

FAHRENHEIT 451

PART ONE: The Hearth and the Salamander

1. Montag meets Clarisse, the girl next door.
2. Clarisse questions Montag's happiness and the values of society.
3. Mildred has taken too many sleeping pills.
4. Montag questions his happiness and the values of society.
5. When Clarisse vanishes, Montag suspects she either is dead or has been arrested.
6. Montag steals a book at a fire.
7. Montag witnesses an old woman die in the flames with her books.
8. Beatty hints awareness of Montag's actions.
9. Montag decides both to show Mildred the books and to read them.

PART TWO: The Sieve and the Sand

10. Mildred refuses to help Montag or even listen to him.
11. Montag consults an old professor named Faber.
12. Montag and Faber plan to print books and discredit the firemen system.
13. Montag reads "Dover Beach" aloud to the parlor ladies.
14. Mildred reports that Montag has books.

PART THREE: Burning Bright

15. Montag burns his own house.
16. Montag kills Beatty with fire.
17. Police hunt Montag in a gamelike manner.
18. Faber harbors Montag and tells his own plans to leave.
19. Montag escapes into the country across the river.
20. Montag meets Granger and the book-people.
21. War destroys the society Montag left behind.
22. Montag and Granger plan to return to and rebuild society.