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### ***Love & Basketball in a Small Town***

(Williamsburg, Virginia • January 20, 2015) William J. Torgerson's new novel *The Coach's Wife* has garnered a hearty endorsement from *New York Times* best-selling author Pat Conroy. "In his novel *The Coach's Wife*, William Torgerson has written one of the best books about basketball and coaching I've ever read. He's also written a love story so complicated and wonderful it will have book clubs talking about it for many years."

Torgerson's new novel releases on February 10, 2015.

Torgerson says Conroy is one of his writing heroes. "His novels helped me see how I could write about sports and relationships in thoughtful ways."

A man without a *her* is a man without hope. So believes Coach Zuke, the protagonist of the novel, who has returned to his hometown of Horseshoe, Indiana to be the head basketball coach. Zuke wants to meet a woman. It's not long before possibilities emerge: his girlfriend from high school teaches in the room next to him, there is the older sister of one of his players, a girl he knew from college, and a botched matchmaking attempt by his best friend Cheese. Troubles mount in the form of angry parents and an assistant coach who has plans to steal the head coaching position.

Set in 1994 to the backdrop of the OJ Simpson murder trial, Kurt Cobain's death, and Prince Charles's confession on television to having cheated on Lady Di. *The Coach's Wife* is a novel about the trials of coaching in a basketball-obsessed state and what happens to one young man desperate to find a wife.

As Pat Conroy predicts, book clubs and sports fans will find captivating elements to the storyline. The book contains a Book Club Discussion Guide for spurring conversation, not just of the book, but of the book club participants' attitudes on love and basketball.

"Love, longing, and basketball – you couldn't ask for a more irresistible premise," adds Caroline Levitt, *New York Times* best-selling author.

*The Coach's Wife* is available now at bookstores and on-line at Amazon.com and BN.com from Cherokee McGhee Publishing.

For more information on William Torgerson, please visit [www.TheTorg.com](http://www.TheTorg.com). Visit [www.CherokeeMcGhee.com](http://www.CherokeeMcGhee.com) for more information on the publishing house and its current and future novels.

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Writer, filmmaker, and family man, William J. Torgerson is an associate professor in the Institute For Writing Studies at St. John's University in New York.

He is author of three novels published by Cherokee McGhee Publishing: *Love on the Big Screen*, *Horseshoe*, and *The Coach's Wife*. His short film "The Brothers in Pursuit" is based on an excerpt from *Love on the Big Screen*.

Bill spent eleven years teaching English and coaching basketball in Indiana and North Carolina. Also a filmmaker, Bill has directed documentaries and a narrative short. His screenplay adaptation of *Love on the Big Screen* won the Grand Prize of the Rhode Island International Film Festival Screenplay competition.

He divides his time between New York City and his permanent home in Asheville, North Carolina where he lives with his wife Megan, daughters Charlotte and Isabel, and Indy the dog.

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