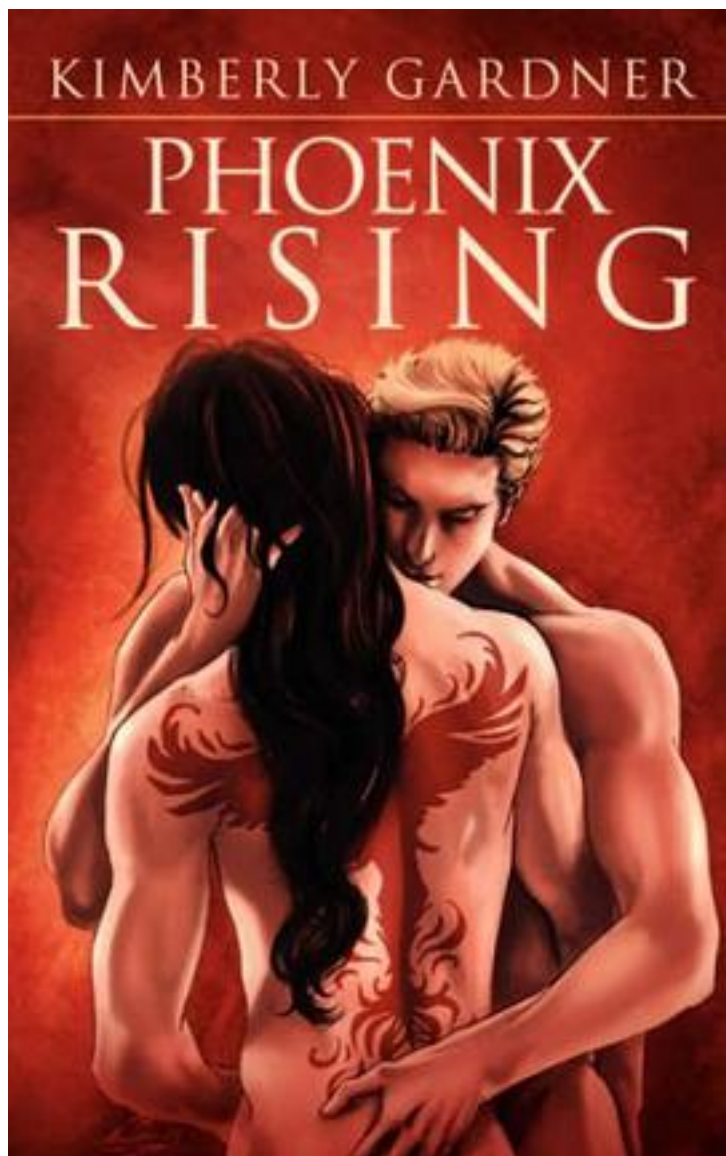


# Phoenix Rising



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Nyle's life with her grandmother on their Vermont sheep farm advances rhythmically through the seasons until the night of the accident at the Cookshire nuclear power plant. Without warning, Nyle's modest world fills with protective masks, evacuations, contaminated food, disruptions, and mistrust. Nyle adjusts to the changes. As long as the fallout continues blowing to the East, Nyle, Gran, and the farm can go on. But into this uncertain haven stumble Ezra Trent and his mother, "refugees" from the heart of the accident, who take temporary shelter in the back bedroom of Nyle's house. The back bedroom is the dying room: It took her mother when Nyle was six; it stole away her grandfather just two years ago. Now Ezra is back there and Nyle doesn't want to open her heart to him. Too many times she's let people in, only to have them desert her. Karen Hesse's voice and vision are grounded in truth; she takes on a nearly unharnessable subject, contains it, and makes it resonate with honesty. Part love story, part coming of age, this is a tour de force by a gifted writer.

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I surrounded his bony fingers with everything good inside me.

死亡是贯穿这部小说的主题，不管是Nyly所惧怕的，还是Ezra所面对的。生活在一个随时可能被污染毁灭的环境中，所有人不得不去面对并思考死亡，惧怕且抗争。在这过程中，Nyly遇见Ezra。凤凰涅槃，指的并不是重生，而是涅槃的瞬间不再惧怕火焰与灼烧，这是Ezra教给她的-勇气。在失去Ezra时，Muncie又教给她死亡的本质，每个人都会死去，只不过是早晚的问题。出生之日便被打上死亡之印。文中提到安妮，那个二战中未长大便死亡的女孩，其实Ezra也一样，包括千千万万在成人世界里，因成人所犯的错误而未来得及长大，未来得及看这个世界便也夭折的孩子。可怕的是，成人从未忏悔。

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