



## Summit Books Makes Its First Acquisition Post-Relaunch

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Summit Books has made its first acquisition since it was relaunched by Simon & Schuster late last year. Publisher Judy Clain preempted world English rights to Rob Franklin's debut novel *Great Black Hope*, in a deal brokered by Trident Media Group's Ellen Levine and Audrey Crooks. The book, the publisher said, is a "propulsive, glittering debut about a young Black man caught up in the elite underbelly of East Coast privilege."

The mysterious death of the protagonist's close friend, combined with his arrest for cocaine possession, propel a "stunning chain reaction" in this "story about race, class, addiction, and love in all its complicated forms, and what it means to live between two worlds," the publisher added. Executive editor Laura Perciasepe will edit, and publication is planned for 2025.