

TRIAL BY FIRE

LIVES RE-FORGED

a film by
MEGAN SMITH-HARRIS

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“...a gripping, emotionally potent, often startling documentary...”

—*The New York Times*

With heart and grace, *Trial by Fire: Lives Re-Forged* honors the courage and strength of burn survivors as they reclaim their lives—and dreams—after the devastation of fire. The film follows the journeys of ordinary people who rise above their injuries and discover unexpected insights along the way—a transformed worldview, deeper interpersonal connections, and a strong commitment to make a difference.

The personal stories featured in *Trial by Fire* include a firefighter enduring a 1500 degree firestorm; a teenage athlete engulfed in flames triumphing against all odds; an oil refinery worker who survives a seemingly un-survivable explosion; a model refusing to be defined by her scars; a family united through tragedy; and a 12-year-old sprint car driver pulled from a flaming wreck who tries to convince her parents to let her back on the track. These compelling stories are framed and given context by war veteran, motivational speaker, and burn survivor J.R. Martinez.

In a culture that prizes physical beauty over strength of character, *Trial by Fire* challenges us to go beyond the superficial and redefine our concept of true beauty. This film is a celebration of courage, a campaign to help save lives, and a movement to make the world a more respectful and welcoming place.

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