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**LITTLE, BROWN BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS
ANNOUNCES ON-SALE DATE OF HIGHLY-ANTICIPATED
FINAL NOVEL IN STEPHENIE MEYER'S TWILIGHT SAGA**

BREAKING DAWN WILL RELEASE ON AUGUST 2, 2008

**2008 MAJOR YEAR FOR MEYER WITH DEBUT OF ADULT NOVEL
AND TWILIGHT MOVIE**

February 7, 2008 (New York, NY) – The wait is over. At 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2008, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, a division of Hachette Book Group USA, will release the most anticipated novel of the year – *Breaking Dawn*, it was announced today by Megan Tingley, the division's Senior Vice President and Publisher. The fourth and final book in Stephenie Meyer's #1 international bestselling Twilight Saga will be available in a hardcover edition for \$22.99/\$23.99 Can.

The countdown to *Breaking Dawn* will begin on Saturday, May 31, 2008 with the publication of the *Eclipse* Special Edition which coincides with the annual BookExpo America show, the book publishing industry's largest convention. This deluxe hardcover version of the third book in the series not only includes the cover art for *Breaking Dawn*, but also the first chapter—both of which will be revealed to the public for the first time. The trade paperback of *New Moon*, the second book in the Twilight Saga, will also be released on Saturday, May 31, 2008.

"Stephenie Meyer has written a dazzling grand finale to an epic love story," commented Tingley. "And with the extraordinary excitement surrounding the publication of *Breaking Dawn*, I'm thrilled that legions of new readers will now discover the saga that has already captivated millions around the world."

Meyer's fans will have plenty to keep them occupied until the release of the *Eclipse* Special Edition and *Breaking Dawn*. On May 6, 2008, Little, Brown and Company will release *The Host*, Meyer's highly-anticipated debut novel for adults. Little, Brown and Company has announced a 500,000 copy first-printing and Meyer will embark on a 10-city author tour for *The Host*.

"We are thrilled to be publishing two novels from this extraordinary talent in 2008," said David Young, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Hachette Book Group USA. "Stephenie Meyer has already achieved so much in her young career and this year further establishes her as a major force in the publishing industry. Given her remarkable talent and her passionate, ever-growing fan base, there is no limit to Stephenie Meyer's success."

Meyer's amazing year will be capped off by a major motion picture event. Summit Entertainment will bring *Twilight* to the big screen, directed by Catherine Hardwicke ("Thirteen," "Lords of Dogtown") and starring Kristen Stewart ("Into The Wild") and Robert Pattinson ("Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"). It will be released nationwide on December 12, 2008.

In just two years, Stephenie Meyer has become a worldwide publishing phenomenon. *Twilight* was one of 2005's most talked about novels and translation rights have been sold in 33 countries. The sequel, *New Moon*, was released in September 2006, and spent over 30 weeks at the #1 position on *The New York Times* bestseller list. *Eclipse*, the latest book in the series released on August 7, 2007, catapulted to the #1 slot on bestseller lists nationwide after selling 150,000 copies its first day on-sale. There are over 5.5 million copies of the Twilight Saga in-print worldwide.

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