



**TITLE:** *Burn*

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## DESCRIPTION

Whenever Casey's famous mom went on tour, she took her daughter along. But since settling down with a new husband and baby, things have changed. After years of domestic life, Casey's mom is anxious to go back to her old life—without Casey. Devastated, Casey is left to keep the house running and care for Ginny, her autistic sister, while her step dad withdraws into his own private grief. Who is there to notice when Casey needs attention? To find comfort, Casey begins building fires to send smoke signals to her mother, hoping her mother will see her message.

Casey has been hiding her anger behind a wall of house chores and the impossible job of keeping her sister calm. Soon the ritual fires won't be able to relieve her growing resentment. One day she won't be able to build a fire big enough to contain it all.

A powerful free verse novel by the author of *Libertad*, *Burn* explores a girl's desperate attempt to keep her family together, even as her own growing obsessions threaten to destroy them.

## AUTHOR INFORMATION

Alma Fullerton was born in Ottawa Ontario, as one of seven children. Her dad was in the military so they moved when his postings changed, first to Trenton when she was two, then to Comox when she was twelve. Being dyslexic, she couldn't read until grade four and didn't enjoy reading at all until grade nine, when she discovered books that she really loved. Now that she is an award-winning author, Alma visits schools to teach children that they, too, can overcome any obstacle.

Her first three books are: *In the Garage* (2006); *Walking on Glass* (2007), which was named to the 2008 YALSA Quick Pick list; and *Libertad* (2008), which was won and was nominated for many awards, including the 2008 Governor General's Literary Award for Children's Literature (finalist), the 2009 TD Canadian Children's Literature Award (finalist), the 2009 Ruth & Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Award (winner), the 2009 CLA Children's Book of the Year Honor Book, the 2009 Golden Oak Award (winner), the 2009 Once Upon a World Children's Book Award (winner), and the 2010 Silver Birch Award (shortlist).

## KEY SELLING POINTS

- Award-winning author who writes powerful free-verse novels as well as prose

## TARGET MARKET

- Intermediate juvenile and/or mature middle grade novel
- Alma has strong presence in the institutional market, trade presence is growing

## NOTABLE PAST BOOKS

- *Libertad* (2008, Fitzhenry & Whiteside)
  - 2008 Governor General Award Finalist
  - 2009 TD Canadian Children's literature Award Finalist
  - 2009 Ruth Schwartz Award\*
  - 2009 CLA Children's Book of the Year Honor Book
  - 2009 Golden Oak Award\*
  - 2009 Once Upon a World Children's Book Award (US, Simon Wiesenthal Center)
  - 2010 Manitoba Young Readers Choice Award Shortlist
  - 2010 Silver Birch Award shortlist
  - 2010 Rocky Mountain Book Award shortlist
  - 2010/11 SnowWillow Award shortlist
  - 2009 Bank Street Books Best Children's Books (US)
  - 2008 Oh Resource Links Best Books list
  - 2009 Canadian Children's book Center Starred Best Book Choice
  - 2008 Cybil Award nominee (US)
- *In the Garage* (2006, Red Deer (FMW))
  - 2008 Canadian Children's book Center Starred Best book
  - 2009 Stellar Award nominee
  - 2007 Alberta Book Award in the children's category shortlist
  - 2007 Lois Hole Editorial Award\*
  - 2006 Cybil Award nominee
- *Walking on Glass* (2007, HarperCollins US)
  - Canadian Children's book Center Starred Best book 2008
  - Yalsa Quick Pick list 2008
  - 2008 - 2009 Tayshas Reading list book
  - 2007 Cybil Award nominee

## MARKETING & PUBLICITY

- Galleys
- Comprehensive review and award submissions
- Pitched to BFE, Harbourfront Authors Festival, WOTS, Vancouver Writers' Festival
- Bookmarks
- Active touring author (schools and bookstores)
- Author applied for CCBC Book Week Tour

## EXCERPT

Small at first,  
it gets bigger until,  
I feel its power  
rushing through my blood,  
giving me hope,  
sending my message higher,  
until the sirens scream  
and I know the fire  
will be put out  
before my message  
reaches Mom.