

With each additional case, the investigator is left with disturbing messages from the murderer, each more personal than the last.

It is not until Caulfield is directly contacted, that she is forced to decide between leaving her life in the hands of the department that she serves, or to fight fire with fire.

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"The Minotaur", a sequel to *"Chimera"*, won The Bram Stoker Award for Best Novel in 2013.

"'Chimera' features a cast of magnificently defined characters who are as deep and distinct as they are truly troubled."

- John Green, New York Times Best Seller

"Takeda's writing style is wonderfully diverse. She is able to balance sarcastic and satirical intensity with quirky wit and charm."

- Chuck Palahniuk, winner of The Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Award

"An honest look into a dysfunctional society which reflects the characters' motives as the novel reaches its stunning climax."

- Neal Shusterman, recipient of The Boston Globe-Horn Book Award

"To engross one's readers so effortlessly is an exceptionally remarkable gift that is showcased by this up and coming novelist."

- James Patterson, Edgar Award winner

CHIMERA KELLY TAKEDA



2:48 am- an abandoned building set ablaze, sends dense smoke into the Seattle skyline.

Under the flames, a body burns alive.

The case is given to Investigator Allison Caulfield after the forensic unit discovers a woman's corpse in the debris.

72 hours later, another fire rages on into the night, and again the singed body of a woman was found. But this time the arsonist left something very unique behind. Or was it meant for Caulfield to find?

As fires continue to be ignited, more victims fallen prey to a serial killer and arsonist are unearthed from grizzly crime scenes.