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## **Maureen Maillet’s New Novel References Houston Landmarks as Familiar Characters Return**

*The Peanut Butter Theory now available on Amazon, coming soon to Barnes & Noble*

**Houston, TX, October, 7<sup>th</sup> 2014**-This week, Houston-based author Maureen Maillet releases her second novel, *The Peanut Butter Theory*, on Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com, continuing her chronicle of characters introduced in *Weekend Cowboy*, the novel’s predecessor. Both books, which are set in Houston, explore the personal and professional exploits of fictional lawyers Harlynn Barrett and Kateland (“Kate”) Jones, whose quest to identify and balance success in their public and private lives fuels the narrative.

When Jones, a young attorney, puts her dreams of being an artist on hold to work for successful merger and acquisition lawyer Harlynn Barrett, their powerful chemistry melds their workplace and “after five” roles. An intricate blend of romance and big business surfaces, offering readers a peek into the daily workings of a law firm and the sacrifices these prestigious professionals often make.

“Perhaps the lives of my characters will serve as a catalyst for introspection,” observes Maillet. “When readers ask themselves about their own definition of success, it puts the actions of Harlynn and Kate into perspective. Not everyone wants a corner office or to see their name in the headlines. To many, family is the most important thing in life. These are the questions that Harlynn and Kate have to address.”

Having been exposed to high-powered CEOs throughout her career, this former hedge fund executive has seen firsthand the price that some executives have to pay. “These men and women are driven to be successful and the costs are high,” offers Maillet.

Early reviews of *The Peanut Butter Theory*, which takes its name from the lexicon of the aerospace world, have been overwhelmingly positive. Christa Forster, a local writer, performer, and educator offered this take on the book, its characters and its author.

“Delicious romance, page-turning intrigue, high-stakes conflict. *The Peanut Butter Theory* has it all! Maureen Maillet’s exquisite characters attract and engage us with their fascinating and flawed ways, with their deeply human longings, their timeless quests. What a great read!”

Residents of Houston will find many of the novel’s locales familiar as the book includes references to local destinations like Memorial Park, Texas Children’s Hospital, and *The Houstonian*. The novel also stages scenes at Grappino’s, Goode Co., Tony’s and Mark’s restaurants. The author readily admits her affection for the city that has become her home, but notes that the adventures of her central characters would play against a number of backdrops.

“Harlynn and Kate live in Houston, but there are people like them in cities all over the country. People like to say ‘Women can’t have it all’. But men can’t have it all either. That’s a universal truth and it has nothing to do with geography.”

Maureen Maillet’s fall and spring schedule includes the following book signing appearances:

**The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston Gift shop**

November 1, 2014 at 3:00 pm

**Barnes & Noble on West Gray at Shepherd**

November 15, 2014 Time TBD

**Texas Book Festival, San Antonio Public Library Foundation**

April 11, 2015 Time TBD

Maureen Maillet is available for interviews and appearances. For excerpts, booking presentations, media appearances, interviews, and/or book signings additional information is available at [www.maureenmaillet.com](http://www.maureenmaillet.com).

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