



# Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest

*Ginger Adams Otis*

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest

*Ginger Adams Otis*

## **Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest** Ginger Adams Otis

In 1919, when Wesley Williams became a New York City firefighter, he stepped into a world that was 100% white and predominantly Irish. As far as this city knew, black men in the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) tended horses.

Nearly a century later, many things in the FDNY had changed—but not the scarcity of blacks. New York had about 300 black firefighters—roughly 3 percent of the 11,000 New York firefighters in a city of two million African Americans. That made the FDNY a true aberration compared to all the other uniformed departments, like the NYPD. Decades earlier, women and blacks had sued over its hiring practices and won. But the FDNY never took permanent steps to eradicate the inequities, which led to a courtroom show-down between New York City's billionaire Mayor, Mike Bloomberg, and a determined group of black activist firefighters. It was not until 2014 that the city settled the \$98 million lawsuit.

At the center of this book are stories of courage—about firefighters risking their lives in the line of duty but also risking their livelihood by battling an unjust system. Among them: FDNY Captain Paul Washington, a second generation black firefighter, who spent his multi-decade career fighting to get minorities on the job. He faced an insular culture made up of relatives who never saw their own inclusion as favoritism.

Based on author Ginger Adams Otis' years of on the ground reporting, *Firefight* is an exciting blend of the high-octane energy of firefighting and critical Civil Rights history.

 [Download Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate Ne ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate ...pdf](#)

## **Download and Read Free Online Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest Ginger Adams Otis**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Linda Caron:**

Book is actually written, printed, or illustrated for everything. You can learn everything you want by a e-book. Book has a different type. To be sure that book is important thing to bring us around the world. Alongside that you can your reading expertise was fluently. A e-book Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest will make you to end up being smarter. You can feel a lot more confidence if you can know about everything. But some of you think which open or reading a new book make you bored. It's not make you fun. Why they could be thought like that? Have you trying to find best book or acceptable book with you?

#### **Bonnie Abramowitz:**

The ability that you get from Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest may be the more deep you excavating the information that hide in the words the more you get interested in reading it. It doesn't mean that this book is hard to understand but Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest giving you joy feeling of reading. The writer conveys their point in selected way that can be understood through anyone who read it because the author of this guide is well-known enough. This particular book also makes your personal vocabulary increase well. Making it easy to understand then can go to you, both in printed or e-book style are available. We highly recommend you for having that Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest instantly.

#### **Janice Pyles:**

This Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest is great e-book for you because the content which is full of information for you who else always deal with world and have to make decision every minute. This book reveal it information accurately using great manage word or we can declare no rambling sentences included. So if you are read this hurriedly you can have whole facts in it. Doesn't mean it only provides straight forward sentences but difficult core information with wonderful delivering sentences. Having Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest in your hand like keeping the world in your arm, facts in it is not ridiculous one. We can say that no e-book that offer you world throughout ten or fifteen small right but this book already do that. So , this is certainly good reading book. Hey Mr. and Mrs. hectic do you still doubt which?

#### **Sabrina Crockett:**

Reading a guide make you to get more knowledge from that. You can take knowledge and information from a book. Book is composed or printed or highlighted from each source in which filled update of news. In this particular modern era like right now, many ways to get information are available for you. From media social including newspaper, magazines, science guide, encyclopedia, reference book, novel and comic. You can add your knowledge by that book. Ready to spend your spare time to open your book? Or just searching for

the Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest when you needed it?

**Download and Read Online Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest Ginger Adams Otis #3E2F0JRWOSH**

## **Read Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest by Ginger Adams Otis for online ebook**

Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest by Ginger Adams Otis Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest by Ginger Adams Otis books to read online.

### **Online Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest by Ginger Adams Otis ebook PDF download**

#### **Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest by Ginger Adams Otis Doc**

**Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest by Ginger Adams Otis Mobipocket**

**Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York's Bravest by Ginger Adams Otis EPub**