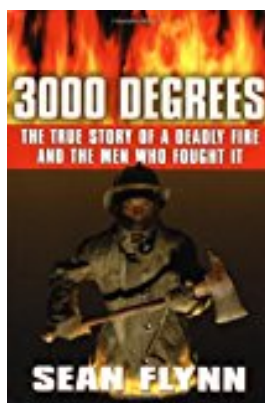


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Description:

From Publishers Weekly During the long night of December 3, 1999, a windowless, century-old storage building in downtown Worcester, Mass., was turned into a six-story stove. In gripping prose ("The smoke banked down like bolts of black velvet, heavy sheets curling and rolling and folding together"), Flynn describes how, once ignited, the deserted Worcester Cold Storage building must have been the perfect structure for a perfect fire. In a style similar to Sebastian Junger's, Flynn's

chapters hustle from disastrous city fires that occurred earlier that summer, building tension and setting the scene for the final disaster in this tottering working-class New England town. With confident, deft description, Flynn brings to life this 3,000-degree catastrophe with a crackling intensity, which, unfortunately, he never quite achieves for the people within his story. The human element doesn't quite live up to what he presented in his first award-winning Esquire magazine piece that won notice for the survivors as well as the spouses and parents of the six firemen who were killed. Likewise, Flynn minimizes the subsequent police investigation and forensics that made national headlines for weeks after the fire. Nonetheless, the same work ethos that made New York City firemen and rescue companies run into the doomed World Trade Center towers is here in a smaller dimension but equally intense story of fire-fighting tragedy. Photos, blueprints and map not seen by PW.

From Library Journal Narrated by Richard Rohan, 3000 Degrees is the compelling and true story of a four-alarm fire that took the lives of six dedicated and fearless firemen in Worcester, MA, on December 3, 1999. Flynn introduces many of the firemen and their families over several months leading up to the deadly blaze. What they all have in common is their compulsion to be firemen that obliterates the possibility of any other occupation. The danger, long shifts, and their wives and children form a backdrop against the brotherhood of firefighters. Surprising to anyone other than a fireman is the thrill, excitement, and downright yearning they have for a "triple" a three-alarm fire, dangerous and potentially life-threatening. The December 3 fire started out like most, as a single alarm call to the Worcester Cold Storage building, a 100-year-old abandoned, windowless warehouse. The tragedy of the firemen's deaths struck a chord across America that generated enough money to replace faulty radios and buy three thermal imagers, equipment that might have helped locate those disoriented men through the smoke. Recommended for all public library audio collections. Gloria Maxwell, Penn Valley Community Coll., Kansas City, MO
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