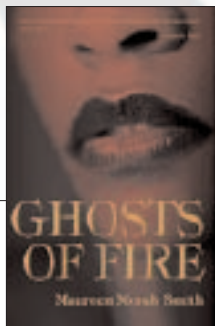


# “iUniverse turned *Ghosts of Fire* into a life-altering experience”

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In 1999, I got serious about publishing and completed my first book, *Ghosts of Fire* – a romantic suspense novel. A small press offered me a contract, but my agent suggested against it.

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