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Fast-paced Thriller blends Clandestine Operations with a Love Affair

Author brings a fresh voice to fiction by combining espionage and a romantic back-drop with an enticing, new thriller.

Payson, Utah - **THE ACRONYM** (Langdon Street Press; February 2009; \$14.95; ISBN# 978-1-934938-40-9 is Rebecca Lerwill's highly anticipated sequel to the 2007 award-winning romantic suspense **Relocating Mia** (winner of the *Sabrina Book Award 2008*; finalist of the *Indie Excellence Awards* and *USA Book News Best Book Awards*). **THE ACRONYM** will cross demographics and blur the boundaries of murder, suspense, lust and passion in an intriguing story of espionage.

"The Acronym's thriller-focus keeps the readers on edge," says Lerwill. "The dangerous encounters in St. Petersburg delve you into the Russian Mafia's sinister motives. Readers who have learned to love Mia, Douglas and the clandestine operation, the Acronym, in my debut novel *Relocating Mia*, get re-acquainted with the same characters. You will also find some very interesting new-comers, but you didn't have to have read *Relocating Mia* to catch on. The Acronym is an independent sequel which stands on its own."

In **THE ACRONYM** the story's heroine, Mia Trentino, is faced with a terrifying question: Where does a federal witness turn to when even one of the most powerful clandestine agencies can't protect you from harm?

Scheduled as a witness for the prosecution, Mia returns to Russia to testify against a man whose affiliation with the Russian Mafia led to her abduction less than a year before.

During her testimony, Mia's safety is entrusted with the members of the Acronym, a covert agency consisting of former FBI, CIA, and international law enforcement agents. Their primary tasks are the war against international crime and espionage and assisting federal agencies with securing their high-profile witnesses in a special protection program.

When Mia arrives in St. Petersburg to take the stand, her fiancé and Acronym agent, Douglas Farland, disappears without a trace and is accused of treason.

With only limited protection, Mia suddenly finds herself trying to negotiate a deadly double-task; can she elude the merciless pursuit of the Russian Mafia in time to find out the truth about Douglas, or will they succeed in silencing her by any ruthless means they can find...?

"Rebecca Lerwill is a fresh voice with a fresh angle on suspense, destined to keep readers happily turning the pages as fast as they can."

-- #1 New York Times Best Selling Author, Tami Hoag

*"Rebecca Lerwill has done it again! Her feel for the covert activity that blended so well with foreign intrigue in her first novel, *Relocating Mia*, continues with Lerwill's same touch in **The Acronym**."*

-- Bill Flynn, author of: *The Feathery*

Rebecca Lerwill is a native of Germany. She moved to the United States in the mid-1990s. In the summer of 2007 she published her debut novel, *Relocating Mia*, a romantic thriller which has been recognized as finalist by the prestigious Indie Excellence award. To learn more about Rebecca, visit www.rebeccalerwill.com.

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