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## Chronicle Books Publisher Christine Carswell to retire in April

SAN FRANCISCO, FEBRUARY 28, 2023: Chronicle Books announced today that its longtime Publisher, Christine Carswell, will retire in April 2023. Carswell first joined Chronicle Books in 1994 as the Executive Editor of the adult trade division, ultimately becoming Publisher of Chronicle Books in 2007. Under her leadership, Chronicle has become the world's premier illustrated book, gift, toy, and game publisher and the home of numerous *New York Times* bestsellers as well as titles by rock stars, humorists, and celebrity chefs; powerhouse brands such as the LEGO Group, Disney, Pixar, Lucasfilm, and Marvel; and brilliant writers, artists, and creative talent of all kinds.

Christine Carswell started her career at Chatto & Windus in her native UK and left the company as its Deputy Managing Director and Publisher of The Hogarth Press to settle in the US. During her tenure at Chronicle Books, Christine has been instrumental in the creation of such bestsellers as *The Beatles Anthology*, *Dolly Parton: Songteller*, *Snoop Dogg's From Crook to Cook*, and titles with Bobbi Brown and Nick Bantock, to name but a few. She has been a guiding light not only of Chronicle's adult trade program (with books such as *Tartine*, *The Journey Is the Destination*, and *How We Heal*); but also of its award-winning children's list (featuring such classics as the Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site series and *I Wish You More*); the company's world-renowned gift program (including the eye-catching One Line a Day and Letters to My lines); and, most recently, its Ridley's Games, Games Room, and Petit Collage ranges of fun, engaging, and educational toys and games for adults and children.

Chronicle Books President Tyrrell Mahoney said, "Christine Carswell's talent for originating publishing that is uniquely Chronicle in its look and feel has been the not-so-secret sauce of the house's success under her direction. In addition to her myriad achievements as Publisher, Christine has been a steadfast mentor and inspiring leader. She has nurtured the talents of countless authors, artists, and, most importantly, hundreds of past and present 'Chroniclers.' Though this news is bittersweet, Christine's influence and expansive legacy will endure for years to come, in the way we work together, collectively strive for distinctiveness, and celebrate as colleagues."

"Little could I have imagined," said Christine Carswell, "way back as a student in Scotland determined to get her start in publishing, that one day I'd be here in California with the best job in the business! It has been the gift of a lifetime to collaborate with partners near and far, especially my beloved and super-talented Chroniclers, on a purpose we all hold so dear: to spark explorations, connections, and new

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ways of seeing—and to bring smiles of discovery, enrichment, and enjoyment. Now, what new adventures await me? And what *will* my wonderful, always innovative colleagues at Chronicle Books think of next???”

**About Chronicle Books**

Founded in 1967 in San Francisco, **Chronicle Books** is one of the world’s most admired publishers and distributors of illustrated books, gifts, and games for all ages. Its highly acclaimed list spans art, photography, food, lifestyle, pop culture, humor, self-help, wellness, children’s books, and stationery, among other categories. Chronicle is the home of numerous award-winning authors, bestselling series, and trend-setting titles. Chronicle Books is committed to partnering with artists and writers who represent the diversity of our world and to maintaining an inclusive and equitable working environment for its employees and business partners. For more information visit [www.chroniclebooks.com](http://www.chroniclebooks.com).

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