. Before it was done, fourteen courageous firefighters—men and women, hotshots, smokejumpers, and helicopter crew—would lose their lives battling the deadly, so-called South Canyon blaze. John N. Maclean's award-winning national bestseller *Fire on the Mountain* is a stunning reconstruction of the killer conflagration and its aftermath.

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First of all, to qualify myself, I am an engineer that graduated from Montana State University in Dec 2000, and paid for most of my education by working summers in Montana as a U.S. Forest Service Firefighter. I have been on Type 1 and Type 2 hand crews, served time on a helitack crew, been an engine slug, and injured myself beyond repair as a Rookie Smokejumper in Missoula, Montana, and traveled the length and breadth of Western North America fighting wildfires. I may not have as many qualifications as some secret squirrels, but I almost certainly have less ego and better attitude. In my opinion, this is a very good book, but must be read with the official government report published in 1994 and the Fire Chronology Report published by the Fire Research Lab of Missoula in 1999, under the heading of "Research Paper RMRS-RP-9, Fire Behavior Associated with the 1994 South Canyon Fire on Storm King Mountain, Colorado" This is available online at [...] There is much that I now know that I was afraid to ask before. Much of what I had known has been from the official report

published in 1994, and from the little bit that I have heard in discussions around campfires. I personally know more than a few jumpers and have many as close, personal friends, and have been on fires with some of those who were survivors of Storm King, but have been loath to ask them about the incident, not knowing how deep or painful the scar might be. So, this book serves for me, as I am sure it will serve for other Wildland Firefighters, as "The Official View From Ground Zero", the Author having done the painful task of asking the painful questions.

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