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The Rights Factory, Canada's boutique literary agency, today announced the following recent deals.

Russian rights to Tamara Faith Berger's 2nd novel, *THE WAY OF THE WHORE*, a sexually-charged portrait of an introverted Jewish girl who becomes seduced by the sex industry and her tormented relationship with a man who believes he can save prostitutes by marrying them, to Alex Kervey at Adaptec/AST (Russia's largest publisher), by London-based Malcolm Imrie of Imrie & Dervis, on behalf of Sam Hiyate The Rights Factory. (Hiyate was Berger's original publisher, launching Berger's erotic debut *LIE WITH ME* in Canada, soon to appear as a motion picture, directed by Clement Virgo, starring Lauren Lee Smith and Eric Balfour, and distributed by Thinkfilm.)

Canadian rights to *WE ARE IRAN*, a multi-voiced portrait of contemporary Iran, translated from Farsi, using that nation's many weblogs as its primary source, depicting an Iran different from that of the bearded ayatollahs and their militias, but rather a country where adult literacy (and computer literacy) is higher than in many European states, and where 70% of the population is under 30 and keen to usher in a new Iran, full of wit, anger and optimism, was sold by Sam Hiyate to Scott Steedman at Raincoast books for publication in October 2005

World rights to the man behind Cyberwalker.com and co-host of Tech-TV's show "Call for Help" Andy Walker's *The ABSOLUTE BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO SECURITY, SPAM, SPYWARE AND VIRUSES* have been sold to Rick Kughen and Greg Wiegand at QUE Publishing, a division of Pearson USA. This book defines all the key threats an average household might face, and provides strategies to turn novice and basic users into adept home security experts, making them safer and more secure from cyber criminals, hackers and misfits.

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