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NOTED NOVELIST ANN HOOD

MADISON, NJ — Madison's premier bookseller, Sages Pages, in the Staples shopping center, 300 Madison Avenue, will present a reading October 4 at 7 p.m. by Ann Hood, author of *The Red Thread*, a novel about adopting baby girls from China. Released by W. W. Norton & Company, New York, the book, already a hard cover success, now is available in paperback and Ms. Hood will sign copies after the reading.

"This book is appealing on so many levels," says Lillian Trujillo, Sages Pages owner. "We are truly honored that Ann Hood has agreed to read and discuss her work with the local community." Trujillo notes that the event is free and open to the general public.

The ancient Chinese spoke of a mythical red thread that connected a child to all of the people who would eventually play a role in his or her life. As time passed, it was believed that the thread tightened, shrinking the distance between that child and those people, until both were finally brought together. Hood, already the acclaimed author of *The Knitting Circle*, another novel about a group of women dealing with challenges, including the stress on marital bonds and the loss of a child, draws large audiences at her readings throughout the country.

Hood's latest novel speaks of a woman who lost her daughter in a freak accident, then devotes herself to founding an adoption agency that assists both adoptive parents and birth parents with the courageous and often painful journey of adoption. The author, an adoptive parent herself, studies the emotional impact on both sides of the world and provides a strong understanding of how to reconcile the pain of relinquishing a child with the joy of bringing new life to a childless family. Hood demonstrates her mastery of using language that allows a story to unfold. She does not disappoint her readers and will not disappoint those who come to hear her interpretation unfold.

Hood's previous works have received much critical praise. She is known for her "graceful prose" (*People*) and her ability to convey "anguish, love, and fury with such elegance" (*Entertainment Weekly*). She brings that same grace, elegance, and emotional

resonance to **THE RED THREAD**, giving the reader an unforgettable story of redemption that shines with honesty, humor, and love.

About Ann Hood:

Ann Hood is the author of nine books, including the novel *The Knitting Circle*. Her work has appeared in *The Paris Review*, *Tin House*, and *O, The Oprah Magazine*. She lives in Providence, Rhode Island.

Praise for The Red Thread:

“Is there anyone who can write about the connections between ordinary people as well as Ann Hood does? Her latest, *The Red Thread*, is a beautifully rendered piece of art - a tapestry of the complicated ties between mothers and children; an invitation to journey through the grief and wonder of joy of adoption. Believe me, it's a trip you won't want to miss.”

—Jodi Picoult, NYT bestselling author of *House Rules* and *Handle With Care*

“Hood’s sensitive depiction of her characters’ hopes and fears makes for a moving story of dedication, forgiveness, and love.”

—*Publishers Weekly*