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**A SUITABLE GIRL FOR PENGUIN**

Toronto/London, 3 July 2009 – In a move which will cheer hundreds of thousands of his fans, Vikram Seth has today announced he is writing a long-awaited sequel to his much-loved million copy bestseller *A Suitable Boy*, set in India just after Independence. *A Suitable Girl* will be published by Penguin (Canada, India and the UK; the US rights are not yet for sale) in autumn 2013. In Seth's new book, he will bring the action of the narrative up to the present day, encompassing some of the enormous social and economic changes India has undergone in the last sixty years. Lata, the sparky and rebellious heroine of *A Suitable Boy*, is now a grandmother, and her grandson is the one in search of a good match.

2013 marks the twentieth anniversary of the publication of *A Suitable Boy*, which was a worldwide sensation. The 1,350 page book sold over a quarter of a million hardbacks and over a million paperback copies in its UK edition. In 2013, Penguin will put the book into its distinguished Modern Classics list and republish the book in paperback. In the intervening years, Penguin will also publish volumes of Vikram's poems and essays.

Vikram Seth said today, "In India, all my books have for years been published by Penguin. But I am very happy today to be joining foreign colonies of the Flightless One. They have already made me feel very welcome, and I hope in time to hatch many suitable eggs with them."

Penguin imprint Hamish Hamilton has bought World English Language rights (excluding the US) from Vikram's agent, David Godwin. This is the first worldwide acquisition by Hamish Hamilton UK, together with its newly formed imprints in Toronto, Melbourne, and Delhi.

"I think Vikram is a writer of supremely great gifts and I've been privileged to have published him for many years now," said Penguin Group Canada Publisher and President David Davidar. "We're hugely delighted to have him on the Hamish Hamilton Canada list."

"This is a proud moment for Hamish Hamilton Canada," echoed Nicole Winstanley, Executive Editor for the Canadian imprint. "I'm particularly thrilled because when I first read A SUITABLE BOY I became so immersed in it that I missed my subway stop on more than one occasion. Vikram's writing is vivid, evocative and utterly absorbing and his many characters stay with the reader long after the final page has been turned. His many Canadian fans will be pleased to learn that a new novel is forthcoming."

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