Carol Hollenbeck Delivers Chilling 70s Thriller

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Carol Hollenbeck's debut novel, "A Moment of Blonde Madness," is a captivating thriller set in the chaotic aftermath of the Son of Sam's capture in 1970s New York City. Released on April 3, 2024, this paperback is a must-read for fans of suspenseful, emotionally charged fiction.

The story revolves around Janice Dey, a beautiful blonde newscaster turned writer, who finds herself struggling with writer's block as she attempts to pen her second novel. As she sits in front of her typewriter, staring at a blank sheet of paper, little does she know that a dangerous obsession is brewing in the shadows, threatening to consume her life.

Hollenbeck masterfully builds tension throughout the novel, as an unknown person fixates on Janice, choosing her as the object of their undying love. Despite Janice's efforts to break free from this unwanted attention, her admirer remains undeterred, leaving readers on the edge of their seats as they wonder how far this obsession will go.

Set against the backdrop of a city still reeling from the terror inflicted by the Son of Sam, "A Moment of Blonde Madness" captures the essence of the '70s with its vivid descriptions and authentic characters. Hollenbeck's writing transports readers to a time when the city was grappling with fear and uncertainty, adding an extra layer of depth to the story.

One of the strengths of the novel is its exploration of the psychological effects of obsession, both on the person being obsessed over and the obsessor themselves. Hollenbeck delves into the minds of her characters, revealing their innermost thoughts and motivations, creating a complex and emotionally charged narrative that keeps readers engaged from start to finish.

As Janice navigates the challenges of writer's block and the increasing danger posed by her admirer, readers are taken on a thrilling journey that is both unsettling and impossible to put down. Hollenbeck's pacing is excellent, with each chapter leaving readers eager to discover what happens next.

"A Moment of Blonde Madness" showcases Carol Hollenbeck's talent as a storyteller and her deep understanding of her target audience. Written with a Lifetime Movie audience in mind, this novel has all the elements that make for a successful suspense thriller: a strong central theme, complex characters, and a plot that keeps readers guessing.

It is no surprise that Hollenbeck has expressed an interest in adapting her book into a Lifetime Movie screenplay. The story's blend of suspense, emotion, and historical context would translate perfectly to the screen, captivating viewers and leaving a lasting impression.

The novel also touches on themes of fame, identity, and the pressures of success. As Janice grapples with her own creative struggles and the expectations placed upon her, readers are reminded of the challenges that come with being in the public eye. Hollenbeck's portrayal of Janice's inner turmoil adds depth to her character and makes her all the more relatable to readers who may have faced similar struggles in their own lives.

Furthermore, the book's setting in 1970s New York City provides a rich backdrop for the story, with Hollenbeck weaving in historical details that bring the era to life. From the fashion

and music to the social and political climate, "A Moment of Blonde Madness" immerses readers in a time that is both fascinating and tumultuous.

Get your copy of Carol Hollenbeck's thrilling debut novel, <u>"A Moment of Blonde Madness,"</u> now available on Amazon. Dive into a captivating story of obsession set in 1970s New York City!

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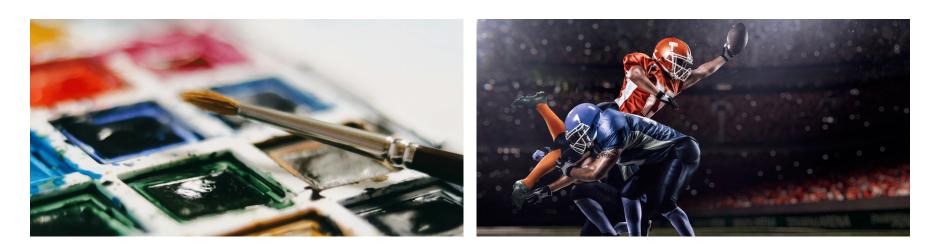


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