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**INTERLUDE PRESS ISSUES THOUSAND BOOK CHALLENGE  
LGBTQ Publisher Partners to Place 1,000 Books in U.S. Libraries While  
Raising Funds for The Trevor Project**

ORLANDO— Interlude Press, an award-winning publisher of LGBTQ fiction, today announced a campaign that will simultaneously place 1,000 Young Adult novels in U.S. libraries while raising funds for The Trevor Project, the nation’s leading crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ youth.

The publisher outlined the campaign in support of LGBTQ teens and young adults at the American Library Association Convention today at the Orlando Convention Center.

“With the recent heinous act of violence in Orlando, launching the Thousand Book Challenge in this venue has taken on new significance,” said Candysse Miller publisher and director of marketing and communications for Interlude Press. “LGBTQ youth deserve stories with positive representation, and now more than ever, they need stories with happy endings.”

The Thousand Book Challenge is a dual philanthropic effort to place copies of Killian B. Brewer’s acclaimed *The Rules of Ever After* in libraries across the country with the help of sponsored contributions that will also be donated to The Trevor Project, the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth.

The campaign asks supporters to sponsor groups of books for donation to public libraries in an effort to build diverse collections featuring relatable characters and life-affirming

messages for LGBTQ teens and young adults. One-third of the funds raised will defray the cost of shipping and handling, with the remainder donated as tax deductible contributions to The Trevor Project. Books for the Thousand Book Challenge are being donated by Interlude Press.

Published by Duet Books, the Young Adult imprint of Interlude Press, *The Rules of Ever After* is a modern twist on traditional Happily Ever Afters. Featuring characters that break free from societal norms to build a better and more positive future, it is an excellent introduction to LGBTQ middle grade/Young Adult fiction for libraries looking to diversify their collections. The Thousand Book Challenge special edition features prominent information about The Trevor Project and the services it offers LGBTQ teens and young adults.

The themes of the book reflect much of the mission of The Trevor Project, said Abbe Land, the organization's CEO and executive director.

"After the tragedy in Orlando specifically targeting the LGBTQ community, this book tour and release of *The Rules of Ever After* could not come at a better time," she said. "A book about two princes who write their own rules of happily ever after, *The Rules of Ever After* is a story about the importance of love and friendship. Just like the princes' friends, The Trevor Project is always there for LGBTQ youth, who really need our help, 24-7."

Foreword Reviews wrote in its five star review of *The Rules of Ever After*: "The fresh, childlike twist on coming out will elicit laughter as well as tears in a touching portrayal of youthful infatuation and tender adoration. This captivating tale will attract lovers of all things impish and clandestine—romance at its best."

Author Killian B. Brewer waved his royalties for books sponsored in the campaign.

"When I set out to write *The Rules of Ever After*, I wanted to write a book that I wish I could have read when I was a young man," he said. "My hope is that some young LGBTQ reader finds this book in a library or is pointed to it by a caring librarian. I hope that reader finds a story that delights and inspires. I hope that reader sees the information about The Trevor Project and takes advantage of its resources. I hope that reader finds a happily ever after."

Supporters may contribute to the campaign starting today at the Interlude Press web store ([store.interludepress.com](http://store.interludepress.com)), where they can sponsor between one and 100 books for donation to public libraries. Each book sponsored will also result in a \$10 tax deductible donation to The Trevor Project. Interlude Press has reduced the price of the novel to \$15 for the campaign.

Librarians may register to receive a copy at the Interlude Press kiosk in the Diversity Pavilion at the ALA convention, or by registering online at <http://tinyurl.com/je9z7wx>.

Interlude Press is a boutique publisher of award-winning novels featuring LGBTQ characters. Duet Books is the Young Adult imprint of Interlude Press.

Founded in 1998 by the creators of the 1994 Academy Award®-winning short film *TREVOR*, The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis-intervention and suicide-prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) young people ages 13 to 24. Every day, The Trevor Project saves young lives through its free and confidential phone, chat, and text services, as well as online community, in-school workshops, educational materials, resources, and advocacy.

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