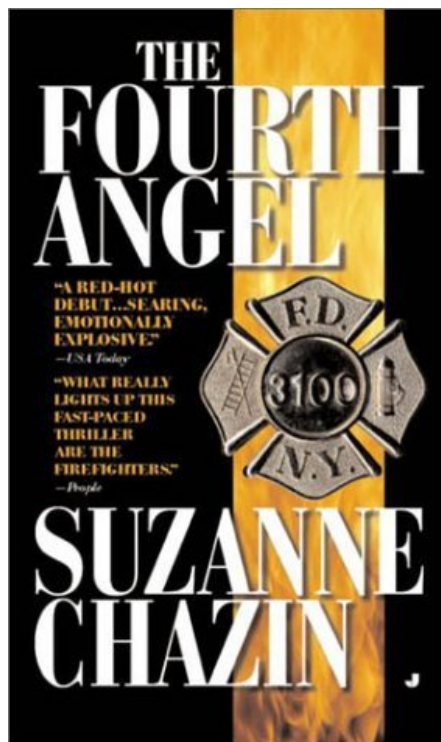




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This highly acclaimed debut novel introduces readers to Georgia Skeeahan, New York City Fire Department marshal. Her mission: stop a brilliant serial arsonist before he ignites Manhattan in a cataclysm of flames.

"A red hot debut." (*USA Today*)

"Will do for firefighting what Patricia Cornwell did for forensic science." (Lee Child, bestselling author of *Echo Burning*.)

The Fourth Angel Details

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Lori says

I read this book for a mystery challenge on another site, where the main character had to be involved with firefighting or fire investigations. Main character Georgia Skeehan is a NY fire marshal, daughter of a firefighter who died in the line of duty, and a single mom. When she finds evidence that a recent fire is connected to several others, she pushes hard to be included in the investigation - and learns that not all is what it seems to be. In the end, she solves the mystery, but not before nearly losing her own life. Excellent story.

Toni Ressaire says

Reminded me of Patricia Cornwell

I'm a forensics fan, and maybe now a fire investigation fan, thanks to Chazin. The action and carefully crafted details of the crimes kept me moving page after thrilling page.

Ann says

Highly suspenseful, somewhat graphic, I can definitely recommend this one. There were, as I posted earlier, a couple of moments where I wished she would let up a bit on the harrassment that the female MC endured as a rookie female fire marshall in the NYC Fire Dept. This is a debut novel (which I really like to read) and well researched. Georgia Skeehan is a single Mom whose Dad was killed in the line of duty in a fire years before and who struggles to make her own way and stand up to the guys on the job -- and seems to be the only one in the FD who cares about catching a serial arsonist and is not caught up in endless politics and coverups. Along the way she starts to discover what an evil person the arsonist is and what being a hero really means.

Lisa says

I was pleasantly surprised by this book. The story was imaginative and grabbed me quickly. I had a preconceived notion that there would be more procedural information than story and I was so wrong. Looking forward to reading another one.

Paul says

Suzanne Chazin's debut novel, "The Fourth Angel", follows inexperienced New York City fire marshall Georgia Skeehan as she investigates a string of hellish serial arsons and confronts both chauvinism and corruption within the department.

I'll leave the description at that, because, despite an author with a decent command of pacing and language,

you've definitely read this book before. It is a truly staggering assemblage of cliches, stock characters, hackneyed plot devices and well-worn tropes.

Single mom with resentful son? Check. Scrappy female firefighter/cop/soldier who must earn the trust of her bigoted superiors? Check. Love/hate relationship with co-worker? Check. Protagonist haunted by the memory of father killed in line of duty? Check. Superiors focused on covering their own backsides to the exclusion of all else? Check. Villain who gets his comeuppance at the hands of his weapon of choice? Check. Rich guy with something to hide? Check? Family member/friend entangled in plot? Check. Suspicions raised by a borrowed matchbook from a location key to the investigation? Check.

What's worse, though, is that on top of what appears to be a plot pulled from some sort of how-to-write-a-thriller-by-the-numbers beginning author's course, Ms. Chazin didn't seem to know when to stop; it is ludicrously overstuffed with attempted plot twists. Further, the characters are two-dimensional, wildly inconsistent, largely unlikable and often just plain stupid. The villain fancies himself some sort of malevolent genius, but that may be because his pursuers are, essentially, nitwits, drunks and morons.

Everywhere I've looked at reviews for "The Fourth Angel", I have seen positive commentary. Frankly, I am at complete loss as to how this can be, because it is cookie-cutter to the point where I felt like the author was laughing at me for having purchased it. I've been an avid reader for decades, and in all that time, there have been only two books I have either abandoned because I actively disliked them or not bothered to finish out of boredom. This is the third.

PS. The dust jacket photo for the hardcover edition of "The Fourth Angel" features a female fire fighter. Except not really. Rather, it is a truly amateurish Photoshopping of an attractive woman's eyes over a firefighter's oxygen mask. Funny enough, upon closer examination, but also kind of sad, since it serves as an effective analog for the book's contents.

LJ says

The Fourth Angel - VG

Susanne Chazin

fire marshal and single mom Georgia Skeehan is shanghaied onto the fire commissioner's special task force to investigate a string of suspicious, superhot fires so destructive they can melt steel and fuse concrete into glass. Thrown headlong into the cutthroat world of New York Fire Department politics, Skeehan (the lone female firefighter in the department) spunkily stands up to her sneering male colleagues and gives them something to chew on when she unearths evidence of a coverup connected to the fires within the department. Unassisted by her kvetching, retirement-age partner, she networks with contacts within the firefighting community, from Jimmy Gallagher, the strapping smoke-eater whom her live-in mother is dating, to Walter Frankel, a wheelchair-bound forensics expert. Is the arsonist really an FDNY employee, or is a slick, philanthropic real estate millionaire involved? Skeehan's worst fears are confirmed when a blaze engulfs a building next to a firehouse while all its firefighters are getting sloshed at a keg party off-premises. Her contacts begin turning up dead, and she herself becomes a target.

Good twists kept me turning the pages.

Linda says

Great story telling

I have been enjoying Suzanne Chazin's other series for a few years so I recently started this series about Georgia Sheehan, fire marshal. Chazin is a good storyteller and I have learned a lot about what fire marshals actually do. On to book 3!

Scott A. Miller says

Found this almost by accident. Probably the first Fire Service mystery I have ever read and it was great. Georgia Skeehean is an excellent character. I look forward to the other 2 books in the series.

Connie says

First in Georgia Skeehean story. This was about a serial killer that used chemicals to make very hot fires. There were two arsonists though and it was well written for the first book. I would read more by her.

Melissa says

Book #22 read in 2006

I really enjoyed this book! I find the elements of an arson investigation fascinating. The lead character, Georgia Skeehean, is well-written and likable. I even shed a tear at the end. I can't wait to read the next in the series!

Matty Dalrymple says

Suzanne Chazin's "The Fourth Angel" is a true page-turner, a book with clever plot twists involving engagingly drawn characters against an intriguing background. I enjoyed Chazin's portrayal of the hard science and human drama of a New York Fire Department investigation, and felt invested in the impact on the lead characters--especially the protagonist, Fire Marshall Georgia Skeehean. Plus you've got to love a writer that comes up with descriptions like "The words ebbed and flowed, like shoreline chatter to a swimmer" and "Plaster walls as cracked and gouged as a child's scabby knees."

Ed says

#1 in the Georgia Skeehean series.

FDNY Marshal Georgia Skeehean - investigates a series of High Temperature Accelerant fires. The fires are connected to notes addressed to her with quotations from the Book of Revelations and signed by The Fourth Angel.

Mary Martin says

Fast read, interesting look into the world of fire marshals. Georgia Skeehan struggles in the male dominated world of NYFD. Her colleagues resist her belief that the recent rash of infernos are the work of a serial arsonist.

Alicia Huxtable says

Engaging, edge of your seat

Just when I thought I had it figured out, this author throws a curve ball and again I'd be left gripping my seat til the next set of clues led me to a new conclusion.....that one wasn't it either by the way. I read this book in 1 day because I just simply didn't want to put it down. Very well written with great characters

Amy Mckinney says

If you like thrillers/mystery books that involve science then this series is absolutely worth reading. I have loved learning about fires and firefighters. the personal stuff between the players can get a bit boggy at times but its still a 5 star book!
