

### Fahrenheit 451 summary pages 1-12

- Guy Montag is a fireman – he burns houses with books
- he meets Clarisse McClellan on the way home from work – they talk
- Montag's house is cold, dark & quiet – his wife Mildred has "Seashells" in her ears – an empty pill bottle is on the floor
- jet bombers fly over the house

### Fahrenheit 451 summary pages 12 - 21

- Two handymen arrive at Montag's house to pump Mildred's stomach and replace her blood.
- Montag thinks "I don't know anything anymore." (page 15)
- Montag asks Mildred about her overdose, but she doesn't remember and says she would never do something like that.
- Mildred watches the three-walls in the TV parlor - she wants a fourth wall
- Montag talks with Clarisse again. At the end of the encounter he feels as if he is "two halves." (page 21)

### Fahrenheit 451 summary pages 21-32

- The firehouse has a deadly Mechanical Hound & Montag is afraid of it
- Captain Beatty laughs at Montag's fears
- Montag sees Clarisse every day as he walks to work, they talk, she tells him about school
- One day, Clarisse is just gone
- Montag talks to the other firemen about their work; he asks questions.

### Fahrenheit 451 summary pages 32 - 45

- The firemen answer a call - the house is old, three stories, belongs to a woman - she is there
- The woman refuses to leave and burns herself with her house and books
- Montag is shaken and upset - at home he thinks about how distant he and Mildred are - he doesn't like or understand the TV parlor programs
- He asks Mildred about Clarisse - Mildred says she is dead

### Fahrenheit 451 summary pages 45-60

- Montag is sick; he's terribly troubled by last night's events and news
- He and Mildred talk but only briefly
- Captain Beatty arrives to tell Montag that many firemen go through a rough patch
- Beatty tells Montag about the history of their society and of firemen, how people moved from books to TV and a fast-paced lifestyle, how books were burned if someone didn't like them
- Montag asks Beatty what would happen if a fireman kept a book, Beatty says they can only keep the book 24 hours

### Fahrenheit 451 summary pages 60-65

- Beatty leaves and Montag remembers Clarisse
- Montag talks to Mildred about how he is feeling, his job and the books he has hidden in the house
- He gets the books out of the ventilator and begs Mildred to read them with him