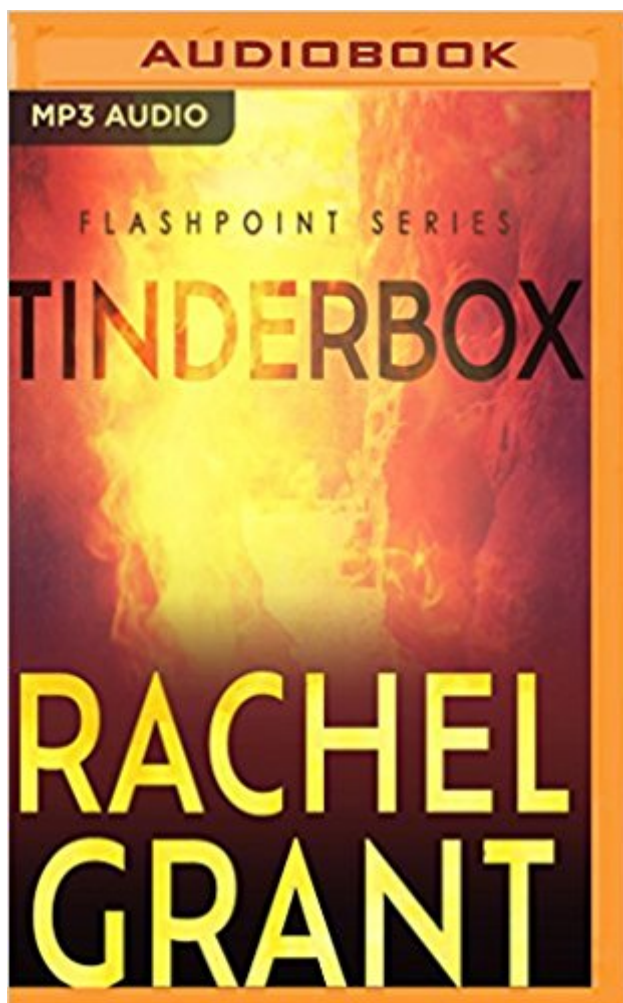


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## Tinderbox (Flashpoint)



## Synopsis

In the volatile tinderbox of the Horn of Africa, Morgan Adler has made the paleoanthropological find of a lifetime. The discovery brings her to the attention of a warlord eager to claim both Morgan and the fossils, forcing her to make a desperate dash to the nearby US military base to beg for protection. Master Sergeant Pax Blanchard has orders to intercept Dr. Adler before she reaches the base, and in so doing saves her life. After a harrowing afternoon, he safely delivers her to his commanders, only to find his responsibilities toward protecting the obstinate archaeologist have only just begun. Morgan and Pax are forced to work together in the Djiboutian desert heat, but it is the fire that ignites between them that threatens to combust them both. For the Green Beret, involvement with the woman he must protect is a threat to his career, while for the archaeologist, the soldier is everything she never wanted but somehow can't resist. When Morgan uncovers a mystery surrounding Djibouti's most scarce and vital resource, the danger to her reaches the flashpoint. For Pax, protecting her is no longer a matter of following orders, and he'll risk everything to bring her back alive.

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## Customer Reviews

"This first novel in Grant's Flashpoint series offers a multilayered, suspenseful plot that's strengthened by its appealing characters, strong attention to detail, and a healthy dose of romance." - [Kirkus Reviews](#) (starred review) "gripping suspense with a wonderfully brisk pace" - [Publishers Weekly](#) "Tinderbox is raw and energetic, thrills-wise and sex-wise, and offers an

exceptional combination of humor, suspense, romance and archaeological details that are always intriguing and never intrusive. This first book in Rachel Grant's Flashpoint series is unexpected and intense from the get-go. With irresistible characters, a rare setting and an inventive, high-powered plot, it's a smartly crafted gem of a story." - Å USA Today Romantic Suspense RITA Award winner and Å New York Times Å bestselling author Annika Martin says Å Tinderbox Å is "Fascinating, thrilling--I absolutely loved it!" adding, "Just wow! I could not get enough of this Å deliciously hardass hero--or this smart, addictive storyline. One of the best romantic suspenses I've read!"

Four-time Golden Heart Å® finalist Rachel Grant worked for over a decade as a professional archaeologist and mines her experiences for storylines and settings, which are as diverse as excavating a cemetery underneath an historic art museum in San Francisco, survey and excavation of many prehistoric Native American sites in the Pacific Northwest, researching an historic concrete house in Virginia, and mapping a seventeenth century Spanish and Dutch fort on the island of Sint Maarten in the Netherlands Antilles. She lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband and children and can be found on the web at [www.Rachel-Grant.net](http://www.Rachel-Grant.net).

Tinderbox is the first installment in the new series Flashpoint by Rachel Grant. The story is set in the lawless land of Djibouti, where China and USA, made a power play for the region to obtain a more favorable present position in Africa. Tinderbox is without a doubt another spectacular, well written book, that takes us through the heartwarming, emotional journey of the inner conflicts of a Green Beret and a penniless Archeologist, in the middle of a warlord and government conflict. Pax and Morgan have a scorching chemistry that could jeopardize their life and the success of their job.

Frankly, I have not read a Rachel Grant novel in a long, long time. I buy them and store them in my Library waiting for the day I want to read a really good book. After just reading Tinderbox, I realize I have been making a big, big mistake. Huge! Tinderbox explodes and captures the reader on the first page! Immediately I was immersed in the hot, dry desert of Djibouti on the Horn of Africa watching anthropologist, Dr. Morgan Adler, drives hell bent toward the safety of Camp Citron when she is intercepted by two rugged Green Berets, Master Sergeant Pax Blanchard and Sergeant First Class Cassius Callahan, sent to intercept her and her cargo. She is arguing with the two when her vehicle and precious fossils, a very rare archaeological find she is trying to protect, explode in a fiery blaze. The doctor is in trouble. And the reader is enthralled. The heroine is no Barbie doll. Morgan is no

ordinary damsel who needs saving. A striking blonde looker who credits her ambiguous name for getting this job in this male dominated country, she can take care of herself in the command center and in hand-to-hand combat. And she desires Pax who is dedicated to his military career. But does he desire her more? The book never stops twisting and turning. The subplots and character developments entwine to make the hot Djibouti come alive. I could not put this book down. And what am I reading now? I learned my lesson. I am binge reading all the books from Rachel Grant's Evidence series. I have learned my lesson. I was given an ARC of Tinderbox in exchange for an honest review.

Rachel Grant has a scientific background and puts it to good use when writing her novels. Romance, and in particular romantic suspense, is a hard genre to do well as evidenced by the dearth of books that make Scooby Doo and Nancy Drew look like Tolstoy. What I love most is that the female leads are smart and strong. There are no TSTL moments. The males, while alpha (and necessarily rugged and handsome) are not the caricatures that none of us would be able to stand in real life. These guys are warriors who also love their women. That leads to great romance and Grant is also a master at handling the steamy scenes. Writing sex scenes that are not formulaic, contrived, or do not overwhelm the plot is definitely a skill. That being said, if you are offended by sexual scenes in books, you should probably steer clear instead of buying the book and complaining about it afterward. Djibouti is a fascinating setting for this novel. One of the characters comments that countries in this region get too little attention and it is painfully true. Getting to learn about these failed states (Somalia, Yemen, etc) and their importance in the world is incredibly important to the security of people in the rest of the world. Being able to learn something about the archaeological and geological significance of this country as well as its importance as a base for U.S. operations in Africa while getting a riveting plot is really incredible. This is a book that I loved the first time and know I will reread. If I have made this sound like an intellectual exercise, don't be put off. It is just such a thrill to be treated as a thinking adult while reading romantic suspense. Kudos to Ms. Grant, as well as her husband who has worked for the Navy in this part of Africa, for giving us such a great read.

I am a fan of Rachel Grant and have read and re-read all of her previous books. My expectations of her work were high, and Tinderbox did not disappoint. I recommend this book for those that like a smart story with a military hero and love a hot sex scene. Ms Grant does a good job of painting a vivid picture of the work of an archaeologist, military protocol and the nuances of the political

machinations while allowing the emotions of her characters to come through. I love the side storyline with her dad. And, I absolutely loved that the heroine is such a bad ass!

Good suspense plot, steamy romance. Heroine is an archaeologist working in Djibouti, hero is an Army Special Forces Operator assigned to protect her. She's a general's daughter, he's enlisted. Both of them find their better judgement very difficult to follow. Meanwhile, lots of intrigue and mystery surrounding conflict in the very volatile area. Rachel Grant's romantic suspense novels are always satisfying, and this one is no exception.

Linus OMG i wish! I loved everything about this book. I just think Morgan was the best female character I have read in a good long while. She made me laugh outloud which is rare and that is wonderful. Which also means her counterpart was equally perfect. Archeologist extraordinaire and a kick ass with guns! She is my type of alter ego. I also loved her humanity. Fantastic storyline great plot. Super all the way around.

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