



Popular Paper Crafter's Debut Novel Highlights Power of Friendship *A Sweethaven Summer* by Courtney Walsh

"In *A Sweethaven Summer*, Courtney Walsh has created a town I want to live in. From the first chapter, the characters became my friends, jumping off the page and into my heart. I didn't want it to end. A masterful word painting, *A Sweethaven Summer* is a story of loss, regret, forgiveness, and restoration."

—Ane Mulligan, Sr. Editor, Novel Rocket



In her debut novel, *A Sweethaven Summer*, paper crafter, artist, and author Courtney Walsh writes about a very special group of friends: Suzanne, Lila, Jane, and Meghan—they call themselves The Circle. These four childhood friends are bound together by a scrapbook in which they faithfully recorded events and happenings of their early lives along with hopes and dreams of their futures.

Campbell Carter's mother, Suzanne, was part of The Circle before she lost her battle with cancer. She wanted nothing more than to reconnect with her dear friends. Even though they had gone their separate ways, Suzanne had written to them, hoping to gather them together for one final Sweethaven reunion before she died.

Knowing that each of the friends holds a different part of the special scrapbook, Campbell goes back to Sweethaven to try to find some answers about her past. With the help of her mother's old friends and her new acquaintance Luke, Campbell may uncover the secrets of her past and find the family she never knew.

Walsh believes in the importance of documenting life in a scrapbook. From her own experience as a scrapbooker, she skillfully combines her love of the craft with her characters' story to show the importance of recording life. With over 25 million scrapbookers in the United States, potential Walsh readers abound, and they will love characters who share their penchant for capturing life on pages. Readers will be moved by Walsh's portrayal of friendship in *A Sweethaven Summer*, and they will be drawn to Sweethaven, a place where wounds are mended, lives are changed, friendships are restored, and most of all, a place where it is never too late to reconnect with childhood friends.

Courtney Walsh is a freelance writer and author of two craft books, *Scrapbooking Your Faith* and *The Busy Scrapper*. She was also a contributing editor for *Memory Makers* magazine. She lives in Colorado with her husband and three children. Learn more at courtneywalsh.typepad.com.

###

A Sweethaven Summer
by Courtney Walsh
Summerside Press/Guidepost
ISBN13: 978-0-8249-4519-0
February 2012
320 pages, \$13.99

Media Contact:
Jeane Wynn
Wynn-Wynn Media, LLC
P: 918-283-1834
F: 918-512-4409
jeane@wynnwynnmedia.com