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Sourcebooks CEO Dominique Raccah Becomes First Publisher to Join American Writers Museum Board

(Chicago, IL) – Sourcebooks publisher and CEO Dominique Raccah has joined the board of the American Writers Museum (AWM). She becomes the first publisher to become a member of the museum’s board.

“I believe books change lives, and the work the museum is doing to celebrate American writers who have influenced our history, identity, and culture is important,” Raccah said. “I am honored to be part of a group that is dedicated to promoting extraordinary authors and the written and spoken word.” The American Writers Museum opened in Chicago in May 2017 and boasts a diverse board of local civic and business leaders. Roberta Rubin, retired owner of The Book Stall at Chestnut Court, serves as co-chair.

"We're thrilled to welcome Dominique to the American Writers Museum board," said AWM president Carey Cranston. "Her experience in publishing and leadership in the literary world will help us inspire the next generation of great American writers."

Sourcebooks recently hosted an event at the museum for the new graphic novel *Illegal* by bestselling authors Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin. Grammy Award–winning musician Ketch Secor will present his new children’s book, *Lorraine*, with illustrator Higgins Bond on October 6 as part of the museum’s Singers & Songwriters series.

Dominique Raccah is the entrepreneurial publisher and CEO of Sourcebooks, the company she founded from her home in 1987. Originally a source of financial information for bankers, Dominique has led a continuously growing, pioneering general book publishing house that happily produces everything from adult and teen fiction to top titles in children’s books to baby names and college guides. The publisher has created scores of *New York Times* bestsellers, hundreds of national bestsellers, and number one titles in perennial categories. Sourcebooks today has over 130 employees, publishes more than 350 new titles each year, and is proud to be one of the top book publishers in America. It is the largest woman-owned book publisher in the country, as well as the largest trade book publisher in Chicago.

Dominique has been widely recognized as a leader in innovation in book publishing—Sourcebooks has won every innovation award the industry gives—as well as in the field itself, being named *Publishers Weekly* Person of the Year in 2016.

An inspiring and passionate presenter, Dominique speaks internationally on innovation, the future of book publishing and entrepreneurship, and has been featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg*, *Entrepreneur*, the *Chicago Tribune*, NPR, and the *New York Times*.



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About American Writers Museum

The American Writers Museum is the first museum of its kind in the United States. The mission of the American Writers Museum is to engage the public in celebrating American writers and exploring their influence on our history, our identity, and our daily lives. The museum is located at 180 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601, and offers something for every age group, including permanent exhibits and special galleries highlighting America’s favorite works and the authors behind them. Tickets to the museum are \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and free for children ages 12 and younger. Museum hours are Monday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit americanwritersmuseum.org or call 312-374-8790.

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