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Compelling Legal Thriller from Kunati Probes the Psyche of a Woman Who Kills Her Child

The tragic story of a mentally ill Texas woman who drowned her five children in the bathtub.

/24-7PressRelease/ - LARGO, FL, May 17, 2008 -- Janeology, the new Kunati novel by Karen Harrington, was inspired by the tragic story of a mentally ill Texas woman who drowned her five children in the bathtub. Harrington, a Texan, takes up the horrifying question of how a mother could be driven to kill her own child. Of equal importance is the question, why didn't someone—the husband in Jane's case—"know" what she was capable of and stop her? The American Library Association's Booklist Magazine describes Janeology as "Beautifully written, compellingly crafted ... brilliant characters."

Jane's husband is charged with "failure to protect" when she is committed to a mental health facility. If found guilty, he will spend years in prison for his wife's crime. To defend him, his lawyer prepares a defence of bad genealogy: the premise is that women like Jane are predisposed to fail as mothers because they have inherited poor parenting skills from their own mothers and fathers. To build his case, he reveals that generations of Jane's family, from her own parents and their parents before them, to her great grandparents, endured neglect and abuse and passed the bad parenting down to Jane.

"We've all read the stories in the news about parents who kill their children and we've all asked, how could they do it? Why didn't someone prevent this tragedy?" said Kunati publisher Derek Armstrong. "Karen Harrington takes on these questions in a most original and fascinating way. Part legal thriller, part character study and part historical fiction, it's a gripping story straight out of today's headlines."

Janeology will receive extensive publicity in April of 2008 from Kunati Books, called a "new publisher to watch" by Booklist Magazine.

Kunati seeks out provocative and controversial fiction, as well as non-fiction that inspires and enlightens. The spring 2008 season includes a satire of the US military by a retired Navy Commander, two new medical thrillers, an inspiring story of a woman battling cancer and terrorized by a murderer, a unique literary crime novel, a techno-thriller that's been compared to the work of Phillip K. Dick, and an intelligent thriller about the search for the tomb of Jesus.

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