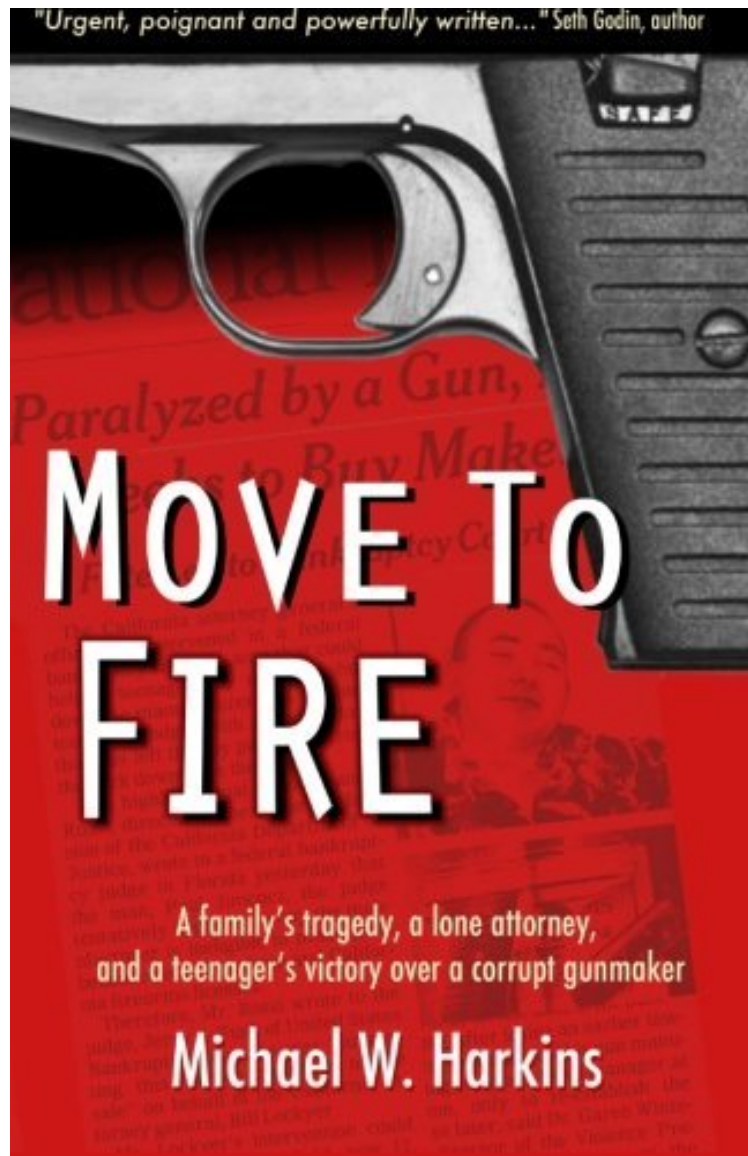


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From the foreword of Move To Fire -- "...no government entity can force a gun manufacturer to recall a defective gun... an unethical gun manufacturer could choose to create and sell a gun it knew to be defective, and no entity could stop that from happening." "That happened." A decade after seven-year-old Brandon Maxfield was paralyzed in an accidental shooting by a defective gun, he and his attorney accomplished what the government couldn't do, and the firearms industry and gun safety groups failed to do - hold the defective guns manufacturer accountable for creating millions of low quality, dangerous guns so connected to tragedy that they were known as junk guns. When the gunmaker filed bankruptcy to avoid paying his half of a historic \$50,000,000 product liability award to Brandon, then schemed to resurrect the company, the teen launched a campaign to acquire the company himself and stop it from producing thousands more defective guns. Brandon's and attorney Richard Ruggieri's efforts attracted national support, and derision, as their story became international news. Michael W. Harkins compelling narrative is an illuminating account of the people and events that captivated the world's leading media outlets in nine countries, and also reveals why millions of defectively designed guns like the one that almost killed Brandon Maxfield are still on the streets.

"Urgent, poignant and powerfully written, this book reads like a thriller and makes us think hard about what sort of world we want to build." -- Seth Godin, author

Featured review from Publishers Weekly -- "Harkins crafts a taut legal drama reminiscent of Jonathan Harr's *A Civil Action* in this story of a heroic lawyer's quest for justice for the victim of a defective firearm. Brandon Maxfield was seven years old and living in Northern California with his mother and stepfather when in 1994 a bullet struck and paralyzed him. The firearm that caused the life-altering injury was a Bryco Model 38, which had a design defect: the safety needed to be disengaged before its chamber could be checked to see whether it contained any ammunition. Brandon's parents' initial attempt to sue the manufacturer went nowhere, but they get a second chance in 1999 when Brandon's stepfather, Clint Stansberry, seeks out solo law practitioner Richard Ruggieri. After learning about the family tragedy, Ruggieri launches a seemingly quixotic lawsuit against the manufacturers of the weapon, an effort that lasts well over a decade and is complicated by the manufacturers' efforts to evade responsibility by filing for bankruptcy. Harkins's understated recounting makes a powerful argument that the government should have the authority to recall defective firearms." -- Publishers Weekly (Starred) "...like a legal thriller...the suspense is compelling. Move to Fire isn't an anti-gun screed. Move to Fire is a passion project by a writer who knows how to mine facts, build characters, and use them to tell a terrific story. I found it an engrossing, well-built narrative that pulled me through, page by page." -- Brian Fies, award winning author of *Mom's Cancer and Whatever Happened to the World of Tomorrow*. "All practicing and aspiring forensic engineers should read Harkins' captivating and detailed account of this extensive litigation, both comprehensively and brilliantly portrayed." -- Vaughn P. Adams, Jr., PHD, PE, InterACTION, official publication of the National Academy of Forensic Engineers