

# Booktalk!

## **FIREHORSE**

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Fires are raging in Boston. Arson is suspected. Horses are needed to pull the fire equipment, and they are falling ill from burns and dying.

Rachel is a horse-lover and dreams of becoming a veterinarian, but it is 1872 and her father believes this would not be an appropriate role for a girl.

But 15-year-old Rachel has a mind of her own. When she visits the fire horses, she meets Governor's Girl, who is terribly burned. Rather than allowing the horse to be put down, Rachel and her brother bring Governor's Girl home to their stable to nurse her back to health.

Each day, they read about the fires and more horses that are put in harm's way. Is there any way to save Boston and all the horses?



**Best for ages 12 & Up**