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Jersey Author Pens Paranormal Novel

When the Night Whispers

By Savanna Welles

Montclair, NJ – Renowned New Jersey mystery writer and children’s book author, Valerie Wilson Wesley, writing under the pen name Savanna Welles, has unleashed her latest offering, *When the Night Whispers* (St. Martin’s Press: Feb. 5, 2013), – a stunner she calls a “paranormal love story.” “I love to write mysteries but found this genre an enjoyable challenge as well,” Ms. Wesley states regarding her venture into the paranormal. “All good stories are dependent upon strong characters and intriguing plots, but in this one, I had to make the unbelievable appear believable--and that was no small thing.”

The Story:

Jocelyn Markham's life has come undone. Her mother's recent death filled her with grief, and even her daughter Mikela senses her vulnerability. She's also flat broke. To save money, she moves back to the Markham family home. Shortly after arriving, she discovers a journal written in the 1920's by her great-grandmother Caprice--a "doomed, foolish" woman despised by both her mother and grandmother. Jocelyn has been told that she possesses Caprice's spirit and looks, "not a good thing," her grandmother always warned.

*Thus I, a wanton woman, will suffer till the end of days and he has been worth it,
Caprice had written.*

Those words, along with her vivid descriptions of the Harlem Renaissance and of the stranger who seduced her, leave Jocelyn spellbound. Yet she puts the journal aside when she meets Asa, her handsome neighbor. From her first secretive glimpse, Jocelyn is fascinated by him and quickly drawn into his world. Despite warnings from her friend Luna, she falls deeply in love. But the closer they become, the more power he gains until she willingly gives him whatever he demands. Until Jocelyn realizes his demands carry a terrible and devastating price.

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The Author:

VALERIE WESLEY WILSON (writing as Savanna Welles) brings forth a riveting love story in *When the Night Whispers* – her first venture into the paranormal. Ms. Wesley is the author of eight Tamara Hayle mysteries and author of three novels: *Playing My Mother's Blues*, *Always True to You in My Fashion* and *Ain't Nobody's Business If I Do* for which she received the 2000 award for excellence in adult fiction from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA). Her Tamara Hayle mysteries include *When Death Comes Stealing*, *Devil's Gonna Get Him*, *Where Evil Sleeps*, *No Hiding Place*, *Easier to Kill*, *The Devil Riding*, *Dying in the Dark*, and *Of Blood and Sorrow*. Most of her books have been Blackboard bestsellers, and *When Death Comes Stealing* was nominated for a Shamus award. Her mysteries have been published in Great Britain, France, Germany and Poland and her novels in Germany. Ms. Wesley's books for children include the Willimena Rules! series *How to Lose Your Class Pet*, *How to Fish for Trouble*, *How to Lose Your Cookie Money*, *How to (Almost) Ruin Your School Play*, *23 Ways to Mess Up Valentine's Day*, *How to Face Up to the Class Bully*, *Freedom's Gifts: A Juneteenth Story* and *The Afro-bets Book of Black Heroes*, which she co-wrote with Wade Hudson. Wesley, a former executive editor at *Essence* magazine, lives in New Jersey. Visit the author's website at www.savannawelles.com.

Praise for *When the Night Whispers*

"An undiscovered grandmother's journal, a mysterious and alluring new neighbor, and obsessive attraction mark this paranormal debut by Savanna Welles. Keep the lights on while you enjoy the ride." – Tananarive Due, bestselling author, *My Soul to Take*

"Jocelyn's need for family, friendship and passion will be familiar to any contemporary woman trying to balance life and not be overwhelmed by it. It's her bad luck and the reader's good fortune that Savanna Welles sends her Asa, a compelling, seductive, demonic lover willing to minister to all her needs--at the price of her soul. Equal parts family saga, erotic adventure, and compelling supernatural thriller, *When the Night Whispers* takes readers on a journey that is like Asa--exhilarating, terrifying and irresistible." – Jill Nelson, *Let's Get It On*

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