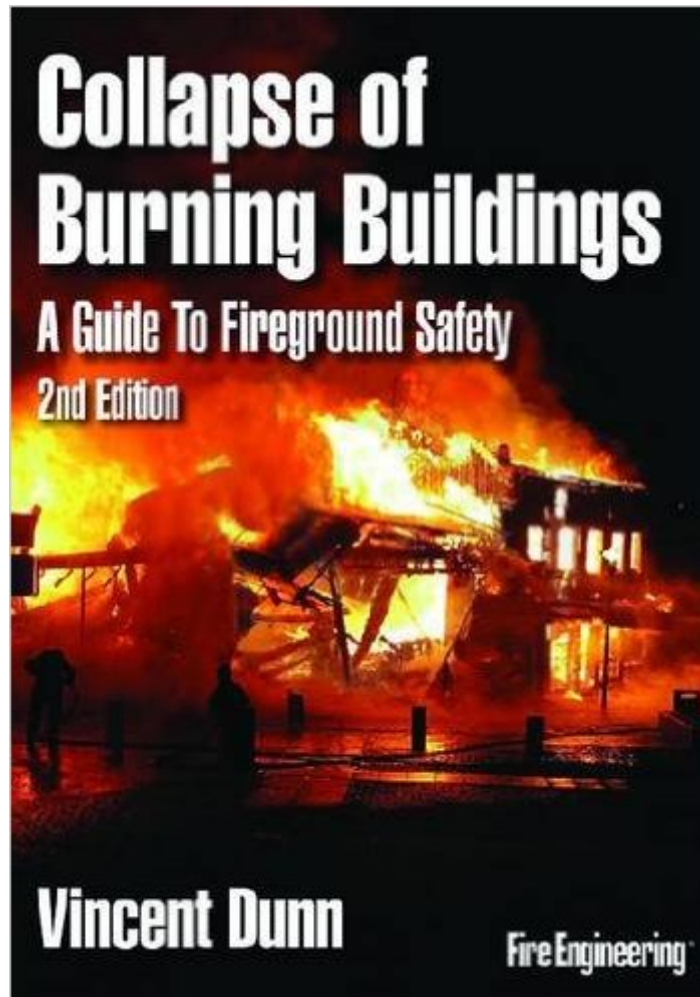


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# Collapse Of Burning Buildings: A Guide To Fireground Safety



## Synopsis

Chief Vincent Dunn, a 42-year fire service veteran, has updated his best-selling book which examines the dangers of structural failure caused by fire. This is the second edition of the first textbook written to warn firefighters, company officers, and fire chiefs about exactly how structures collapse when destroyed by fire--and examines the subject of burning building collapse in great detail. More importantly, this book, unlike any other publication, instructs firefighters and fire officers in how to survive burning building collapse.

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This book is very well written, providing the reader a clear overview of the collapse hazards presented by a burning building. The organization of the chapters makes the book a valuable resource for a fire service instructor - complete with a "lessons learned" section at the end of the chapters. The only downside to the book is that it is written primarily from the urban perspective - but then, that's where Vincent Dunn got his experience. I'm hoping for a new edition; one that focuses more attention on the dangers of lightweight wood construction, and considers the challenges of the rural fire service. In the meantime, though, the current edition provides a thorough foundation in building collapse (based on building construction) for a fire fighter or fire officer.

THE book on structural collapse. Chief Dunn knows more about building construction than contractors that build them. Make sure you get the updated edition that covers 9/11. Every firefighter should read this for their own safety- things highlighted about the integrity of structural members and

what compromises them could have only been learned from experience and Chief Dunn has covered all of it.

This book is an excellent manual for instruction on collapse. Vincent Dunn brings stories of experience along with instruction to explain his book for any level of fire fighter wanting to improve their craft. Excellent book.

This book is great to understand construction of buildings and how fire effects them. Even with the ever changing hybrid world of construction this book will hit all major points. Even the stories before the chapter could possibly be promotional senerios. This newest edition has all the same as the one before it, the only new section is about WTC. and few added details in each chapter.

The worst editing I have ever seen. It was almost like I was reading 4 of his other books cut-copied-pasted to make one this book. Multiple times I found redundant paragraphs, run on sentences, (due to copying and pasting text together). It is nothing against Chief Dunn, this is Penwell's screwup.

I enjoyed reading Vincent Dunn's second edition. The first and second edition were both written in a straight foward style without trying to over complicate basic notions and without including irrelevant information. In the second edition, I found it interesting to see a slight philosophical transformation towards giving defensive attacks more consideration and attention as a viable option...with emphasis on safety and conveying what is truly important in the grand scheme. Unfortunately, this book has an abundance of grammatical and punctuation errors...which makes reading into a choppy slow process. Poor editing is my only complaint. However, I am still an advocate of Vincent Dunn's thoughts and tactics.

Very well written. Alot of good war stories from back in the day. I would recommend this book for someone with 2 years to 20 years of experiance. This book gets straight to the point.

Though dealing with mostly commercial building collapse, the principles are still visible in his writing. This book was a great eye opener to the possibilities inherent in various construction styles and techniques and their relationship to collapse under fire. I have gained great confidence in my abilities through the reading of this book and every firefighter should read this book. One thing

disappoints me and that is that this book was written so long ago (1988).

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