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**ACCLAIMED SHOW RUNNER SHONDA RHIMES' FIRST BOOK
TO BE PUBLISHED BY SIMON & SCHUSTER**

New York, N.Y., November 20, 2013 – Television's preeminent showrunner Shonda Rhimes has inked a book deal with Simon & Schuster, announced Vice-President and Editor-in-Chief Marysue Rucci today. Rhimes, creator of "Scandal," "Grey's Anatomy," and "Private Practice," is also the single mother to three daughters. The book will follow Rhimes' personal decision to build a family well before her Hollywood career began to skyrocket, and to navigate the challenges of balancing parenthood and professional success. Part memoir, part inspiration, part prescription, the book is scheduled for publication in 2015.

"Simon and Schuster is crazy for giving me a book deal as I am clearly in no position to be handing out wisdom," said Rhimes. "But I have made a lot of mistakes as a single mother and as a working mother and as a sleepless mother and as a dating mother. And I did all of it while running a bunch of TV shows. So I'm going to write about that and hope my kids don't use it against me in therapy later."

"Shonda Rhimes is bar none in the storytelling realm," says Rucci. "Now fans of her phenomenal shows can read Shonda's story in her own words – and marvel at how Shonda built a phenomenal career through her unforgettable television characters and a beautiful family, simultaneously. Readers everywhere will cheer the fearless decisions Shonda has made to achieve happiness. We're thrilled to be publishing her."

Shonda Rhimes is the first African-American woman to create and executive produce a top-ten network series. For her work executive producing "Grey's Anatomy," "Scandal," and "Private Practice," she has won numerous awards, including a Golden Globe for Outstanding Television Drama, multiple NAACP Image Awards, Television Producer of the Year from the Producers Guild of America, a Lucy Award for Excellence in Television from Women in Film, and a GLAAD Golden Gate Award. Additionally, she has received several Emmy nominations in the categories of Outstanding Drama Series and Writing for a Drama Series. Rhimes has twice been included in TIME Magazine's 100 list of the most influential people along with *Fortune Magazine's* "50 Most Powerful Women in Business," *Variety's* "Power of Women" and *Glamour Magazine's* "Women of the Year." In 2013, Rhimes was appointed by President Obama to serve as Trustee for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Rhimes holds a BA from Dartmouth College in English Literature with Creative Writing, and she received her MFA from the USC School of Cinema-Television, where she was awarded the prestigious Gary Rosenberg Writing Fellowship. She resides in Los Angeles with her three daughters.

Simon & Schuster acquired World English rights, from Jennifer Joel, partner at ICM Partners.

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