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Andrea Dunlop's Debut Novel THE SOJOURN Acquired by Atria

New York, NY — Book Country, a supportive online writing community and division of Penguin Random House, announced Monday that *THE SOJOURN* by Andrea Dunlop has been acquired by Simon & Schuster's Atria imprint. Dunlop is the social media and marketing director at Girl Friday Productions, a full-service editorial firm headquartered in Seattle. Dunlop has been a member of the Book Country community since 2013 and has shared her professional expertise with the community through a series of popular blog posts on book marketing for emerging writers. In summer 2014, she posted her own novel-in-progress for review on Book Country. The manuscript has earned several highly rated reviews from the community since then.

"My hope for *THE SOJOURN* is that it finds its way to as many readers as possible, and I'm excited about putting all of the social media tools I work with to use," says Dunlop. "Book Country's been amazing. I'm always looking for new ways to find good writing and meet other writers at the beginnings of their careers, and Book Country is a great way to do that."

Smart, obsessive, and sexy, *THE SOJOURN* is an upmarket women's fiction book with themes reminiscent of *THE LEMON GROVE* and *THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY*. The story concerns what happens when an outsider from Chino, California is let into a glamorous French world and the dark love triangle that emerges.

Atria acquiring editor Sarah Cantin says of *THE SOJOURN*: "I fell in love with these characters and watched as they too fell in love—with the mystique of a foreign country, with the promise of reinvention, and with each other. Andrea's writing is pitch-perfect and so beautifully captures that heady time of life when the world around you appears to be in Technicolor and absolutely anything feels possible."

Since Book Country's launch in 2011, more than a dozen titles have been acquired by traditional publishers. The supportive writing and publishing community offers authors the chance to solicit feedback from others and to fine-tune their manuscripts before publication.

More information about Book Country, the most supportive writing and publishing community on the Web, can be found at www.bookcountry.com.

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