

BOOK OF THE MONTH

FULL MEASURE

By Cat Auer

• In T. Jefferson Parker's latest novel, machine gunner Patrick Norris returns to Fallbrook, California after surviving an Afghanistan deployment many fellow marines did not. He's happy to be home from a war he didn't believe in but aches for the exhilaration of combat. When his dad asks for help saving the family farm, most of which burned in a suspicious wildfire, Pat puts aside dreams of opening a fly-fishing business and trades duty to country for duty to family. How the fire started is the secret that Parker's skillful narrative builds up to revealing, with suspenseful subplots—a

romance with a local reporter, a hit-and-run whodunit, a troubled brother drawn into the orbit of a racist townie mechanic—woven into a satisfying finish. A departure from Parker's typical California crime fare, *Full Measure* looks at what it means to sacrifice for things you believe in—and things you don't. 🐰🐰🐰

