

# A WALK THROUGH THE FIRE

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Are you thinking about warm, fragrant, tropical places this winter? Then “A Walk Through the Fire” may be the mystery book for you.

Sharon McCone, an intrepid private investigator, and Hy Rapinsky, her "lover and best friend", fly to Hawaii to investigate questionable accidents when called upon by their filmmaker friend, Glenna Stanleigh. Hoping to enjoy Hawaii and help Stanleigh, McCone finds herself absorbed in mayhem and intricate family relationships.

Stanleigh's documentary film is based on a manuscript written by the father of the film's financial backer, Peter Wellbright. Peter's father has been missing for years. McCone realizes the Wellbright family knows more about the disappearance than they are telling. Does his disappearance have something to do with the mishaps during the filming?

McCone is attracted to a Hawaiian helicopter pilot, Russ Tanner, endangering her relationship with Hy. She also detects that Stanleigh has been untruthful.

The author, award winner Marcia Muller, launched McCone as the first modern female private investigator in the 1970s. This book carries on the tradition of fearless, gritty female private eyes. This book is a warm winter read with many plot twists and surprises.

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