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**LEIGH BARDUGO SIGNS MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PUBLISHING
DEAL WITH MACMILLAN**

Bestselling author to publish wide range of new titles across divisions

International bestselling author Leigh Bardugo has signed an eight-figure deal with Macmillan Publishers for a slate of new projects to be published across multiple divisions of the company, in a variety of formats, age categories, and genres.

The deal was negotiated by Jon Yaged, CEO of Macmillan, on behalf of Flatiron Books, Tor Publishing Group's Nightfire imprint, and two imprints of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, Roaring Brook Press and First Second Books. Macmillan Audio will publish the audio editions. Joanna Volpe of New Leaf Literary & Media represented Bardugo in the deal. Macmillan acquired World English Rights. The first books under this new deal are expected to publish in 2024.

Bardugo's relationship with Macmillan began in 2012 with the publication of her blockbuster YA debut, *Shadow and Bone* (the first book set in the now-beloved Grishaverse) by Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, and has continued with the publication of nine additional Grishaverse books, as well as two bestselling adult novels, *Ninth House* and *Hell Bent*, both published by Flatiron Books. Bardugo's books have been published in more than 100 countries and in almost 50 languages. There are currently 20 million copies in print across the globe.

"Macmillan took a chance on me over a decade ago and they've been my home ever since. When no one in YA was interested in epic fantasy, they welcomed *Shadow and Bone*. When everyone wanted books about kings and queens, they rolled the dice on my team of six outcasts trying to pull off an impossible heist. And when I wanted to go someplace far darker, they backed me in welcoming readers to *Ninth House*. Publishing is a tough business and it's no small thing to be able to write the stories I'm most passionate about," said Bardugo. "Across their publishers and imprints Macmillan takes storytelling seriously. They take fantasy seriously. They value risk-taking and they see beyond the limits of genre. I'm thrilled to have the freedom to pursue history and horror and humor and everything in between, and I'm deeply grateful to do it with the support of an incredible team, many of whom I've worked side-by-side with for years. We have so many new worlds to visit together and so much new magic to make."

"Being a part of Leigh's journey from debut author to young adult sensation to international fiction juggernaut has been a highlight of my time at Macmillan," said Yaged. "Her unquestionable talent as a storyteller was evident from the get-go. As a publisher and longtime reader and fan, I could not be more excited about these new projects."

Shadow and Bone was adapted as a series by Netflix with Bardugo as Executive Producer. Season 1, which premiered in 2021, was an instant international hit. Season 2 will premiere on March 16th.

Ninth House is in development for television. Bardugo is co-writing and executive producing with Jeff Pinkner (LOST, FRINGE, JUMANJI) of Midnight Radio Productions..

Note to the Press:

Leigh Bardugo is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Ninth House* and the creator of the Grishaverse (now a Netflix original series) which spans the Shadow and Bone trilogy, the Six of Crows duology, the King of Scars duology—and much more. Her short fiction has appeared in multiple anthologies including *The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy*. She lives in Los Angeles and is an associate fellow of Pauli Murray College at Yale University.

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