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**FICTIONAL TAKE ON GROWING CONCERN OF PRIVACY AND WOMEN'S SAFETY IN AN INFORMATION-SHARING WORLD SLATED TO BE THE NEXT HOT SUMMER READ.**

**Former PBS-TV series host/producer & Bestselling non-fiction author publishes debut suspense thriller, *Pink Slips: Runner-Up in The San Francisco Book Fest; nominated for a Global EBook Award.***

WINNETKA, ILLINOIS – June 12, 2017 – Former PBS-TV Series host of *For Her Information* and award-winning author, Beth Aldrich and Restoring Essence Press, publishes debut suspense thriller novel, ***Pink Slips***, on June 12, 2017—in time for summer travel and beach reading.

This gripping and emotional novel is **inspired by every woman's hope, to stay safe in an information-sharing world.** The story, taking place in a fictitious north shore suburb of Chicago, is filled with unexpected twists that will keep readers page-turning and rooting for character, Betsy Ryan until the early hours. Perfect for fans of *Gone Girl* and *Fractured*.

***According to Beth Aldrich, "The book idea stemmed from an actual anonymous threatening phone call that I received years ago, after my son was born. While working on a writing prompt for a writing class, the experience came back to me, and I knew instantly that the concept of a stalker or someone following a pregnant mom would be an interesting and timely theme for a novel—given the information-sharing world we live in."***

The story is set in a fictitious north shore suburb of Chicago where Betsy Ryan is pregnant with her third child, and receiving threatening notes from an anonymous person. During what should be a joyful time in her life, she's forced to face a decade old memory, and relive one of the most devastating nights of her life.

To uncover the mystery behind the threats, she enlists the help of an unlikely, but oddly reliable source, her dog Barney. As the menacing notes continue to arrive, while her husband is out of town for work, she struggles to keep her composure while shielding her two young sons from danger. She trusts no one except her parents, best friend

Misty, and her extraordinary dog—who has proven to literally understand everything she says. Is this person out to harm her? And how do they have so much personal information about Betsy? She can't help but think it's the same person who attacked her at the train station almost a decade ago, and changed the course of her life forever. To save herself and her unborn child—Betsy must face her fears and find her strength, to reveal who is after her and most importantly...why.

“Aldrich’s book delivers a solidly structured and detail-filled plot that starts with a skillful, early buildup of suspense. Like an Agatha Christie novel, the novel makes efficient use of misdirection while adding several suspicious suspects to the mix. The Characters are vividly drawn and believable. The story features an appealing and creative narrative voice.”

~**Bluelnk Review**

“Beth Aldrich’s *Pink Slips* is a psychological thriller **that sustains a sense of mystery throughout, told** from the point of view of pregnant suburban chef Betsy Ryan. The first-person perspective helps build suspense and heightens the action through the story’s many twists and turns.” ~**4-Star Foreword Clarion Reviews**

### **About the Author**

Beth Aldrich’s first book, *Real Moms Love to Eat* (Penguin/NAL, 2012), was an Amazon bestseller, won a Nautilus Book Award, and four Beverly Hills Book Awards. She was the publisher of, *For Her Information*, the Chicago magazine for women; and produced/hosted the PBS-TV series, of the same name, which aired in Chicago, as well as in sixty other markets—including Israel and Turkey. She’s a proud member of Women’s Fiction Writers Association, Chicago Writer’s Association, and Chicago Off Campus Writer’s Workshop. Like her protagonist in *Pink Slips*, she studied culinary arts at Le Cordon Bleu in Chicago and her dogs are always at her side. She lives in a north suburb of Chicago with her husband and three sons. A writing prompt asking to create a story based on an anonymous note or phone call, triggered Beth’s imagination to write the novel. Years ago, she received a frightening phone call, forever changing the way she looks at security. Her author website is [BethAldrich.com](http://BethAldrich.com)

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