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TO EVERYONE AT THE KNOPF DOUBLEDAY GROUP

It is with profound sadness that I write to let you know of Carol Janeway's death early this morning. I know this news will come as a shock —as sudden as the diagnosis of late stage cancer Carol received only two weeks ago. Carol died at Columbia Presbyterian hospital, and plans for a memorial will be forthcoming.

Carol was a dear colleague and friend. We met as students at Cambridge some five decades ago, and from the very first moment what struck me about Carol was her fierce intelligence. She was fluent and well-read in several languages, in possession of impeccable decorum and dazzling wit, and best: she was enormous fun to be around. I did not realize then how fortunate I would be to work with Carol, first as a competitor and later as a colleague.

She was an esteemed figure here and abroad, and for forty-five years central to our publication of great works of international literature. Authors loved her. Agents respected her. And foreign publishers trusted her. I hasten to add—she was also a formidable dealmaker. She leaves behind an enduring legacy as an editor and translator.

All of us will miss her dearly.

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