

Summer Rain



By Bob Manion

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Sara Bennett is a Smokejumper, earning her living by parachuting out of airplanes to fight forest fires. On a training and qualification jump she is injured. While recovering she meets a young doctor that she feels may be the man in her life. At the same time she is forced out of the Smokejumpers and becomes a Ranger with the Federal Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Service. Here she meets fellow Ranger Randy Springer. They soon become a team in a number of ways.

On the job, their pursuit of lawbreakers goes way beyond tracking down the occasional poacher or the fisherman with an expired license. Escaped prisoners, illicit drugs, terrorists, and corruption at the high levels of government make life interesting for Sara and Randy.

This was an interesting and entertaining story, one that was difficult to put down. It nicely combines action, romance, great characters, with an appreciation of both the wild lands of America with deep respect for those in the Armed Forces and Law Enforcement. It is a fitting sequel to Manion's earlier *Springer's Heart*.