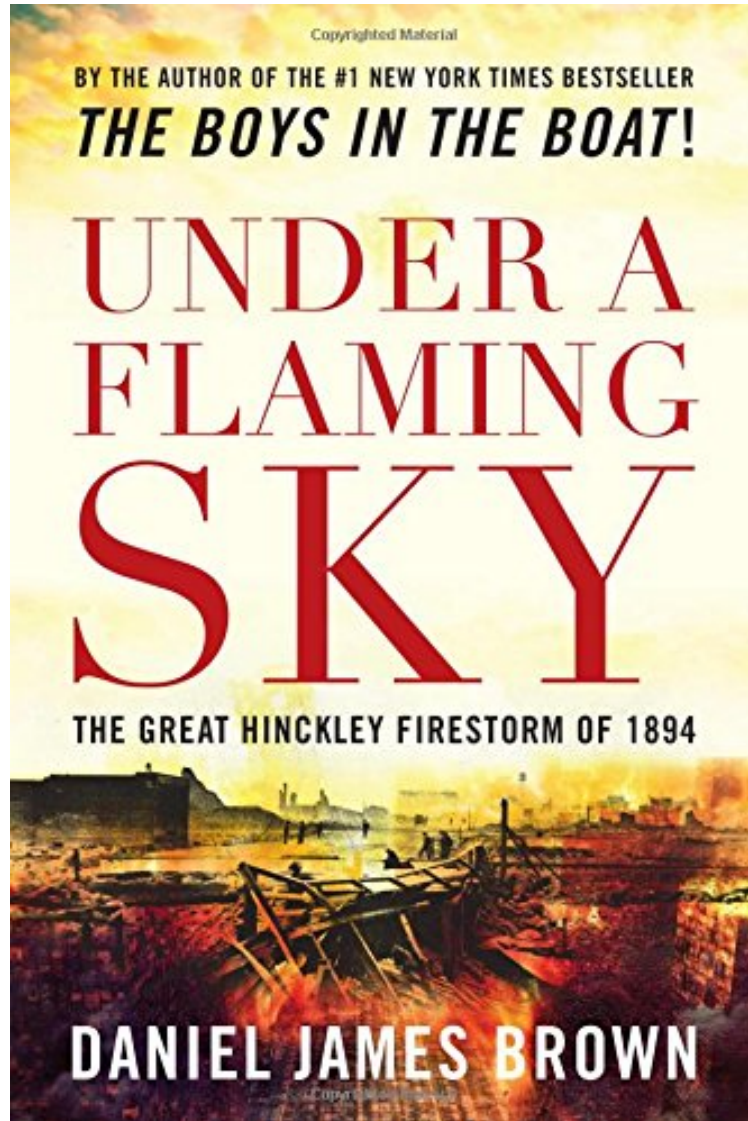


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating description of a real-life disasterBy Linda SkallmanI have read this book 3 times now. The first two times were back to back. I've been interested in the Hinckley fire since I read an account as a teenager. After loving Boys in the Boat I noticed that Daniel Brown had also written about Hinckely and put that book on my "to read" list. I loved it!I've visited the area and driven through the towns in the

book. I've gone to the museum and walked around Hinckley today using his vivid descriptions as anchors. If you like history, Minnesota history in particular, or if you are interested in wildfires or disasters in general you'll like this book. Since reading it I've gone on to read some of the books the author recommends about other wildfires in Wisconsin and Minnesota. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Terribly sad, but powerfully told. By Heidi Grange I have this strange fascination for disaster survival stories. I think what draws me to them the most is discovering the way people respond when such awful things occur. This book I've read before interestingly enough, but it felt like a first read. Brown has done a phenomenal job of putting the reader in the story. Not only does he tell the story of a horrible wildfire that wreaked havoc, but he also delves into some of the things society has learned about fire over the last hundred years. He talks about several different kinds of fires and what made this one so dangerous. He compares the Hinckley fire to several other deadly fires that have occurred over the years, which made it easier to understand just how big this fire got. Admittedly, it was hard to read about the people dying, fire is a horrible way to die after all. But the part that made me the sickest and yet impressed me the most were the descriptions of what the rescuers and clean-up crews found when they came to help. I was really impressed by how many people jumped in to provide help and how fast they did it. How the rescuers managed to face the horribly burned bodies of men, women, and children, I really don't know, but I admire them for doing so. Like most such survival stories, there were those who behaved heroically and those who focused solely on their own survival. There were even looters and tourists who came to gawk. But I think, underneath it all, this is a story about families, some who survived, and many who died, together. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. love all of his books By Ellen Shields Daniel Brown is a compelling author....love all of his books. Story based on true facts and he brings you there....misery abounds but so do tales of survival. My favorite book of his is the Boys in the Boat....because the outcome is far more pleasant....however for a factual read that puts you in the story Under A Flaming Sky is well done.

On September 1, 1894 two forest fires converged on the town of Hinckley, Minnesota, trapping over 2,000 people. Daniel J. Brown recounts the events surrounding the fire in the first and only book on to chronicle the dramatic story that unfolded. Whereas Oregon's famous "Biscuit" fire in 2002 burned 350,000 acres in one week, the Hinckley fire did the same damage in five hours. The fire created its own weather, including hurricane-strength winds, bubbles of plasma-like glowing gas, and 200-foot-tall flames. In some instances, "fire whirls," or tornadoes of fire, danced out from the main body of the fire to knock down buildings and carry flaming debris into the sky. Temperatures reached 1,600 degrees Fahrenheit--the melting point of steel.

From Publishers Weekly On September 1, 1894, Hinckley, Minn.—a thriving town with a population of more than 1,200, two railroads, a successful lumber mill and five hotels—was ravaged by a firestorm that grew out of a catastrophic convergence of two ordinary fires, high winds, hot weather and white pine forest. Brown, a textbook writer, gives a human face to natural calamity as he draws on firsthand survivor stories, such as those of his grandfather, who at nine was rescued from the disaster that killed his father, a Norwegian immigrant. A wide range of characters evoke the reader's pity and respect in these well-researched and highly readable pages. A black porter selflessly saves white passengers on a train engulfed in flames; a quick-thinking clergyman plunges into a river with a stranger's baby in his arms; and a survivor is haunted by the death screams of 127 of his neighbors in a swamp. With its pine forests obliterated in the firestorm that claimed more than 436 lives, Hinckley became a specter of its former self. Illustrated with period pictures, this deft slice of regional history will attract disaster and weather buffs as well as fans of Norman Maclean's standout *Young Men and Fire*. (May) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist *Starred * In 1894, smoke and the reek of it weren't unusual in the northernmost U.S. with its miles of pine forest. Lumber companies pursued the equivalent of strip-mining, sans any cleanup, and in hot, dry weather, branches stripped from trunks and the -forest-floor detritus became tinder for hundreds of sudden fires. On September 1, two big fires south of Hinckley, Minnesota, combined under weather conditions conducive to firestorms. By nightfall, Hinckley and three nearby hamlets were no more. More than 436 persons were incinerated, and some 400 square miles were so thoroughly burned that the soil was rendered useless. Brown, whose maternal grandfather was an 11-year-old survivor, tells the story of that day in clean, precise, fluid prose, maintaining focus on those who fled to communicate some of their terror as they ran from flames moving as fast as they and sometimes lethally faster. He weaves together the movements of his forebears and other Pine County residents as they fled, took shelter, and survived, were rescued, or perished, and the countermovements of the heroic train crews who came to their rescue. He also judiciously inserts explanations of such matters as firestorms, Norway-to-Minnesota immigration, death by burning, and an even more destructive precursor of the Hinckley disaster. Riveting, moving, white-knuckle reading to rank with classic accounts of the "perfect storm," Krakatoa, and other storied calamities. Ray Olson Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved Illustrated with period pictures, this deft slice of regional history will attract disaster and weather buffs as well as fans of Norman Maclean's standout *Young Men and Fire*"-- Publisher's Weekly...[a] worthy addition to this genre... a compelling read... ..the power of the stories and Brown's imaginative skill retelling them [pulls] us in..." --MN Star Tribune Riveting, moving,

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