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# \$100 Million Club Becomes More Exclusive: 34 Properties Make the List in 2012 Vs. 37 in 2011

THE LICENSING LETTER estimates that 34 properties reached \$100 million or more in retail sales of licensed merchandise in the U.S. and Canada in 2012. This compares to 37 that made the list in 2011. (See exhibit on page 3.)

Retail sales generated by the \$100 millionplus properties in the U.S. and Canada totaled \$14.6 billion, versus \$15.4 billion in 2011.

Disney Princess once again tops the list, surpassing \$1.5 billion in retail sales in 2012, despite a decline of 5.1% from 2011. Two other properties exceeded \$1 billion in 2012 U.S./ Canada retail sales: Star Wars, with nearly \$1.5 billion, and Hello Kitty, with just over \$1 billion.

These three \$1 billion-plus properties accounted for 28% of the total sales generated collectively by all of the members of the club; in 2011, the \$1 billion-plus properties accounted for 34% of the total.

Just eight (24%) of the 34 properties on the list experienced growth in U.S./Canada retail sales compared to the 2011 list; of course, the new properties (see below) grew, as evidenced by their addition to the "club."

Angry Birds was by far the leader, rising 136% to \$590 million. Others showing increases include Batman, Hello Kitty, Mickey & Friends, Spider-Man, Iron Man, Betty Boop, and The Simpsons, with growth rates ranging from 40% for Batman to 2.1% for The Simpsons.

New properties on the list for 2012 include Monster High, with \$225 million in U.S./Canada retail sales; The Avengers, with \$201 million; Power Rangers; with \$180 million; Doc McStuffins, with \$114 million; and My Little Pony, with \$110 million.

Year-on-year declines for the remaining properties ranged from -1.1% (for both Superman and Star Trek) to -22.7% (for *Toy Story*). Of those seeing declines, six still outperformed the Entertainment/Character sector as a whole—which

was down 3.7% in 2012—while 15 fared worse than the businesswide average.

The fluctuations in year-to-year performance were relatively large in 2012, with 12 of the properties on the list showing increases or decreases of double digits or more.

#### **Franchise Trends**

Only two of the properties on the list had the atrical releases in 2012, namely *The Avengers* and *Spider-Man. The Avengers* film not only put that property on the map as a separate entity, but it buoyed sales of the individual properties that are part of the Avengers team, notably Iron Man.

Almost all of the properties on the list were already well established in the market before calendar year 2012, and almost all are supported by multiple media and entertainment vehicles, aincluding films, television shows, publishing,

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### TLL TREND WATCH

### Smoother Skin and New Revenue Streams Through Licensing

Licensing accounts for a significant portion of sales in the fragrance industry, and there is seemingly no end to the celebrities, designers, and other properties that continue to enter that sector. Licensors have historically been less active in another important area of the beauty segment, namely makeup and cosmetics. But that seems to be changing, with deals (limited edition and otherwise) proliferating.

Just in August and September of this year, a number of licensors introduced cosmetics into the market, or announced their intention to do so, including:

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A licensed Peppa Pig celebration cake is £12 at Sainsbury's in London; a generic celebration



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# Licensing Ledger

### 'DUCK DYNASTY' ADDS TO OUR VOCABULARY

We hadn't seen the term "motion upholstery" until reading in *Furniture Today* about A&E's "Duck Dynasty" licensing *Jackson Furniture* for a line of "stationary and motion upholstery" to be unveiled at the High Point Market this month. The deal covers 25 SKUs including *Mossy Oak* and *Real Tree* camouflage-patterned sofas, motion sofas, and recliners (ah, we get it!), as well as seating groups covered in fabrics with outdoor scenes as well as the Duck Dynasty "duck camo" print. Custom-designed recliner handles and logo plates will additionally identify the product as Duck Dynasty. This is Jackson's first licensing agreement in its 80-year history. "We saw the Robertsons enjoying their family dinner at the end of the show and imagined them relaxing afterwards on our sofas, recliners, and chairs," says Jackson's Keith Jackson. Duck Dynasty is represented by *Brandgenuity*.

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### HOW MANY LICENSING AGREEMENTS FIT ON THE HEAD OF A VIDEO GAME?

With 33 leagues and more than 600 clubs in EA's "FIFA 14" video game, the software developer's "extensive licensing department deals with leagues, clubs, players unions and sometimes stadium owners" to establish licensing and other partnerships to obtain permissions for names, likenesses, uniforms, club names, crests, trophies, championships, interviews, head scans, and more, reports the *Montreal Gazette*.

#### JUICY COUTURE—SOLD!

With the addition of Juicy Couture to its portfolio, Authentic Brands Group is carving out an upper-midto higher-end niche in the purely licensed apparel business that Iconix dominates in the low and midranges. Authentic brands include Judith Leiber, Adrienne Vittadini, Hickey Freeman, Hart Schaffner Marx, and others. The company is paying \$195 million in cash to Fifth & Pacific (the former Liz Claiborne Company). Fifth & Pacific has been looking to sell both Juicy Couture and Lucky Brand for about a year in hopes of focusing on its rapidly growing Kate Spade business. Fifth & Pacific CEO William McComb says the company is entering into "a short-term licensing agreement with Authentic Brands Group that allows us to transition the business

in an orderly fashion through the first half of 2014, with a \$10 million guaranteed minimum royalty payable to Authentic Brands Group." Regarding Lucky Brand, which was reportedly near a sale last July, he says, "If and when we have news to announce on Lucky, we will do so."

### CRACKER BARREL CLEARS ALTERNATIVE MOVE

Under an agreement settling their lawsuits, **Kraft**, which holds the license for **Cracker Barrel** cheeses and other products, has OK'd use of the brand name "CB Old Country Store" for maple and smoked bacon, spiral ham, and four types of lunch meat: oven-roasted turkey, smoked turkey, smoked ham, and honey ham. In a statement, the company says, "Cracker Barrel

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Roger Richman, whose eponymous agency handled the estates of Albert Einstein, W.C. Fields, and Sigmund Freud, among others, died earlier this month. While Richman sold his agency to Corbis in 2005, he left a long-term mark on the licensing business by way of his active lobbying to pass the 1985 California Celebrity Rights Act, which enables heirs to control commercial use of those celebrities' names and likenesses.

Old Country Store, Inc. does not expect the licensing initiative to have a material impact on its financial results in the 2014 fiscal year."

### **RETAILING BY THE NUMBERS**

Retail sales during November and December are projected to increase 3.9% this year over last, reaching \$602 billion, up from \$579 billion in 2012, according to the National Retail Federation.

ShopperTrak, which is traditionally more conservative than the NRF, forecasts growth of 2.4%. Of course, all the forecasts were generated prior to the government shutdown.

#### **FOLLOW THE BOUNCING JERSEY**

Miami Heat's LeBron James has the best-selling NBA jersey worldwide (and in the U.S. and Philippines), with the Chicago Bulls' Derrick Rose No. 2 worldwide (but topping the lists in China, Europe, and Latin America). The rankings are based on Adidas global sales for the 2012-13 NBA season. The Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant, the Oklahoma City Thunder's Kevin Durant, and the Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade round out the top five worldwide. Not reflected on the lists: The league confirms to us that NBAStore.com saw "a bump in sales for a couple of days following Jason Collins' announcement" that he is gay.

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### \$100 Million Club

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interactive games, and so on. The newest property on the list is Doc McStuffins, followed by Angry Birds, which made the list for the first time last year. Classic properties retooled for new generations that are added for 2012 are Power Rangers and My Little Pony.

The sales swings noted above were somewhat surprising considering the heavy franchise reliance on the list. Still, several of the properties were coming off of movie years in 2011 (including *Transformers* and *Cars*), while others were gearing up for movie support in 2013 (including Superman with *Man of Steel*, as well as the characters appearing in The Avengers), which partially explains their ups and downs.

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### ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES OF LICENSED MERCHANDISE BASED ON ENTERTAINMENT/CHARACTER PROPERTIES, U.S./CANADA, 2012

		Properties That	Did \$100 M	illion or Mor	e in U.S./Ca	nada That Y	'ear		
Rank 2012	Property	Licensor	2012 Retail Sales (U.S. and Canada), in millions	2011 Retail Sales (U.S. and Canada), in millions	% Change, 2011-2012 (U.S. and Canada)	2012 Retail Sales (Global), in millions	2011 Retail Sales (Global), in millions	% Change, 2011- 2012 (Global)	U.S./ Canada vs. Global Ratio for 2012
1	Disney Princess	Disney	\$1,518	\$1,600	-5.1%	\$2,919	\$3,034	-3.8%	52.0%
2	Star Wars	Lucasfilm	\$1,467	\$1,500	-2.2%	\$3,064	\$3,165	-3.2%	47.9%
3	Hello Kitty	Sanrio	\$1,080	\$800	35.0%	\$4,039	\$4,080	-1.0%	26.7%
4	Cars	Disney	\$931	\$1,050	-11.3%	\$1,920	\$2,150	-10.7%	48.5%
5	Pooh	Disney	\$929	\$1,090	-14.8%	\$3,170	\$3,420	-7.3%	29.3%
6	Mickey & Friends	Disney	\$774	\$750	3.2%	\$4,107	\$3,900	5.3%	18.8%
7	WWE	WWE	\$596	\$700	-14.9%	\$849	\$1,000	-15.1%	70.2%
8	Angry Birds	Rovio	\$590	\$250	136.0%	\$1,849	\$800	131.1%	31.9%
9	Peanuts	Peanuts Worldwide	\$542	\$600	-9.6%	\$1,818	\$1,940	-6.3%	29.8%
10	Toy Story	Disney	\$530	\$685	-22.7%	\$1,177	\$1,305	-9.8%	45.0%
11	Sesame Street	Sesame Workshop	\$500	\$515	-2.9%	\$866	\$880	-1.6%	57.7%
12	Disney Fairies	Disney	\$383	\$435	-11.9%	\$838	\$950	-11.8%	45.7%
13	Thomas the Tank Engine	HIT	\$370	\$390	-5.2%	\$998	\$1,045	-4.5%	37.0%
14	Spider-Man	Marvel/Disney	\$351	\$325	8.1%	\$614	\$590	4.0%	57.3%
15	SpongeBob	Nickelodeon	\$321	\$330	-2.6%	\$721	\$740	-2.6%	44.6%
16	Dora the Explorer	Nickelodeon	\$321	\$340	-5.5%	\$594	\$635	-6.4%	54.1%
17	Garfield	Paws Inc.	\$305	\$370	-17.7%	\$819	\$850	-3.7%	37.2%
18	Batman	DC/Warner	\$343	\$245	40.0%	\$504	\$360	40.0%	68.1%
19	Ben 10	Cartoon Network	\$244	\$295	-17.2%	\$719	\$720	-0.2%	34.0%
20	Iron Man	Marvel/Disney	\$238	\$198	20.2%	\$358	\$328	9.1%	66.5%
21	Barbie	Mattel	\$232	\$242	-4.0%	\$428	\$455	-6.0%	54.3%
22	Monster High	Mattel	\$225	NA	NA	\$300	NA	NA	75.0%
23	Betty Boop	King Features	\$220	\$210	4.9%	\$663	\$615	7.8%	33.2%
24	Looney Tunes	Warner	\$214	\$225	-4.7%	\$624	\$632	-1.3%	34.4%
25 26	Avengers Transformers	Marvel/Disney Hasbro	\$201 \$197	NA \$214	NA -8.0%	\$300 \$314	NA \$365	NA -14.0%	67.0% 62.7%
27	Power Rangers	Saban	\$197	NA	-6.0% NA	\$300	NA	-14.0% NA	60.0%
28	Superman	DC/Warner	\$173	\$175	-1.1%	\$277	\$280	-1.2%	62.6%
29	Simpsons	Fox	\$161	\$173	2.1%	\$352	\$346	1.7%	45.8%
30	Star Trek	CBS	\$124	\$125	-1.1%	\$148	\$150	-1.5%	83.7%
31	Pokemon (1)	Pokemon Co.	\$115	\$118	-2.2%	\$306	\$311	-1.6%	37.7%
32	Doc McStuffins	Disney	\$114	NA	NA	\$190	NA	NA	60.0%
33	My Little Pony	Hasbro	\$110	NA	NA	\$260	NA	NA	42.3%
34	Scooby-Doo	Warner	\$107	\$112	-4.5%	\$203	\$207	-2.0%	52.7%
	TOTAL		\$14,601			\$36,402			40.1%

NOTES: Figures are for retail sales of all licensed merchandise for calendar year 2012. Does not include:

SOURCE: THE LICENSING LETTER

Content licensing such as DVD/mobile apps, Web entertainment, etc.

<sup>•</sup> Products created through in-house divisions at the licensor rather than through licensing agreements with third parties.

<sup>•</sup> Nonretail products such as touring shows, theme park attractions, cruises, gambling/lotteries, and the like.

<sup>(1)</sup> Nintendo, an equity owner of The Pokemon Co., is the video game licensee. As it is both a part owner and a licensee, its figures are not included. *TLL* estimates that sales of Pokemon video games were approximately \$312 million during 2012.

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### **Global Performance**

The top Entertainment/Character properties in the U.S. and Canada registered an additional \$21.8 billion in retail sales outside North America, for a total of \$36.4 billion in global retail sales. Sales outside the U.S. and Canada accounted for 40% of this group—slightly greater than the average of 38% across all licensed properties.

The top international performer from among the members of the U.S./Canada "\$100 million club" is Hello Kitty, with more than \$4 billion in global retail sales in 2012. Other properties on the list that exceeded \$3 billion in 2012 include Disney Princess, *Star Wars*, Mickey & Friends, and Pooh.

The list reflects the top properties in the U.S. and Canada only and excludes top-performing global properties that have U.S. and Canadian retail sales of less than \$100 million. Some of the top properties globally—especially those coming out of the Asian markets—do not have a significant presence in the U.S. and Canada and therefore are not included in this ranking.

### **Definitions and Methodology**

Properties included in this list are broader than those in *TLL*'s traditional Entertainment/Character segment as defined for our annual businesswide estimates. For this analysis, we have included properties that are based on a recognized character and use the strategies associated with an Entertainment/Character licensing program, as well as the expected TV shows and films. Some properties on this list would normally be categorized as Toy (Barbie, My Little Pony) or Interactive (Angry Birds), for example.

The individual property figures are sometimes at variance with publicly reported numbers in company financials or those cited by company executives in articles. We look exclusively at consumer products that are licensed to third parties for manufacture and distribution and for which the manufacturer is paying a royalty. It does not include products created through in-house divisions of the licensor rather than through licensing agreements with third parties or "core" products made by the licensor (e.g., toys for Hasbro's Transformers).

In addition, the numbers reflect retail sales of traditional licensed products but exclude content licensing (mobile apps, Web entertainment, virtual worlds, and the like) and nonretail products such as live touring shows, theme park attractions, lotteries and slot machines, cruises, and similar ventures.

For those properties that are multimedia, the estimates include all merchandise for the franchise (e.g., tied to films, TV shows, etc.). LEGO cross-licensing deals (e.g., LEGO Star Wars, LEGO Batman) are included under the respective partners' properties (e.g., LEGO Star Wars under Star Wars). Subbrands are included along with the master property (e.g., Clone Wars under Star Wars). If individual properties

are sometimes licensed as a group (e.g., Batman as part of a multiproperty DC Comics deal or Iron Man as part of the Avengers), the estimate includes only those products tied to the individual property as specified.

These estimates are developed through a combination of surveys; interviews with licensors, licensees, agents, and retailers; analysis of annual reports, royalty income, and data from publicly held companies; store visits; corporate retail sales information from websites; press releases; and articles. All the licensors that appear on the list were given the opportunity to comment.

### **Crystal Ball**

Some of the properties that did not make the list in 2012 but appear poised to do so in 2013, say licensing business observers, include Sofia the First and other Disney Junior properties (in addition to Doc McStuffins, which got a head start onto the list for 2012); Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles; Despicable Me; and Duck Dynasty.

### Disney Accounts for More Than Half of Dollar Value of \$100 Million Entertainment/Character Properties

Disney dominates the list of limited properties with retail sales of \$100 million or more in the U.S./Canada in 2012. Eleven of the 34 properties (32%) emanate from the company's Disney, Pixar, Marvel, and Lucasfilm divisions. However, those 11 titles account for 50.9% of the list in dollar value based on U.S./Canada sales.

Other licensors with multiple properties on the list include:

**Mattel** (Barbie, Monster High, and Thomas the Tank Engine through its HIT division), representing 9% of the listings and 5.7% of the dollar value:

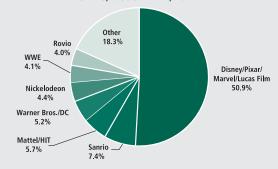
**Warner Bros.** (Looney Tunes, Scooby-Doo and DC Comics' Batman and Superman), 12% of listings, 5.2% of dollar value;

**Nickelodeon** (SpongeBob and Dora), 6% of listings, 4.4% of dollar value; and

Hasbro (Transformers and My Little Pony), 6% of listings, 2.1% dollar value

**Sanrio's** Hello Kitty accounts for 7.4% of the list's dollar value. WWE's eponymous property and Rovio's Angry Birds account for approximately 4% each in dollar value. No other individual property reaches 4%.

# LICENSORS' SHARE OF \$100 MILLION ENTERTAINMENT CHARACTER PROPERTIES, BY DOLLAR VALUE BASED ON RETAIL SALES, U.S./CANADA, 2012



SOURCE: THE LICENSING LETTER

# **Licensing News**

Properties Available Or Recently Assigned, U.S. (Canada as indicated)				
PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORIES AVAILABLE	LICENSING CONTACT	
Animagic	Animagic Media Group's digital animation and live action titles, including Bug Rangers.	All	Cathy Malatesta, Lawless Entertainment	
Gund	American plush and teddy bear corporation, founded in Germany in 1898.	All except plush	John Parham, Parham Santana	
Man Cave	Men's home party company, set for an expansion into lifestyle products.	Food/beverage, furniture, games, grilling, home decor, novelty	Bob Traub, Established Brands Licensing	
Stacey Yacula	Artist known for sweet and colorful characters currently featured on Etsy.	Gifts, home textiles, stationery, wall coverings	Marty Segelbaum, MHS Licensing	

Licenses Recent	tly Granted, U.S. (Canada	as indicated)	
PROPERTY	GRANTED TO	PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED	GRANTED BY
Arm & Hammer	Hefty/Reynolds Consumer Products	Kitchen bags	Brandgenuity
Bates Motel	American Classics	Hoodies, T-shirts	Joy Tashjian Marketing Group
Batman	Forever 21	Accessories, apparel	Warner Bros. Consumer Products
Beatles (The)	Pyramid America*	Art prints, canvas prints, home decor	Bravado International Group Merchandising Services
Bigfoot	Kalee Children's Products	Ride-on vehicles	Character Vision
Brooklyn Nine-Nine	American Classics	Hoodies, T-shirts	Joy Tashjian Marketing Group
Buck Wear	SJT Enterprises	Wood plaques	MHS Licensing
	Trends International	Back-to-school, bookmarks, posters, stickers	
Call of Duty: Ghosts	Trends International	Posters	Activision Publishing
Care Bears	Card.com	Prepaid debit cards	American Greetings Properties
Catwoman	Forever 21	Accessories, apparel	Warner Bros. Consumer Products
Chattam & Wells	Pacific Coast Feather	Bedding	Spring Air
Christine Adolph	RPM	Floor mats	MHS Licensing
College football teams	Loudmouth Golf*	Co-branded apparel	Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC)
Domo	Buckle-Down	Accessories, belts	Big Tent Entertainment
	Leg Avenue	Arm warmers, costumed hoods, costumes, leggings	_
Dork Diaries	Andrews + Blaine	Booklights, bookmarks, game pads, puzzles, stationery	JLK Brand Licensing
Downton Abbey	Weeks Roses	Roses	Knockout Licensing
Guardians of the Galaxy	Jay Franco & Sons	Home decor	Disney Consumer Products
Hautman Brothers	Tramar	Kitchen towels	MHS Licensing
I Love Lucy	McSteven's	Drink mixes	Unforgettable Enterprises

\*Extension or renewal. Continued on page 6

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PROPERTY	GRANTED TO	PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED	GRANTED BY	
egends of Oz: Dorothy's	DecoPac	Cake decorating kits, candles	Evolution	
Return	H.E.R. Accessories	Bandanas, cell phone accessories, costume jewelry, key caps, lanyards, shoelaces, sleep masks, wristbands	_	
	HouseWares International	Kitchenware, mugs	_	
	НҮР	Hoisery, socks	_	
	JEM Sportswear and Awake	Apparel		
Monster Jam	Fathead*	Wall decals	Feld Entertainment	
	InCharacter Costumes	Costume accessories, costumes		
	MEGA Brands	Co-branded puzzles	_	
	Redman	Ride-on vehicles	_	
	Wicked Cool Toys	Plush		
Mystical Wolf	Ravensburger AG	Puzzles	Carmella Johns Unltd.	
Patrick Reid O'Brien	Andrews + Blaine	Puzzles	MHS Licensing	
Plants vs. Zombies	USAopoly	Co-branded board games	PopCap Games	
Ragnar	Acco Brands USA	Calendars	Carmella Johns Unltd.	
Sea Cows	Acco Brands USA	Calendars	Carmella Johns Unltd.	
EGA	Tommo	Headphones, mobile accessories, speakers	SEGA of America	
kylanders	Trends International	Calendars, posters	Activision Publishing	
Sleep Sense	Pacific Coast Feather	Bedding	Spring Air	
Spring Air	Pacific Coast Feather	Bedding	Spring Air	
Strawberry Shortcake	Handcraft Manufacturing	Underwear (girls', toddlers')	American Greetings Properties	
Geenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Johnny Cupcakes	Accessories, apparel	Nickelodeon & Viacom Consumer Products (NVCP)	
Tickety Toc	Bakery Crafts/Jack Guttman	Cake decorations	Established Brands Licensing	
	Celebrate Express/Buyseasons	Party decorations, party goods	_	
	InCharacter Costumes	Halloween costumes		
ina Higgins	International Greetings USA	Gift bags	MHS Licensing	
	Raz Imports	Decorative buckets, wall art, wood trays	_	
	RPM	Floor mats		
J.S. Army	H. Best/Moret Group	Watches	Beanstalk	
	Top of the World	Gloves, headwear, headwear accessories, scarves	_	
/ictoria Schultz	RPM	Floor mats	MHS Licensing	
	Tramar	Kitchen towels	-	
Viz Khalifa	Spencer's/Spirit Halloween	Apparel	Warner Music Group	
WWE	American Greetings	Gift packaging, greeting cards, ornaments, party goods, stickers	WWE	
	Sakar International	Electronics, mobile accessories	_	
X-O Manowar	Quarantine Studio	Resin statue	Valiant Entertainment	

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PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORIES AVAILABLE	LICENSING CONTACT	
Blondie	Punk/new wave band from New York led by singer Debbie Harry, guitarist Christ Stein, and drummer Clem Burke.	All (France)	Veronique Pichon, Sagoo Licensing	
Dinosaur Train	Animated children's television series featuring dinosaur characters who travel the prehistoric world by train. Studio Canal also holds rights to DVDs.	All except DVDs (France)	Eleonore Bebear, StudioCanal	
Felix the Cat	Cartoon character from the silent film era, first introduced in 1919.	Accessories, apparel, games, toys (Turkey)	Hakan Tungac, KAYNAK Copyright & Licensing Agency	
Genesis	Progressive rock group known for launching th careers of Phil Collins and Peter Gabriel.	ne All (France)	Veronique Pichon, Sagoo Licensing	
Hive (The)	Preschool television series, featuring bee Buzz and friends on adventures in and around their hive.		Javier Robles, BRB Internacional Group	
Madballs	Toy brand from the 1980s; collection of rubber balls developed to push "gross" to the limit.	All (Japan)	Kensuke Kondo, MindWorks Entertainment	
Pac-Man and the Ghostly Adventures	Namco Bandai's video game hero, appearing in his own show this fall.	All except toys (Middle East, North Africa)	Alia Atcha Almeida, MBC Licensing & Merchandising	
Pink Floyd	Psychedelic/progressive rock group known for best-selling concept albums and subsequent to	All (France) ours.	Veronique Pichon, Sagoo Licensing	
Police, The	British rock band known for five best-selling albums released in the 1970s and 1980s. Sago also represents Sting as a solo artist.	All (France) o	Veronique Pichon, Sagoo Licensing	
Strawberry Shortcake	Classic girls' brand known for bright, cheery colors and a variety of upbeat characters.	All (South Africa)	Graham Stephen, Character Licensing & Marketing	
Suzy's Zoo	Originally a greeting card brand launched in 1' the colorful brand features Suzy Spafford's cas of animal characters, including the popular Su. Ducken.	t toiletries, toys (U.K., Eire)	Claire Potter, Metrostar	
Totally Spies	Animated series featuring three teenaged spie who live in Beverly Hills, Calif.	s All (Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden)	Jonathan Johansson, Limo Licensing	
		All (Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay)	Kim Steadman, IMC	
International Lice	nses Recently Granted			
PROPERTY	GRANTED TO	PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED	GRANTED BY	
Battersea Dogs & Cats Home	Casa Chicos	Apparel (U.K.)	Battersea Dogs and Cats Home	
Care Bears		Bed linen, blankets, quilt covers, quilts Hong Kong, Macau)	Medialink	
Dinosaur Train	Aykroyd & Sons	lightwear, underwear (U.K., Ireland)	Nickelodeon & Viacom Consumer Products UK	
	Nelson Verlag GmbH	Activity books, coloring books (Germany)	Lizenzwerft GmbH	
		Outerwear, swimwear (U.K., reland)	Nickelodeon & Viacom Consumer Products UK	
Domo	Accutime Watch	Clocks, watches (U.S., Canada)	Big Tent Entertainment	
Doodle Jump	Goldie Marketing Pty Ltd	Master toy (Worldwide)	Lima Sky	
Everything's Rosie	Aykroyd & Sons*	lightwear (U.K.)	V&S Entertainment	
	Blues Clothing*	Outerwear (U.K.)	_	
	TDP Textiles*	Jnderwear (U.K.)		

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PROPERTY	GRANTED TO	PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED	GRANTED BY
Grumpy Cat	Ganz	Gift items, plush (Worldwide)	Grumpy Cat
	TCG	Plush, puzzles (Worldwide)	-
Marvel	Rubie's Costume	Halloween accessories, Halloween costumes, pet costumes (U.S., Canada)	Disney Consumer Products
Miffy	Hype Associates	Greeting cards (U.K.)	DRi Licensing Limited
	Rainbow Designs*	Plush (U.K.)	-
	Star Editions	Magnets, postcards, posters, tote bags (U.K.)	-
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Mister Maker	E-Max Ensobrados Martorell	Crafts (U.K.)	Zodiak Rights
	Green Board Games	Games (U.K.)	-
	Kerry Foods/Green's	Cake mixes (U.K.)	_
	RMS	Stationery (U.K.)	-
MovieStarPlanet	Omega Sky	Wall murals (U.K.)	Beanstalk London
Muy Pop	Relaunch Fashion	Apparel (Europe)	Art Ask Agency
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	Toy Triangle	Master toy (Middle East, North Africa)	MBC Licensing & Merchandising
Pet Rock	Groupe Editor	Greeting cards, postcards (Belgium, France, Italy)	Art Ask Agency
	teNeues Publishing	Calendars (Worldwide)	
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Ragnar	Sin In Linen	Bath, bedding, kitchen goods (U.S., Canada, Europe)	Carmella Johns Unitd.
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		Apparel (Brazil)	
		Housewares (Brazil)	_
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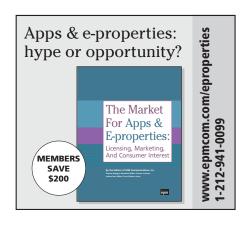
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### London Children's Publishers: Despite the Data, Licensing World Looks to Books

There were some grim statistics for book publishers at the U.K. *Bookseller* magazine's annual Children's Conference in London at the end of September. According to Nielsen Book's report "Understanding the Children's Book Consumer in the Digital Age," during the past 12 months children's access to tablets has more than doubled, but only 20% of children surveyed are using them for reading e-books.

Jo Henry, director at Nielsen Book, said: "This dramatic drop in engagement with reading in the first half of 2013—seen in the context of an 8% drop in the number of books bought for those aged under 17—will give pause for thought for anyone involved in children's publishing, particularly at the older end of the market, which has seen the greatest decline."

For the 32 weeks up to Aug. 10, 2013, children's printed book sales in the U.K. were \$156 million, down \$13 million (8%) from the previous year. The *Bookseller*'s charts editor Philip Stone has analyzed this data, and he revealed the durability of some old favorites—and the collapse of others. Thus, dinosaur books were up 11% and pirates up by 35%, but Ninja sales mutated downwards by 40%, and fairies were down 45%. Children's e-book sales for the year up to August 2013 stood at \$22 million, up \$3 million (15%) year over year.

Yet despite this tough backdrop the licensing world still looks to books to give properties credibility and "depth," delegates heard. Vickie O'Malley, marketing director of Copyright Promotions Licensing Group (CPLG), said: "Publishing is a lead category because of its visibility. It's a very useful player. If I'm selling and there isn't a publisher on board, it looks less credible. When you have a great publisher on board, people say, 'My goodness, this is going to be a sensation."

Egmont's license acquisition director Emma Cairns-Smith added: "When a property has come from digital, it hasn't developed depth. Often you're talking about a brand that is flat. By producing books, it shows parents there's more to it."

Jo Edwards, head of licensing and brand development at Random House, believes book deals give licensed properties "kudos" and Karen Lawler, executive manager of licensing at Hachette Children's Books, noted how it helped in other areas. "There is a reluctance among retailers to try new licensed product, but if there is something else, like a book, it can make a difference."

Lawler said that when buying properties, she looks at awareness levels and for properties "that have a story to start with," although equally there has been a rise in companies whose job it is to create stories, and back stories, for characters.

Cairns-Smith also observed: "A lot of TV companies are realizing they need to speak to publishers. We're working on two TV shows with DHX—*Bitbot* and *Shipwrecked*—where we're co-creating with them."

Angus Fletcher, who used to be with Henson, is working with Egmont as a consultant on these projects, and Cairns-Smith hopes both will lead to books and licensed product.

Dylan Collins, CEO of SuperAwesome, the company behind Swapit and Box of Awesome, noted the huge change in the under-12 market, where "the smartphone is the new wallet and their concept of ownership is very different to ours. For them, it is all about access, being able to stream You Tube which is now the most possible source of music."

Older children are gaming and texting, rather than reading. Henry concluded: "The challenge for publishers is to find fresh, compelling content to compete with the activities—principally gaming and communication with their peers—that are increasingly now attracting the interest of children in these age bands."

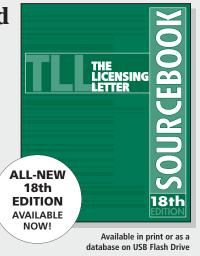
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- Makeup artist Michelle Phan, who posts beauty advice and tutorials at michellephan.com and signed with L'Oreal for an online-distributed cosmetics range;
- Miss America Properties, which paired with Joshua Brands for a cosmetics and skincare line called R.E.I.G.N.;
- "Dancing With the Stars," which is launching a makeup collection with Stila Cosmetics, with products inspired by four dance styles;
- Japanese artist Takashi Murakami, who partnered with Shu Uemura for a holiday makeup and cosmetics line that reflects his anime-inspired imagery; and
- Fashion designer Jason Wu, who licensed Lancôme for a color cosmetics line launching this fall.

Lipsticks, nail polishes, and mascaras are all seeing a rise in licensing activity, along with the foundations, blushes, concealers, and other skincare products that are authorized under most of the deals listed here.

These examples, along with a plethora of others earlier this year—from actress Christina Ricci (with Make Up for Ever) to designer Tom Ford (Estée Lauder)—show the diverse range of properties that are trying to make a success of this up-until-recently mostly untapped category.

### Who's News

Lisa Reiner is promoted at licensing agency Beanstalk to managing director of Europe and Asia Pacific, overseeing business development and marketing for Beanstalk and its Tinderbox digital division. Reiner joined Beanstalk in 2001 as a director of brand management, developing the Mary-Kate & Ashley brand outside the U.S., which, according to the agency, achieved over \$1 billion in retail sales and expanded to 11 countries. She succeeds Ciarán Coyle, who is leaving Beanstalk to pursue another career opportunity in the U.S.

James Lieberfarb is named director of licensing with CARD Corp., an online direct marketer and issuer of Visa and MasterCard reloadable debit cards, with credit cards to be added. Lieberfarb is responsible for acquiring licenses to consumer products brands; animated and comic book characters, TV shows, films, video games, and other entertainment IP; charitable causes; universities; music artists; and celebrities and athletes for use on the cards. Lieberfarb has been consulting for CARD since March. He previously held positions at Lee, Sony, MGM, Trendmasters, and Discovery.

Glenn Hendricks is named group manager, business development—licensing at Welch's. Hendricks, who has held senior positions at IMG Licensing and SloaneVision Unlimited, as well as Lisa Frank, Sony Wonder/Sunbow, and OSP Publishing, will handle current licensed brands including Welch's Fruit Snacks, and manage the company's relationship with agency The Licensing Co.

**Thomas van Kaldenkerken** is named president and Don Rothwell EVP North America & Canada at Schleich North America. van Kaldenkerken has been with the company since 2006; Rothwell joined in 2010 and has prior experience at Motorsports Authentics, NASCAR, and Mamiye Brother Sales/American Character Classics.

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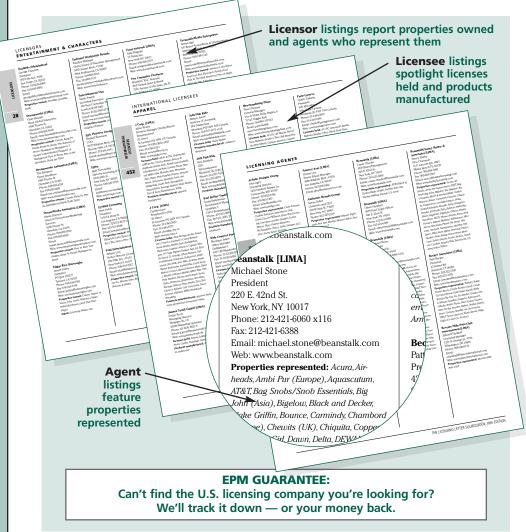
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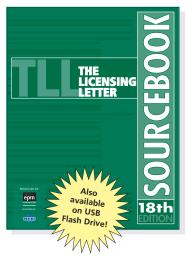
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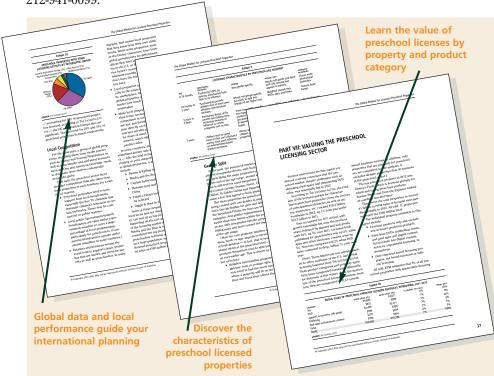
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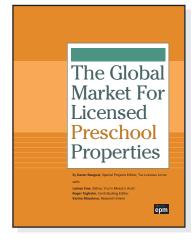
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