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Disaster brought them together and, despite desire, may ultimately keep them apart. Wind. Fire. Ice. Love. Nothing for Gable McCoy and Erin Richards seems to go smoothly. From the tornado that sets its sights on them, to the perils they face as volunteer firefighters, the forces of nature conspire to bring them close to danger, and closer to each other. From the author of the acclaimed intrigue/romance *Hunter's Pursuit*.

## Force of Nature Details

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## Luce says

3.5 Stars. 3 Stars for the book plus 0.5 stars for the narration by Charley Ongel. Its one of those audio books that I feel was enhanced by an excellent narrator. I loved the soft southern accent that she gives Gable.

This is a first person as told by 46 year old Gable, a pharmacist and a first year volunteer firefighter. She meets 31 year old music teacher, Erin, when she finds Erin trapped in her basement after a freak tornado. As they wait for hours for help, they bond, killing time talking about everything, discovering they have a lot in common. Gable finds out the one thing they don't have in common-Gable is gay and Erin is not. They become close friends, but Gable is reluctant to tell Erin she is gay. Unfortunately, Gable is also falling in love with Erin. Erin also has secrets which Gable assumes the worst. But of course they don't talk about it...

The book does show its age. It was published in 2005 - the time of landline phones and answering machines and not everyone had or wanted cellphones. Amazing how fast technology changed.

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## Kennedy says

Enjoyable read. One of my favorites. The piano scene, cute as well as romantic.

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## Rox says

Light Spoilers ahead...

I would give this a 3.5 easily because while it was predictable as many of these lesfics are, this one had an honesty and tenderness to it that was endearing. I liked how Kim Baldwin showed the wide range of emotions that Gable went through, first with meeting Erin, then discovering she liked her, and then falling in love with her. There were many sweet and corny moments, but otherwise this book had a nice romance to it. I especially liked the "piano" scene the best. I thought it was a classic way to go about bringing everything out in the open, something I've seen done in older romance movies. For those reasons I enjoyed it.

You have to be willing to suspend reality here because we are dealing with an openly gay older woman, and a straight women discovering she's gay for the first time. I found their first sexual encounter a bit too easy, how did Erin "know" what to do without guidance and some level of insecurity? It was a bit too perfect for Erin to just "know" how to bring Gable to orgasm.

I was also grateful and surprised that the author did NOT mention any friction between the man that Erin was dating before Gable, and who she later stopped seeing when she realized she had feelings for Gable. No backlash/confrontation from him at all after finding out Erin was gay? They were all volunteer firefighters in the same crew and nothing? I actually expected he would be a complication for them, but his character basically disappeared after Gable and Erin got together. Don't get me wrong, I was happy that he was not

causing drama, but it seemed awfully unrealistic that he WASN'T causing drama all the same.

Finally, the ending seemed rushed, we finally find out in the end (literally the end) that Erin's ex-husband was an abusive bastard. Gable and Erin agree they will revisit the marriage conversation, they say "I love you" and then the book is over? Very disappointing ending. I was surprised it ended so abruptly, it could have used at least 1 more chapter and an epilogue.

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### **Rola Halabi says**

#### **Incomplete**

I really like the author, the book and the characters. It was building up to a huge ending. I was looking forward to it. But all of a sudden it ended! It's as if the writer either got tired of writing or just needed to end it because there was nothing else to say. And the disregard to Erin's past was disheartening. She confessed what happened to her and then it was the end!!!

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### **Little Fish says**

Volunteer Firefighters Gabbie Mc Coy and Erin Richards needed a Communication Skills Workshop! Everything conspires against them, before they come together with a BANG!  
A HOT Lesbian book!

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### **Erin says**

wow, the turmoil for Gabe when she had to watch the object of her hearts desire start to date a guy in the firehouse...ugh. I really felt for her. It's that slow torture of unrequited love...with a straight chick. Loved it.

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### **Ceh131973 says**

So I have a weakness for firefighters and disasters. This book has both and a pretty good love story as well. The characters are likable and real. The setting is amazing, I want to live there. The plot flows really well with a slow burn romance. Nothing too cheesy or contrived. It just seems to happen because it is meant to be.

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### **Tara says**

I really enjoyed this one and will read it again.

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## **Charlie Avocado says**

I enjoyed it. I'd read the three shorts it's based on, the last which provides that ending everyone else is looking for but wasn't in the book. Most of the book is that first short, but very fleshed out with some changes, most for the better.

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## **IndigoIris says**

Another good effort by Kim Baldwin. I enjoyed the firefighter angle which did add to the action in the story although I felt like those dramatic pivots needed a bit more attention. The beginning had me going not knowing where the story would go. The underlying mystery of Erin character could have been told earlier in the story, I wanted to know what was up earlier and have the characters deal with it sooner. All in all a good read.

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