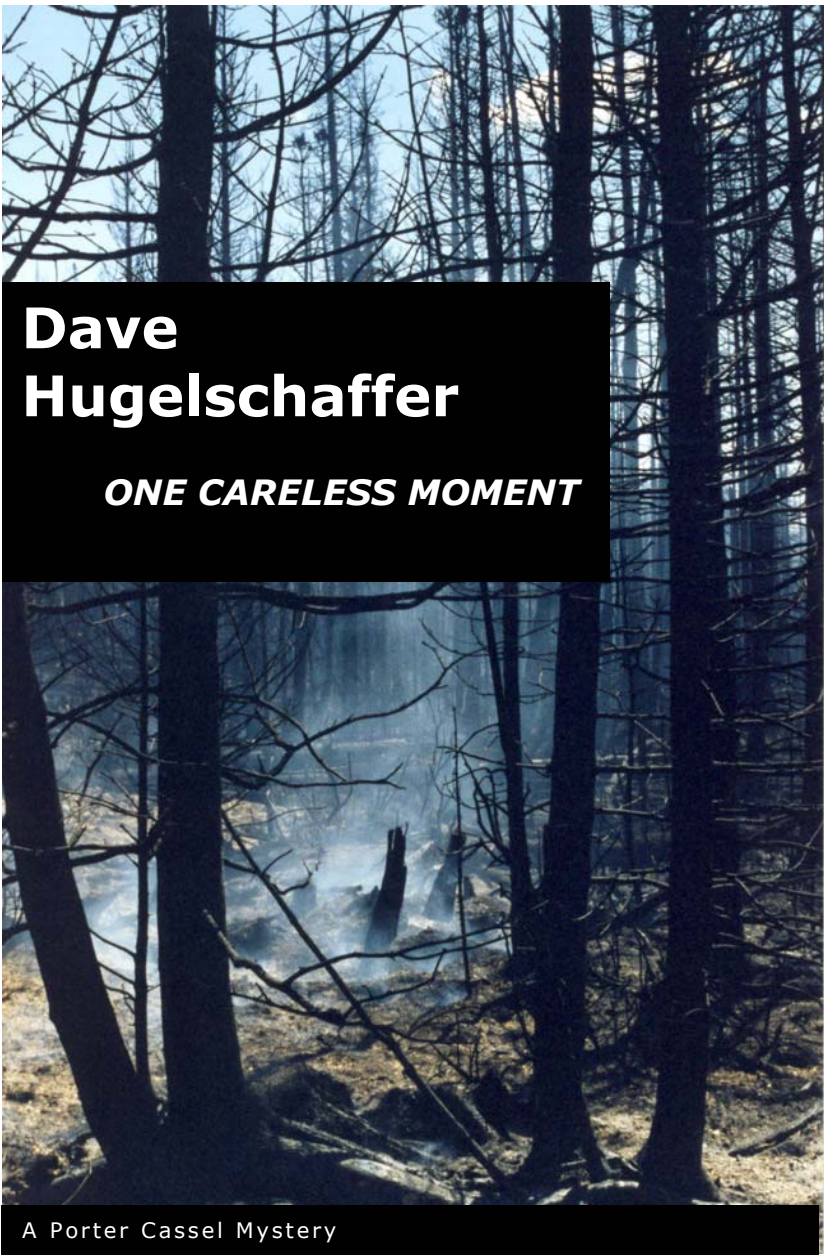




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ONE CARELESS MOMENT

A Porter Cassel Mystery

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Porter Cassel, on loan from the Alberta Forest Service, is given command of a fire in Montana. The fire is in a canyon, rumoured by the locals to be haunted. Cassel's discovery that the fire is arson does little to quell the nervousness of his firefighters. Resources are scarce, due to numerous higher-priority fires. Cassel, without a helicopter, is unable to conduct a preliminary reconnaissance. Taking what seems an insignificant risk, he and one of his men climb a ridge for an overview of the fire. Flames roar unexpectedly up the ridge and trap the two men, who frantically deploy their fire shelters. Only Cassel survives, scorched and stunned. Was his decision to climb the ridge a moment of carelessness? Or is there a more sinister explanation? Compelled by a sense of duty to the family of his fallen comrade, and determined to settle in his own mind the question of his guilt, Cassel conducts his own investigation.

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