

STAIRWELL B
Crime/Thriller by Tom Freyer

LOGLINE:

When his life savings is scammed in a Ponzi scheme, a retired 9/11 firefighter must battle his PTSD -- and a ruthless billionaire financier--in order to exact revenge.

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ONE PAGE: 9/11 couldn't destroy NY firefighter Charlie Hunter. But a Wall St. billionaire just might.

In 2002, Charlie Hunter suffers PTSD and survivor's guilt after being the only firefighter found alive inside a stairwell after the collapse of the World Trade Center.

He discovers the firefighters' pension fund has been ripped off in a Ponzi scheme orchestrated by ruthless financier CW Gier—the same financial genius the fund-vetting committee—which included Charlie, it turns out—hired.

The firefighters launch a class action suit based on the testimony of Gier's former accountant turned whistleblower Darlene Lindy.

Charlie, a widower, falls in love with Darlene, vows to protect her as he notices Gier's bodyguards following her.

With enormous wealth and power, Gier bribes the lawmakers and has the whistleblower murdered.

Charlie triggers a fire alarm in Gier's mansion, and hitches a ride on a hoof and ladder in attempt to obtain evidence of the scam.

He narrowly avoids getting killed by the bodyguards when he has a PTSD attack in the mansion's service stairwell.

After every other door closes, in order to regain his self-respect, Charlie has no choice but to use his firefighter skills for a different purpose: revenge.

But first he must battle Gier's bodyguards and his PTSD, inside Gier's high-rise stairwell.