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***FIRE AND BLOOD* BY GEORGE R. R. MARTIN**

300 Years before A Game of Thrones, Dragons Ruled Westeros

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Ballantine Bantam Dell will publish *FIRE AND BLOOD*, a new book by George R. R. Martin, in the US and Canada on November 20, 2018, under his longtime US imprint Bantam Books. Voyager, an imprint of HarperCollins, Martin's longtime publisher in the UK, will publish *FIRE AND BLOOD* in the UK and Commonwealth (excluding Canada) also on November 20, 2018. Martin's longtime publishers in the following foreign territories will join in simultaneous publication, among them Penhaligon in Germany, Éditions Pygmalion in France, Arnoldo Mondadori in Italy, Penguin Random House in Mexico and South America, Luitingh-Sijthoff in the Netherlands, and Zysk i S-Ka in Poland, with more to be announced.

Set three-hundred years before the events in *A Song of Ice and Fire*, *FIRE AND BLOOD*, the first of two planned volumes, is the definitive history of the Targaryens in Westeros and chronicles the conquest that united the Seven Kingdoms under Targaryen rule through the Dance of the Dragons: the Targaryen civil war that nearly ended their dynasty forever. Readers may have glimpsed small parts of this narrative before, in *The World of Ice and Fire* and various anthologies, but the full tapestry of Martin's history of the Targaryens is revealed here for the first time. Lavishly illustrated with over 75 all-new black and white portraits and scenes by artist Doug Wheatley, *FIRE AND BLOOD* will give readers a whole new appreciation for the fascinating history of Westeros and will be a must-have addition to every fan's bookshelf.

"No, winter is not coming... not in 2018, at least. You're going to have to keep waiting for *THE WINDS OF WINTER*. You will, however, be able to return to Westeros this year," said George R. R. Martin. "I do want to stress... indeed, I want to *shout*... that *FIRE & BLOOD* is not a novel. This is not a traditional narrative and was never intended to be... let's call this one '*imaginary history*' instead. The essential point being the 'history' part. I love reading popular histories myself, and that's what I was aiming for here... As for me, I'm returning once again to *THE WINDS OF WINTER*."

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