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Warning: First rule for putting out a fire—take a firm grip on the fireman—er, the hose. Second rule depends on what kind of fire we're talking about.

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From Reader Review A Lick of Flame for online ebook

Nina says

3.5 Stars

A Lick of Flame was a sexy good read. I enjoyed the author's voice and writing style. The book description provides a thorough summary of what the story is about. Thus, I won't regurgitate it.

As I dived into the story, I got to know more about the two main characters, Madison and Sean, and came to like them instantly. I felt that they had a good chemistry and I enjoyed the buildup of the sexual tension. Ms. Fox sure knows how to write a steamy love scene too which I love. The story was fast pace which made their relationship felt a bit rushed, but not overly where it felt unrealistic. I thought that they made a good pair together.

Overall, I enjoyed reading A Lick of Flame right up to the end. One only complaint of mine is that I felt the ending ended a little too abruptly. Other than that, I thought A Lick of Flame was an enjoyable & sexy story.

Book Reading Gals says

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The overall plot proves to be a light, fun, sexy read with likeable characters. It was quickly evident that Madison and Sean were a great deal more than what their surface persona appeared to be and as the reader you wanted both to open up and admit their feelings and attraction for the other.

After reading the blurb about the book I thought the author might really tackle the emotional and physical scars Madison received from the fire with more depth but the story reflected more on the fact that Madison did not believe that Sean would ever be attracted to her. Also, Sean and Madison have never been friends or really even had a lengthy conversation with each other but both have a hidden attraction for the other. This is never really voiced by either one once they go from the bar to the rooftop for voyeuristic sex. It just seemed very contrary to the nature of their relationship. Once they take their relationship to the sexual level, the sex powers the rest of the story. Their relationship rockets from hidden attraction to red hot lovin.

Favorite Quote:

“It’s not that I have anything against rocking, mind you. It’s just that when my bed moves, I want to be the one moving it.”

Grade A

Review by: Helen

<http://www.thebookreadinggals.com>

Amy says

Originally posted at: <http://www.fictionvixen.com/review-a-...>

Former police officer, Madison Kelly is providing security detail to firefighter and former high school crush, Sean Adams while he is posing for the Boys of Beachville Calendar event. Memories of the night she was shot and left for dead in a factory fire still haunt her and Sean just so happens to be the firefighter who rescued her from that horrific night. Although Madison has carried a torch for Sean for years, she does not believe he would look twice at her as a woman he would be attracted too. What Madison does not realize is how hot Sean’s desire is for her and how he longs for a woman who sees beyond the pretty boy model looks and uniform that define his exterior.

A Lick of Flame is book two in the Boys of Beachville series but it can easily be read as a stand alone. I enjoy firefighter heroes so I immediately jumped at the story after reading the blurb. I thought the plot and set up of the characters were both well paced and the author established a defined history of the main characters. Madison is a strong, resilient woman despite tragedy that has left physical and emotional scars. Sean is a fun, down to earth guy regardless of the groupies and one night stand women that throw themselves his way. When Madison refuses Sean’s request for them to grab a drink after the photo shot, he later finds her at the local bar. Sean then decides she is not going to get away so easy from him this time and that if she’s in the mood for games, he’s in to play.

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While I would have enjoyed more communication between the couple and less references to dousing the flames between the sheets, A Lick of Flame still provided me with mindless entertainment for a short and quick read.

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Nikki says

Another good quickie from Ms. Fox! Hot and steamy with a side of crazy stalker. Bonus, the plot includes an emotional element with the heroine's background. Did I mention the hot as fire (pun so intended ;) firefighter hero who show's the heroine she's more than her scars, emotional as well as physical??!! Well, there you have it! :) Another great in between-er, only took a few hours but was def worth it!

Emily says

"After nearly losing her life in the line of duty, Madison Kelly still carries the scars both internally and physically."

Full review on Sensual Reads
<http://sensualreads.com/?p=9999>

Francesca the Fierce (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

This review was posted at Under the Covers

After reading the first book in this series, I went into this one expecting one thing...quick, sexy, fun. And for the most part that is exactly what A LICK OF FLAME was. But I also like to have a little bit of a romantic connection and that aspect of this story wasn't as developed as I would've liked.

Madison Kelly was a cop until she was almost killed in the line of duty. Sean Adams, local firefighter and her lifelong crush, was the one to rescue her that fateful night. From then on she's been recovering, working security and dealing with the fact she now has a huge scar down the side of her face. Constant reminder that she almost died and constant reminder that she's a survivor. But on the bad days, constant reminder that she

has no business lusting after a man as perfect as Sean.

With the whole Boys of Beachville calendar thing going on, she's been hired as Sean's bodyguard/security since he has a crazy/stalkerish fan who has gotten a bit creepy.

This whole setup worked wonderfully for me until things went from 0 to 120. One minute Madison is simply his security detail and saying how they've never really even talked (even as teenagers) then he sees her at the local bar says a few sweet nothings in her ear and takes her to the rooftop to have sex. Not that I have anything against hot rooftop sex against the railing, absolutely not, but I thought something was missing to convince me that these two should actually be talking about sex and more importantly relationships after we've determined they've only said a few words to each other their whole lives.

The author also adds in the element of suspense (just a dash) with the stalker that goes after Sean and Madison but it was pretty obvious who it was. I almost wished that it would've been someone else at the end of the day to have a surprise twist.

But in the end, I enjoyed this story. It was fun and sexy and I can't wait for the next!

*ARC provided by publisher

Marran says

a hot little book..felt a bit stupid for the heroine to believe she is ugly because of a scar on her cheek...reading the blurb I thought she'd been in a fire and gotten those kind of scars...but no a little one after a bullet wound...

Dahlia (yadkny) says

Review soon to be posted @ The Long and Short Reviews

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Kitty's review posted on Guilty Pleasures

Cathryn Fox is really heating up the summer and Beachville has never been so hot!

Madison is Sean's security guard while he is promoting the (wish I could get my hands on one) "Boys of Beachville" calendar shoot. She has wanted to be with him since high school but, after an accident, does not feel that she is in his league. Especially after seeing the kind of girls he attracts. Her insecurities and his determination make this a fun book to read. From the rooftop sex to rocking the boat, this book held nothing back when it came to Sean's domination, determination and sex! Lots of sex.... Ms. Fox threw in a little mystery which really tied all the pieces together.

If you are looking for a light, fun, summer read that you can do in a day while sitting on the beach wondering which of the hunky guys you are looking at could be your firefighter, this is the book. It picks up at the end of "Good at Being Bad" and keeps getting hotter. I would suggest reading Book 1 but "A Lick of Flame" can

be read as a stand-alone. As for me, well, Cole and Haley's story seems to be next and I can't wait to see what a soccer player and physical therapist can do together!

Kathy Chung says

interesting plot with ample romance.
