



Young Men and Fire (New edition)

By Norman Maclean

The University of Chicago Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Young Men and Fire (New edition), Norman Maclean, On August 5, 1949, a crew of fifteen of the United States Forest Service's elite airborne firefighters, the Smokejumpers, stepped into the sky above a remote forest fire in the Montana wilderness. Two hours after their jump, all but three of these men were dead or mortally burned. Haunted by these deaths for forty years, Norman Maclean puts back together the scattered pieces of the Mann Gulch tragedy. "Young Men and Fire" won the National Book Critics Circle Award in 1992. "A magnificent drama of writing, a tragedy that pays tribute to the dead and offers rescue to the living. Maclean's search for the truth, which becomes an exploration of his own mortality, is more compelling even than his journey into the heart of the fire. His description of the conflagration terrifies, but it is his battle with words, his effort to turn the story of the 13 men into tragedy that makes this book a classic." from "New York Times Book Review Editor's Choice, Best Books of 1992" "A treasure: part detective story, part western, part tragedy, part elegy and...



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