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**PRINCE'S FIRST WIFE, MAYTE GARCIA, TO PUBLISH MEMOIR OFFERING
A REVELATORY LOOK AT ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST BELOVED ICONS**

September 13, 2016, NEW YORK — Hachette Books announced today the acquisition of *THE MOST BEAUTIFUL*, an intimate memoir from legendary musician Prince's first wife, Mayte Garcia. The book is slated for publication in April 2017, around the one-year anniversary of Prince's death, and will be available in a hardcover, eBook, and as an audio edition by Hachette Audio. The book will be edited by Executive Editor Michelle Howry, who acquired world rights from Garcia's agent, Jennifer Gates, of the Zachary Shuster Harmsworth Literary Agency.

In *THE MOST BEAUTIFUL*, Garcia, for the first time, shares the richly detailed and deeply personal story of her life and her relationship with Prince: from their unconventional meeting backstage at a concert (and the long-distance romance that followed), to their fairy-tale wedding (and their groundbreaking artistic partnership), to the devastating loss of their children that ultimately dissolved their romantic relationship for good. Through it all, they shared a partnership unlike any other in Prince's life. No one else can tell this singular story or provide a deeper, more nuanced portrait of Prince, both the famously private man and the pioneering, beloved artist, than Mayte, who was with him during some of the most pivotal moments of his personal and professional life. *THE MOST BEAUTIFUL* (the title of which is inspired by Prince's 1995 hit song "The Most Beautiful Girl in the World," which celebrated their legendary love story) draws from never-before-seen letters, photos, and memorabilia.

Garcia says, "For many years, people have encouraged me to share my story. Prince was loved the world over but few knew him intimately. And ours was a rare, almost otherworldly connection. I want to share our love story, and with it the highs and lows—always coming from a loving place, as this man is still part of my family and always will be."

"Prince was one of the most popular artists in the world, yet he was also one of the most mysterious," says Mauro DiPreta, Vice President and Publisher of Hachette Books. "We're incredibly fortunate to have Mayte share her deeply personal story about the mind and life of someone we think of as an icon – but whom she knew as a friend, collaborator, and the love of her life."

About Mayte Garcia:

Mayte Garcia is an internationally acclaimed dancer, actress, singer, and choreographer. She has appeared in numerous films and starred in the VH1 reality series "Hollywood Exes," as well as "Army Wives," "Psych," "The Closer," and "Nip/Tuck." She lives in Los Angeles with her young daughter.

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