

Lawson Gartner Publishing  
For Immediate Release  
Contact: Nicole Evelina  
314-614-6588  
Nicole.evelina@att.net

## **NEW AWARD-WINNING ROMANTIC COMEDY TAKES ON SINGLE LIFE AFTER 30**

**ST. LOUIS (May 10, 2016)** – Every so often, someone sounds the death knell of the romantic comedy, asserting that there's no place for romance, meet-cutes and happily-ever-after in the modern world of hookups, hangovers and walks of shame. Nicole Evelina proves them wrong with her debut romantic comedy, *Been Searching for You*, which was the winner of the 2015 Romance Writers of America (RWA) Great Expectations and Golden Rose contests.

*Been Searching for You* is the story of Annabeth, a hopeless romantic who believes in soul mates. In fact, she's been writing to hers each year on her birthday since she was 16. Now, at 34, she's still holding out hope of finding Mr. Right even though he'd be fighting an uphill battle to gain her trust, thanks to a traumatic experience years before that's left her unable to commit.

When Annabeth meets a handsome literature professor named Alex on her 34th birthday, she thinks her quest may finally be at an end. Things don't quite go as planned, so Annabeth resolves to do everything she can over the next year to find the unknown recipient of her letters. But blind dates, Meetup events and online singles sites have nothing on what fate has in store for her when a co-worker unexpectedly quits and Annabeth finds herself working in close quarters with both Alex and her long ago ex, Nick. Fighting her attraction to one and loathing for the other, Annabeth is forced to face all of her old insecurities while keeping an eye on a scheming frienemy who may derail her hopes and dreams.

Written in the tradition of *Bridget Jones' Diary*, *You've Got Mail* and *While You Were Sleeping*, this romantic comedy shows that love on the sweet side can exist for the modern girl, if only she's willing to trust herself and search hard enough.

The audio book of *Been Searching for You* is narrated by Hollywood actress Ashley Clements, who starred in the Streamy-winning series *The Lizzie Bennet Diaries*, *Muzzled the Musical* and can soon be seen in the romantic comedy, *Non-Transferable*.

Print and ebook copies of *Been Searching for You* may be obtained from Amazon, Barnes and Noble.com, Kobo, iBooks, and Smashwords, among other outlets. The audio book is available from iTunes, Audible and ACX.

#####

### **About the author**

Nicole Evelina is an award-winning St. Louis historical fiction and romantic comedy writer. Her debut novel, *Daughter of Destiny*, the first book of an Arthurian legend trilogy that tells Guinevere's life story from her point of view, was named **Book of the Year** by Chanticleer Reviews, took the Grand Prize in the 2015 Chatelaine Awards for Women's Fiction/Romance,

won a Gold Medal in the fantasy category in the Next Generation Indie Book Awards and was short-listed for the Chaucer Award for Historical Fiction. Later this year, she will release *Madame Presidentess* (July 25), a historical novel about Victoria Woodhull, America's first female Presidential candidate, which was the first place winner in the Women's US History category of the 2015 Chaucer Awards for Historical Fiction.

She is one of only six authors who completed the first week-long writing intensive taught by #1 New York Times bestselling author Deborah Harkness in 2014. She can be found online at <http://nicoleevelina.com>.

### **Early praise for *Been Searching for You***

"Life has its ups and downs for Alex and Annabeth in Evelina's solid tale. She fully explores the roadblocks thrown in their paths. Newly found love, vicious jealousy and several misunderstandings all serve to add interest. Hallowed halls of higher learning play their own part in the story." - *Romantic Times* (RT) Book Reviews (4-star review)

"I could NOT put it down. Evelina's voice is vibrant and fresh, and she delightfully interweaves humor, emotion, and that little bit of magic necessary to make a story truly shine." - *Margaret Locke, author of A Man of Character*

"Great characters, plot twists, a Chicago setting--make for a fast-paced romantic adventure. *Been Searching for You* kept me reading all night. I loved it!" *Sharolynne Barth, The Dreamin' Tree*.

### **Book Facts**

Title: *Been Searching for You*

Publisher: Lawson Gartner Publishing

Print: 978-0-9967631-6-5, \$13.99, 310 pages, 5.5" x 8.5" softcover

Ebook: 978-0-9967631-7-2, \$3.99

Audio book: 978-0-9967631-8-9, \$14.95

Media kit: <http://nicoleevelina.com/media/>