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**JACK SUSSEK, AUTHOR OF *MANHATTAN AFFAIR*, LAUNCHES 1st NOVEL AT
THE MYSTERIOUS BOOKSHOP IN NEW YORK CITY**

Author Jack Sussek's Debut Novel Merges a Steamy Love Story with a Twisted Thriller

New York, March 28, 2012 - Jack Sussek will hold a book launch event and read from his new novel, *MANHATTAN AFFAIR*, on April 3rd, 2012 at The Mysterious Bookshop in New York City (www.mysteriousbookshop.com) from 6.30 – 8.00 pm. The reading will be followed by a book signing and cocktail reception.

MANHATTAN AFFAIR, a book Kirkus Reviews calls, "A smart, thrilling medley of twisted relationships, unrequited love and closely guarded secrets....A wickedly suspenseful thriller," is taking on an unprecedented word-of-mouth following in its initial pre-release weeks. In a style reminiscent of John Grisham and Lee Child, Jack Sussek's novel is a blend of '90s New York City nostalgia mixed with murder and sex. *MANHATTAN AFFAIR* portrays a world of secrets and lies which entwine the lives of three former New England college classmates: Jared "Jed" Chase, Steve Cahill, and Morris Bergman. Already gaining an enormous New York City following, Steve Fishman of New York magazine says, "Think 'Bright Lights, Big City' meets 'Body Heat.' This is a steamy love story wrapped in a thriller. More than that it's a romance between a man and a city, a city familiar, welcoming, magical, and fading. You won't stop turning the pages until the sad, powerful ending. I know I couldn't."

At the heart of *MANHATTAN AFFAIR* lies Jed Chase. He's lived a charmed, upper middle class and anchored life; that is until he falls for Katherine Cahill, a seductive and dangerous beauty whose dark secrets threaten to destroy Jed's dreams, his career, even his life. But it isn't until their plan unravels that the real story begins. The twists and turns will cause you to want to put on a seat belt.

MANHATTAN AFFAIR portrays New York City as many things: a proving ground, a high rolling cavalcade for the rich, or a palimpsest of memories of an historic metropolis eclipsed by modern times. As much a thriller as it is a gripping portrait of the city of yesterday, *MANHATTAN AFFAIR* is a new fiction classic from novelist Jack Sussek. Praised by Warren Adler (author of *The War of the Roses*) as "an insightful and fast paced look into the hidden world of moneyed New Yorkers," Sussek captures a city that existed on the cusp of the digital and tech revolution, a city of mom and pop stores and corner pubs and familiar haunts. An eloquent portrait of a city and an epoch, this book is not to be missed by CIA buffs, suspense fans, or enthusiasts of New

York City. Sussek writes in a vivid, provocative style that immediately engages, or rather pulls in, the reader as a confidant. Sussek's strong narrative grabs you from the beginning and won't let you go. www.facebook.com/manhattanaffair www.manhattanaffair.com.

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About Jack Sussek

Jack Sussek was born in California but raised on the East Coast of the United States. He attended boarding school in Massachusetts and graduated from George Washington University in Washington, DC with a degree in English. He has worked in the timber business in the Pacific Northwest and in Australia, on sailboats in the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, and in surveillance. He consulted for a company that manufacture electronic systems primarily for government use in surveillance, counter surveillance, and products to defeat improvised explosive devices to help the US and allies in the Middle East and Central Asia. He has published short stories in various literary magazines. *Manhattan Affair* is Jack's debut novel, which has been influenced by some of his life experiences.