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AUTHOR JOE PALMER LANDS FILM DEAL
A Mariner's Tale to Be Adapted to Film

Virginia Beach, VA: Koeehler Books is pleased to announce that debut novelist, Joe Palmer, has secured a film deal for his novel, *A Mariner's Tale*.

John Koeehler, president and publisher of Koeehler Books, said, "The film rights to for Joe Palmer's debut novel, *A Mariner's Tale*, have been optioned by Tristan Productions Inc., a multi award-winning independent film company based in New York City. We're delighted for Joe and hope that one day we'll get to see the film adaptation of his novel on the big screen."

Shari Smiley, Los Angeles-based film right agent, negotiated the contract. Palmer said he's excited to have even been considered for such an honor. "It's every author's dream to see their novel adapted for film," he said. "The option agreement is just the first step of many, but I'm optimistic. I've always been a big fan of indie films and indie film makers, who, much like authors, dedicate themselves with such passion to their projects and to telling a good story."

Palmer's emotion-packed Southern fiction tale about a troubled youth who's taken in by a grieving and cynical old sailor, was published on October 25, 2020. It was endorsed by best-selling authors Cassandra King Conroy (Tell Me A Story: My Life With Pat Conroy) Florida author Steve Berry (The Warsaw Protocol and others) and several other authors, and has received rave reviews on Amazon, Goodreads and Barnes & Noble.

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Joe Palmer has done numerous book signings throughout the Southeast, as well as a guest spot at the esteemed annual Pat Conroy Literary Festival in Beaufort, South Carolina, and has guest lectured literature classes in his home state of Georgia. *A Mariner's Tale* was chosen as a Pulpwood Queens International Book Club selection in 2021, and was a finalist for an American Fiction Award. Last year, Palmer was joined by Main Street Reads' Shari Stauch and Pat Conroy Center Director Jonathan Haupt, for a Zoom video production called "Talk Southern To Me: How Southern Literature Defines A Region And Its People."

A native of Waycross, Georgia and a Navy veteran, Joe Palmer lives in Fernandina Beach, Florida (Amelia Island) with his wife, Pam, and a locally popular Great Dane named Harley. A lifelong sailor, he got the idea for his novel while working on an antique sailboat that he and his wife lovingly restored.

A Mariner's Tale can be purchased wherever fine books are sold. Photos/interviews available on request. Contact shari@writerswin.com.

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