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**Model and Activist Emily Ratajkowski Signs with
Metropolitan Books for Essay Collection ‘My Body’**

NEW YORK, Oct. 9, 2020 – Emily Ratajkowski, the 29-year-old multi-hyphenate model, activist, business woman, actor, and internet phenomenon will pen her first book, a collection of essays entitled “My Body,” for Metropolitan Books, an imprint at Henry Holt and Company, it was announced today by Sara Bershtel, publisher of Metropolitan, who will edit the work. Publication is set for 2022. Ratajkowski is represented by David Kuhn of Aevitas Creative Management. Metropolitan bought North American and audio rights.

The book springs from essays Ratajkowski has written, most recently one for New York Magazine called “Buying Myself Back,” which garnered one million views within 24 hours. In her first book, Ratajkowski will expand her deeply personal examination of what it means to be a woman and a commodity, touching on themes of feminism, sexuality, men’s treatment of women and women’s rationalizations for accepting that treatment.

“Emily Ratajkowski reveals herself to be devastatingly honest, nuanced, and strong – I’m not surprised that she thinks of herself first as a writer,” said Bershtel. “I also admire how outspoken she is, how political, and how unafraid – what a force she’ll be!”

Known the world over as “EmRata” to her nearly 27 million online followers, Ratajkowski is a globally recognized model who has appeared on more than 40 covers for every major fashion magazine; walked the runway for brands including Dolce & Gabbana, Versace, and Marc Jacobs; and acted in movies including “Gone Girl” and “I Feel Pretty.” Politically active, she was an ardent support of Bernie Sanders’ two presidential campaigns and has been a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood since 2013. She is a vocal supporter of Black Lives Matter. In May of 2018 she was arrested in Washington, D.C.,

for protesting the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. A socially conscious entrepreneur, she founded the clothing line Inamorata, a direct-to-consumer company with an all-female workforce that markets its products online.

Ratajkowski was born in London and raised in California. She attended UCLA and studied art and writing and modelled as a path to financial security. Her writing has appeared in many outlets over the years. A 2016 essay in Lenny Letter received 65.6 million page views.

Bershtel is a co-founder of Metropolitan Books, which began 25 years ago. The imprint is the long-time publisher of Atul Gawande whose books include the mega best seller “Being Mortal,” which was hailed as a best book of the year by The Washington Post, the New York Times Book Review, NPR and the Chicago Tribune. In 2017 they published Caroline Fraser’s biography of Laura Ingalls Wilder, “Prairie Fires,” which won a 2018 Pulitzer, a National Book Critics Circle Award and the Heartland Prize. In 2019 they published Greg Grandin’s “The End of the Myth,” which won a Pulitzer for General Nonfiction in 2020. Last fall they published Edward Snowden’s best-selling memoir, “Permanent Record.” Their list includes many prominent writers, journalists, politicians and thought leaders, including Andrew Bacevich, Barbara Ehrenreich, Susan Faludi, Thomas Frank, Glenn Greenwald and Sen. Elizabeth Warren among others.

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