

Press Release

John Sargent to leave Macmillan and its parent Holtzbrinck Publishing Group January 1st, 2021. Don Weisberg, President of Macmillan US Trade, to be appointed as his successor as CEO of Macmillan Publishers. Susan Winslow, General Manager of Macmillan Learning, to be appointed President of Macmillan Learning.

Stuttgart, September 17, 2020. With great regret, Holtzbrinck Publishing Group announces the departure of John Sargent as of January 1st, 2021 as a result of disagreements regarding the direction of Macmillan. Don Weisberg, currently President of Macmillan US Trade, has been appointed as his successor as CEO of Macmillan Publishers. Susan Winslow, currently General Manager, becomes President of Macmillan Learning.

Stefan von Holtzbrinck commented: "The family shareholders, the supervisory board, my colleagues and I thank John Sargent deeply for making Macmillan a strong and highly successful publishing house and for his most helpful advice. John's principles and exemplary leadership have always been grounded in worthy, essential causes, be it freedom of speech, the environment, or support for the most vulnerable. Since Holtzbrinck shares these ideals, they will live on.

As part of John's succession plan, Don Weisberg, a publishing executive of both the greatest reputation and experience, will head Macmillan's English language Trade Publishing Group as CEO starting on January 1st. I am also very happy to announce that Susan Winslow, General Manager, a truly accomplished executive in higher education, has accepted the position of President of Macmillan Learning."

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