



Bone Fire

by Mark Spragg

At eighty, Einar Gilkyson has lost his share of loved ones, but still finds his house full. His granddaughter Griff, has dropped out of college to look after him, and his long-absent sister has returned home from Chicago. But Ishawooa, Wyoming, is far from bucolic, and troubles begin to boil when the sheriff finds a man murdered in a meth lab.

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Independent Booksellers - Indie Next List
MPBA Reading The West fiction selection
Seattle Times Best Books of 2010
Pacific Northwest Indie Bestseller
Mountains & Plains Indie Bestseller
Denver Post bestseller

reviews:

"About once in a decade a writer captures the unruly West, wrangles it onto the page somehow and holds it down with just the right words." *Los Angeles Times*

"Spragg conjures the West with style and gravity. He can burrow into the tightest chambers of the heart, and his belief in family is palpable and moving."

Boston Globe

"[The] moments of lyrical beauty, emotional depth, and crisp clarity that make it essential reading for anyone interested in the literature of the West."

Booklist starred review

"Spragg's Wyoming is quiet and beautiful and very real. He is a master."

The Oregonian

"A tale teeming with loss, redemption and personal crisis...Spragg's novel throbs with honest accounts of a Mountain West town - and its habitants - caught between past and present."

The Denver Post

"A starkly beautiful portrait of the modern West. Spragg is an author with a keen eye for both the poetic splendors and ugly realities of this much-romanticized country."

The Globe and Mail (Canada)

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from readers:

"This is an excellent book. Great use of language; honest characters who, although flawed, fight through their demons to act with charity and compassion."

T.T. Skelton on *Good Reads*, 2011

"I absolutely adored this book. An intriguing tale told in Spragg's spare, beautiful prose."

Southern Reader on *Amazon*, 2011

"Bone Fire is to be read for its strong and fantastic sense of place...Bone Fire captures Wyoming wonderfully—not just as a romantic concept but as a state that is slowly seeing change reshape even its most stolid and permanent features.."

Poornima Apte on *Mostly Fiction*, 2010

"I loved this book and, even though I know the characters are fictional, I still wonder how Einar is doing and if Kenneth is living up to the promise I witnessed in his story."

Patti on *Queen Anne Books*, 2011

"Spragg's writing is at times lyrical and other times stark. Bone Fire is a beautiful book that captures a segment of modern life in the West."

Kara, *Iowa City Public Library*, 2010

"His Wyoming is as tangible as his characters' yearning for connection."

Michael on *Curled Up*, 2010