



## MATERIAL ENTERTAINMENT DARES TO DREAM

### DREAM TEAM BOOKS TO BE ADAPTED FOR THE BIG SCREEN

LONDON, April 19, 2007 - UK based Material Entertainment announced today that the company has secured the screen rights to the thrilling, fantasy-adventure children's book series, *Dream Team* by award-winning author Ann Coburn. Material Entertainment will produce a live action/effects driven movie with the screenplay penned by Kirk De Micco, writer of *Racing Stripes* and the upcoming *Space Chimps*.

The *Dream Team* books recount the adventures of a team of Dream Fetchers, tiny fairy-like creatures, in a parallel universe, that travel around on winged scooters, delivering dreams to people all over the world like mini-pizza delivery guys. The series features a rich cast of fantasy characters, including dream chefs, nightmare collectors and heroic SWAT teams, and depicts imaginative dreams from their creation to the planting of them in your sleep.

Giving her blessing to the project, author/playwright Ann Coburn says, "I'm thrilled that Material Entertainment has optioned the books - add to that the backing of both New Line Cinema and Entertainment Film Distributors and I am sure this will be a wonderful experience with a great final product."

Material head Robert Jones commented, "Material Entertainment is very proud to be working with Kirk on bringing Ann's vivid and exciting world to life on the screen. Ann has a reputation for telling exhilarating and enchanting stories and Kirk is the best choice for capturing her captivating prose and translating it to movie magic."

The *Dream Team* book series is planned to be eight installments long. Two of the books already gaining momentum with a large fan base of young readers are entitled, *Mission 1: Flying Solo* and *Mission 2: Showtime*. Two additional installments, *Speed Challenge* and *The Daydream Shift* are expected in 2007.



## About Material Entertainment

Material Entertainment is a joint feature film production venture between New Line Cinema in the US and Entertainment Film Distributors in the UK. The company is developing a wide ranging slate of ambitious movies and will roll-out their first film *Run Fat Boy Run*, a comedy directed by David Schwimmer and starring Simon Pegg, Thandie Newton, Hank Azaria and Dylan Moran later this year.

## About Entertainment Film Distributors

With successes that include The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, Million Dollar Baby, Brokeback Mountain and The Departed, Entertainment Film Distributors is the UK's leading independent film and video distribution company. Forthcoming releases include The Golden Compass, Hairspray and St. Trinians.

## About New Line Cinema Corporation:

Founded almost 40 years ago, New Line Cinema is the most successful independent film company in the world. Its mission is to produce innovative, popular and profitable entertainment in the best creative environment. In addition to the production, marketing and distribution of theatrical motion pictures, the fully-integrated studio has divisions devoted to home entertainment, television, music, theater, merchandising and an international unit. In 2005, New Line partnered with HBO to form Picturehouse, a new theatrical distribution company to release independent films. A pioneer in franchise filmmaking, New Line's Oscar-winning The Lord of the Rings trilogy is one of the most successful film franchises in history. New Line is a division of Time Warner, Inc. For further information about the studio, please visit [www.newline.com](http://www.newline.com).

## About Ann Coburn

Ann Coburn writes children's fiction, theatre plays and television screenplays. In particular, Ann has a strong commitment to writing for young people and her work reflects her belief in the importance of narrative drive and good story telling. Her published work for children includes the award-winning *Borderlands* quartet. *Glint*, her eighth novel for children, was published by Random House in March 2005. *Dream Team* is her latest publication

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