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Dear Karen Brazillier,

It was great chatting with you today and hearing about the success you have had with the authors you edit. It makes me think that you might be the editor for this nonfiction book I am representing, *Healing Together* by Emily Nagoski and Melanie Mogensen. I would like to propose this book to you under exclusive terms and hope that it is something that you see fits your wheelhouse.

In the United States, 1.7 million people are diagnosed with cancer each year. How do these mutant cells impact the host and their sexual desire in a time of despair? Emily Nagoski, sex educator and Ph.D. holder, teams up with Melanie Mogensen, blog writer, and cancer survivor, to present you with *Healing Together*. This book will explore desire during illness to empower individuals facing similar situations. Emily and Melanie have sent out dozens and dozens of requests for people from all kinds of walks of life to participate and contribute to this book. The unique and personally compiled essays will reach several demographics and create a community for those battling cancer and surviving cancer while juggling the impact on their sex life and desire for their partners or others.

Emily Nagoski is still gaining traction from her previously published books, *Come As You Are* and *Come Together*, as well as her podcast and TED talk speech. She is a previous teacher at Smith College, where she taught courses on women's sexuality. On the other hand, Melanie Mogensen, is keeping her blog and business, *Hopeful Warrior*, alive and well. She has over 700 followers on Instagram alone and continues to be a pillar of strength in her community. After surviving Hodgkin's Lymphoma, she has become a cancer activist. By putting their two brains together, they have unlocked a portion of cancer that is usually left unsaid: What happens to lust, desire, and sex while battling a disease that is also battling you?

Please let me know if you would like me to send you the proposal for this highly important nonfiction book. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Peyton Sammons