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**Journalist Jemele Hill to Write Memoir for Henry Holt**

New York, N.Y. August 6, 2019 – Jemele Hill, the former chief correspondent and columnist for ESPN'S "The Undeclared," will write a memoir to be published by Henry Holt, it was announced today. Hill is currently a staff writer for *The Atlantic*, where she covers issues related to sports, race, politics, and culture, and has recently written about subjects such as Kamala Harris, Megan Rapinoe, and Colin Kaepernick. She is also the host of the Spotify Original podcast "Jemele Hill is Unbothered," which has featured interviews with cultural figures such as Stacey Abrams, Walter Mosley, Soledad O'Brien, and Ava DuVernay.

During Hill's tenure at ESPN, she developed a reputation for outspokenness, especially in regard to race and politics. In 2017 she wrote on Twitter that Donald Trump is a white supremacist, setting off a media storm and fervent pushback from the White House press shop. A month later, Hill was suspended for criticizing, again on Twitter, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, who had threatened to bench players who took a knee during the national anthem at NFL games.

Barbara Jones, executive editor at Holt, won North American and audio rights from CAA in a highly competitive auction. Hill is managed by Evan Dick of Exit 39.

"As 'SportsCenter' viewers realized years ago, Jemele has a lot to say," said Jones. "As *Atlantic* readers know, her journalism is as swiftly exacting as it is wise. What everyone will discover when we publish Jemele's memoir is her significant literary talent."

"I'm truly thankful to be publishing my first book with Henry Holt," said Hill. "They have an excellent reputation and a consistent track record of amplifying some of the most compelling, thoughtful and respected thinkers in the country. I'm excited about the opportunity to stretch myself and grow. I hope that by sharing some very personal experiences in this memoir — things I've never shared publicly before — people will have a better understanding of who I am. I also hope by sharing my story, people realize their circumstances don't have to dictate their capabilities or contributions."

The memoir will be published in 2021.

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