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Subject: Jolly Fish Press Acquires Jane Austen-inspired Contemporary YA

PROVO, UT—Jolly Fish Press (JFP) has successfully acquired Kate Watson's *Seeking Mansfield*, a contemporary YA novel based on Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park*. *Seeking Mansfield* is scheduled for a Spring 2017 release. The deal was sold to acquisition editor McKelle George by Bree Ogden of Red Sofa Literary Agency.

Fifteen-year-old Finley Price has perfected two things: how to direct a world-class production, and how to fly way, way under the radar. The first she inherited from her movie star father before he died. The second she mastered after her mother became an alcoholic. Finley continued to use the latter skill when her intimidating godparents, the Bertrams, took her in.

The only person who ever seems to notice Finley is her best friend Oliver, son of the Bertrams. If she could just take Oliver's constant encouragement to heart and step out of the shadows, she'd finally chase her dream of joining the prestigious Mansfield Theater.

But when teen movie stars Emma and Harlan Crawford move across the street from the Bertrams, they immediately set their sights on Oliver and his vapid sister, Juliette, shaking up Finley and Oliver's stable friendship. As Emma and Oliver grow closer, Harlan finds his attention shifting from Juliette to the quiet, enigmatic, and thoroughly unimpressed Finley. Out of boredom, Harlan decides to make her fall in love with him. Problem is, the harder he seeks to win her, the harder he falls for her.

But Finley doesn't want to be won, and she doesn't want to see Oliver with anyone else. To claim Oliver's heart—and keep her own—she'll have to find the courage to do what she fears most: step into the spotlight.

*Seeking Mansfield* is a charming YA contemporary reimagining of Jane Austen's classic *Mansfield Park*, perfect for fans of Stephanie Perkins and Rainbow Rowell.

Like every little girl, author Kate Watson dreamed of studying philosophy in college and being a director at a private university one day. Then she grew up, became a wife and mother, and realized she should do the responsible thing and write for a living. (Wait a minute. Strike that. Reverse it.) She grew up in a village in Alberta, Canada, and currently lives in Phoenix, Arizona, with her adorable husband and two children.

Film and TV rights for *Seeking Mansfield* will be brokered by The Gotham Group. All other subsidiary rights are available through the publisher. Both titles for the series will be distributed by Independent Publisher Group (IPG). For information and to request a review copy, please contact Christopher Loke at [publicity@jollyfishpress.com](mailto:publicity@jollyfishpress.com).