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Chronicle Books announces a new audiobook division in partnership with Hachette Audio

SAN FRANCISCO, MAY 6, 2019: Chronicle Books has announced a new partnership with Hachette Audio to produce, sell, and distribute digital audiobook versions of select Chronicle Books titles. Heading up the audio program for Chronicle Books is Mark Tauber, who is also Managing Director of Chronicle Prism, an imprint of Chronicle Books.

Chronicle Audio will launch its first four titles in Spring 2019: *Feck Perfuction* by James Victore, *The Secret Art of Being a Parent* by Bridget Watson Payne, *Open Water* by Mikael Rosén, and *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook* by Joshua Piven and David Borgenicht. After that it will release 10-15 titles per season, simultaneous with the print book release. This new venture represents the first time audiobooks will appear as part of the Chronicle Books brand. It also further expands the partnership between Chronicle Books and Hachette Book Group, which has been Chronicle's U.S. distributor since 2008 and also provides international sales services to select territories.

Mark Tauber said, "As we begin to publish the audio versions of these books that our team works so hard to shape, edit, make, and market, we are very pleased to be extending and building on our existing partnership with Hachette, who has successfully distributed our physical books for many years."

Anthony Goff, SVP & Publisher of Hachette Audio, said, "I've long admired Chronicle Books, and it's clear there is a market for their adult nonfiction titles in the audio format. Our passion for publishing and selling top-notch productions and Chronicle's savvy editorial acquisitions make an unbeatable team. We're so proud of this partnership and to be able to share these titles with audiobook fans everywhere."

About Chronicle Books: One of the most admired and respected publishing companies in the U.S., Chronicle Books was founded in 1967 and over the years has developed a reputation for award-winning, innovative books. Recognized as one of the 50 best small companies to work for in the U.S. (and the only independent publisher to receive this award), the company continues to challenge conventional publishing wisdom, setting trends in both subject and format, maintaining a list that includes much-admired illustrated books and gift products in design, art, architecture, photography, food, lifestyle, pop culture, and acclaimed children's titles. Chronicle Books' objective is to create and distribute exceptional publishing that's instantly recognizable for its spirit, creativity, and value. For more information about Chronicle Books, visit www.chroniclebooks.com.

Hachette Audio is a publisher of a variety of popular genres in audio form, which matches Hachette Book Group material with talented actors, composers, and producers to find its fullest expression. Their audiobooks are primarily based on material published in print and online by Grand Central Publishing; Little, Brown and Company; Hachette Nashville; Orbit; JIMMY Patterson; Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; and Perseus Books, and have been recognized for the highest quality of content and production with numerous GRAMMY, Audie, Listen Up! and Earphone awards. Unabridged and abridged titles are available on CD and as digital downloads.

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