Amazon Publishing Announces TOPPLE Books, an Imprint with Emmy Award Winner Jill Soloway Tuesday, February 27, 2018 02:00:00 PM (GMT)

Emmy and Golden Globe Award winner Soloway will be the Editor-at-Large for TOPPLE Books, an Amazon Publishing imprint focused on revolutionary feminist voices

(NASDAQ:AMZN)—Amazon Publishing today announced the launch of TOPPLE Books, a new imprint with Jill Soloway, the writer, filmmaker and TV creator whose credits include the Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning *Transparent* and *I Love Dick*. Soloway is a prominent activist for LGBTQ representation in the arts as well as one of the founding members of the #TimesUp and #5050by2020 campaigns to eradicate sexual misconduct and gender inequity in the workplace. Building and expanding on that work, TOPPLE Books will spotlight the voices of women of color, gender non-conforming, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer writers.

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TOPPLE Books will use the power of literature and storytelling to ignite discussion and affect change. As the Editor-at-Large, Soloway is looking for stories that will introduce readers to an important and diverse canon of authors and experiences. The imprint will concentrate on narrative nonfiction and fiction from emerging and established writers.

"We live in a complicated, messy world where every day we have to proactively re-center our own experiences by challenging privilege. With TOPPLE Books we're looking for those undeniably compelling essential voices so often not heard," said Jill Soloway, Editor-at-Large of TOPPLE Books. "I can't think of a more perfect collaborator than Amazon Publishing to make our dream of a revolutionary publishing imprint come true."

TOPPLE Books takes its name from Soloway's production company, which aims to lift up marginalized voices. Editor-at-Large Soloway will work with Little A Editorial Director Carmen Johnson to select books for publication and pen introductions. Little A is the literary fiction and nonfiction imprint of Amazon Publishing. Soloway is represented by Daniel Greenberg at Levine, Greenberg, Rostan Literary Agency.

Soloway's Amazon Original series *Transparent* and *I Love Dick* are available to stream on Prime Video.

"Amazon Publishing and Little A are committed to publishing books from a diverse array of writers that inspire, connect and entertain," said Mikyla Bruder, Publisher of Amazon Publishing. "We look forward to sharing the voices and stories that Jill discovers with readers."

About Amazon Publishing

Launched in the U.S. in 2009, Amazon Publishing is the publishing arm of <u>Amazon.com</u> and publishes literary and commercial fiction and nonfiction. Today, Amazon Publishing is a global publisher with offices in Seattle, New York, Grand Haven, Luxembourg, London, Munich, Milan, Madrid, and Paris.

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About TOPPLE

TOPPLE is a revolutionary multimedia brand, production company and movement that upends the patriarchy by shifting the gaze and inspiring creative protagonism for women, queer people, people of color and their allies. Founded by Jill Soloway in 2015 and grounded in the dream of an intersectional power movement, TOPPLE believes in the transformative power of storytelling to impact social change. TOPPLE produced two

critically acclaimed series at Amazon: the Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning *Transparent*, and Golden Globe nominated *I Love Dick*. TOPPLE has an exclusive television deal at Amazon Studios, where it currently has eight television shows and four features in development.

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