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#1 New York Times Best-Selling Author Karin Slaughter to Write Short Story to Benefit Libraries

Thomas & Mercer to Publish as a Kindle Single

Karin Slaughter, #1 international best-selling author of the recently published *Fallen*, announced today that her next project will be a digital original short story titled “Thorn in My Side” from Amazon Publishing’s Thomas & Mercer imprint, available exclusively as a Kindle Single on August 25th, 2011. One hundred percent of Slaughter’s proceeds from sales in the US (www.amazon.com/kindlesingles) will benefit the DeKalb County Library System in DeKalb County, Georgia. The Single will also be available on www.amazon.co.uk and one hundred percent of proceeds from these sales will benefit The Reading Agency in the UK.

A long-time advocate for libraries, Slaughter’s organization Save the Libraries (www.savethelibraries.com) has raised over \$50,000 for her local DeKalb County Library system and served as a model for other library advocacy groups around the globe. Her efforts have been graciously supported by the International Thriller Writers and numerous fellow writers.

“Librarians have always stood up for writers and readers in every kind of community across this country,” Slaughter said, “The demand for their programs and services is increasing while their budgets are decreasing. It’s time that we stood up for them. I had a great time writing ‘Thorn in My Side’ and the fact that it is for this great cause just makes it even better. I appreciate the work the team at Thomas & Mercer has put into this to help me make it reality.”

“We’ve long respected Karin as a writer and now as an advocate for reading and libraries,” said Victoria Griffith, Publisher of Thomas & Mercer, “so we were thrilled when she asked us to work with her on this project. It has been our distinct privilege to help make it happen.”

“Thorn in My Side” is the story of two uniquely paired brothers, out on the town on what could have been any Saturday night. What happens next can only be described in two words: vintage Slaughter. From the opening scene to the last line, “Thorn in My Side” is as darkly wicked as it is entertaining—an unforgettable piece of writing.

Karin Slaughter has written eleven books that have sold 25 million copies in 30 languages. A New York Times best-selling author, Karin's books have debuted at #1 in the United Kingdom, Germany, and The Netherlands. She lives in Atlanta, where she is working on her next novel.

Announced in May 2011, Thomas & Mercer—named for streets that flank the Amazon headquarters in Seattle—is the mystery and thriller imprint of Amazon Publishing. Kindle Singles, launched in January 2011, are typically between 5,000 and 30,000 words, and are intended to allow a single compelling idea or story to be expressed at its natural length.