



## PENGUIN ACQUIRES WORLD RIGHTS IN EPIC NEW TRILOGY

London, 07 October 2008... Penguin announced today that it has acquired, pre-emptively, from Anthony Goff at David Higham, world rights to an epic trilogy written by British author and screenwriter Paul Hoffman.

*The Left Hand of God* is the first book in the trilogy. It has a fourteen year old hero, the remarkable Cale. He is the truest of heroes, one that stands distant from the crowd, ready for one moment in time and for one singular purpose.

*The boy's name is Cale. It was written in the Scriptures that he would come.  
He is the left hand of God... the last Redeemer... the Angel of Death.  
They say he will destroy the World.*

The trilogy was bought by Alex Clarke, editorial director at Michael Joseph and the editor behind the biggest fiction success of this year with *Devil May Care*, and publisher of two of this year's debut fiction top ten bestsellers (*Warrior of Rome* by Harry Sidebottom and *Under Enemy Colours* by Sean Thomas Russell). He also recently acquired the sequel to Douglas Adams' *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* to be written by Eoin Colfer.

**Alex Clarke said, "Only once in a while does a writer come along who is able to fire the imagination so completely, and who is able to enthrall every reader with a fictive world unlike anything that has come before. Only time will tell, but I think Paul Hoffman has crafted an epic narrative that would easily stand amongst the greats of heroic fiction. Imagine for a moment if *The Name of the Rose* met *Harry Potter*. We are determined to make publication of *The Left Hand of God* one of the publishing events of 2009."**

*The Left hand of God* will be published by Michael Joseph in summer 2009. Ahead of the Frankfurt Book Fair, US, German and Italian rights have sold virtually overnight with substantial, six figure pre-empts in each territory (Dutton, Goldman and Longanesi respectively).

The Penguin stand at Frankfurt is number **G941** in **Hall 8**. The main number is +49 69 7575 71038.

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