



TV “Pirated” by Hit Author as it Sets Sail for New Show Marti Melville’s Popular Book Lands 7 Figure TV Deal

Los Angeles, CA (September 5, 2011): Proving pirates have staying power, best-selling author Marti Melville has inked a seven-figure deal to turn her hit Paranormal Romance, Historical Fiction novel *Midnight Omen: Déjà Vu* into a TV series. This marks the first in a series of novels to be written and developed by Melville. The TV series being developed in collaboration with Blu de Golyer, who penned the script for the pilot, *Midnight Omen* is currently in pre-production, set to film in the US and the Caribbean in 2012.

What JK Rowling did for wizards and Stephanie Meyer did for vampires; Marti Melville is about to do for pirates. Magic, history, and mischievous pirates at sea captivate in this paranormal romance, which follows Katherine, an RN enmeshed in the demands of the ER until a series of strange dreams sends cold fear coursing through her body. After being given the answers as to why she has such a “Gift” for healing, she’s suddenly kidnapped by pirates. As she learns the ways of the pirates, her “Gift” quickly becomes an asset with the help of the ship’s sexy bad-boy-turned-good Captain John Phillips.

“We are basically building a new media strategy that will bring various media projects together that will cater to a specific and highly loyal demographic,” says writer/producer Blu de Golyer.

“We plan to shoot on location in the Caribbean in an effort to remain as historically accurate as possible. Hopefully, the production on location will serve to support the culture and bolster the economy of that area by utilizing local talent, etc., particularly after the devastation of Irene recently,” says author Marti Melville.

Fans rave, “*Excellent new series - Here is the next "Harry Potter" sensation pirate-style - Midnight Omen Deja vu.*” - MB

With the success of Disney’s billion-dollar franchise *Pirates of the Caribbean*, a successful pirate themed TV series has been a long time coming. “*Since The Pirate’s Gold set sail a century ago, maritime piracy has been the subject of several hundred films. Celebrating this activity assiduously has enabled Hollywood to make off with much booty. The first three Pirates of the Caribbean titles alone grossed \$2.6 billion at the box office.*” - Guardian UK

What started as a simple story for her grandchildren about Melville’s family lineage in Wales, led the Registered Nurse to discover Captain John Phillips, a pirate captain of the great merchantman *Revenge*. Melville, believed to be a distant relative of Moby Dick author, Herman Melville, read the accounts of this blood-thirsty pirate’s life and thought, “you just can’t make this kind of stuff up.”

“This book made me feel like I was on a pirate ship right along side Katherine and the pirates. Marti does a great job of taking the reader on the journey with her! I can't wait to find out where the sea takes me next!” -Amanda Felion

With the book a huge success, and fans clamoring for more, Melville teamed up with Blu de Golyer, an established novelist and ghost-writer who's penned for some of the biggest names in Hollywood. de Golyer, also evolving into a viable producer with hits such as *The Road to Freedom* (The war-drama about Errol Flynn's son, who went missing during the Vietnam War, now in theatrical release) and the feature thriller, *The House of Good And Evil* now in development, wanted to bring Melville's script to life with the pilot, *Midnight Omen*.

Already a hit on the “pirate circuit,” Melville is currently on a six-month book tour with themed stops including “Pirate Days of Texas” is in The Colony, TX on October 15-16, 2011 and National “Talk Like a Pirate Day,” coming up on September 19th.

About Marti Melville: Marti Melville, was born in Salt Lake City, Utah where she was raised with four younger sisters. After retiring from a successful career in nursing, specializing primarily in Emergency and Trauma, the mother of five and grandmother of four, took to writing. Her tremendous love of history propelled her to research her family lineage, leading her to find Captain John Phillips, a pirate captain of the great merchantman *Revenge*. What started as a simple story for her grandchildren to learn about her lineage turned into something much, more. Working on her laptop, she spent the next 8 - 9 months walking in the early evenings with her dogs, staring at the rising moon and creating ideas that developed into the plot. *Midnight Omen: Déjà Vu*, is the first in a series of novels Melville has signed on to write. The smashing success of the book recently landed her a 7-figure deal to transform her captivating tale into a TV series. The pilot, currently in pre-production and penned by Blu de Golyer, is titled *Midnight Omen*.

About Midnight Omen: *Midnight Omen*: Set in a bustling seaside community hospital, an emergency room team struggles to save the life of one of their patients...and fails. Katherine, RN is enmeshed in the demands of the ER until a series of strange dreams sends cold fear coursing through her body. Suddenly, she becomes the victim of unexplained magical events. Desperately seeking for answers, she is regressed to a previous life in which she discovers the secrets behind her magical powers as a healer.

She learns that she once lived in a tiny seaside village near Wales with her grandmother, a Celtic witch who teaches Katherine to use her “Gift” for healing. Their lives change the night an omen surrounding the moon foretells of imminent danger. It isn't long before Katherine is kidnapped by rogue churlish men and taken from her home in the heather to a large ship bound for the Caribbean.

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