

***Upside Down Kingdom*, Debut Novel by Former D.C. Resident Jody Brown Set in Dupont Circle**

For immediate release

ROCHESTER, Minnesota. March 26, 2012—Formerly of Washington, D.C., Jody Brown released her debut novel *Upside Down Kingdom* to the public in February this year.

Upside Down Kingdom is set in Washington, D.C. and centers around a wry-humored young professional named Amy, who is working her first job out of college and moonlighting at a trendy restaurant. With the city's pulsing backdrop of chaotic and tragic events between the years 2000–2002, Amy's orderly world is turned upside down.

The book is a fictional story woven around a real timeline of events. "If I wrote that it rained in D.C., it really did rain that day," Brown says. Though fiction, the book is largely based on Brown's experiences living in and around the Washington, D.C. area. During 1998-2002, Brown lived in College Park, Maryland, Arlington and Alexandria, Virginia, and Dupont Circle in D.C.

Brown admits the entire idea for the novel came from an email she wrote to a friend in Pittsburgh, trying to explain the effect that Dupont Circle had on her. "I loved living in D.C.," says Brown. "I wanted to write my own love letter to Dupont Circle."

Brown wrote the novel in about nine months, then edited and re-wrote it over a period of years before shelving it. In November 2011, she attended a seminar on Print-on-Demand publishing that inspired her to edit *Upside Down Kingdom* one last time and submit it for publication. Her book was published in February 2012.

"Deciding to do Print-on-Demand changed everything," says Brown. "It meant I was no longer trying to get an agent to believe in my book who could *maybe* get a publisher to believe in it. Instead, I was making decisions about the interior layout and helping to design the book's cover. It's as if I stopped waiting at the door for someone to come and open it for me. I opened it and walked in."

Upside Down Kingdom, both hard copy and e-book format, can be ordered through BarnesandNoble.com and on Amazon.

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