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**DANIEL SILVA, #1 NEW YORK TIMES-BESTSELLING AUTHOR, TOPS NATIONAL BESTSELLER LISTS WITH HIS NEW NOVEL, *MOSCOW RULES*, FROM G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS**

***Moscow Rules* Debuts at #1 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction List and #1 on *The Wall Street Journal* Fiction List**

New York, New York, August 1, 2008 ... Daniel Silva, #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author, is topping national bestseller lists with his new novel, *Moscow Rules*, after just one week of sales. *Moscow Rules*, published by G. P. Putnam's Sons on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, debuts at #1 on *The New York Times* hardcover fiction list for the week of August 10<sup>th</sup>; #1 on *The Wall Street Journal* fiction list on August 1<sup>st</sup>, and #1 on the *Publishers Weekly* fiction bestseller list for the week of August 4<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Silva's novel, *The Secret Servant*, published in paperback by Signet, has been on *The New York Times* mass market paperback list for the past five weeks, reaching as high as #6.

*Moscow Rules* is the eighth novel in Silva's critically acclaimed and enormously popular Gabriel Allon series of books. Daniel Silva has written a total of eleven novels that have all been *New York Times* and international bestsellers, since he began writing in 1997. His fourth novel, *Kill the Artist*, marked the start of the series featuring a character described as one of the most memorable and compelling in contemporary fiction, the art restorer and sometime Israeli secret agent Gabriel Allon. Over the past six years, Putnam has orchestrated Silva's ascent up bestseller lists, with each novel more successful than the last: *Kill the Artist*, *The English Assassin*, *The Confessor*, *A Death in Vienna*, *Prince of Fire*, *The Messenger* and *The Secret Servant*. *Moscow Rules* is the first of his novels to debut at #1 on *The New York Times* bestseller list.

Utilizing real-world scenarios as a backdrop, Silva is known for incorporating serious research into the plotting of his stories and tackling powerful issues: looted art and Switzerland's behavior during World War II; the war on terror and America's "extraordinary rendition" program; the morality of torture; the U.S. alliance with Saudi Arabia, and the flow of money from the upper echelon of Saudi society to terrorist organizations; Egypt's role as the heartland of Islamic extremism; and terrorist recruiting among the barely integrated Muslim communities of Western Europe.

In his #1 bestselling *Moscow Rules*, he delves into a series of interrelated issues that are particularly timely: Russia's desperate determination to regain its superpower status, its lurch toward fascism over the past decade, and the shadowy world of Russian arms dealers who sell to terrorist organizations and countries considered the outlaws of the international system while operating under an umbrella of protection provided by the state's security services.

## **NOTE TO THE PRESS**

**Daniel Silva** is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling novels *The Unlikely Spy*, *The Mark of the Assassin*, *The Marching Season*, *The Kill Artist*, *The English Assassin*, *The Confessor*, *A Death in Vienna*, *Prince of Fire*, *The Messenger*, *The Secret Servant*, and *Moscow Rules*. His books have been internationally acclaimed, and translated into more than 25 languages. He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, NBC News *Today* correspondent Jamie Gangel, and their two children, Lily and Nicholas.

**G. P. Putnam's Sons**, a hardcover imprint of Penguin Group (USA), has a list of renowned and critically acclaimed *New York Times* authors. In 2008, G. P. Putnam's Sons is the industry leader in *New York Times* hardcover bestsellers, with nearly 50% of its first-half titles hitting *The New York Times* list. To date, the imprint has achieved 26 *New York Times* hardcover bestsellers. Putnam has been the industry's #1 publishing leader of *New York Times* adult hardcover bestsellers for two decades running.

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