

# ROWMAN & LITTLEFIELD

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### **ROWMAN & LITTLEFIELD BUYS GLOBE PEQUOT PRESS**

The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc. of Lanham, MD has announced the purchase of Globe Pequot Press, the book-publishing division of Morris Communications Company LLC of Augusta, GA, effective May 22, 2014. With the purchase of the company, based in Guilford, CT., R&L acquires the imprints formerly known as Globe Pequot Press, Lyons Press, Falcon Guides, Knack, Two Dot, and Insiders' Guide. Morris will retain its Milepost, Skirt, Pop Out, and Western Horseman Books imprints as well as its U.K.-based Footprint Guides.

Globe Pequot Press titles in food studies, history, pop culture, politics, and more will be available in the Rowman & Littlefield booth at ALA Annual (booth #735).

R&L President and CEO, Jed Lyons, stated, "With the addition of the Globe Pequot Press imprints, R&L becomes one of the largest publishers of regional books in the country. Joining our Down East Books, Taylor, Gulf, and Northland imprints, we will be publishing several hundred regional titles annually. The expansion of our regional trade publishing program strengthens our position in that market while we continue to grow and develop our core academic and professional publishing programs."

Known primarily as a regional publisher of books on New England, Globe Pequot expanded into other regions of the country with its acquisition of Falcon Guides in 2000 and Lyons Press in 2001. It maintains an office in Helena, MT for its Two Dot imprint that focuses on western regional history.

R&L's US distribution subsidiary, National Book Network (NBN), will sell and distribute all Skirt, Pop Out and Western Horseman titles as well as the titles published by Globe Pequot Press and related imprints, effective sometime in August or September. Until then, Morris-owned titles will continue to be distributed from Morris's Springfield, TN facility.

R&L will retain the two offices in Connecticut and Montana but it will exit the Tennessee distribution facility at the end of the summer when back office functions will be moved to R&L's facility in Blue Ridge Summit, PA. Effective August 1, NBN will become the new distributor for all Globe Pequot and Morris-owned imprints. NBN will also assume sales and distribution responsibilities for Globe Pequot's own 18 distribution clients. William S Morris III, Chairman and CEO of Morris Communications, said, "We wish Rowman & Littlefield many years of further success with this fine publishing house." Globe Pequot Press Managing Director Alexander Merrill added, "Rowman & Littlefield is the ideal new home for our imprints. Our Globe Pequot and Falcon titles fit seamlessly with their foothold in local expertise and our Lyons imprint nicely compliments their strength in the non-fiction and academic markets."

Globe Pequot was founded in Stonington, CT in 1947 as The Pequot Press, named after a local Indian tribe. In 1981, it was acquired by the Boston Globe which added "Globe" to the name. AT&T later bought the company as part of McCaw Communications and in 1997 sold it to Morris. The company has maintained its offices in various towns along the Long Island Sound in eastern Connecticut for over 60 years.

The sale price and terms were not disclosed by either party.