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**RANDOM HOUSE CHILDREN'S BOOKS ANNOUNCES THE PUBLICATION OF AN
INSPIRATIONAL NEW PICTURE BOOK BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA**

***Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters* will be published in North America
on November 16, 2010.**

New York, NY (September 14, 2010)—Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, will publish a children's illustrated book by President Barack Obama, entitled *Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters*, it was announced today by Chip Gibson, President and Publisher, Random House Children's Books. The book will be released with a 500,000-copy first printing in a national laydown on November 16, 2010. It is illustrated by the award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling artist Loren Long.

"It is an honor to publish this extraordinary book, which is an inspiring marriage of words and images, history and story," said Gibson. "*Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters* celebrates the characteristics that unite all Americans—the potential to pursue our dreams and forge our own paths."

In *Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters*, President Obama has written a moving tribute to thirteen groundbreaking Americans and the ideals that have shaped our nation—from the artistry of Georgia O'Keeffe, to the courage of Jackie Robinson, to the patriotism of George Washington.

The book was acquired and the manuscript completed prior to the President's taking office in January 2009. Proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to a scholarship fund for the children of fallen and disabled soldiers serving our nation. Knopf Executive Editor Michelle Frey edited the book, which was acquired from President Obama's attorney, Robert B. Barnett.

Barack Obama is the forty-fourth President of the United States. Born in Hawaii to a mother from Kansas and a father from Kenya, he himself is now the father of two daughters, Malia and Sasha. They inspired him to write *Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters*. President Obama is the author of *Dreams from My Father* and *The Audacity of Hope*, both international bestsellers.

Loren Long is the bestselling and award-winning author and illustrator of many beloved books for children, including *Drummer Boy* and the *New York Times* bestseller *Otis*. Born in Missouri and raised in Lexington, Kentucky, he is also the illustrator of Watty Piper's *The Little Engine That Could*. He lives in Ohio with his wife, Tracy, and their two sons, Griffith and Graham.

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