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RANDOM HOUSE CHILDREN'S BOOKS UNVEILS TITLE, COVER AND ADVANCE RELEASE DATE FOR BOOK THREE IN CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI'S #1 BESTSELLING INHERITANCE CYCLE

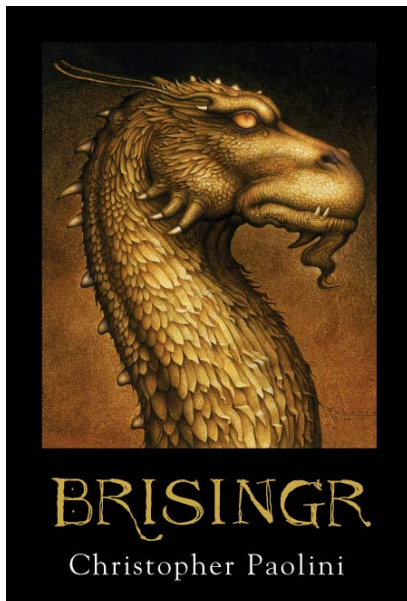
Following the #1 bestselling novels *Eragon* and *Eldest*, the third book in Christopher Paolini's *Inheritance Cycle* will be titled BRISINGR and will be launched in New York at 12.01am on Saturday 20 September 2008, it was announced in New York late last week by Nancy Hinkel, Publishing Director of Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Random House Children's Books.

In an exciting development Linsay Knight, Head of Children's Books at Random House Australia, confirmed that Australia is publishing the book at the same time as the US. 'We've been getting fantastic feedback from booksellers who are very excited to have BRISINGR as the most anticipated book for 2008. As a result we have decided to publish simultaneously with the US and advance the publication date to 2:01pm AEST on Saturday 20 September 2008 so that Australian fans can celebrate BRISINGR with the rest of the world,' Ms Knight stated.

BRISINGR (BRIS-ing-gr), an Old Norse word for fire, will be familiar to fans of the cycle as the first word in the ancient language that Eragon hears. The jacket for BRISINGR has been illustrated by the renowned John Jude Palencar, illustrator of both the *Eragon* and *Eldest* covers.

'BRISINGR is one of the first words I thought of for this title, and it's always felt right to me,' said Christopher Paolini. 'As the first ancient-language word that Eragon learns, it has held particular significance for his legacy as a Dragon Rider. In this new book, it will be revealed to be even more meaningful than even Eragon could have known.'

Linsay Knight says, 'The third volume in the Inheritance Cycle will be a publishing sensation not only in Australia, but also worldwide. The United States will have a first printing of 2.5 million copies, which is the largest initial run ever for a Random House Children's Book title.'



Both #1 *New York Times* bestsellers *Eragon* and *Eldest* have also been international sensations. To date there are 50 foreign-language licenses for *Eragon* alone, and together *Eragon* and *Eldest* have sold 12.5 million copies worldwide.

In Australia, *Eragon* was the highest grossing children's title in 2006 and *Eldest*, the second volume of the *Inheritance Cycle*, was the highest grossing children's title behind *Harry Potter* in 2007.

Sales Director for Random House Australia, Gavin Schwarcz, states, 'With the end of the *Harry Potter* series, the *Eragon* books are well placed to step up as the next publishing phenomenon and will captivate children and adults alike.'

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