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## **Pulitzer Prize-Winning Editorial Cartoonist Darrin Bell To Publish Two Graphic Memoirs with Henry Holt**

New York, N.Y., July 16, 2020 –Darrin Bell, a Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist will publish two nonfiction graphic books with Henry Holt & Company. Retha Powers, editor at large, acquired world rights from Daniel Lazar, Writers House. The first book will be published in 2021.

*The Talk* will be a graphic memoir written as a deeply personal meditation on the “the talk” Black parents must have with their children about racism and the brutality that often accompanies it; a ritual attempt to keep kids safe and prepare them for a world that—to paraphrase Toni Morrison—does not love them. This timely book will also explore the psychic impact of those murdered at the hands of the police like George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and other Americans.

*Come Back Around to You* will be a graphic memoir of the author’s discovery of art, his bond with his beloved grandfather, a direct descendant of slaves, and his complicated relationship with his father against the backdrop of Los Angeles. Through vivid imagery and storytelling Bell will explore three generations of Black men and their relationships with history and each other.

Bell is the recipient of various awards including the 2019 Pulitzer for Editorial Cartooning, the 2016 Berryman Award for Editorial Cartooning, and the 2015 RFK Jr. award for editorial cartooning. The Pulitzer board praised Darrin for taking on “issues affecting disenfranchised communities, calling out lies, hypocrisy and fraud in the political turmoil surrounding the Trump administration.” Darrin has created two syndicated cartoons: *Candorville* and *Rudy Park*. He attended U.C. Berkeley and currently lives in Sacramento.

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