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Award-Winning Maine Mystery Author Releases Autobiographical Novel

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Rockland, Maine—Award-winning nautical mystery writer Darcy Scott sails her authorial craft into deeper waters with her latest book, *Margel's Madness* (Maine Authors Publishing, 2015); an unflinching, autobiographical take on a young woman's determination to escape her toxic family and make a fresh start. Scott will be reading and signing copies of *Margel's Madness* at a book launch on April 9th, 6 p.m., at the RiverRun Bookstore in Portsmouth, NH.

When single mother Margel Matthews lands in the deceptively peaceful town of Mosquito Harbor, Maine, desperate for a quiet life with her free-spirited, four-year-old daughter, she's finally escaped the clutch of her toxic family, or so she believes. But as her mother's death draws near, Margel is forced into a guilt-ridden re-involvement with all she left behind, only to be rocked by explosive revelations about the part she unknowingly played in the unspeakable betrayals of her childhood. As she fights to protect her daughter from the horrors of her past and a darkness she, herself, carries, a shocking discovery shakes the town to its core. Margel is forced to choose between a fleeting chance at happiness and her responsibilities to those she loves.

Cady Elizabeth Arnold, author of The Tapestry series, describes *Margel's Madness* as riveting. "Scott delivers a novel rich in the intricacies of family with all the intrigue of her award-winning mysteries."

Darcy Scott (Best Mystery, 2013 Indie Book Awards; Silver Award, 2013 Readers Favorite Book Awards; Bronze Award, 2013 IPPY Awards) is a live-aboard sailor and ocean cruiser who's sailed to Grenada and back on a whim, island-hopped through the Caribbean, and been struck by lightning in the middle of the Gulf Stream. However, her favorite cruising ground remains the coast of Maine which serves as the inspiration for much of her fiction, including *Margel's Madness* and the Maine Island Mystery series—*Matinicus*, *Reese's Leap*, and the upcoming *Ragged Island* (March, 2016). Read more about her at www.DarcyScott.net.

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