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LOCAL SUSPENSE AUTHOR TAKES ON FRACKING IN NEWEST NOVEL *DEAD OF SPRING* AVAILABLE ON EARTH DAY

***Fundraising Event with Sierra Club, FrackTracker Alliance and The Foundation for
Pennsylvania Watersheds Raises Awareness and Funds for the Susquehanna
Impacts Project***

NEWVILLE, PA – APRIL 4, 2017 – *Dead of Spring*, the newest novel in the popular Alexa Williams suspense series, written by local fiction author Sherry Knowlton and published by Sunbury Press, will be available on Earth Day, April 22, 2017. This thrilling new book takes readers from the fracking fields of the Marcellus Shale region to the Three Mile Island nuclear disaster of 1979 to the rolling hills of Tuscany and through the halls of Pennsylvania’s State Capitol, in a story that centers on fracking and its impact on the environment and human health. To celebrate the book launch and Earth Week, Knowlton is co-hosting an Earth Week event with Sunbury Press, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Sierra Club, The Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds and FracTracker Alliance to increase awareness about the impact of fracking and raise funds for the Susquehanna Impacts Project on Wednesday, April 26 from 5:30 pm – 8 pm at the Pleasant View Farm in New Cumberland, PA.

Guests can register for the Earth Week event with a donation of any amount at <https://earthweekfundraiserandbooklaunch.eventbrite.com/>. The event will include live entertainment, beer and wine, light snacks and a silent auction. Knowlton plans to donate half of the profits from her book sales that evening to the Susquehanna Impacts Project.

“It’s exciting to know that authors like Sherry Knowlton are using the art of fiction to highlight social issues like fracking, which has already changed the landscape of Pennsylvania and could have a long-term effect on our environment and human health,” said Joanne Kilgour, director of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Sierra Club. “The Sierra Club is celebrating 125 years this year and our mission to explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth is more important than ever. We are so pleased to partner with Sherry and FracTracker to bring these issues to a new audience and celebrate the intersection of art and the environment.”

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In all of her novels, Knowlton uses fiction to entertain her readers with suspenseful and thrilling plots that incorporate important social issues and historical themes. Set primarily in South Central Pennsylvania, the books keep her readers on the edge of their seats. While the Alexa Williams series is fictional, Knowlton does her due diligence in researching the subject matter for her plots and sub-plots.

“Based on my experience and research for the book, I think it would be so enlightening for the public – and all relevant government officials – to actually see fracking up close and personal,” said Knowlton. “I understand that energy policy is not a black and white issue. Like most public policy issues, it’s complex. But, knowing more specifics about fracking might curb the current tendency to give short shrift to the near-term impacts on individual families and the longer-term impacts on the environment.”

The Susquehanna Impacts Project – a collaboration of FracTracker Alliance, Sierra Club Pennsylvania Chapter, and Clean Water Action – includes a series of in-depth articles and workshops taking a closer look at the Susquehanna River Watershed and its many challenges related to natural gas development and other industries,” said Brook Lenker, executive director of FracTracker Alliance. “Research has shown that more than 100,000 acres of forest could be cleared in the watershed by 2030 to accommodate natural gas well pads, access roads and gathering lines. It has been nearly 10 years since unconventional drilling accelerated in Pennsylvania, but the immense scale and complexities of harm are only beginning to be understood.”

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About Sherry Knowlton Books and Dead of Spring

Dead of Spring, published by Sunbury Press, will be available in print or Kindle editions on Earth Day, April 22, 2017. The novel will be available at Whistlestop Bookshop, Mystery Bookshop, and most other on-line retailers and bookstores including Sunbury Press, Amazon and Barnes and Noble. For more information about Sherry, and the Alexa Williams suspense series (*Dead of Autumn*, *Dead of Summer* and *Dead of Spring*), visit www.sherryknowlton.com.

About Sunbury Press

Sunbury Press, Inc., headquartered in Mechanicsburg, PA is a publisher of trade paperback, hard cover and digital books featuring established and emerging authors in many fiction and non-fiction categories. Sunbury's books are printed in the USA and sold through leading booksellers worldwide. Learn more at <http://www.sunburypress.com>.

About the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Sierra Club

The mission of the Sierra Club is to explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives. The Pennsylvania Chapter was organized in the early 1970s and officially opened its office doors in Harrisburg in 1983. The Chapter is governed by an all-volunteer executive committee that steers the conservation, political, and organizational priorities of our state-level work. Learn more at www.pennsylvania.sierraclub.org.

About FracTracker Alliance

FracTracker Alliance studies, maps, and communicates the risks of oil and gas development to protect our planet and support the renewable energy transformation. Across the country, their insights empower action for a better energy future. Learn more at www.FracTracker.org.

About The Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds

The Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds is a grant-making foundation that invests in efforts to protect healthy, natural streams around the state, clean up pollution and repair damaged wildlife habitat. Our mission is to foster stewardship for the protection, preservation and restoration of Pennsylvania's unique water resources and watersheds. Learn more at www.pennsylvaniawatersheds.org.