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**Canongate and Text pre-empt a baking hot series from Isobel Dixon at  
Blake Friedmann**

Louisa Joyner at Canongate, and Mandy Brett and Michael Heyward at Text, have successfully pre-empted UK & ANZ rights in two books by Sally Andrew from Isobel Dixon, in what is sure to become one of the discoveries of the fair. The first novel: *Tannie Maria's Recipes for Love and Murder* promises to cook up a global storm in the build-up to Frankfurt with attempted pre-empts already in the US and other territories.

With the gentle charm of *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* and the culinary appeal of *Like Water for Chocolate*, Sally Andrew's new crime series will amuse, move and delight readers with its mix of colourful characters and mouth-watering recipes – all spiced up with a pleasing measure of suspense and a wonderful love story at its warm heart.

For critical and commercial success you will need:

One talented novelist: *Sally Andrew* "I spend some time in the sea-side suburb of Muizenberg, Cape Town, but I live most of the year in a mud-brick house on a nature reserve near Ladismith in the Klein Karoo with my man and other wildlife (including a giant eland and a secretive leopard)."

One brilliant conceit: *1 quantity loveable heroine: 1/3 agony aunt 1/3 detective 1/3 cook.*

One extraordinary setting: *the rural Karoo region of South Africa, singing with wildlife and local colour.*

Sprinkle with a handful of wonderful supporting characters.

Squeeze a killer plot with a twist or two for extra flavour.

Marinate in love, honesty and wit for a couple of years.

Garnish with cover and serve to a global audience to international success.

Louisa Joyner says 'I received this book from Isobel on Tuesday afternoon, I circulated it at 5am on -Wednesday morning; by Friday we couldn't believe our luck to be Tannie Maria's publishers. This book is reminiscent of Alexander McCall Smith and *Cooking with Fernet Branca* but is steeped in an authenticity and a depth of honesty that is truly rare. We're thrilled to pieces to be Sally's UK publishers.'

Mandy Brett says, 'Tannie Maria is destined, in the unstoppable tradition of Precious Ramotswe, Jane Marple and Phryne Fisher, to become one of the great amateur sleuths. Sally Andrew has brought her to life with a perfect mixture of heartbreaking warmth and breakneck suspense, and everyone at Text has found her irresistible.'

Isobel Dixon says 'I have never seen so much love bubble up so fast and so furiously around a book and know that the brilliant, caring, enthusiastic and imaginative Canongate and Text teams are going to give *Tannie Maria* a wonderful UK and Australian home. A perfect resolution for a book that is "pure joy", as readers have said. '

Canongate and Text are currently planning publication in autumn 2015, and Fourie Botha of Random Umuzi will publish in South Africa. Further details to follow.



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