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Dear XXXXX:

Thea Kelley, dissatisfied with her job and at odds with her mother, arrives in Hudson Valley, Minnesota for the funeral of her favorite aunt. Having inherited a bar, The Twilight Lounge, as well as the apartment above it, Thea finds herself drawn into the lives of the people in town, her new employees, and the handsome attorney who was the executor of her aunt's estate. In a parallel story that begins in 1963, three young friends (one of them being Sophie Everett, Thea's aunt) support each other over the years, through the joys and heartaches of their lives, and finally to betrayal and a tragedy that changes them all forever.

I'm currently seeking representation for my 103,000-word manuscript, titled KARAOKE NIGHTS AT THE TWILIGHT LOUNGE, which explores the friendships between women, their evolving relationships with each other and those around them, and to what lengths they'll go for each other.

As a member of Publishers Marketplace (www.publishersmarketplace.com/members/JTennant), I've seen your name and agency listed there as one that handles commercial fiction and women's fiction. The xxxxx agency appeals to me because of its long and distinguished history in the industry.

I've published seven books (all under the name Jean Simon) between 1987 and 1994. The first was a YA romance with Silhouette; the rest were occult/suspense published by Pageant and Kensington. I've also had many short stories and more than 200 newspaper articles published, and for the past several years have worked as a news correspondent for the *Sioux City Journal*.

Included please find a brief synopsis and the first five pages of KARAOKE NIGHTS AT THE TWILIGHT LOUNGE. I would be happy to submit the complete manuscript upon request.

SASE is included for reply only, or reply by email if you prefer. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jean Tennant