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3 Books by Magic Johnson

Magic Johnson has agreed to write three books for Random House, Harold Evans, president and publisher of the Random House Trade Group, announced yesterday. The books are to be an autobiography covering his career and his decision to stop playing basketball after learning that he was infected with H.I.V.; a guide to responsible sexual behavior, and another book to be determined later.

Random House executives said it had not been decided who would write the autobiography with Mr. Johnson, who is widely regarded as one of the greatest basketball players. C. Everett Koop, the former Surgeon General, is to work with Mr. Johnson on the safe-sex guide. Mr. Evans said the profits from that book would go to the Magic Johnson Foun-

dition, a new organization to support education, care and research of H.I.V., which causes AIDS. The paperback is to be published by Times Books, a division of Random House.

After announcing last month that he had the virus and was ending his career with the Los Angeles Lakers, Mr. Johnson was pursued by many publishers. Neither Random House nor a spokesman for Creative Artists Agency, whose chairman, Michael S. Ovitz, represented Mr. Johnson in his negotiations without a fee, would say how much Mr. Johnson would be paid for the deal. Publishers at several other houses said they had tried to sign Mr. Johnson to write a book but backed out when they were told that \$5 million was not enough.



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