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**TONY BLAIR'S MEMOIR, *THE JOURNEY*, TO BE PUBLISHED THIS SEPTEMBER  
BY HUTCHINSON IN THE UK AND BY KNOPF IN THE US AND CANADA**

LONDON, March 4, 2010 - The memoirs of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair will be published in September, it was announced today by Gail Rebeck, Chairman and Chief Executive of the Random House Group. *Tony Blair: The Journey* will be published in the UK by Hutchinson and simultaneously in the United States by Knopf and Canada by Knopf Canada.

In 1997, Tony Blair won the biggest Labour victory in history to sweep the party to power and end 18 years of Conservative government. He has been one of the most dynamic leaders of modern times; few British prime ministers have shaped the nation's course as profoundly as Tony Blair did, during his ten years in power. His achievements and his legacy will be debated for years to come. His memoirs reveal in intimate detail this unique political and personal journey and provide an insight into the man, the politician and the statesman, charting successes, controversies and disappointments with an extraordinary candour. They will prove essential and compulsive reading for anyone who wants to understand the complexities of our global world.

"Tony Blair's *The Journey* will break new ground in prime ministerial memoirs just as Blair himself broke the mould of British politics," said Rebeck. "His book is frank, open, revealing and written in an intimate and accessible style. As an account of the nature and uses of power, it will have a readership that extends well beyond politics, to all those who want to understand the challenge of leadership in today's world."

Mr Blair says: "I have really enjoyed the writing of the book. I have tried to write a book which describes the human as much as the political dimensions of life as Prime Minister. Though necessarily retrospective, it is an attempt to inform and shape current and future thinking as much as an historical account of the past. Most of all I want readers to have as much pleasure reading it as I had writing it."

"Tony Blair is an extremely popular figure in North America," said Sonny Mehta, his US publisher. "His memoir is refreshing, both for its candour and vivid portrayal of political life. We all knew Blair was an extraordinary statesman and gifted thinker. We can now add exceptional writer to that list."

Hutchinson will publish *Tony Blair: The Journey* in hardback, priced £25.00 with a simultaneous edition available as an eBook and in audio, read by Mr Blair. Knopf and Knopf Canada will publish their hardcover editions of *Tony Blair: The Journey* simultaneously with Hutchinson. Knopf will also publish an eBook and audio read by the author. Translation rights have been sold in twelve territories worldwide and Mr Blair will embark on a national and international author tour immediately upon release of the book.

Hutchinson is an imprint of The Random House Group in the UK; Alfred A. Knopf is one of the flagship imprints of the Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group, a division of Random House, Inc. in the US.; Knopf Canada is an imprint of Random House of Canada. Random House is owned by Bertelsmann AG, the international media company.

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