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## **Reluctant Author Admits To Writing Fiction Series**

Calgary, AB May 2, 2013 – After writing a novel that has stayed in the Kindle Bestsellers Top 100 for the past three months, Diane Henders is being forced to admit she's probably an author. It's an embarrassing situation for a woman who swore she'd never write fiction.

"It all started when I went looking for stories featuring kick-ass, sexy 40+ women and found nothing," Henders says. "I always said I'd never write fiction, but the character of Aydan Kelly popped into my head and wouldn't leave until I finally wrote the story down. Even after it was finished, I never intended to tell anyone I'd written a novel. But after I wrote the second, and then the third, it got pretty hard to pretend I wasn't an author."

Henders, the owner of the Calgary-based computer training company Bright Ideas Personalized Learning Inc., wrote the first three books in six months. When she finally admitted her secret to a few family members, their enthusiastic response encouraged her to take writing more seriously.

Several intensive rewrites later, the first three books of the Never Say Spy series were published in late 2011 under the PEBKAC Publishing label, Henders's own imprint. (PEBKAC is a computer-geek acronym for Problem Exists Between Keyboard And Chair.)

But even after publication, Henders only told a handful of friends and family.

In February 2013, with five books published in the series and a sixth in final editing, the first book, *NEVER SAY SPY*, soared into the Kindle Bestsellers Top 100 Free in the "Women Sleuths" and "Suspense" categories, and has remained there ever since, usually ranking between #9 and #30.

The series is set in Calgary and the fictitious small town of Silverside, Alberta, and features a middle-aged female bookkeeper who is unwillingly drawn into the action and danger of a spy's life. The series tagline is "spicy suspense served hard-boiled", and reviewers have compared the wise-cracking first-person writing style to Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series.

Driven by the enthusiastic reception of the e-book series, Henders is at last admitting there's a slight possibility that she may be a novelist. Her "coming out" book party will be at the Owl's Nest Books & Gifts, 815A – 49 Avenue SW, Calgary AB, on May 9 from 5:30 to 8:00.

Diane Henders writes a weekly blog and is also the author of *PROBABLY INAPPROPRIATE: Brain Pickings from a Bad Example*. Free chapters of all her books are available at <http://www.dianehenders.com/books>.

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