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When some cash poor college students volunteer for an experiment, they have no idea of the Pandora s Box they are about to unleash Years later, one of them, Andy McGee, is on

the run from The Shop, with his daughter, Charlie Can Andy and Charlie evade The Shop before their world goes up in flames First off, for years now, I cannot read the title without hearing the Prodigy song of the same name Maybe he'll follow this one up with a book called Fuel my Fire or Smack My Bitch Up one of these days to continue along the same lines. Firestarter is one of those Stephen King books you don't hear all that much about A lot of people only know of it because of the movie starring Drew Barry in the 1980s Well, people should know about it because it's a corking good read. A 1960s experiment gave Andy McGee and his wife psychic powers It also altered their DNA enough to produce Charlie, their immensely powerful psychic daughter, whose abilities include pyrokinesis, hence the title. For a good portion of the book, the suspense comes from Andy trying to stay one step ahead of The Shop The rest of it is the two McGees trying to escape The Shop's clutches The Shop, and John Rainbird, make fantastic villains because they aren't nearly as far outside the realm of possibility as evil cars and spider clowns. Like a lot of Stephen King books, the relationships between the characters keep the story going John Rainbird proved to be the scene chewing villain I originally pegged him as Unlike the protagonists in Doctor Sleep, I feared for Charlie and Andy almost constantly. I'd forgotten how brutal King was sometimes in his older books There are some parts of this one I'll remember for a long time Maybe Stephen King will revisit a character or two from this book before he goes to the clearing at the end of the path, maybe as part of a Dark Tower story. As I said before, this is a very underrated King book I don't really have anything bad to say about it Four out of five stars Pushing four paperbacks across the counter of the Mission Viejo Public Library last week, all by the same author, the librarian asked me, sarcastically, Do you like Stephen King My response was that I'd just returned Misery and three books by other authors, but the only one I didn't quit within 10 pages was King's Volunteering for Elizabeth Warren since August, I've written only fitfully but experiencing Paul Sheldon duel with Annie Wilkes on the page, felt my creative pilot light click on Pushing four paperbacks across the counter of the Mission Viejo Public Library last week, all by the same author, the librarian asked me, sarcastically, Do you like Stephen King My response was that I'd just returned Misery and three books by other authors, but the only one I didn't quit within 10 pages was King's Volunteering for Elizabeth Warren since August, I've written only fitfully but experiencing Paul Sheldon duel with Annie Wilkes on the page, felt my creative pilot light click on When you question whether creative writing or any art is in you any, you have to go back to what inspired you in the first place For me, Stephen King is one of those sources. Published in 1980, Firestarter

begins with an English instructor and all around nice guy who has a gift hey, just like Stevie King named Andy McGee and his 8 year old daughter Charlie McGee busted flat on the streets of Manhattan, fleeing from agents of the Department of Scientific Intelligence, known as the Shop Using just enough of what he thinks of as a push to make a dollar bill appear as a five hundred dollar bill to a cabbie, father and daughter head for the Albany airport, with Andy suffering debilitating migraines as a side effect of his mental domination ability. Andy's mind wanders back to 1969 and his senior year at Harrison State College in Ohio, when in need of cash, he volunteers for a psych experiment in need of student volunteers for tests of a low grade hallucinogen Assured by his roommate that the experiments are completely safe and he'll probably land in the control group anyway, Andy meets a sunny blonde named Vicky Tomlinson, whose soon to be ex boyfriend forbid her from participating in the experiment Interned in one of the campus lecture halls with ten other students for 48 hour monitoring, Andy and Vicky quickly surmise they're not part of any control group but have been dosed with the ominous Lot Six How you feeling, guy the GA asked, but of course he wasn't a GA, he wasn't a student, none of them were For one thing, he looked about thirty five, and was a little long in the tooth for a graduate student For another, this guy worked for The Shop Andy suddenly knew it It was absurd, but he knew it And the man's name was Andy groped for it, and he got it The man's name was Ralph Baxter. He smiled Ralph Baxter Good deal I feel okay, he said How's that other fella What other fella's that, Andy The one who clawed his eyes out, Andy said serenely. Ralph Baxter smiled and patted Andy's hand Pretty visual stuff, huh, guy No, really, Vicky said I saw it, too You think you did, the GA who was not a GA said You just shared the same illusion There was a guy over there by the board who had a muscular reaction something like a charley horse No clawed eyes No blood He started away again. Andy said, My man, it is impossible to share the same illusion without some prior consultation He felt immensely clever The logic was impeccable, inarguable He had old Ralph Baxter by the shorts. Ralph smiled back, undaunted With this drug, it's very possible, he said I'll be back in a bit, okay Okay, Ralph, Andy said. Ralph paused and came back toward where Andy lay on his cot He came back in slomo He looked thoughtfully down at Andy Andy grinned back, a wide, foolish, drugged out grin Got you there, Ralph old son Got you right by the proverbial shorts Suddenly a wealth of information about Ralph Baxter flooded in on him, tons of stuff he was thirty five, he had been with the Shop for six years, before that he'd been with the FBI for two years, he had He had killed four people during his career, three men and one woman And he had raped the woman after she was dead She had been an AP stringer and she had known about That part wasn't clear And it didn't matter Suddenly, Andy didn't want to know The grin faded from his lips Ralph Baxter was still looking down at him, and Andy was swept by a black paranoia that he remembered from his two previous LSD trips but this was deeper and much frightening He had no idea how he could know such things about Ralph Baxter or how he had known his name at all but if he told Ralph that he knew, he was

terribly afraid that he might disappear from Room 70 of Jason Gearneigh with the same swiftness as the boy who had clawed his eyes out Or maybe all of that really had been a hallucination it didn't seem real at all now. Arriving at the Albany airport only slightly ahead of their hunters, Andy is almost immobile He manages to compel Charlie to use her special gift, which her parents have spent most of her life training her to reject, to crack open a few telephone booths for loose change Using her mind to do so, Charlie inadvertently taps into the mind of an army soldier on leave and not liking the lies he's selling his girlfriend on the phone, sets his shoes on fire Fleeing the airport on foot, Charlie is repulsed by her act, which brings to mind the time she accidentally set her mother's hands on fire In the suburban Washington D.C neighborhood of Longmont, Virginia, the Shop's director Cap Hollister monitors the McGee manhunt and reviews the Lot Six files Of the twelve 1969 test subjects, two died in a short period of time, two went insane and earned themselves lifetime membership at the Shop's retreat in Maui and two ultimately committed suicide Over the years, three have taken their lives, while another has been regarded as being completely tapped out This left Andy and Vicky, the only test subjects to marry and produce a child Cap faces the end of his career due to his inability to study the McGee child. Cap reaches out to the Shop's most loathsome agent, a seven foot tall Native American named John Rainbird scarred in Vietnam by a Clay mine that exploded in his face Rainbird has hacked the Shop's computer network and knows all about Charlie McGee, believed to be pyrokinetic Obsessed by the mystery of death, Rainbird fixates on gaining Charlie's trust, befriending her and then killing her, up close and personal, even if it means sealing his own fate Tracked to a family cabin in Vermont, the McGees are finally captured Interned at the Shop, Charlie gradually opens up to the kindly disfigured janitor named John a monster, just like her who cleans her apartment and convinces her to participate in the Shop's tests in exchange for visiting her father She shoved as hard as she could at the tray of woodchips They did not so much burst into flames as explode A moment later the tray itself flipped over twice, spraying chunks of burning wood, and clanged off the wall hard enough to leave a dimple in the sheet steel. The technician who had been monitoring at the EEG cried out in fear and made a sudden, crazy dash for the door The sound of his cry hurled Charlie suddenly back in time to the Albany airport It was the cry of Eddie Delgado, running to the ladies bathroom with his army issue shoes in flames. She thought in sudden terror and exaltation, Oh God it's gotten so much stronger The steel wall had developed a strange, dark ripple The room had become explosively hot In the other room, the digital thermometer, which had gone from seventy degrees to eighty and then paused, now climbed rapidly past ninety to ninety four before slowing down. Charlie threw the firething at the tub she was nearly panicked now The water swirled, then broke into a fury of bubbles In a space of five seconds, the contents of the tub went from cool to a rolling, steaming boil. The technician had exited, leaving the testing room door heedlessly ajar In the observation room there was a sudden, startled turmoil Hockstetter was bellowing Cap was

standing gape jawed at the window, watching the tubful of water boil Clouds of steam rose from it and then one way glass began to fog over Only Rainbird was clam, smiling, slightly, hands clasped behind his back he looked like a teacher whose star pupil has used difficult postulates to solve a particularly aggravating problem back off Screaming in her mind back off back off BACK OFF Writing my review of Firestarter for Goodreads in June 2014, I wrote, In a few years, I want to remember this novel being just as fantastic as it is Defying all logic, it is The trope of Freaks on the Run from secret government agency has been done to death, but King pushes fresh air down that corridor King s freaks aren t born special, they re designed that way by an experiment gone awry, bonding and falling in love over their experience Half the novel is a fugitive story but the second half switches gears into a prison break story The Shop all the worst of the FBI, CIA or horror movie mad scientist make compelling villains and some of my favorite parts of the book involve the institutional politics of the lab Firestarter is also a supremely well done work of paranoid chills, a product of a post Vietnam and post Watergate world where government labs cook up stranger and stranger drugs or technologies, often testing them on unsuspecting citizens, or an American whose name ends up on a watchlist can never be sure if he s being watched, recorded, followed or about to be snatched up and disappeared This, so than psychic power, is the foundation of Firestarter, but I also felt as if King, a father of three young children, was writing from a legitimate fear of a child whose tantrums could bathe the walls, or your hair, in flame, bringing a far greater urgency to toilet training. King s chokehold on the New York Times bestseller list launched a feature film adaptation in 1984 with Drew Barry in the title role her E.T. co star Henry Thomas was in theaters a few weeks later with his own movie, the espionage thriller Cloak and Dagger and I don t know what became of Robert MacNaughton Barry is well cast but the director stages many of the book s best scenes without any of the dread King conjures on the page In the book, characters have watched the late show and greet the story s paranormal elements with a welcome dose of Come on, my man but the movie ignores that, focusing on special effects and reducing the characters to fx You re a firestarter, honey just one big Zippo lighter Andy and Vicky McGee take part in a top secret government experiment, gaining psychic powers Then they have a daughter Charlie Charlie demonstrates even power than her parents and they must keep her abilities secret, as the government wants Charlie back. Firestarter was one of the few classic Kings I had left to read I had never watched the movie either , and yet I wasn t particularly excited about it, it seemed like a Carrie You re a firestarter, honey just one big Zippo lighter Andy and Vicky McGee take part in a top secret government experiment, gaining psychic powers Then they have a daughter Charlie Charlie demonstrates even power than her parents and they must keep her abilities secret, as the government wants Charlie back. Firestarter was one of the few classic Kings I had left to read I had never watched the movie either , and yet I wasn t particularly excited about it, it seemed like a Carrie knockoff almost When I pulled it out of my King TBR jar for my October read, I was admittedly

slightly disappointed but this is one of the very few instances where I'm happy to admit that I was DEAD WRONG Firestarter is fucking awesome King is no stranger to writing about abusive child parent relationships Jack and Danny Torrance in The Shining, Bev and her father in IT, to name a couple, so it's a nice change when King explores a sweet and loving relationship between the two The connection and bond between Charlie and her father Andy was really sweet However, if I'm honest, I found Andy's psychic abilities interesting than Charlie's, so I really enjoyed those parts where Andy could show what he's capable of even if it was detrimental to his own health but again, this just perfectly demonstrates his paternal love for Charlie A lot of King novels can be slow burners which I am a fan of but this one moves at a relentless pace from the very first page It really demonstrates that whilst King can be a tad wordy at times, he is also capable of writing page turners with very little filler I loved how the mental powers of telekinesis and pyrokinesis were used in the story when you set these against the backdrop of a nasty government trying to protect its secret, Firestarter really packs a punch I can't help but wonder if this book would have worked better if it was structured in chronological order, as opposed to jumping back and forth between the past and present day It might have worked better if it built up to Charlie and Andy being on the run But that's just a minor nitpick. Overall, I was surprised by how much I enjoyed this one This would be a good starting place for people trying to get into King particularly if you're a fan of Stranger Things 4.5 stars This was an audio re-read I last read this probably 15 to 20 years ago My original remembered review was 3 stars and it will remain the same I always hope the second time will be better and it will move up to 4 or 5 stars, but that just doesn't always happen. Can I confidently say why I am not going higher I give a few examples below, but it is of a feeling a feeling that did not break as I worked my way through the book I kept hoping for moments that would make me wonder why I only remembered it as a 3 star book there just really were not any As I have been working my way through re-reading King's books, this is the first one that felt just okay Over the course of the story, not much really happens and a lot of plot points are rehashed The characters are fine, but not as intricate or interesting as a Jack Torrance, Randall Flagg, or Johnny Smith Charlie McGee feels like a bit of a rehashing of Carrie White For me, the pursuit in the first half of the book was much better than the second half, which felt just flat after the climatic moments early on in the story. Many people will ask, what King do I recommend they start with Lots of King readers recommend early King, and Firestarter falls into that category Also, as it led to a somewhat famous film in the 1980s at least cult famous, people might think that Firestarter meets all the criteria for a great

starting point I cannot say that I agree There are much better options Salems Lot, The Dead Zone, Pet Sematary, The Shining and, The Stand if you want to jump in feet first and sink up to your neck King has released around 60 novels, and I don t think Firestarter would even rank in my top 30 I would likely only recommend it if you are trying to work your way through all of King s works Pushes and shoves can be a dangerous thing.as can Fear, Pain and Fire FIRESTARTER had me at the get go with a super intense, spring into action run as 34 year old Andy McGee and daughter Charlie, 7 flee for their lives with no money and only the clothes on their back. The story alternates between Andy s college days bringing to light how the need for an extra 200 bucks brought him to present day terror in search for a way out.a way to survive.a way to keep his daughter safe. There isPushes and shoves can be a dangerous thing.as can Fear, Pain and Fire FIRESTARTER had me at the get go with a super intense, spring into action run as 34 year old Andy McGee and daughter Charlie, 7 flee for their lives with no money and only the clothes on their back. The story alternates between Andy s college days bringing to light how the need for an extra 200 bucks brought him to present day terror in search for a way out.a way to survive.a way to keep his daughter safe. There is no scary or gory KING here, but there are monsters.monsters of the humanoid type who have evil intentions and mask their motives with for the good of the many. So.don t go into Room 70, stay away from mad Doctors, be wary of crazy Indians.and DO NOT trust The ShopAnother Stephen King winner for me As is the norm, KING added to my shelf here with a horror short I can t wait to read entitled It s a Good Life by Jerome Bixby, mentions POE S William Wilson again, makes reference to his son Joe Hill s In the Tall Grass a few times, and The Shop from The Stand plays a prevalent part



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the shop a group of ruthless government mad doctors that wants to experiment on Charlie for her powerful pyrokinesis powers Can they survive Read on and find out for yourself. This was a pretty good read If you enjoy Stephen King s books, definitely check this out at your local library and wherever books are sold. While Firestarter doesn t quite crack my top five King books, it does come pretty damn close While I do find the idea of pyrokinesis and telekinesis fascinating and it is no doubt a big part of what makes this book so good, that s not what makes this book great to me For me, what really seals the deal, is the beautiful relationship between Charlie and her father There s just so much love and trust there, it s incredibly touching and what makes me love this book so much

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