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Since he was a child, Mark Charm has loved to watch fires. But now it's his senior year of high school and this pyromaniac is taking his personal obsession citywide. It is a dry autumn in Southern California and the desert winds are blowing. Mark has a box of matches. Would it be so bad if he set the state on fire in the middle of the night?

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Deanna says

Reminds me of The Matrix in many ways.

Dani Dawson says

Holy sex and drugs. I joked about this with my mum after we found all my childhood Christopher Pike books because I always knew that when I was child reading them they were too old for me. She was horrified that I was 7 and 8 years old reading about sex and drugs and death. I told her I was joking, I did not actually, with any clarity, remember the plot lines. After reading this one though, I realize I was not joking, Christopher Pike books are riddled with content definitely not intended for children under... 16.

This was a lovely kick back to my childhood, weird as all hell though. Couldn't get into it. The drug trip and post drug trip chapters were.... a bit much. I lost interest and did some skipping ahead. I suspect as a kid these were just words.... because it hardly made sense as an adult!

Rose Minnie says

This is one of the most confusing books i have ever read. It's so weird and yet, the idea was good. I was confused about the genre of the book but the epilogue was the only thing that gave clarity to everything.

Jesus Alberto says

This story made me go coo this had so many twist and turns that it hurt my head. It makes you really pay attention I had to read it twice. It made you think on the way of your life. Plus it started off as a normal teen life then it turn into a sci-fi story. I also feel bad for the little girl at the end. Well no matter my opinion it's a ok book

Justin says

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! Heh heh. FIRE!

But in all seriousness, how hard is it to set California on fire? I've never been there, so correct me if I'm wrong, but I was always under the impression that California is always on fire all the time anyway. What's broham going to do, flick a cigarette? What a badass. If your state is basically a huge pile of kindling, plenty of people have probably set it on fire by accident. I'm really not impressed so far.

Jeanette says

I was pretty disappointed with this book. I love Christopher Pike but this book just got way out there. It was cool at first, then it got too sci-fi and then it just went way out there. A few times I was like- huh? I am soooooo freaking confused. The ending- it must have been beyond me. God- I read his books in high school- is my brain turning to mush?

Earl says

Magic Fire by Christopher Pike. Yet another reread- the story was all over the place but in a good way. I would describe it as "The Wizard of Oz" on crack. It was a fun read involving pyromania, psychic abilities, aliens, and mind-altering drugs.

pallas - the dark one says

cool. super hi-tech aliens

Lori Kircher says

5/5 stars. Wow, what a read! Christopher Pike sure knows how to write plot twists (but this one was a bit predictable). I loved the sci-fi elements in this book, it was very fascinating to read about- a completely different take on the genre. I felt bad for Mark and Jessa, they didn't deserve what happened to them. Everything about this book was perfect: the plot, characters, different settings, and the ending. What was interesting was that Mark is a pyrokensis, meaning that he can start fires with his mind, how awesome is that? I want that power, that would make cooking so much easier. I never read a book about having that power or about a pyromaniac. There's a great message in here: not to do (take) drugs. It's obvious that they're bad for you. Overall, one of the better Pike books (I love all of his books though), I would recommend it, is a favorite of mine, I would reread this novel, and I will be picking up more books by this author in the future.

Jenn Swanson says

When I was younger I was obsessed with Christopher Pike. As soon as a new book was out I would run to the store and get my copy. Unfortunately they all got lost along the way so I was extremely excited when I saw this at a Half Price Books. The cover was amazing like the other books that he had back then. Unfortunately the story wasn't that great. I feel like he just threw some words together and hoped that it would kind of make sense and appease the masses. It didn't appease me. How could a book have such an amazing cover and be by one of your favorite authors and completely suck? The world may never know. I sure as hell won't.

PurpyCookie says

Mark Charm is not your average high school student, even in the Los Angeles of the near future. Nor is he your average pyromaniac. This teen is able to start fires with the power of his mind.

This pyro-kinetic ability leads him and his girlfriend into a crusade to free Earth from alien domination. The story is so convoluted that it is hard to follow. The premise is implausible--aliens have harvested human brains and are keeping them in vats, but the humans don't realize this has happened--but this is not what has really happened at all. And yes, I know what you're thinking: it does remind one of **"The Matrix."** I'm not sure who wrote what first but it does make your head spin.

The main problem with this story was that it didn't seem to know what it wanted to be about. But if you like surprises and twists and turns, this is the book for you.

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Author Christopher Pike

Reviewed By Purpycookie

Sarah says

This may have been one of the worst books I've ever read...

Sabrina says

This was definitely an interesting book, the beginning was good, but later the whole alien thing wasn't that impressive, yet I enjoyed its unique story line. I originally thought the story was just about some psycho pyromaniac kid who would light his school on fire during an exam, but I was very wrong.

The characters were interesting, and the ending was a huge surprise! Did not see that coming!! The ending kind of reminded of the wizard of oz...lol

Still I loved how everything was explained, great book Christopher pike :)

Rachel says

A super fun and trashy read, I picked this one up mainly out of pure nostalgia. It isn't as good as some of the other Christopher Pike books. The story is meandering and confusing by turns, and doesn't quite know what it wants to be. It's very reminiscent of PKD's Ubik, but never quite reaches the same high. Not his best.

Bree says

I was a huge Christopher Pike fan as a teenager, but by the time this one was published, I was in my 20s and had kind of forgotten about his books. I found this at a used book store on the clearance rack and decided to see what I have been missing the last 12 years. Not much. I don't remember every single Pike book I ever read, but I remember enough to know that this was a very weak entry. The characters are extremely unlikeable and the plot is too adventurous without enough follow through.
