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## NEW HAMPSHIRE AUTHOR FIRES BACK AT NEGATIVE REVIEW AND PLEDGES PROCEEDS TO CHARITY

ST. PAUL, MINN.—When writers put their work out into the public, they know they have to take the good with the bad. Some people will like their work. Others will not. For the most part, they learn to accept both sides of the coin. But one New Hampshire author isn't taking a certain negative review lying down and is ready to put her money where her mouth is.

For the most part, the reviews for Felicia Donovan's debut mystery novel, *THE BLACK WIDOW AGENCY*, were good. *Publishers Weekly* called it a "sharp series debut." *Deadly Pleasures* magazine said it was "a delightful book." But when *Kirkus Reviews* ran their assessment and dismissed the book as a "bitch-a-thon," Donovan was stunned.

"How about reviewing my writing style, the flow of the book, the pace, the plot?," Donovan asks. "Not one word referenced the writing. Instead, they offered an emotional reaction to the portrayal of strong, female characters."

The story of *THE BLACK WIDOW AGENCY* surrounds four women—an ex-cop, a computer expert, an office manager and a numbers wizard—who form a detective agency whose clients are typically women who've been preyed upon by unscrupulous men.

Donovan, an Exeter resident who has worked for 10 years as a civilian computer expert in the law enforcement field, draws on her experiences in forensic recovery to give the book a realistic edge in its portrayal of cyber-crime....a fact overlooked by the *Kirkus* review.

"Four smart female characters of all ages, sizes and backgrounds, some of whom are in relationships with nice guys, turn the tables on some not-so-good guys. That's a bitch-a-thon? No, that's just women helping each other out." Donovan insists.

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To demonstrate the spirit of women helping each other out, Donovan is partnering with Womenade, a national non-profit organization with chapters all over the country that provides grass roots assistance to neighbors in crisis. She plans to donate a portion of her profits from book sales to the organization.

“We are thrilled to support Felicia with her debut novel,” Susan Drinker, a board member of Womenade of Greater Squamscott, said. “The idea of four women pooling their resources to help those in greater need is the very heart of what Womenade stands for.”

THE BLACK WIDOW AGENCY, from Midnight Ink Books, retails for \$12.95 and is available through Barnes and Noble, Borders, Amazon.com and most bookstores. For more information, please visit Felicia Donovan on the Web at [www.feliciadonovan.com](http://www.feliciadonovan.com), the Greater Squamscott Womenade Chapter at [www.womenadenh.org](http://www.womenadenh.org), or Midnight Ink Books at [www.midnightinkbooks.com](http://www.midnightinkbooks.com).

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