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## **TORDOTCOM PUBLISHING ANNOUNCES ITS BIGGEST DEAL TO DATE, WITH MURDERBOT AUTHOR MARTHA WELLS**

**NEW YORK, NY (April 26, 2021):** Tordotcom Publishing Executive Editor Lee Harris announced the largest deal for the imprint to date, the acquisition of six books by Martha Wells via Jennifer Jackson of the Donald Maass Literary Agency in a Major Deal.

Martha Wells is the author of the *New York Times* and *USA Today*-bestselling Murderbot Diaries series. Published by Tordotcom Publishing, the series follows the adventures of a relatable security droid as it navigates the dangers of space and the perplexity of human interaction. With five novellas and one full-length novel so far, the series has won the Hugo, Nebula, Locus, and Alex Awards.

With well over half a million copies of the Murderbot Diaries sold, and no sign of its popularity waning, this deal includes the publication of three new books in the series, plus another three unrelated novels.

Tordotcom Publishing is proud to publish additional books from this highly acclaimed author. Of the acquisition, Executive Editor Lee Harris said, "I could not be more delighted that Martha has agreed to write another six books for us. Everyone who has read her work already knows how great a writer she is. I've had a sneak peek at her next book, and I guarantee that her legion of fans will love it as much as they love Murderbot!"

Publisher Irene Gallo said, "You can spend a large portion of any day listening to people talk about how much Murderbot means to them. I can't tell you what a privilege it is to work with Martha and watch the effect her writing has on people. It's a great feeling to look at the future with Martha, in every genre."

Martha Wells said, "It's been such a great experience working with Lee Harris and Irene Gallo and everyone else at Tordotcom. I'm so happy this contract will let me be able to continue that, and let me get back into writing fantasy again, as well as more Murderbot."

Martha's agent, Jennifer Jackson, agreed and said, "I'm so excited to see Martha bringing her talent to new stories with the team at Tordotcom and thrilled to be a part of these epic journeys!"

The first new book, *Witch King*, will be published in Fall 2022, with the other titles following at yearly intervals.

### **About the author**

Martha Wells has written many fantasy novels, including *The Wizard Hunters*, *Wheel of the Infinite*, the Books of the Raksura series (beginning with *The Cloud Roads* and ending with *The Harbors of the Sun*), and the Nebula-nominated *The Death of the Necromancer*, as well as YA fantasy novels, short stories, and nonfiction. Her *New York Times* and *USA Today*-bestselling Murderbot Diaries series has won the Hugo, Nebula, Locus, and Alex Awards.

### **About Tordotcom Publishing**

Tordotcom Publishing is an imprint for science fiction and fantasy novellas and novels, a line that provides a home for established and emerging writers to tell focused, engaging stories in exactly the number of words they choose. Tordotcom Publishing is proud to offer most of their titles globally in print, audio and DRM-free eBook format.

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