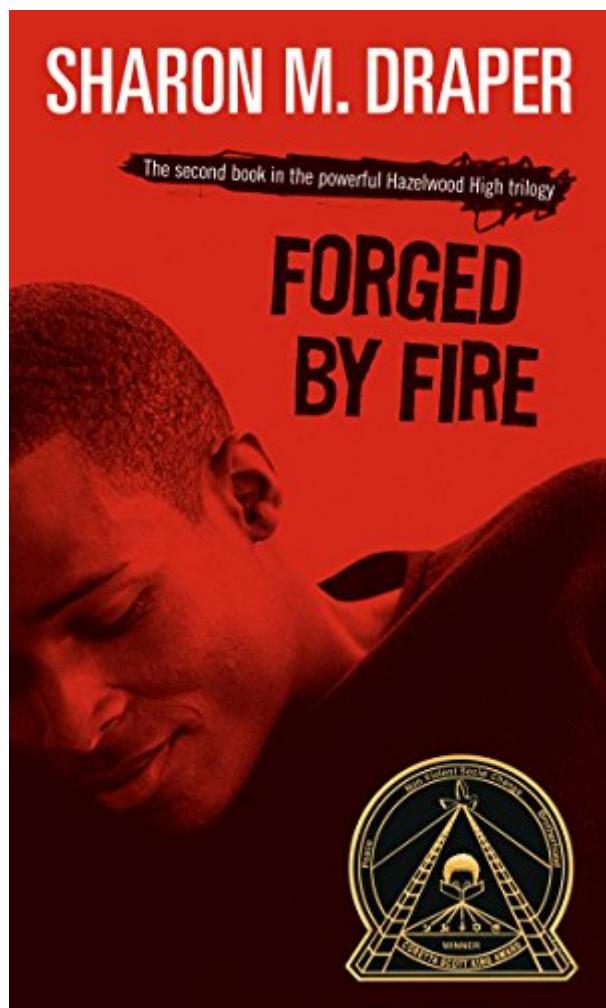


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Synopsis

When Gerald was a child he was fascinated by fire. But fire is dangerous and powerful, and tragedy strikes. His substance-addicted mother is taken from him. Then he loses the loving generosity of a favorite aunt. A brutal stepfather with a flaming temper and an evil secret makes his life miserable. The one bright light in Gerald's life is his little half sister, Angel, whom he struggles to protect from her father, Jordan Sparks, who abuses her, and from their mother, whose irresponsible behavior forces Gerald to work hard to keep the family together. As a teenager, Gerald finds success as a member of the Hazelwood Tigers basketball team, while Angel develops her talents as a dancer. Trouble still haunts them, however, and Gerald learns, painfully, that young friends can die and old enemies must be faced. In the end he must stand up to his stepfather alone in a blazing confrontation. Sharon M. Draper has interwoven characters and events from her previous novel, *Tears of a Tiger*, in this unflinchingly realistic portrayal of poverty and child abuse. It is an inspiring story of a young man who rises above the tragic circumstances of his life by drawing on the love and strength of family and friends.

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Realistic fiction, you'll be annoyed, angry and happy with your quick read. It's a great discussion waiting to happen; just open up the book and start reading.

Very hard to read, but a well-written and meaningful book for adolescents to learn about the issue of child abuse.

This book drew me in right from the start, story line was good, but oh so sad. I could not imagine if my child or grandkids would have to endure what these children had to go through, on the other hand I know it happens. I thought the grandmother would wind up raising both kids. Very sad.

Had to read this book for school. It was an easy read and also really interesting. I recommend giving the book a try.

I love how realistic this book is. I also LOVE how the paints a vivid picture of the scene in your mind.

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