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Edward Snowden to Adapt Bestselling Memoir for Young Audience

Permanent Record (Young Readers Edition) to Be Published by Henry Holt Books for Young Readers in February 2021

New York, NY (July 27, 2020) Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, will publish a middle grade adaptation of whistleblower and bestselling author Edward Snowden's memoir—featuring a brand-new afterword that includes resources to learn about the basics of digital security. PERMANENT RECORD (YOUNG READERS EDITION) will go on-sale February 9, 2021.

In 2013, Snowden shocked the world when he revealed that the United States government was secretly building a system of mass surveillance with the ability to gaze into the private lives of every person on earth. Phone calls, text messages, emails—nothing was safe from prying eyes. Now the man who risked everything to expose the truth about government spying details to a new generation how he helped build that system, what motivated him to try to bring it down, and how young people can strive to protect their privacy in the digital age.

“The young readers of today are being born into a world where everything that can be known about them--from their simplest joys to greatest mistakes--is compiled into a permanent record over which they have little control, but will be used to influence each of their years to come,” said Snowden. “This adaptation is an effort to make what was previously an expert conversation about power, the world, and our place in it accessible to children and their families. At its core, this story is a lesson about how when the world goes wrong, sometimes even the youngest among us can help set things right.”

This adaptation of Snowden's crucial, eye-opening adapted memoir is perfect for a rising generation that is driven toward enacting real change and embracing digital security and privacy tools; it will inform and inspire future coders, bureaucrats, tech moguls, and users of every kind of digital product and service.

Note To The Press:

Edward Snowden was born in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and grew up in the shadow of Fort Meade, Maryland. A systems engineer by training, he served as an officer of the Central Intelligence Agency and worked as a contractor for the National Security Agency. He has received numerous awards for his public service, including the Right Livelihood Award, the German Whistleblower Prize, the Ridenhour Prize for Truth-Telling, and the Carl von Ossietzky Medal from the International League for Human Rights. Currently, he serves as president of the board of directors of the Freedom of the Press Foundation.

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