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New York, NY – December 12, 2019 – ABRAMS is proud to announce the acquisition of two books from Emmy, Grammy, and Tony Award-winning actor, singer, dancer, writer, and advocate **Billy Porter**. *Unprotected*, publishing on the imprint Abrams Press, will be the story of an extraordinary artist in his own words, a memoir of childhood trauma, creative struggle, public courage, and triumph. Abrams Press' Executive Editor **Jamison Stoltz** pre-empted the project, acquiring world rights from Porter's literary agent **Jim McCarthy** at Dystel, Goderich, & Bourret LLC. In addition, Abrams Books for Young Readers Associate Editor **Courtney Code** acquired an untitled picture book by Porter.

"Everybody has a story. Stories create empathy and empathy creates an emotional pathway to the respect of our collective humanity. I'm so grateful to Abrams Press for giving me the opportunity to share my personal story," said Billy Porter. *"My hope is that my journey will give others the courage to live their lives authentically."*

Said Stoltz, *"It should come as no surprise that Billy Porter is as astonishingly talented a writer as he is a performer. Unprotected is heartbreaking, uplifting, and razor-sharp, and I cannot wait to share it with readers."*

"Billy Porter brings his exuberant message of authenticity, positivity, and love everywhere he goes. It is a real joy and privilege to share that message with young readers for the first time," said Code.



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