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From: **Susan Sember** <susanseember@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 7, 2026, 3:13 PM
Subject: Re: 260622 - Demand Letter / N. Gebhardt to S. Sember
To: Marc Aaron Smith <marcaaron.advocate@gmail.com>

Mr. Smith,
Again, thank you for your letter and your assistance on behalf of the Gebhardts in this matter.

Over the last two-plus months, your clients and I have attempted to discuss and negotiate a reasonable resolution. Both legal and industry research will show that a 90-day or longer period is not at all unreasonable considering the tasks for review and implementation despite their impatience.

The length of my discussions with your clients was also compounded by their requests that were simply not legal, feasible, or doable with the print-on-demand platforms or stock photo licensing agencies, among other examples. Respectfully, even your demand letter is asking for documents and items that are clearly outside of the relevant Paragraph 16 of the Publishing Agreement and the standard reversion process. The documents alone-most of which again are outside of the reversion process-are in excess of 20, 000 pages, include publishing intellectual property, are items not permissible for production, or ones that authors receive from a publisher in any reversion or dissolution.

Sadly, the process with your clients was exacerbated by inflammatory and additional acts and statements made that also give rise to other causes and derivative torts committed against not only me and my companies, but also my personal partner, who is not involved in these matters. None of this was necessary, and all would have worked out much more easily and quickly with a professional approach. Even since your appearance as counsel, the Gebhardts' independent tactics have deteriorated the potential of a resolution and, to the contrary, have given us extreme doubt that your clients truly wish to resolve this matter in good faith, but instead prefer harassment and bullying to get "their way."

As such, in light of all, we have filed our Arbitration claim and complaint and would ask that you accept service on the Gebhardts' behalf. The filing of our claims was primarily prompted by the recent actions that your clients were involved in that encompassed egregious causes of action against me, my company, and towards John O'Reilly, individually. Such actions, even "anonymously" or covertly, were produced to us, including screenshots by fellow authors, and constitute derivative torts and claims on top of the reversion consideration. Your clients would have seen that patience and professionalism and doing things legally and per industry standard would have actually produced their desired result and quicker

Nevertheless, rather than spending the funds and causing this matter to be protracted any further, I am open to one last attempt to discuss a resolution. The CPAs and bookkeepers are generating the 3rd quarter accounting reports, including sales and royalties, which include sales of books by Nicole made through Amazon/KDP. These were just reported by that print-on-demand platform to us. The reports actually also include the "lifetime" numbers of sales, costs advanced against fees paid under the agreement, in addition to costs that the publishing company paid. Nicole was given these reports in Slack previously and acknowledged them. She was further aware and affirmed that the costs

advanced and paid were in excess of the compensation rendered by the low number of books sold. She was also aware that no royalties were owed. The same position remains, as you will see from the 3rd quarter reports. However, again, I'm open to an immediate discussion and plan based on a quick timeline.

I am open to a call with you to discuss a potential resolution outside of arbitration and litigation and to discuss your letter and a plan in detail, but only if arrangements for a call can be made by this Friday. We can discuss with numbers in hand the terms of a standard reversion of rights and a resolution of the multiple causes of action. A global settlement would be in the best interest of all. However, continued illegal behavior and actions-including tradename/trademark infringement (on websites and others) and other acts pled in the claims will stop all negotiations, and we will just move forward with the process legally.

Please call me at your convenience to discuss.

Best Regards,
Susan Sember

On Mon, Jul 6, 2026 at 4:52 PM Marc Aaron Smith
<marcaaron.advocate@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Thank you Ms. Sember. I look forward to hearing from you.
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> On Mon, Jul 6, 2026, 12:55 PM Susan Sember <susanseember@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Mr. Smith,
>> We will be sending our reponse, per your requested time frame, tomorrow.
>> Having been subsequently contacted by Jeff Gebhardt via text, phone, and email, I did advise him that since you are representing them in this matter, I cannot address the various issues (past, present, and those arising since your representation/appearance) with him/them directly.
>> Upon receipt of our response tomorrow, I am most open to discussing the matter on a call at our mutual convenience.
>> Best Regards,
>> Susan Sember
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>> On Mon, Jun 22, 2026 at 6:54 PM Susan Sember <susanseember@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>> Mr. Smith,
>>> I'm in receipt of your letter. I'm out ill today.
>>> However, I will be sending a reply appropriately.
>>> Thank you for your assistance in this matter.
>>> Best regards,
>>> Susan Sember
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>>> On Mon, Jun 22, 2026 at 11:45 AM Marc Aaron Smith <marcaaron.advocate@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>>> Ms. Sember,
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>>>> Please find attached correspondence regarding the publishing relationship between Nicole B. Gebhardt and Silverlight Press/Silverlight Films LLC.
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>>>> This letter is being provided in an effort to facilitate resolution of the parties' remaining disputes and to further the discussions concerning rights reversion, accounting, and related matters. We request that you review the enclosed correspondence and provide a written response within the timeframe identified therein.

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>>>> Should you be represented by counsel with respect to these matters, please advise immediately and provide counsel's contact information so that future communications may be directed accordingly.

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>>>> Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

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