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**RIVETING DEBUT FROM A.G.S. JOHNSON GIVES READERS A GLIMPSE
INTO THE POLITICS AND PATHOS OF SMALL TOWN MURDER**

***The Sausage Maker's Daughters* depicts the era of the counterculture and Vietnam**

LOS ANGELES, CA – Part murder mystery, part courtroom drama, part in-dept character study, *The Sausage Maker's Daughters* set against the Vietnam era, exposes the counterculture life of Kip Czermanski before the crowded courtroom right along with the darkest secrets of her conservative family. The debut novel from author A.G.S. Johnson **hits bookshelves Feb. 7, 2012** and will thrill readers until the very last page.

The Sausage Maker's Daughters is a fictional look at a young woman stuck behind bars in her Wisconsin hometown awaiting a court appearance in the mysterious death of her ex-lover who happens to be her brother-in-law. With her father being the small town's leading citizen, she isn't overly worried – at first. What follows is a wild ride through her present predicament and her past.

“Johnson, a keen observer of peoples’ foibles, has brilliantly captured Midwestern values, small town gossips, and rebellious spirits in her remarkable first novel,” said Madelyn Cain, award-winning author of *Laffit: Anatomy of a Winner*, *The Childless Revolution*, and *First Time Mothers*, *Last Chance Babies*. **“Finding this author is like discovering a young John Grisham. This is spell-binding courtroom storytelling at its very best.”**

A member of the Council of the Library Foundation of Los Angeles board, Johnson is also a founding board member of a young charity that builds libraries for children in developing countries. The World is Just a Book Away has built so far 50 libraries in two devastated areas of Indonesia.

“The film clips of these beautiful Muslim children, the girls with their hair covered, waving American flags at these libraries’ openings and rushing to get inside, moves me to tears,” Johnson said. **“That’s why a portion of the proceeds from my novel will go to fund this continuing effort to bring the inspiration of books to all children in the world. Books change lives.”**

Johnson was raised in a Midwestern family of five girls, and for over 20 years worked in international banking. She returned to school for a Masters in fiction writing from the University of Southern California and proceeded to pursue her lifelong dream to become an author. She lives today in Los Angeles with her husband of 20 years and is currently working on her second novel, a medical murder mystery based on a true story of discovery and deceit.

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