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A firebug has woken inside my heart

Dark times have fallen on remote Balrog County, and Mack Druneswald, a high school senior with a love of arson, is doing his best to deal. While his family is haunted by his mother's recent death, Mack spends his nights roaming the countryside, looking for something new to burn. When he encounters Katrina, a college girl with her own baggage, Mack sets out on a path of pyromania the likes of which sleepy Balrog County has never seen before.

A darkly comic tour-de-force, *The Firebug of Balrog County* is about legend, small towns, and the fire that binds.

Praise:

"Take one angry 18-year-old, sprinkle with zingy narrative, and add a match."—Kirkus Reviews

"Spectacular—and satisfying."

—St. Paul Pioneer Press

"This darkly comic coming-of-age story with tremendously likable characters also packs a serious emotional punch."—StarTribune

"David Oppegaard's *The Firebug of Balrog County* kept me up all night. I liked Mack, the firebug, so much, I wanted to save him myself. I wanted to climb in the story and call the cops."

-Geoff Herbach, author of Stupid Fast

"Beautifully written and full of honest characters...This book is a winner."

—VOYA

"In this biting coming-of-age novel . . . Oppegaard doesn't offer an easy solution to Mack's problems, instead opting for a realistic and sensitive resolution that leaves on a hopeful note."—*Booklist*

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