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Review

“Hollye Dexter’s book made me cry and laugh—sometimes all within one paragraph. She tells her story with power and punch, and a truth that is unsettling and astonishing and ultimately uplifting. There isn’t a soul who can’t relate to her memoir. It is filled with revelations, humanity, poignancy, balls-out courage, and humor. She is a role model extraordinaire.”

—Amy Ferris, screenwriter (*Mr. Wonderful, Funny Valentines*), playwright, and author of *Marrying George Clooney*

“In *Fire Season*, Hollye Dexter gives me no choice but to experience fully and passionately the horrors of a house on fire, and to remember that how we face tragedy often defines who we are. As I read about a childhood fraught with loneliness and pain, and how she fought with valor to attain the love and trust she deserved, I was reminded of the phoenix. Dexter did what so many of us can only imagine: literally rising from the ashes and beginning anew. This memoir is a reminder that the joys of life are based not on what we possess, but what we appreciate.”

—Victoria Zackheim, author of *The Bone Weaver* and *Exit Laughing*

“*Fire Season* will take your breath away and singe your fingertips from turning the pages so quickly. Like Dexter, you’ll fall madly in love with her husband, Troy, who could “rock the world off its axis” and right it again. Musician that she is, Dexter’s prose sings in this beautiful and complicated love story, a story that inspires both tenderness and courage, and a deep belief that we can all, like the phoenix and the author, rise from the ashes.”

—Amy Friedman, author of *Desperado’s Wife: A Memoir*

About the Author

Hollye Dexter is the author of two memoirs and co-editor of *Dancing at the Shame Prom* (Seal Press), praised by best-selling author Gloria Feldt (former CEO of Planned Parenthood) as “a brilliant book that just might change your life.” Her essays and articles about women’s issues, activism, and politics have been widely published in anthologies, as well as in Maria Shriver’s *Architects of Change*, *Huffington Post*, *The Feminist Wire*, and more. She teaches writing workshops internationally and for at-risk youth in LA, where she lives with her husband and a houseful of kids and pets. Learn more about Dexter at www.hollyedexter.blogspot.com.

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