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**WRITER TESS GERRITSEN  
at LEFT BANK BOOKS**

The public is invited to a free talk and book signing with *New York Times* bestselling thriller writer Tess Gerritsen on Tuesday, August 16, at 7 p.m. With over forty million copies sold, Gerritsen is widely known for her *Rizzoli & Isles* novels, which inspired the hit TNT television series that aired for seven seasons. After an absence of five years, the iconic crime-stopping duo Jane Rizzoli and Maura Isles return in Gerritsen's new novel, *Listen to Me*. This event is free, but reservations are required (207.338.9009 or [info@leftbankbookshop.com](mailto:info@leftbankbookshop.com)). Masks are greatly appreciated, regardless of vaccination status.

Praise for *Listen to Me* is universal:

"The Rizzoli and Isles books are loved by many, including me; the women's warm, complicated friendship and superior investigative acumen remain, in their 13th outing, an utter pleasure to keep readerly company with." —*The New York Times*

"Suspense doesn't get any smarter than this." —Lee Child

"Tess Gerritsen's clever plotting and medical knowledge give her thrillers that extra edge. Expect a white-knuckle ride." —Paula Hawkins

Boston homicide detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Maura Isles are plagued by what seems like a completely senseless murder of a widow and nurse who was universally liked by her neighbors. While the two women follow multiple leads, they eventually make a connection between the murder and the victim of a hit-and-run from months earlier, but that only makes the case blurrier.

Meanwhile, Jane's mother, Angela, is worried about changes she sees in the neighborhood in which Jane grew up. From *Kirkus Reviews*: "Angela can't understand why the parents of a missing teenage girl seem so unconcerned or why the new couple across the street never seem to leave the house. The tension rises as Angela's vigilance leads her to draw false conclusions and puts her in personal danger. Gerritsen smoothly shifts between her complex plotlines as the action builds to a surprising conclusion. Newcomers will find this entry easily accessible."

*Listen to Me* is Gerritsen's most accessible yet intimate and nuanced novel yet, featuring the fraught and dynamic relationships between mothers and daughters.

Bestselling author Gerritsen is also a physician, bringing to her novels first-hand knowledge of emergency and autopsy rooms. As an anthropology student at Stanford University, she catalogued centuries-old human remains, and she continues to travel the world, driven by her fascination with ancient cultures and bizarre natural phenomena.

Copies of *Listen to Me* (\$28) are now available for purchase at the bookshop. Left Bank Books is located at 109 Church Street in downtown Belfast, and there's ample, free parking in front of the shop and in an adjacent city lot.

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