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**TWELVE TO PUBLISH
EVERY DAY IS A GIFT
A MEMOIR BY
SENATOR TAMMY DUCKWORTH**

NOVEMBER 12th, 2020 (New York, NY) — Twelve, an imprint of Grand Central Publishing, is proud to announce the acquisition of *EVERY DAY IS A GIFT: A Memoir* by U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth of Illinois to Publisher Sean Desmond, with publication scheduled for March 30, 2021. World rights deal was negotiated with Deneen Howell and Robert Barnett at Williams & Connolly LLC. Hachette Audio will publish the audio edition.

Senator Duckworth commented: “Today, on the 16th anniversary of the day my helicopter was shot down in Iraq, I am grateful to be able to tell my personal American story with the help of Sean and Twelve. My life has been filled with unexpected challenges and painful experiences, but also with the rewards that come with service and perseverance.”

Desmond says: “Twelve is honored to partner with Senator Duckworth, whose story is emblematic of what is great about America – resilience, hope and opportunity – and we’re excited to share her journey with readers.”

U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth is an Iraq War Veteran, Purple Heart recipient and former Assistant Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Senator Duckworth’s life story begins with a transient, hardscrabble childhood following her U.S. Veteran father around Southeast Asia and Hawaii. After graduating from college, Duckworth was commissioned into the U.S. Army, where she served in the Reserve Forces for 23 years. She was deployed to Iraq as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot in 2004, becoming one of the first Army women to fly combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On November 12, 2004, an Iraqi RPG struck her helicopter, an attack that cost Duckworth her legs, left her with partial use of her right arm, and nearly took her life. Following her recovery, she turned to public service, becoming Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, then Assistant Secretary of Veteran Affairs under President Obama. Duckworth was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2016 after representing Illinois’s Eighth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives for two terms. In 2018, she became the first sitting Senator to give birth, and she and her husband Bryan are the proud parents of two daughters, Abigail and Maile.

About Twelve

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