

PENGUIN TO PUBLISH NEW PELZER MEMOIR GLOBALLY

London, 22 October 2002, Louise Moore, Publishing Director of Michael Joseph has bought UK and Commonwealth rights, including serial, from Penguin Putnam, in a new book by Dave Pelzer.

The as-yet-untitled book follows on from his hugely successful trilogy, and tells the story of Dave's high school years when he met two friends who helped him get through the perils and promises of adolescence. It is a story of hope and heartache, and reveals the many positive influences in Dave's teenage years as well as the agonizing choices he had to make to reclaim his life from the childhood he lost to abuse. It will be published in hardcover by Michael Joseph in the UK and Dutton in the US in January 2004.

"We are thrilled to be continuing our relationship with Dave Pelzer," said Brian Tart, the editorial director of Dutton and Dave Pelzer's editor "and we are pleased to welcome him to the worldwide Penguin family."

Louise, Moore said, "This will be a significant book for Dave in the UK and he will be here for publication. We are very, very happy he has come on board in the UK as well as the US."

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