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**BESTSELLING AUTHOR MARIE FORCE BRINGS
HER BLOCKBUSTER GANSETT ISLAND SERIES
TO KENSINGTON PUBLISHING FOR MASS MARKET RELEASE**

January 23, 2017: Kensington Publishing Corp., America's Independent Publisher, announces that it has partnered with powerhouse author Marie Force to publish the first mass market paperback editions of her *New York Times* bestselling Gansett Island series. Martin Biro, Editor at Kensington Publishing, has acquired mass market rights to the first six books in the series, which are slated for rapid release beginning in Summer 2018.

Since its 2011 debut, the hugely popular Gansett Island series has sold nearly 3 million copies, as well as achieved international success with Spanish, French, German, Hungarian and Turkish translations. Most recently, Force independently published the 16th Gansett installment, *Light After Dark*, which debuted at #2 on the *New York Times* eBook Bestseller List.

"I'm absolutely thrilled to bring my marquee Gansett Island Series to mass market paperback," says author Marie Force, "and to work with the amazing team at Kensington."

Marie Force is the author of more than 50 contemporary romances across several different series and more than 5.5 million copies of her books have sold worldwide.

"We are looking forward to expanding our publication of highly successful indie eBook authors in paperback for the many readers who still prefer physical books," comments Steven Zacharius, President and CEO of Kensington. "We recently announced a mass market deal with *New York Times* bestselling author JA Konrath, and I couldn't be more pleased to now have this opportunity to partner with such a talented romance author as well. All of us at Kensington are very excited to be working with Marie Force on the growth of her fantastic brand."

ABOUT MARIE FORCE

Marie Force is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than 50 contemporary romances, including the Gansett Island Series, which has sold nearly 3 million books, and the Fatal Series from Harlequin Books, which has sold 1.5 million books. In addition, she is the author of the Green Mountain Series as well as the erotic romance Quantum Series, written under the slightly

modified name of M.S. Force. Altogether, her books have sold more than 5.5 million copies worldwide. Her goals in life are simple—to finish raising two happy, healthy, productive young adults, to keep writing books for as long as she possibly can and to never be on a flight that makes the news. Visit her online at www.MarieForce.com.

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