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Carolrhoda Books Introduces Carolrhoda Lab™, a New Line of Books for Young Adults

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. – Carolrhoda Books, a division of Lerner Publishing Group, is proud to announce the launch of Carolrhoda Lab™, a new line of distinctive fiction for young adults. Carolrhoda Lab™ will publish four novels in fall 2010: *Draw the Dark* by Ilsa J. Bick; *The Absolute Value of -1* by Steve Brezenoff; *The Freak Observer* by Blythe Woolston; and a new paperback edition of *Traitor* by Gudrun Pausewang. A new website at www.carolrhodalab.com is available now and features a sneak peek at the new Carolrhoda Lab™ titles, as well as discussion guides, free downloads, and author information.

More than forty years ago, Carolrhoda Books was born of a deep commitment to publishing exceptional books for children. In that same spirit, Carolrhoda Lab™ has been founded as a home for exciting, surprising, dramatic, and boundary-pushing works of young adult fiction. Carolrhoda Lab™ intends to probe and examines young adulthood one novel at a time, offering YA authors and their readers an opportunity to explore and experiment with the full range of adolescent triumph and tragedy.

“Adolescence is an experience we share and a condition from which some of us never quite recover,” said Andrew Karre, editorial director of Carolrhoda Books. “All of us at Carolrhoda Lab™ are proud to proclaim our lifelong adolescence and our commitment to publishing exceptional fiction about the teenage experience.”

Andrew Karre will acquire and edit six to eight Carolrhoda Lab™ titles each year from new and established writers. Before joining Carolrhoda in 2008, Karre was the acquiring editor for Flux, where he launched the careers of New York Times bestselling authors Maggie Stiefvater and Carrie Jones, among many other new young-adult talents.

“Carolrhoda Lab™ is an excellent addition to our current line of high quality books and it shows our commitment to the young adult market,” said Adam Lerner, president and publisher of Lerner Publishing Group. “Andrew has done a wonderful job finding new, innovative authors whose writing will connect with young adults and whose stories will impact readers.”

For additional information, please contact Lindsay Matvick, senior publicist, at 800-328-4929, x385.

About the Publisher

Carolrhoda Books, a division of 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 and currently has ten imprints and divisions: Carolrhoda Books, Lerner Publications, Millbrook Press, Twenty-First Century Books, Graphic Universe, ediciones Lerner (a Spanish-language imprint), First Avenue Editions, LernerClassroom, Darby Creek, and Kar-Ben Publishing. Visit Lerner Publishing Group’s website at www.lernerbooks.com.



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