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# *Who Tames the Flames?*

by Canyon Hohenstein

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### SYNOPSIS

**Who Tames the Flames?** is an exploration of legacy, justice, and the thin line between destruction and renewal. Drawing from lived experience but told through fiction, it uses inmate wildland firefighters to ask who deserves forgiveness, and who gets to decide. In this story, wildfires don't just destroy: They also reveal.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Canyon Hohenstein was born and raised in Belgrade, Montana, where he spent seven seasons as a wildland firefighter. The defining moment of his career came when he was assigned to lead a 20-man inmate fire crew on a Swan Valley wildfire. He assumed these men were bad, given their incarceration. What he didn't expect was how the flames would show the true character of men society had written off.

Eight months later, he looked up their crimes. What he found became the engine of his writing. Canyon has worked with homeless children in Uganda, was the last person to interview Ernest Hemingway's son Patrick, and now splits his time between Belgrade and Madrid, Spain. He is the Editor-in-Chief of Elsewhere Quarterly, a literary journal that publishes voices closest to experience.

**This is his debut novel.**

### PRAISE

*"Canyon is one of the most talented people I've ever met with one of the most exciting and layered stories I've ever heard.."*

— JD Shapiro, Screenwriter of *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*

### KEY THEMES

- Redemption and second chances
- Leadership under extreme pressure
- The criminal justice system and rehabilitation
- Moral complexity and judgment
- The transformative power of nature and crisis

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