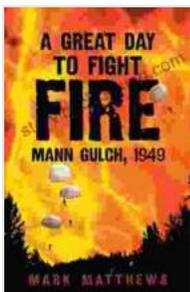


# Great Day to Fight Fire: The Mann Gulch Fire of 1949 - A Saga of Courage and Survival

By Norman Maclean



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On August 5, 1949, a crew of 16 smokejumpers parachuted into a remote mountain canyon in Montana to fight a lightning-caused fire. Over the next four hours, the firestorm overtook the firefighters, killing 13 of them.

Great Day to Fight Fire is the gripping account of that fateful day, told through the eyes of the survivors. Maclean, a former smokejumper himself, brings the reader into the world of these brave men, and shows us the courage and camaraderie that bound them together.

The book is a classic of American literature, and has been praised for its vivid writing, its insights into human nature, and its powerful message of hope.

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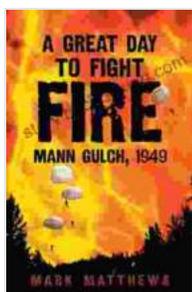
Norman Maclean (1902-1990) was an American writer, teacher, and forest ranger. He is best known for his novel *A River Runs Through It*, which was adapted into a film in 1992. Maclean also wrote several other books, including *Great Day to Fight Fire*, which was published in 1972.

Maclean was born in Montana, and he spent much of his life in the wilderness. He worked as a smokejumper for several years, and he also served as a ranger in the U.S. Forest Service. Maclean's writing is often influenced by his experiences in the outdoors, and his work is known for its vivid descriptions of nature.

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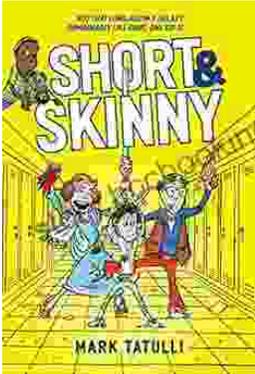
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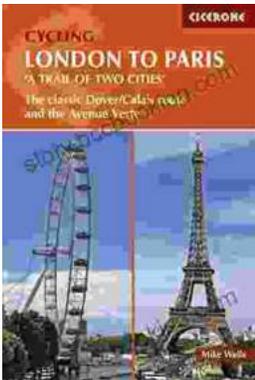
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