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*Treme: Stories and Recipes from the Heart of New Orleans* Will Bring Home the Flavors, Culture and History of Crescent City Cuisine in Spring 2013

SAN FRANCISCO – August 30, 2012 – Chronicle Books and HBO are pleased to announce the forthcoming publication of *Treme: Stories and Recipes from the Heart of New Orleans*, acquired by Chronicle Books’ publishing director Lorena Jones and expected in Spring 2013. Authored by *Treme* story editor, New Orleans native, and award-winning food writer Lolis Eric Elie, and featuring a foreword from acclaimed chef and *Treme* consultant Anthony Bourdain, *Treme: Stories and Recipes from the Heart of New Orleans* will examine New Orleans and its food through the voices (and appetites) of the show’s engaging cast of characters.

Just as the critically acclaimed series takes viewers into the colorful streets and onto the musical stages of the Crescent City, *Treme: Stories and Recipes from the Heart of New Orleans* will usher readers into the kitchens of this legendary culinary capital. "We work with so many amazing chefs on *Treme*, and the concept of combining their experiences with those of our characters as they navigate the culinary landscape of New Orleans was very intriguing,” states Nina Noble, *Treme* executive producer. "In *Treme: Stories and Recipes from the Heart of New Orleans*, we explore the culture and flavors of New Orleans food through the lens of the series."

“*Treme* beautifully captures the experience of life in post-Katrina New Orleans, and it wouldn’t be New Orleans without plenty of amazing food,” said Christine Carswell, Chronicle Books’ publisher. “Food adds such context and meaning to the array of personal stories in *Treme*, and we’re excited to partner with HBO to create a heritage collection of recipes that extends the smart, funny, visually stunning energy of the series in such a delicious way.”

Created and executive produced by David Simon and Eric Overmyer (HBO’s *The Wire®)*, *Treme* takes place in the fall of 2005, three months after Hurricane Katrina and the massive engineering failure in which flood control failed throughout New Orleans, flooding 80% of the city, killing hundreds, and displacing hundreds of thousands of residents. Fictional events depicted in the series honor the actual chronology of political, economic, and cultural events following the storm.

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