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**YEN PRESS ANNOUNCES GRAPHIC NOVEL ADAPTATION OF ANNE RICE'S
*INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE***

NEW YORK, NY (7/18/2011) — Yen Press, the graphic novel imprint of Hachette Book Group, announced that it has entered into an agreement with internationally renowned author Anne Rice to create a graphic novel adaptation of her iconic novel *Interview with the Vampire*.

Rather than a direct retelling of *Interview with the Vampire*, Yen Press's adaptation (to be titled *Interview with the Vampire: Claudia's Story*) will focus on the events of the novel through the eyes of the vampire Claudia, providing rich insight into the tale of this poignant character. Newcomer and rising talent Ashley Marie Witter has been engaged to undertake the art and adaptation for *Interview with the Vampire: Claudia's Story* under Ms. Rice's supervision.

Anne Rice remarked: "Words cannot express my excitement about working with Yen Press. Our project is an entirely new retelling of my first published work, *Interview With the Vampire*, narrated from the point of view of Claudia, the ancient vampire within an adolescent girl's body. Having already glimpsed early sketches of her, Louis, and my beloved Lestat, I'm amazed at how the characters have new life in rich color and gorgeous form. Moreover you'll see Claudia like you've never seen her before. . . beautiful, savage, vulnerable. . . This graphic novel is just lovely!"

Kurt Hassler, Yen Press Publishing Director, commented: "Anne Rice has had a phenomenal impact on today's publishing world. *Interview with the Vampire* set the stage for an entire genre of paranormal fiction, and you can see her influence in the work of countless bestselling authors. Yen Press is privileged to be involved with telling Claudia's story, and we could not have found a more talented artist to undertake this project than Ashley Witter. We are confident that this project will be embraced by Anne's millions of fans worldwide while also introducing generations of new readers to this wonderful series."

Interview with the Vampire: Claudia's Story is slated for publication in Fall 2012.

One of America's most read and celebrated authors, **Anne Rice** is known for weaving the visible and supernatural worlds together in epic stories that both entertain and challenge readers. Anne's life experiences and intellectual inquisitiveness provide her with constant inspiration for her work. She has written over 30 novels and one autobiography. Her books are rich tapestries of history, belief, philosophy, religion, and compelling characters that examine and extend our physical world beyond the limits we perceive. She lives and works in California.

Yen Press is an imprint of Hachette Book Group dedicated to publishing graphic novels for adults and young readers. Yen Press' focus is primarily on licensed manga, but also publishes across the wide spectrum of the graphic novel market, including, but not limited to: original manga publications, original American comics/graphic novels, webcomics, licensed adaptations, and children's graphic novels. For more information, visit www.yenpress.com

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