

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910808797403321
Autore	Desmond Matthew
Titolo	On the fireline : living and dying with wildland firefighters // Matthew Desmond
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Chicago : , : University of Chicago Press, , 2007
ISBN	1-281-95955-3 9786611959555 0-226-14407-0
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (ix, 369 pages) : illustrations
Collana	Fieldwork encounters and discoveries
Disciplina	363.37092/273
Soggetti	Wildfire fighters - West (U.S.) Wildfires - Prevention and control Hazardous occupations Risk-taking (Psychology)
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references (p. 313-353) and index.
Nota di contenuto	Frontmatter -- Contents -- Introduction -- 1. Country Masculinity -- 2. The Sanctuary of the Forest -- 3. A Joke between Brothers -- 4. Real Firefighters Drive Green Engines -- 5. Learning and Burning -- 6. Taking the "Wild" Out of Wildfire -- 7. The Beaver Creek Fire -- 8. The Incompetent Dead -- Conclusion -- Appendix: Between Native and Alien -- Glossary -- Notes -- Acknowledgments -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	In this rugged account of a rugged profession, Matthew Desmond explores the heart and soul of the wildland firefighter. Having joined a firecrew in Northern Arizona as a young man, Desmond relates his experiences with intimate knowledge and native ease, adroitly balancing emotion with analysis and action with insight. On the Fireline shows that these firefighters aren't the adrenaline junkies or romantic heroes as they're so often portrayed. An immersion into a dangerous world, On the Fireline is also a sophisticated analysis of a high-risk profession-and a captivating read.