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**MARIE LU SIGNS THREE-BOOK DEAL WITH MACMILLAN CHILDREN'S
PUBLISHING GROUP**

**Roaring Brook Press to Publish New Book From Bestselling Author of LEGEND
Series in Fall 2019**

New York, NY (October 12, 2018) – #1 *New York Times* Bestselling author Marie Lu has signed a multi-book deal with Roaring Brook Press, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. Lu is best known for the LEGEND trilogy which has sold over 3 million copies and been optioned for film by BCDF Pictures, and the Young Elites series, the film rights for which are currently optioned by 20th Century Fox.

The first book in the three-book deal, scheduled for publication in Fall 2019, will be a highly anticipated return to the thrilling world of LEGEND, taking place 10 years after the events of the last book, *Champion*. The deal also includes the first book of a brand-new series, SKYHUNTER, a breathtaking sci-fi fantasy about the unbreakable bonds that form between young people during wartime, and an untitled third novel. Kristin Nelson of Nelson Literary Agency represented Marie Lu in the deal.

All three books will be edited by Jennifer Besser, Senior Vice President and Publishing Director of Roaring Brook Press, Farrar, Straus, and Giroux Books for Young Readers, and First Second Books. Besser acquired and edited Lu's first novel, *Legend*, published by Putnam Books for Young Readers in 2010, and remained her editor until leaving Penguin to join Macmillan in 2017, working on eight bestselling novels together -- The LEGEND Series, The Young Elites Series, and the Warcross duology.

"I'm incredibly excited to join Jen Besser and the entire amazing team at Macmillan Children's Publishing Group," Lu said. "Working with Jen has been a dream come true since our very first day back in 2010, and I look forward to all our new adventures together."

"Working with Marie has been an absolute highlight of my career and I'm thrilled to continue our exciting ride together," Besser said. "Marie has set the bar sky high with her previous books, but the best is truly yet to come -- all of us at MCPG can't wait to share what's next with readers."

Jon Yaged, President and Publisher at Macmillan Children's Publishing Group added, "We are ecstatic that Marie is joining Roaring Brook Press and becoming part of the MCPG family. Marie is incredibly beloved by her fans, book sellers, educators and librarians and we are honored that she has chosen MCPG to be the home for her next three books."

NOTE TO THE PRESS:

Marie Lu is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Legend*, *Warcross*, *The Young Elites*, and *Batman: Nightwalker*. She graduated from the University of Southern California and jumped into the video game industry, where she worked as an artist. Now a full-time writer, she spends her spare

hours reading, drawing, playing games, and getting stuck in traffic. She lives in the traffic jam capital, Los Angeles, with her illustrator/author husband Primo Gallanosa, their Pembroke Welsh Corgi, and their Chihuahua-monster mix.

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