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A serial killer leaves a college coed to die in the California desert, his signature of fire seared into her flesh....

A beautiful Chinese-American detective, recently transferred from Chinatown to the Upper West Side, is assigned a routine missing-persons case...

A famous doctor returns home from a lecture to discover that his actress wife has been living a secret life....

Now, the paths of the cop, the killer, and the psychiatrist are about to converge....

A savage killer is on the loose in New York City. His calling card is a tattoo of flames; his trail of victims leads from the scorched sands of California to the blistering heart of Manhattan.

Only Detective April Woo can block this vicious madman's next move. And with the help of psychiatrist Jason Frank, this NYPD policewoman will prove that the predator she's hunting is no ordinary killer--but then, April Woo is no ordinary cop.

## Burning Time Details

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## **From Reader Review Burning Time for online ebook**

### **Jessica says**

Serial killer books aren't really my thing, and this one unfortunately offers little to change that opinion. The characters feel like cardboard cutouts more than people, the plot-critical events are too often based on luck rather than reasoning, and what reasoning there is doesn't pass the smell test. Overall, probably not worth the minimal effort it requires.

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### **Pam says**

1st in April Woo series -- April is NYC CHinese Dewtective on upper Westside. A college girl is missing, murdered in the desert near San Diego. Dr.Frank a psychotherapist returns home from a lecture to find that his wife, an actres, has starred in an almost-porn film & now being stalked via letters. Frank is out in San Diego tracking his wife's stalker & April is looking into the murder of the college girl.

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### **Katharine Ott says**

"Burning Time" - written by Leslie Glass and published in 1993 by Doubleday. A middle fiddle thriller.

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### **Laz the Sailor says**

I read this a long time ago. I think I liked it.

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### **Sandie McLean Schmelzle says**

I really enjoyed this book. The character April Woo was very likeable. I managed to read 3 in this series and have not been able to locate any others to this point. I read enjoy reading on my iPad....iBooks, Kobo or Kindle. I like them all.

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### **Chuck says**

My first experience with Leslie Glass and her detective April Woo--  
Solid crime fiction.

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### **Smoochys says**

I bought this book based on the reviews of others who had read it. It should be noted that I did not finish the book, so it could have gotten better, I just didn't think it was worth my time trying to find out.

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### **Jack Heath says**

Synopsis: A Chinese-American detective is assigned a routine missing-persons case but she will soon learn a savage killer is on the loose.

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### **Jim says**

The first of eighth April Woo mysteries, "Burning Time", first appeared in 1993. A wordy effort that does not hold up well over the test of time. The plot seemed to get lost with in itself several times. The plot wasted several chapters as it bounced from San Diego to NYC. Most of the characters were particularly unlikable as they were wooden. I have the second book in this series already on my Kindle. However it'll be a long while until I get to it. I'm curious why author Leslie Glass stopped writing this series in 2001 and moved onto other things. Supposedly this was going to be a huge TV-Detective series in the mid 90's. I can see why that never came to fruition. Two stars out of a possible five stars for, "Burning Time", from author Leslie Glass. Leave this one on the book shelf.

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### **Bonnie Brang says**

I enjoyed this book. I've just started reading about Det April Woo. Her struggles about being a woman detective, small and CHINESE! When she gets this first no nothing case and then it leads into something more. She takes the lead and works hard trying to solve it. I also like to hear about her family life. Her mother is a funny character. I look forward to reading the rest of the series.

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### **Daelith says**

Just couldn't get interested in this one. Made it to page 54 before calling it quits.

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### **Gloria says**

CBS developing series based on book series. Like the main character, female detective April Woo, very much. She is challenged with juggling the old Chinese ways of living and also being a young female detective working in a mostly male environment. The crime itself, however, seemed unnecessarily violent and it kept going on and on. Much sexual description as well involving the crime, but not the detectives.

Detective Woo has a young Hispanic cop 'wooing' her, so there are some interracial relationship issues going on as well.

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### **Erin says**

A bit gruesome, but this book got me hooked on the series. April has depth gained through the multiple conflicts in her life. She's a woman in a man's business - police work. Recently transferred from the Chinatown station, she's the only Asian American in her new station in NYC. She has a constant internal struggle of her American values against her Chinese upbringing. Finally, she has conflict in living flesh, her mother, whom she dubs Skinny Dragon.

No shortage of character development here, plus a twisted plot and plenty of police procedure, which I like for some reason (maybe because I wanted to be a lawyer at one point in my life).

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### **Hildy Peterson says**

Grade: B-

I enjoy Glass's April Woo character finding the relationship dynamics interesting on several levels- racial, familial, and the interplay with colleagues. I have read the novels out of order, reading this first novel at the end of the series. It was not as exciting and tense as other Woo novels, but still very enjoyable.

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### **Redfox5 says**

This is why I love Bookcrossing. The only reason I read this book is because it happened to be on the wishlist of my easter exchange partner. It featured a woman called April, Easter is in April so I thought it would fit with the theme and I hate to let a book go that I haven't read just in case I missed something.

And I would have missed something if I had seen this in a bookstore because I wouldn't have even picked it up. I can take or leave crime novels and nothing about this cover screams read me. I am glad that the fates brought me to this book because it was well worth a read. Full of likable characters, a decent plot and twisted bad guy. I had trouble putting this down. I hope to read more about April Woo in the future :)

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