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**ALFRED A. KNOPF CANADA  
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TO PUBLISH JEAN CHRÉTIEN'S MEMOIRS**

**(Toronto)** Alfred A. Knopf Canada and Editions du Boréal are proud to announce that they will be publishing the memoirs of former prime minister Jean Chrétien. **A PASSION FOR POLITICS** will be published simultaneously in English and French and will arrive in bookstores in October 2007.

“We are absolutely thrilled to be publishing such an important book of record,” says Louise Dennys, Executive Publisher of Knopf Canada. “Jean Chrétien’s remarkable life and extraordinary career as a politician and a statesman make this essential reading, not only for its intelligence but for the great insights into the career of, arguably, Canada’s most successful prime minister.” Adds Pascal Assathiany, General Manager of Editions du Boréal, “Boréal is happy to be publishing this important contribution to the collective memory, and its simultaneous publication in the two official languages makes this the publishing event of the year.”

**A PASSION FOR POLITICS** is Jean Chrétien’s own account, told from the heart, of his ten years as Canada’s prime minister. In the decade 1993- 2003, Chrétien won three majority elections as leader of the Liberal Party of Canada. When he came to power, he found the country in a dreadful state and dangerously in debt. Ever the fighter, he wiped out the deficit in just four years and fulfilled most of the economic and social promises he had made in his famous Red Books. He tells us, from the inside, the story of the cliffhanger Quebec referendum, how he kept Canada out of the war in Iraq, signed Kyoto, led annual Team Canada trade missions and participated in myriad international organizations.

Chrétien’s keen insights into the workings of government, his uncanny political instincts and candid reflections on his time in office, combined with his great gift to tell a good story, will make **A PASSION FOR POLITICS** the political book of 2007.

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