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METABOOK ANNOUNCES NEW PRINCESS DIANA TITLE FOR SUMMER 2017

[NEW YORK; May 22, 2017] Metabook announced today the acquisition of *Imagining Diana*, a new novel about Princess Diana by *New York Times* bestselling author Diane Clehane. The book will be published in August 2017 — twenty years after Princess Diana’s untimely death on August 31, 1997.

Clehane, who has reported extensively on the British royal family, first got the idea for *Imagining Diana* when she interviewed Diana’s brother, Charles Spencer, for her *Adweek* column two years ago.

The story begins on August 31, 1997 in a Paris hospital. As the world awaits news about Princess Diana’s fate following the infamous paparazzi-fueled car crash, Diana awakens from a coma to discover that she has survived the wreckage, but with her famous face — the most photographed in the world — now forever changed. What ensues is a highly original reimagining of Diana’s life over the next two decades as a woman, lover, icon, and mother of a future King.

“This treatment of Diana is different from anything that has come before,” said Diane Clehane. “Fictionalizing an imagined future for Diana based on actual events will resonate with the countless people who loved and admired her and who, like me, have wondered, ‘What would have happened if Diana had lived?’”

“*Imagining Diana* is a unique work about one of the most beloved women of our era,” said Christian Alfonsi, president and CEO of Metabook. “We look forward to sharing this reflection on Princess Diana with the millions of people around the world whose lives she touched.”

Metabook will publish *Imagining Diana* across multiple electronic reading platforms prior to making it available in print. It marks the latest release from Metabook following Wally Lamb’s novel *I’ll Take You There*, which was a *New York Times* bestseller, and John Berendt’s record-setting *New York Times* bestseller *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, the company’s debut title.

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Metabook will announce the talent headlining the multimedia content in *Imagining Diana* this summer. Previous Metabook titles have featured performances by Elizabeth Banks, Laura Benanti, Laverne Cox, Dana Delany, Janis Ian, Jeremy Sisto, and Kathleen Turner.

About Diane Clehane:

Diane Clehane has written about celebrities and popular culture for many publications, including *Vanity Fair*, *Forbes*, and *People*, and is a contributing editor to *British Heritage*. In her weekly "Lunch" column for Adweek.com, she chronicles the Manhattan media scene. Clehane is the author of *Diana: The Secrets of Her Style* and has served as a commentator on the British royal family for CNN, *Access Hollywood*, and CBS News. She co-authored the *New York Times* bestseller *Objection* and edited the *New York Times* bestselling collection of essays *I Love You, Mom*. Clehane lives in Greenwich, Connecticut.

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