

LEO HOLLIS JOINS VIKING EDITORIAL

London, 9th July 200, Juliet Annan, Publishing Director of Penguin's Viking imprint today announced changes to the Viking editorial team following the recent departure of Andrew Kidd.

Leo Hollis, currently Editor at 4th Estate and Editorial Director of e-books for Harper Collins is to join Viking as Senior Editor. Leo has been at 4th Estate for the last six years and has edited a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction titles, working closely with 4th Estate MD Christopher Potter. He has worked with a number of authors including Deborah Cadbury, Simon Singh, Colson Whitehead, Joyce Carol Oates and Scarlett Thomas. His brief will be to commission both fiction and non-fiction.

Kate Barker is promoted to the position of Commissioning Editor. She will commission history, current affairs and fiction for Viking.

Juliet Annan commented, "It's lovely to be able to appoint two such talented editors. I am delighted to be able to bring in Leo: he will bring a freshness and a different sensibility to the Viking list and help us to get into some areas we're not in at the moment. Kate has been a wonderful in-house editor, and this appointment confirms everything everyone at Penguin knows about her already – her passionate commitment to the list and her strong commercial instincts."

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