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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

BLAKE LIVELY,

Case No. 24-CV-10049-LJL
(LEAD CASE)

vs.

Case No. 25-CV-449 (LJL)
(MEMBER CASE)

WAYFARER STUDIOS LLC,

ET AL.,

Defendants.

JENNIFER ABEL,

Third-Party Plaintiff,

vs.

JONESWORKS, LLC,

Third-Party Defendant.

WAYFARER STUDIOS LLC, ET AL.,

Consolidated Plaintiffs,

vs.

BLAKE LIVELY, ET AL.,

Consolidated Defendants.

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VIDEO-RECORDED DEPOSITION OF MARGARET COLLEEN HOOVER, produced as a witness at the instance of the Plaintiff and duly sworn, was taken in the above-styled and numbered cause on Monday, September 29, 2025, from 10:05 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., before Kari Behan, CCR, CSR, a Texas certified machine shorthand reporter, at the offices of Ramey & Flock, P.C., 100 East Ferguson Street, Suite 500, Tyler, Texas 75702, Pursuant to Notice and the provisions stated on the record herein.

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1 I -- I don't know what, worldwide, it would be.

2 Q. And how about your novel *It Ends With Us*? Do
3 you know how many books that sold?

4 A. I don't.

5 Q. I've heard it said that it sold more copies
6 than the Bible in 2023. Does that sound right to you?

7 A. I did hear that.

8 Q. Is it fair to say your books are extremely
9 popular?

10 A. I think it's fair to say that, yes.

11 Q. Let's focus on *It Ends With Us*. Was that
12 published in 2016?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And -- and why did you -- well, let me ask you
15 this: What is the -- can you give a synopsis of the
16 plot of the book?

17 A. Yeah. It's about a woman named Lily. And she
18 meets Ryle, who is the second main character of the
19 book. And the book focuses mostly on their relationship
20 and how it turns violent. And she then has a daughter
21 with him, leaves him, and raises her daughter.

22 Q. And the title *It Ends With Us*, is that in
23 reference to the character Lily and her daughter?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Ending the cycle of domestic violence?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And why did you write that book? What inspired
3 you?

4 A. My mother and my father were married until I
5 was two, and I know that she suffered physical abuse at
6 the hands of him. And it was always very confusing to
7 me how that relationship happened, because my mother is
8 an extremely strong and independent woman. And I
9 decided to put myself in her shoes for -- with the book
10 and, you know, kind of understand why women stay as long
11 as they do or why they find it hard to leave. I --
12 I -- it was loosely based on my mom and my father's
13 story.

14 Q. So were you modeling the character of Lily as a
15 strong, independent woman after your mother?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Now, the book became popular on the BookTok
18 community on TikTok, right?

19 A. Yes.

Q. What is BookTok?

21 A. BookTok is a -- kind of a hashtag they use on
22 TikTok to describe when people are --

23 (Off-record discussion.)

24 THE WITNESS: Should I pause for a second?

25 MS. ZELDIN: No. It's okay. Keep going.