



## **The Random House Group Earns FSC Certification**

In January 2006, The Random House Group announced that it had earned FSC chain-of-custody certification, making it the first consumer publishing group to be awarded the certification.

All Random House Group titles that are printed on FSC paper will now carry the FSC logo and consumers are able to buy FSC certified books secure in the knowledge there is a third-party verified system in place that ensures the sourcing of the wood.

Nick Cliffe, director of the FSC Working Group in the United Kingdom said: “We are delighted with the news that the Random House Group has gained FSC certification, clearly demonstrating their commitment to using paper from well-managed forests. By taking this step they remain at the vanguard of sustainable paper procurement in the UK publishing sector and can offer independent assurance to all their readers that they support responsible management of the Worlds’ forests.”

Stephen Esson, Group Publishing Operations Director, said: “I am delighted that we have achieved this certification after a great deal of hard work by Katherine Hockley, Ebury Production Manager. This objective was identified a year ago during a structured environmental review of our paper procurement policy and strategy. We can now appropriately identify the increasing number of b/w titles that we publish using FSC paper and while there is still a great deal to do, we continue to work with existing suppliers to increase the volume of viable FSC grades.” The Random House Group is the largest general book publishing company in the UK. The group is based in London with subsidiary companies in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

The Random House Group is a federation of 31 diverse publishing imprints under four autonomous divisions that between them publish 1500 new books every year. Each imprint is highly individual with its own culture and values and a commitment to publishing the best books in its particular area. Novelists published by the Group include John Grisham and Salman Rushdie.

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