

Dear Friends,

We're thrilled to begin the new year by sharing news of a new agent joining The Gernert Company: Libby McGuire, most recently Publisher of Ballantine Bantam Dell, started with us on January 5th. Many of us here have worked with Libby in various incarnations over her 20 year career in publishing and she brings tremendous knowledge, experience and energy to our team. This is her first foray into the land of agenting so she'll be building a list from scratch but we anticipate some terrific projects to share with you in the future. Below is the official press release:

Libby McGuire to join The Gernert Company

Libby McGuire is joining The Gernert Company as an agent effective January 5. Libby has spent over 20 years in publishing, as the Deputy Publisher of Random House and most recently as the Publisher of Ballantine Bantam Dell.

Libby distinguished herself as a creative and strategic publisher of a wide range of fiction and nonfiction, with a particular knack for breaking out emerging authors including Jamie Ford, Nancy Horan, William Landay, and Paula McLain. "I have long admired the talent and strategy of The Gernert Company, so when I made the decision to become an agent, they were my first choice. I am thrilled to bring my passion for authors and championing their work to this new role."

"Having worked with Libby for years I have no doubt that she will be a terrific, and terrifically successful, agent. And her vast experience in publishing will be helpful to us in a variety of ways," David Gernert, President of The Gernert Company, said.

When Libby left Penguin Random House at the end of 2015, Gina Centrello credited her with "help[ing] us win over and successfully publish Janet Evanovich, Debbie Macomber, Jodi Picoult, and Emily Giffin, while contributing to further building the author brands of Jonathan Kellerman, Dean Koontz, and Danielle Steel."
