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Alix Reid Joins Lerner Publishing Group as Executive Editor of Carolrhoda Books and Carolrhoda LabTM

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—<u>Lerner Publishing Group</u> has hired Alix Reid as Executive Editor of Carolrhoda Books, a division of Lerner Publishing Group. Reid, former editorial director and vice president at HarperCollins Children's Books and current interim editor at large at Lerner, will also oversee Carolrhoda LabTM, an imprint of Carolrhoda Books known for distinctive and boundary-pushing fiction for teens, and a newly acquired list of titles previously published by Egmont USA. With this key hire, Lerner plans to expand the identity of the Carolrhoda Books imprint by strengthening its program of publishing award-winning picture books, middle-grade fiction, young adult fiction, and unique nonfiction trade titles.

With previous experience at HarperCollins Children's Books and freelance experience with Algonquin Books and Disney-Hyperion Books, Reid offers a high level of expertise in both young adult and children's titles that will lead to new relationships and opportunities for Carolrhoda Books. Reid has published highly acclaimed titles including Newbery Honor Award winner *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine and Louise Rennison's *Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging*, which won the Printz Honor Award and went on to become a *New York Times* bestselling series.

"I deeply admire Carolrhoda's commitment to nurturing new authors and new voices and its fearlessness in pushing narrative boundaries," said Alix Reid. "One of my hopes as Executive Editor is to acquire middle-grade authors for the imprint whose voices are as distinct and challenging as those on the young adult list, and of course, I want to continue the Carolrhoda tradition of publishing classic, beautifully written, timeless stories."

"With her extensive background and many connections in the trade arena, Alix brings to us a wealth of experience, a proven track-record in high-profile books, and great editorial experience," explained Adam Lerner, CEO and publisher of Lerner Publishing Group. "Alix's dedication to literary quality and supportive author and illustrator relationships mirrors our approach to publishing, and her expertise will help expand Carolrhoda's presence to everyone from young readers to booksellers."

As Executive Editor of Carolrhoda Books, Reid will develop, acquire, and edit new fiction and nonfiction, as well as oversee the acquisition and editing of new picture books.

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Carolrhoda Books, a division of Lerner Publishing Group, has been publishing award-winning, high-quality picture books, fiction, and nonfiction titles since 1969. Carolrhoda authors approach storytelling and education with an emphasis on writing, voice, and unique storylines. Exceptional photography and design are hallmarks of our nonfiction. Carolrhoda Books is the home of Sibert medal winner Sally M. Walker, Coretta Scott King medal winner Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, beloved picture book authors and illustrators Nancy Carlson and Chris Monroe, and picture book author Laurie Friedman.

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