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“Engrossing, forgiving and quietly wise, **SONGS** never makes a false step as Packer keeps both the pages and her readers’ minds turning until the very end.”

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Dear Editor/Producer,

Ann Packer’s harrowing novel, **SONGS WITHOUT WORDS**, subtly and gracefully examines the notion of loyalty between friends. Now published in trade paperback, Packer’s story is destined to be a book club favorite among readers this season as they fall in love with her gripping and passionate portrait of the ties that bind. Fans of *The Dive from Clausen’s Pier* will flock to this equally engrossing novel, as Packer elegantly explores the imperfections in the friendships that develop between women.

Dedicated friends since childhood, Liz and Sarabeth remain a source of strength and continuity for one another. But when Liz’s adolescent daughter enters dangerous waters, their friendship takes a devastating turn, forcing Liz and Sarabeth to question their most deeply held beliefs about their connection. Every woman has a Liz or a Sarabeth in their life, the longtime friend who falls short in the face of hard times. Packer’s story is a tremendously relatable one, and as the *Dallas Morning News* proclaimed, “the wrenchingly tender **SONGS WITHOUT WORDS** can only reinforce [Packer’s] reputation as America’s primary chronicler of disloyalty, the horrible dissolution of trust and its fraught rebuilding.”

Ann Packer received a Great Lakes Book Award for *The Dive from Clausen’s Pier*, which was a national bestseller. She is also the author of *Mendocino and Other Stories*. She is a past recipient of a James Michener award and a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship. Her fiction has appeared in the *New Yorker*, *Ploughshares*, and other magazines, as well as in *Prize Stories 1992: The O. Henry Awards*.

I look forward to your coverage. Please let me know if you might be interested in an interview with this acclaimed author.

All the best,



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