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**BERKLEY BOOKS TO RE-RELEASE *A DEADLY SECRET*  
WITH UPDATED MATERIAL ON ROBERT DURST,  
SUBJECT OF HBO DOCU-SERIES *THE JINX***

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Police said copies of *A Deadly Secret* found in Durst's Houston  
home during recent police search

**NEW YORK, NY, March 30, 2015**—Berkley Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House, announced today the re-release of an in-depth look into the expansive criminal investigation of Robert Durst, the subject of HBO's docu-series *The Jinx*. Written by Matt Birkbeck, an award-winning investigative journalist who has covered the Durst case for years, *A Deadly Secret: The Bizarre and Chilling Story of Robert Durst* will be published in trade paperback on April 14, 2015. The ebook edition is available now.

Originally published in 2002, with two chapters added in 2012, and a new author's note highlighting recent developments just added in 2015, *A Deadly Secret* details the search for Durst's first wife, medical student Kathie Durst, who went missing in 1982. Eighteen years later, a New York State police investigator re-opened the probe into Kathie's disappearance. Birkbeck, who covered the investigation for *People* magazine and *Reader's Digest*, is the only reporter to access Durst's NYPD files and also broke the news about other potential Durst victims.

In February 2015, HBO premiered *The Jinx*, an exhaustive examination of the many investigations into Robert Durst. On the

eve of the final episode’s broadcast—and spurred by new evidence in the docu-series—the FBI arrested Durst in New Orleans on a warrant for first-degree murder in connection with his friend Susan Berman’s 2000 killing in Los Angeles. When police searched Durst’s Texas home the week of his arrest, they found among his belongings two copies of the original edition of *A Deadly Secret*.

“*A Deadly Secret* provides a roadmap of Durst’s bizarre life, which is why I think he kept copies of the book himself,” said Birkbeck. “It’s the definitive account of Robert Durst and provides the reasons why he has become one of the most baffling and frightening characters of our time.”

Since the arrest and amid the deepening mystery surrounding Durst, *A Deadly Secret* has been credited worldwide as the most comprehensive book on the Robert Durst story. Birkbeck has been featured in several media outlets, including *The New York Times*, *The New York Daily News*, *The Guardian*, *People*, ABC’s *20/20*, CNN, CBS, NBC, and HLN, among others.

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