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**Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library author talk and book signing:
Acclaimed biographer Hazel Rowley author of
FRANKLIN AND ELEANOR: AN EXTRAORDINARY MARRIAGE
To launch her book tour at the FDR Presidential Library
October 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to announce that acclaimed biographer **Hazel Rowley**, author of **FRANKLIN AND ELEANOR: AN EXTRAORDINARY MARRIAGE**, will launch her book tour with an author talk at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Following the presentation, Ms. Rowley will be available to sign copies of her book. This event is free and open to the public.

FRANKLIN AND ELEANOR is a groundbreaking new account of the marriage of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt that explores the remarkable courage and lack of convention—private and public—that kept FDR and Eleanor together. Hazel Rowley reveals a partnership that was both supportive and daring. Franklin, especially, knew what he owed to Eleanor, who was not so much behind the scenes as heavily engaged in them. Their relationship was the product of FDR and Eleanor's conscious efforts—a partnership that they created according to their own ambitions and needs.

In this dramatic and vivid narrative, set against the great upheavals of the Depression and World War II, Rowley paints a portrait of a tender lifelong companionship, born of mutual admiration and compassion. Most of all, she depicts an extraordinary evolution—from conventional Victorian marriage to the bold and radical partnership that has made Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt go down in history as one of the most inspiring and fascinating couples of all time.

HAZEL ROWLEY was born in London and educated in England and Australia. She is the author of three previous biographies: *Christina Stead: A Biography*, a *New York Times* Best Book; *Richard Wright: The Life and Times*, a *Washington Post* Best Book; and *Tête-à-Tête: Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre*, which has been translated into twelve languages. She is the recipient of fellowships from the Radcliffe Institute and the Rockefeller Foundation. She lives in New York City.

Copies of Ms. Rowley's book will be available for sale after the talk. There is no charge for this program. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving historical material and providing innovative educational programs, community events, and public outreach. It is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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