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DELACORTE PRESS TO PUBLISH YOUNG READERS' ADAPTATION OF *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER *THE SUM OF US* BY HEATHER MCGHEE

New York, NY (August 25, 2021)—Delacorte Press, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, will publish **THE SUM OF US: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together (Adapted for Young Readers)**, a middle-grade adaptation of Heather McGhee's adult *New York Times* bestseller *The Sum of Us* for readers ages 10 and up, it was announced today by Beverly Horowitz, Senior Vice President and Publisher of Delacorte Press. Horowitz acquired North American rights from Janine Kamouh and Dorian Karchmar at William Morris Endeavor and will edit the project.

Originally published in February 2021, and hailed as "illuminating and hopeful" by the *New York Times* and "[a] powerhouse of a book about the deep, enduring, cross-cultural, multi-generational, and real-life cost of racist policy-making in the United States" by Elizabeth Gilbert, **THE SUM OF US** is an analysis of how we arrived at a divided America, sharing a way forward that is positive and hopeful. McGhee marshals economic and sociological research to paint the true legacy of racism's costs, but at the heart of the book are the humble stories of people yearning to be part of a better America, including white supremacy's collateral victims: white people themselves. This heartfelt message from a Black woman to a multiracial America will leave young people with a new vision for a future in which life can be more than a zero-sum game. When the adult version was published by Penguin Random House's One World imprint in early 2021, it earned widespread praise and became an instant *New York Times* bestseller.

Says Beverly Horowitz: "We are thrilled to publish this important book. It blew me away, and I believe it's something everyone needs to read. In particular, this is such a necessary conversation to have with kids today. Heather writes with honesty and empathy and is optimistic. Her ideas will inspire young people to make this world a better place."

Says author Heather McGhee: "I'm so excited to bring *The Sum of Us* to a youth audience. Young Americans are already living in the multiracial future that's coming, and they are facing big challenges that can only be solved by crossing divides."

Heather McGhee is an expert in economic and social policy. The former president of the inequality-focused think tank Demos, McGhee has drafted legislation, testified before Congress, and contributed regularly to news shows including NBC's *Meet the Press*. She now chairs the board of Color of Change, the nation's largest online racial justice organization. McGhee holds a BA in American studies from Yale University and a JD from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law.

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