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First-time Author FABIANA ELISA MARTINEZ releases first book titled *12 Random Words/ 12 Palabras al Azar: A Bilingual Collection*

12 Random Words will be released in April 2016 as a bilingual version in English and Spanish with future releases in French, Portuguese and Italian; Cover design for 12 Random Words has been created by acclaimed illustrator Rob Wilson

[Dallas, Texas – January 1, 2016] We are pleased to announce the official release of **12 RANDOM WORDS**; the first book written by Dallas-based **FABIANA ELISA MARTINEZ**. The book launch and celebration will be held Saturday April 30, 2016 from 6:00-8:00pm with light food and beverages at Erin Cluley Gallery at 414 Fabrication Street in Dallas, Texas. Fabiana will be present for a reading and the books will be available for sale. This event is FREE and open to the public.

An Argentinian native, Fabiana Elisa Martinez is a trained linguist with a lifelong passion for literature and writing. Fabiana recalls early memories from her childhood (before being able to read) carrying around a stack of books; meticulously keeping them in order. As a young adult she made the decision to pursue Linguistics and World Literature and never turned back. After working as a theater critic, radio host and language instructor to corporate professionals in Argentina, Fabiana moved her business to the United States in 2002. From there she began growing her business in Dallas, performing translation and interpretation for renowned companies and institutions. In addition she has broadened the horizons of many working professionals willing to learn languages by being taught with a formal approach and with lasting results.

Upon joining a creative writing group in Dallas in recent years, Fabiana has been inspired and challenged by the process of writing short stories prompted by random words. Written in English (her second language), Fabiana has created twelve short stories full of life, passion, love, struggle, unexpected turns, and introspective thought. Vignettes into characters created by Fabiana reveal endearing, idiosyncratic and, at times, dark qualities. With an honest and pure approach to writing, this collection of stories has become Fabiana's first book titled *12 Random Words*.

Quin Mathews says of Fabiana's first book, "Twelve Random Words tells stories of love and yearning, each portrait a puzzle piece that reveals fragments of discovery, each one a treasure." Mathews is the editor of *12 Random Words* and owner of Dallas based film company Quin Mathews Films.

12 Random Words is a bilingual piece of literature initially being released as an English and Spanish version with future releases in French, Portuguese, and Italian. In addition, *12 Random*

Words will be released as a bilingual audio book. As a linguist and translator, Fabiana has created something, which is not only an original piece of literature but also a literary tool for language learning.

Inspiration has come to Fabiana by way of classic and contemporary authors in multiple languages like Jonathan Coe, Mario Vargas Llosa and Jaime Bayly, Javier Marías, Arturo Pérez Reverte, Almudena Grandes, Jaume Cabré, Eliot Perlman, Jonathan Franzen, Philip Roth, Haruki Murakami, Umberto Eco, Michel Houellebecq, Milan Kundera.

Graphic novels and comics have also played a role in Fabiana's literary passions. Complimenting her interest in this genre and the vibrant writing of *12 Random Words*, Fabiana enlisted Dallas-based illustrator **ROB WILSON** to design the cover of her first book. In his signature style, Wilson has created an iconic design; in witty fashion Wilson reveals to readers of what is to come in *12 Random Words*. Wilson has received world-wide attention with his work on the cover of *Welcome to Nightvale* – a popular podcast-turned-book recently featured in the *New York Times*.

FABIANA ELISA MARTÍNEZ was born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina. From a very young age, she showed a special interest in books and “words in other languages.” Fabiana graduated with Honors from the UCA University in Buenos Aires with a degree of *Profesora en Letras* (Linguistics and World Literature). She soon started teaching Spanish as a second language and perfected her method which she has used to teach in preeminent international companies as well as to professionals from various countries. Fabiana speaks five languages: Spanish, English, French, Portuguese and Italian, and has degrees in Ancient Greek and Latin. She lives and works in Dallas, Texas.

About ERIN CLULEY GALLERY

Erin Cluley Gallery is a contemporary art gallery representing emerging and mid-career artists from Dallas and the United States. The gallery presents a provocative program of artists working in both traditional and alternative forms including painting, sculpture, new media, photography, sculptural installation and public intervention.

The 2000 square foot space joined a creative movement in the West Dallas/ Trinity Groves development at the foot of the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge in West Dallas celebrated its first year in operation in September 2015.

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