



Who by Fire
A Dame Polara Mystery
by Greg Rhyno

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Haunted by a childhood spent picking locks, tailing suspects, and helping her hard-boiled PI father solve cases, Dame Polara has spent most of her adult life running from his shady profession and the memories she associates with it. What Dame wants now is simple – her safe job preserving heritage buildings, adequate care for her father’s mounting health complications, and to raise a family of her own. But life doesn’t seem to be going her way.

After serving her an eviction notice, Dame’s landlord offers her an alternative: she can keep her apartment if she investigates his mysterious wife, whom he suspects of cheating. When the investigation uncovers a serial arsonist burning down the very buildings Dame fights to preserve, she finds herself pulled right back into the seedy underworld of her father’s old profession. Now, she must rely on the skills he taught her if she’s to protect herself and the people she cares about most.

The Author

Greg Rhyno is the author of *To Me You Seem Giant*. This debut novel was nominated for a ReLit Award and an Alberta Book Publishing Award. His writing has appeared in a number of journals including *Hobart*, *Riddle Fence*, and *Prism International*. He completed an MFA at the University of Guelph and lives with his family in Guelph, Ontario.

Praise for previous works:

To Me You Seem Giant

“Rhyno mixes in enough wit and self-deprecation with the troubles of youth and ennui of adulthood to make the story freshly entertaining, and the encyclopedic list of 1990s-era cultural artefacts provides a warm nostalgia for anyone who grew up in that unique historical moment.”
– Will Best, *Canadian Literature*

“A brooding tenor – combined with a lifelong love for music that manifests itself in new ways as he ages – lends Pete’s character a believable continuity. This is abetted by chapter transitions that cleverly link past and present events ... [Rhyno shares] a passion for music and its potential to define a period in someone’s life, or a life entirely.”
– Becky Robertson, *Quill & Quire*



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