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**Poisoned Pen Press Announces the Upcoming Release of *Endangered* by Ann Littlewood:**

*Endangered* will be available nationwide on July 3, 2012

**Scottsdale, AZ** – Poisoned Pen Press announces the upcoming release of *Endangered* by Ann Littlewood. *Endangered* (Category: Mystery. Hardcover, ISBN: 978-1-59058-621-1, \$24.95, 278 pages/Trade Paper, ISBN: 978-1-59058-785-0, 278 pages, \$14.95/Large Print Trade Paper, ISBN: 978-1-59058-735-5, \$22.95, 390 pages) will be available wherever fine books are sold on July 3, 2012. *Endangered* will also be available in an eBook edition.

The latest mystery by acclaimed novelist Ann Littlewood, who worked as a zookeeper for the Oregon Zoo for over a decade, *Endangered* features zookeeper protagonist Iris Oakley. In an advance review, *Publishers Weekly* (April 9, 2012) calls *Endangered* “engaging.”

When she is called in to rescue exotic animals from a remote farm in Washington State after a drug bust, Iris Oakley finds herself thrust into unusual circumstances. Instead of pets, Iris finds smuggled parrots and tortoises, living in deplorable conditions, destined for unscrupulous or unsuspecting collectors.

With the zoo’s facilities full, Iris ends up with two macaws shrieking in her basement. The drug operation is the cops’ problem, but Iris is determined to break the criminal pipeline that snatches rare animals from the wild and leaves them neglected in old barns.

When she discovers the body of a young woman at the site of the drug bust, it’s clear that Iris has stumbled onto something far too dangerous for a widow with a young son. When brothers from the farm—now murder suspects—invade her home, demanding information she doesn’t have, Iris flees with her only child.

As the danger escalates, Iris realizes that she has to go on the offensive. Tripping over secrets old and new, Iris is forced to unravel baffling clues: Why would someone steal an ordinary drinking glass? Why do the brothers think she knows where their father’s fortune is hidden? Are the noisy parrots hiding crucial information in plain sight? A reporter and an animal control agent offer help as well as romance, but Iris can’t sort out where her heart leads when she’s running for her life.

As she digs deeper to untangle the mystery, Iris realizes a key piece is missing—but finding it means confronting a criminal who won’t hesitate to kill.

Ann Littlewood worked as a zookeeper at the Oregon Zoo for 12 years before launching a career in business writing with Kaiser Permanente. A founding member of the Oregon Zoo chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers, Ann lives in Portland, Oregon. A life-long environmentalist, Ann is an active volunteer with the Audubon Society of Portland and other conservation organizations. She is also the author of *Night Kill* and *Did Not Survive*.

Founded in 1997, Poisoned Pen Press is an independent publisher specializing in the highest quality mystery books. Based in Scottsdale, Arizona, Poisoned Pen Press is one of the largest publishers of hardcover mysteries in the world. Titles from Poisoned Pen Press are distributed by Ingram Publisher Services, and are available through wholesalers such as Ingram, Baker & Taylor, and Brodart, and directly from the publisher. Visit the new Poisoned Pen Press author blog and *Discover Mystery™* at: [www.poisonedpenpress.com](http://www.poisonedpenpress.com).

Members of the news media wishing to request additional information about author Ann Littlewood or an advance review copy of *Endangered* are kindly asked to contact Maryglenn McCombs by phone – (615) 297-9875, or by email – [maryglenn@maryglenn.com](mailto:maryglenn@maryglenn.com).

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