

**HOWARD BOOKS TO PUBLISH TWO BOOKS WITH WM. PAUL YOUNG
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE SHACK***

{Nashville, TN – October 2nd, 2014} Howard Books, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, announced today it would publish *Eve*, the next book by Wm. Paul Young, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *The Shack*. The book, for which Howard acquired world rights, will be published in Fall 2015, will also be available from Simon & Schuster Audio. The second book with Young will be a non-fiction work, slated for release in fall of 2016.

With the publication of *The Shack*, Young earned his position as a masterful storyteller and worldwide publishing phenomenon. The book spent an unprecedented 177 weeks on bestseller lists, including *USA Today* and the *New York Times*, and there are more than 20 million copies of his books in print.

“I am thrilled to work with Howard Books and Simon & Schuster on a project that has been forty years in preparation and formulation,” Young said. “I believe we have the opportunity to present a paradigm challenging narrative that has the power to bring hope to us all.”

Eve is Wm. Paul Young’s most expansive work to date, combining sheer audacity and creative breadth, with the capability to impact reader’s thoughts on one of the most epic stories in the bible. A creative retelling of the story of Adam and Eve, *Eve* poses the question – What if the fall of Man was not her fault?

“We are thrilled for the opportunity to work with Wm. Paul Young to deliver this story to millions of eager fans. This partnership signifies our dedication to bringing quality fiction to the marketplace,” said Jonathan Merkh, Vice President and Publisher of Howard Books

If *The Shack* challenged existing paradigms regarding the nature and character of God, *Eve* will stimulate conversations about the character and nature of humanity and our relationships with one another, especially between genders.

Jonathan Merkh, Vice President and Publisher of Howard Books and Becky Nesbitt, Vice President, Editor-in-Chief made the acquisition. Wm Paul Young was represented by Wes Yoder, Ambassador Literary Agency, Nashville, TN and Dan Polk, of Baxter, Stinson, Polk LLC, Annapolis, MD.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Wm. Paul Young was born a Canadian and raised among a Stone Age tribe by his missionary parents in the highlands of former New Guinea. He suffered great loss as a child and young adult and now enjoys the "wastefulness of grace" with his family in the Pacific Northwest.

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