



## CHANTAL NOEL JOINS PENGUIN TO HEAD UP RIGHTS DEPARTMENT

*London 10 December 2007.* It was announced today that Chantal Noel has been appointed as Penguin Rights Director. Chantal will succeed Sophie Brewer, whose decision to leave Penguin was announced in the autumn. Sophie leaves at Christmas after nearly eleven years with the company to pursue new challenges in the industry.

Chantal joins Penguin in the New Year from Pan Macmillan where she has been rights director for the last nine years. Earlier this year she won the Rights Professional of the Year Nibbie at the British Book Awards. During her time at Macmillan she has worked with a wide range of authors from Jeffrey Archer, Colin Dexter and Matthew Reilly to Norman Davies, Andrew Marr and Clive James and has been instrumental in creating international profiles for debut writers on the Picador list such as Jackie Kay and Susanna Jones. At Penguin she will be responsible for both the Penguin Adult and Puffin rights teams.

Helen Fraser, MD of Penguin said, "I am delighted that Chantal is coming to join our senior team here at Penguin. Sophie has been a brilliant rights director and fantastic colleague. We knew it would be difficult to match her range of experience, deadly negotiating skills and commitment to the job. In Chantal I believe we've found the best possible replacement. She is very highly regarded throughout the publishing and newspaper communities and she will bring her own unique qualities and expertise to the position."

Chantal Noel said, "I've had a wonderful time at Pan Macmillan and am grateful for the many opportunities I have been given and the many good colleagues who have become great friends, but the chance to work at Penguin, with its unique history and dynamic publishing teams, is enormously appealing, and I am much looking forward to joining them next year."

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