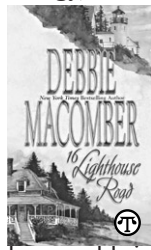


BOOK NEWS & NOTES

Small-Town Secrets

(NAPSA)—*New York Times* best-selling author Debbie Macomber revisits small-town America in *16 Lighthouse Road*, her new novel from MIRA Books (\$6.99). Drawn with the deft hand that has made the author a leading voice in women's fiction, the characters are warm, humorous and poignant.

With this first title in a new trilogy, the author introduces her readers to the citizens of Cedar Cove, Washington, a picturesque Northwest harbor town. As the central character, family court judge Olivia Lockhart invites readers into her world, introducing her family, friends and neighbors, revealing their stories and—sometimes—even their secrets.



Ian and Cecilia Randall, a young navy submariner and his new wife, have decided to divorce following the death of their premature daughter. Judge Lockhart denies their divorce petition, believing her ruling will give the young couple the time they need to work a little harder on their marriage. She believes that Cecilia and Ian still love each other, and if they divorce, they'll regret it the rest of their lives.

When the new editor of the local paper, Jack Griffin, decides to do a story on the controversial “divorce denied” decision and the courageous family court judge who handed it down, the whole town begins talking. As their stories unfold, Olivia's friends and family draw closer together...and, good or bad, life goes on in the little community of Cedar Cove.

16 Lighthouse Road is available in bookstores and direct from the publisher at www.mirabooks.com.