

**LINDA FAIRSTEIN, NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE ALEX COOPER MYSTERIES, TO PEN MYSTERY SERIES FOR CHILDREN**

**Nancy Drew meets Theodore Boone in the Devlin Quick mysteries, launching November 1, 2016**

New York, NY – April 25, 2016 – Linda Fairstein, author of the *New York Times* bestselling Alex Cooper crime novels, will publish *Devlin Quick: Into the Lion's Den*, the first in a new mystery series for young readers ages 8-12. Featuring a smart and plucky young sleuth named Devlin Quick, the series follows Devlin and her best friend Booker, as they use their wit and cunning to solve crimes across New York City. The series will have a first printing of 100,000.

"The books I remember most vividly - and fondly - from my childhood were Nancy Drew mysteries," said Linda Fairstein. "My two careers in sleuthing - first in the courtroom, and then in The Alex Cooper series of crime fiction - are both the result of my affection for that smart young woman and her friends."

Lauri Hornik, President and Publisher of Dial Books for Young Readers added, "The fact that young sleuth Devlin Quick and her friends are so intellectually curious and ready to work hard to reach their goals is one of the terrifically refreshing and satisfying things about this new series. We are very pleased to be welcoming Linda Fairstein to the children's book field with this absorbing mystery."

Twelve-year-old Devlin Quick is prepared for a quiet summer day at the New York Public Library when her friend Liza witnesses something strange: a blade falling to the floor of the rare (and expensive) books room, a book left behind with a page meticulously torn out, and a man in a serious hurry to get out of there. But he has no briefcase--nothing in his hands at all, in fact--and he doesn't appear to be hiding anything. Any other kid might shrug this off, but Devlin Quick is NOT any other kid, and she knows she has to bring this man to justice. But who is he? What did he steal from the library—and why? And what could the page--an old map--possibly lead to? With her wits, persistence, and the help of New York City's finest (and, okay, a little bit of help from her Police Commissioner mother, too), Dev and her friends piece the clues together to uncover a mystery that's bigger than anyone expected--and more fun, too.

**Author Bio:** Linda Fairstein is best known as the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Alex Cooper mystery series for adults. Linda worked at the Manhattan District Attorney's office as the head of the sex crimes unit from 1976 to 2002. *Devlin Quick* is her first book for children. She lives in New York, NY, where the Devlin Quick series is set.

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