



## **SIMON & SCHUSTER AND HAZELDEN PUBLISHING ENTER DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

NEW YORK, July 14— Simon & Schuster, Inc. has entered a sales and distribution agreement with Hazelden Publishing, a division of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation and the leading publisher of addiction recovery and self-help resources. Under the agreement, which is effective January 1, 2017, Simon & Schuster will handle trade sales and distribution of Hazelden’s print and digital books in North America.

“Hazelden is well-known for providing quality books and programs that support personal growth and inspire lifelong recovery. They are, simply put, the premier publisher in this field,” said Steve Black, Vice President, Client Services, Simon & Schuster. “We are delighted by the opportunity to assist their cause.”

“We are excited to partner with Simon & Schuster to expand our reach in the U.S. and Canadian markets. Teaming with Simon & Schuster is an exciting step in our commitment to supporting individuals in recovery, their loved ones and communities and we look forward to making Hazelden’s knowledge and expertise more accessible for all,” said Joe Jaksha, Publisher, Hazelden Publishing.

Hazelden Publishing was founded in 1954 with the publication of *Twenty-Four Hours a Day*, a book of meditations that is now a mainstay in recovery literature. During the past twenty years alone, more than 8.2 million copies of Hazelden’s meditation titles have been sold. From an exclusive recovery focus, the publisher has evolved over time to also develop books that help people live their best lives. *New York Times* bestsellers such as *Codependent No More* by Melody Beattie and *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brené Brown have firmly established Hazelden Publishing’s leadership in the self-help arena.

Hazelden’s publishing program also extends beyond the trade to provide tools, programs, and training for behavioral health professionals and educators.

### **ABOUT SIMON & SCHUSTER:**

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Australia, Canada, India and the United Kingdom. For more information, visit [www.simonandschuster.com](http://www.simonandschuster.com).

**ABOUT HAZELDEN PUBLISHING:**

Hazelden Publishing, a division of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, is the leading publisher of books, curricula, and multi-media resources to help people recognize, understand, and overcome substance use disorders and closely related issues.

Hazelden provides individuals with the tools to overcome challenges and attain personal growth, and professionals with the programming and expertise to help them.

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