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## PHILADELPHIA HS COUNSELOR MOONLIGHTS AS A ROMANCE NOVELIST

*“The sun was beginning to set and she seemed to be the only person inside the building. She noticed that some construction workers were still in the lobby of the building and as she was walking toward the elevator, she heard a familiar voice call out her name and her heart nearly stopped.*

*“Are you really going to pretend you didn’t see me standing here when you walked up?” the familiar voice said from behind her.*

*Kyla didn’t immediately turn around but her heart started beating really fast and she couldn’t think of how to respond. She swallowed hard and said, “Actually, I didn’t.”*

*Kyla had played this moment over and over again in her mind for the last year and a half but never thought that the day would actually come when she would have to face Salvatore Rocco again.”*

MORTON, PA, July 2015 — Local romance novelist and high school counselor Melissa Lawson of PHILADELPHIA, debuted her much anticipated and well-reviewed romance novel “Two of Hearts” on May 26, 2015 as a part of Mother Pearl Publishing’s first published work. She is planning a number of book signings and appearances throughout the summer.

Lawson, a high school counselor at SCIENCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY @ BEEBER HS in Philadelphia and sports chairperson for Competitive Cheerleading in the School District of Philadelphia, has been working toward publication for three years while working full-time and raising her three children. In addition, she is the founder of “My Relationship Reality,” an online blog and community aimed at helping people understand the complexities of relationships.

Set in Philadelphia, PA., “Two of Hearts” is a complex love story about one woman’s ability to balance her love for two men. Kyla Carter, a successful entertainment attorney, is newly engaged to the man of her dreams. Vincent Preston is a successful financial analyst and romantic at heart who spares no expense to show Kyla his love and dedication. Things are seemingly perfect between them until the day that Salvatore Rocco reappears. Salvatore reminds Kyla that she can’t escape her past, no matter how hard she tries. Salvatore’s re-emergence opens up a Pandora’s box containing secrets and lies that could be hard to close. Kyla is faced with a

difficult decision before her wedding day. Should she come clean to her fiancé about her haunting secrets and risk losing him or should she keep them all buried away for good and go on with her plans to become Mrs. Preston? Does Salvatore deserve another chance? Will her secrets and lies cost her everything? *Two of Hearts* twists and turns to the very end as Kyla tries to decide which heart she must choose.

Erin Stewart, one of the book's focus group readers says, "Two of Hearts is an evocative take on the wistful tugs of first love and the impracticality of attempting to relive the idyllic relationships of one's past. Kyla is a complex heroine that simultaneously compels you to envy her success and pity her happenstance. Kyla's story begs the question: Do we really want all that we proclaim when it comes to finding love? And do we deserve the love we have been asking for? This is a PERFECT read for book clubs with each page offering new twists and turns in the plot, and its fiery characters are sure to urge you root for either for or against their downfall. While there are no guarantees in love, in literature I can assure you this: once you pick up *Two of Hearts* you will NOT be able to put it down. Looking forward to so much more from this author. Is there a second book? I need more!"

"Two of Hearts" is available now on Amazon.com on paperback and Kindle as well as Barnes and Noble on paperback and Nook. Lawson is available for interviews and appearances. For booking presentations, media appearances, interviews, and/or book-signings contact [inquiries@motherpearlpublishing.com](mailto:inquiries@motherpearlpublishing.com).