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Lerner Publisher Services Announces New Distribution Agreement with Lorimer Children & Teens

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Lerner Publisher Services, a division of Lerner Publishing Group, today announced a new partnership with Lorimer Children & Teens to be their exclusive USA distributor to the trade and the school and public library markets beginning August 2016. Lerner Publisher Services will grow sales for Lorimer Children & Teens by leveraging the market reach, expertise, and reputation for exceptional quality and customer service that has made Lerner Publishing Group a leader in independent children's book publishing for more than 55 years.

Lerner Publisher Services will distribute 14 new Lorimer Children & Teens books for reluctant readers in both library bound and paperback formats this fall, as well as their backlist. The new titles include *Alex vs. the Four-Headed Gargantuan*, *Crack Coach*, *Creep Con*, *Gone Wild*, *The Missing*, and new titles in Lorimer series including *Real Justice*, *The Secret Games of Maximus Todd*, and *SideStreets*. Publication date for the new titles is August 1, 2016.

"With the addition of Lorimer Children & Teens, Lerner Publisher Services expands its offerings by adding books that deal with contemporary social issues and high interest topics at low reading levels that ensure reader success," said David Wexler, executive vice president of sales for Lerner Publishing Group. "These books will pair well with Lerner's award-winning books for reluctant readers from our Darby Creek imprint."

"With the expertise of Lerner Publisher Services our books will now be available in more schools, libraries, and stores than ever before," added James Lorimer, publisher for Lorimer Children & Teens. "We're excited that this partnership will get our books into the hands of more young readers."

Customers can place orders for Lorimer titles with Lerner starting July 1, 2016 and books will be available for sale on August 1, 2016.

About Lerner Publisher Services

Lerner Publisher Services, a division of Lerner Publishing Group, distributes high-quality children's books from clients including Andersen Press USA, Big & Small, Gecko Press, Hutton Grove, JR Comics, The Kane Press, Live Oak Media, Quarto Library, Red Chair Press, Scobre Educational, and We Do Listen. For more information, visit www.lernerbooks.com or www.lernerpublisherservices.com or call 800-328-4929.

About Lerner Publishing Group

Lerner Publishing Group creates high-quality fiction and nonfiction for children and young adults. Founded in 1959, Lerner Publishing Group is one of the nation's largest independent children's book publishers with fourteen imprints and divisions: Lerner Publications, Millbrook Press, Carolrhoda Books, Twenty-First Century Books, Graphic Universe™, Darby Creek, Kar-Ben Publishing, Carolrhoda Lab™, LernerClassroom, Hungry Tomato™, ediciones Lerner, First Avenue Editions, Lerner Digital™, and Lerner Publisher Services. For more information, visit www.lernerbooks.com or call 800-328-4929.

About Lorimer Children & Teens

Let's get kids reading! It was this simple idea that got Lorimer into children's publishing back in 1975. Today, with over 500 children's books in print, James Lorimer & Company continues on its mission to find and publish titles that reviewers and award juries recognize for quality and which successfully appeal to reluctant readers. See the full Lorimer list at www.lorimer.ca.