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**ALFRED A. KNOPF BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS UNVEILS
TITLE AND COVER FOR BOOK THREE IN CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI'S
#1 BESTSELLING INHERITANCE CYCLE**

**BOOK THREE IN THE INHERITANCE CYCLE WILL HAVE A
FIRST PRINTING OF 2.5 MILLION COPIES**

New York, NY (January 16, 2008)—Following the #1 bestselling novels *Eragon* and *Eldest*, the third book in Christopher Paolini's Inheritance cycle will be titled BRISINGR, it was announced today by Nancy Hinkel, Publishing Director of Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Random House Children's Books. BRISINGR (BRIS-ing-gr), an Old Norse word for fire, will be familiar to fans of the cycle as the first word in the ancient language that Eragon hears. The jacket for BRISINGR has been illustrated by the renowned John Jude Palencar, illustrator of both the *Eragon* and *Eldest* covers.

"BRISINGR is one of the first words I thought of for this title, and it's always felt right to me," said Christopher Paolini. "As the first ancient-language word that Eragon learns, it has held particular significance for his legacy as a Dragon Rider. In this new book, it will be revealed to be even more meaningful than even Eragon could have known."

BRISINGR will have a first printing of 2.5 million copies, the largest initial run ever for a Random House Children's Books title. Originally slated for release on September 23, 2008, the book will now go on sale at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2008. Hinkel explains, "After the initial announcement of Book Three's release, we received an outpouring of requests from booksellers hoping to host midnight launch parties. We have responded to their enthusiasm by advancing the date, and we know fans will welcome the opportunity to celebrate the publication together."

BRISINGR will be published simultaneously in the United States as an audiobook by Random House's Listening Library division. Michelle Frey, Executive Editor with Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, who worked with Paolini on *Eragon* and *Eldest*, is the editor of BRISINGR.

Both #1 *New York Times* bestsellers in the United States, *Eragon* and *Eldest* have also been international sensations. To date there are 50 foreign-language licenses for *Eragon* alone, and together *Eragon* and *Eldest* have sold 12.5 million copies worldwide. In its first week on sale in North America in August 2005, *Eldest* sold more than 425,000 hardcover copies, making *Eldest* the greatest single-week sale ever recorded for a Random House Children's Books title—hardcover or paperback—and the fastest-selling title in the publisher's history.

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