

This is the published version

Atherton, CL 2014, Triangle fire, in Flood, Fire and Famine, Ginninderra Press, Port Adelaide, S. A., pp.53-53.

Available from Deakin Research Online

http://hdl.handle.net/10536/DRO/DU:30068776

Reproduced with the kind permission of the copyright owner

Copyright: 2014, Ginninderra Press

TRIANGLE FIRE

There is a photo
by an unknown photographer
that haunts me. It's the image
of a twisted ladder
that was once part of the fire escape
on the Asch building in New York.
It could almost be part of a spiral staircase
leading somewhere,
except that it is actually the remnants
of a collapsed fire escape
on which many, in 1911,
took their last step.

Cassandra Atherton