



## Press Release

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### **Penguin Acquires Hot Debut Thriller**

Penguin imprint Michael Joseph has pre-empted UK and Commonwealth rights to *Retribution* by debut novelist Jilliane Hoffman, following a seven figure two-book sale to Penguin Putnam in the US by Luke Janklow of Janklow & Nesbit. Interest in the book internationally has been intense with further big deals in Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Finland and Sweden. Movie rights were pre-empted by Warner Bros. and John Wells Productions.

Featuring a female State Attorney haunted by personal demons who becomes embroiled in a case involving the most terrifying predator she's ever encountered, the novel is set against a richly detailed background of the Miami legal and police departments.

Author Jilliane Hoffman served as Assistant State Attorney in Miami, Florida before becoming Legal Advisor to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. She now writes full time.

Publisher Rowland White says '*Retribution* is one of those books that comes around once in a very long time - a brilliant, fully realised and genuinely unputdownable thriller. There have been a lot of sleepless nights throughout the office because of it!'

Michael Joseph plan to publish early in 2004.

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