

Daily Mail UK article – Kate McCann’s Madeleine Diaries Could Fetch £1 Million from Publishers

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Kate McCann could expect to receive a seven-figure sum for her Madeleine diaries, were she to sell the rights to a publishing house.

The diaries - which Kate has been keeping ever since Madeleine went missing - are in the hands of the Portuguese prosecutors and could prove crucial evidence for any case brought against the McCanns.

No publishing house has yet come forward to offer a sum of money but, were Kate McCann to express an interest in a deal, the move would be highly lucrative.

"There is no doubt Kate McCann's diaries would be of huge interest to any publisher should she think about releasing them," says Neil Denny, editor-in-chief of The Bookseller magazine, "but I haven't heard of anything yet, not even from the ambulance-chasing publishers".

The diaries are currently in the possession of the Portuguese prosecutors and there has been speculation that the document could even provide forensic evidence.

Meanwhile supporters of the McCanns see the seizure as part of an intimidation of the missing girl's mother.

But any potential value rests on the outcome of the police investigation.

"The diary would chronicle the progress of the biggest human interest story of the year, from an inside perspective," says Denny.

"So, if written well, and Kate McCann is an articulate woman, it could fetch a significant sum, although I wouldn't want to put a figure on it.

"I also would not be surprised if one of the journalists who has been on the Algarve covering the case dashed out a book on the events so far. There are certainly going to be plenty of books written about it in the future."

John Blake, of the eponymous publishing house, who in the past has published books on high-profile criminal cases such as the Soham murders, is surprised when I ask whether he has expressed an interest in the diary.

"It would be hideously insensitive to make any advances at this stage. But, of course, any publisher would want to get hold of the diaries.

"Obviously, the ideal would be if Madeleine were found and the story had a happy ending, in which case it would make a million-dollar book."

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