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When the young, talented Sally throws herself 15 floors to her death, the Hong Kong authorities give a verdict of suicide. However, Sally's brother, a London-based reporter, refuses to accept this and begins an investigation of his own.

The Fireman Details

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Steve says

Great book, but perhaps a little too long. There is one particular fight scene that goes on for about 20 pages. But all in all, Joe Hill is his father's son and a great story teller! He even gives a couple of hat tips to the old man, if you know where to look for them. The ended left little too unknown and made me wonder if there may be a sequel in the future....I'll be on the look out for it!

Rajnish Sharma says

A racy account of investigation , pursued by brother to find the reasons of fall of his sister ,from.15th floor , Quite revitting and engrossing ,detailing the buearoucracy , topography, and mindset of people , fear and expected repurcussions falling out as the results of Honkong being taken over by China, Stephen Leather has a knack of giving unusual metaphor in the course of conversation of characters,,,

Kimberlyn says

excellent story. great deal of intrigue and excellent flow of language.

David Highton says

An early novel by Stephen Leather, largely set in Hong Kong. Despite the family tragedy which the lead character seeks to unravel, he is not a very sympathetic character - makes it difficult invest in his search for the truth

Maria Ange says

Stephen Leather is one of my go-to writers for thrillers and action stories. The Fireman was deceiving, it had nothing to do with fighting fires, sirens and trucks. I will leave it at that to avoid giving too much away.

He got one fact wrong, either that or he had the unfortunate experience of meeting the wrong Filipinos. I'm from the Philippines, and generally speaking, we don't smell bad. Filipinos are very clean and even those from the poorest sectors of life showers often. In the book, he said Filipinos smell. Not cool, mate.

Typically, Stephen throws in useful trivia that only someone who had been a journalist knows. Kudos to him. It made for interesting reading.

Recommended for slow days.

Dan says

I'm not sure how this book got away from me for so long. As far as I know, it's a stand alone thriller which is set in the UK, Hong Kong and China, along the lines of The Hungry Ghost. Stephen shows a lot of first-hand experience from his travels in the descriptions and the story, written in the 1st person, is quick-paced and never bores.

I heard the Audible version narrated by Paul Thornley, and was totally engrossed from the start. This is quite an old one from what I can gather and although I do like a lot of Leather's more recent books, there's something about the writing style, and the dialogues here that has not been matched so often in his latest publication. What with Paul's fantastic narration and some witty, sarcastic dialogues, I was reminded of the Jack Nightingale series which I enjoyed as much as this one.

For me, this deserves my five-star rating not necessarily because it's such a great book, but more so because it has definitely stood the test of time and was a thoroughly interesting 'journey' as the pieces of the puzzle came together. Good work, Stephen, and well read, Paul!!!

Mrs A. J. Turbfield says

This is one of the best stories I have read by this author. The ending making it a very worthwhile read.

An excellent tale and a must for Mr Leather fans. It is gripping from the beginning to the very end.

Paulo Miguel says

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