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**SIMON & SCHUSTER AND POCKET BOOKS TO PUBLISH
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR NELSON DEMILLE**

New York, N.Y., June 4, 2014 – #1 New York Times bestselling author Nelson DeMille has signed a six book deal with Simon & Schuster and Pocket Books, with the first book scheduled for publication in 2017.

Details were released in a joint announcement made today by Jonathan Karp, President and Publisher of Simon & Schuster; Marysue Rucci, Vice-President and Editor-in-Chief of Simon & Schuster; and Louise Burke, President and Publisher of Pocket Books. Rucci acquired North American and audio rights from Jennifer Joel and Sloan Harris of ICM Partners and will edit Mr. DeMille. The deal includes three books Mr. DeMille will write alone and three books he will write with a collaborator. Pocket Books will be the paperback publisher of all six books, which will also be available from Simon & Schuster Audio.

“At the risk of violating one of the Ten Commandments, many readers at Simon & Schuster have coveted Nelson DeMille for a long time,” said Karp. “His books are always captivating. We look forward to being in his thrall for a long time.”

Burke added, “It is always a thrill to work with an author you have read and enjoyed for years. Nelson DeMille makes a perfect addition to Pocket Books’ strong list of bestselling authors and I look forward to working with him.”

Rucci said, “Nelson DeMille is in a class by himself. He’s a spectacular writer who never writes the same book twice; his books appeal to both men and women; and he makes you laugh even as your heart’s in your throat. I am excited and honored to be working with an author of his caliber.”

Nelson DeMille is the author of eighteen acclaimed novels, many of them #1 New York Times bestsellers. His library includes *The Charm School*, *The Gold Coast*, *Plum Island*, *Night Fall*, and *The Panther*. His first major novel was *By the Rivers of Babylon*, published in 1978 and still in print, as are all his succeeding novels. His novel *The General’s Daughter* was made into a feature film starring John Travolta, and *Word of Honor* was made into a television movie starring Don Johnson. This will mark his first collaboration with Simon & Schuster.

DeMille said, “I see this new relationship as an opportunity to get a fresh perspective on my work and to grow my readership. The Simon & Schuster team is legendary, and I’m excited to be published by this distinguished and innovative house.”

DeMille was born in New York City and grew up on Long Island, where he still resides. He spent three years at Hofstra University, then joined the Army and attended Officer Candidate School. DeMille was a First Lieutenant in the United States Army (1966-69) and saw action as an infantry platoon leader with the First Cavalry Division in Vietnam. He was decorated with the Air Medal, Bronze Star, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. When DeMille returned to the States, he went back to Hofstra University and received his degree in Political Science and History. He is a member of The Authors Guild, the Mystery Writers of America, Poets & Writers, and American Mensa. He holds three honorary doctorates: Doctor of Humane Letters from Hofstra University, Doctor of Literature from Long Island University, and Doctor of Humane Letters from Dowling College.

It is estimated that Mr. DeMille has over 45 million copies of his books in print worldwide.

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