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RANDOM HOUSE CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO PUBLISH UNIQUE NOVELTY BOOK BY CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI BASED ON HIS INTERNATIONALLY BESTSELLING INHERITANCE CYCLE

Eragon's Guide to Alagaësia to Be Released in November 2009

Sydney, Australia (May 22, 2009) – Nancy Hinkel, Publishing Director of Alfred A. Knopf Books (an imprint of Random House US), announced today that a unique novelty book based on Christopher Paolini's Inheritance cycle will be published this Christmas.

ERAGON'S GUIDE TO ALAGAËSIA is being created by Knopf in conjunction with Templar Publishing, recognised as the market leader in developing groundbreaking and bestselling novelty gift books. This project marks the first time Paolini's Inheritance cycle will be introduced in a format beyond novels. As with Paolini's Inheritance cycle novels, Random House Children's Books (US) holds world rights to **ERAGON'S GUIDE TO ALAGAËSIA**. The book will be published by Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers in North America on November 3, 2009, and simultaneously by Random House Children's Books in the UK, Australia and New Zealand.

'We're thrilled to be able to offer this spectacular book to fans this fall,' says Hinkel. '**ERAGON'S GUIDE TO ALAGAËSIA** will take readers deeper into the captivating world Christopher created, offering a visual perspective of the novels that millions of readers across the world have come to love.'

ERAGON'S GUIDE TO ALAGAËSIA, which will carry a suggested retail price of A\$45.00, is framed as a gift from Eragon to the reader – who is, in fact, a new Rider. In fifteen lavishly illustrated spreads, the reader is invited to explore the landscape and cities of Alagaësia and its many races, including dragons, humans, Urgals, dwarves and elves. Each spread is filled with special effects and stunning examples of paper engineering and other elements for which Templar is so well known.

Christopher Paolini's Inheritance cycle, which includes the acclaimed novels *Eragon*, *Eldest* and *Brisingr*, is an international sensation – with over 50 foreign-language licenses – and has sold more than 22 million copies worldwide. Paolini is currently at work on the fourth book, which will conclude the Inheritance cycle. A publication date has yet to be announced.

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