

Jeong Yu-jeong's 'The Origin of Species' to be published by American Penguin Books

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SEOUL, Sept. 22 (Yonhap) — South Korean novelist Jeong Yu-jeong's latest book has been sold to five overseas publishers, including America's Penguin Books, the author's agent said Thursday.

KL Management, which represents the author for overseas publishing, sold the publication rights of "The Origin of Species" to French publisher Philippe Picquier in August, followed by Union Verlag Berlin, Italy's Feltrinelli, Britain's Little Brown and Penguin Books.

The book became the second Korean book after Kim Chi-young's children's book "Leafie, A Hen into the Wild" to be published by the U.S.'s largest publisher. It is expected to be released in the country sometime in 2018.

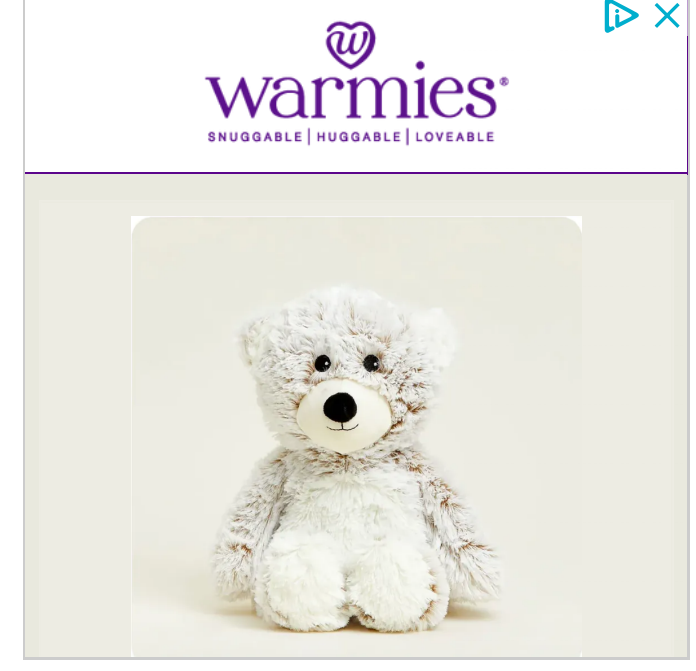
"We expect Jeong's book to be popular with male readers since it is a thriller, different from the two Korean books, 'Please Look After Mom' and 'Leafie, A Hen into the Wild,' that were popular in the U.S.," said KL president Joseph Lee.

Barbara J. Zitwer Agency, a global literary agency based in New York that is closely working with the KL, will introduce the book at the Frankfurt Book Fair slated to open next month.



The cover for Jeong Yu-jeong's "The Origin of Species" (Yonhap)

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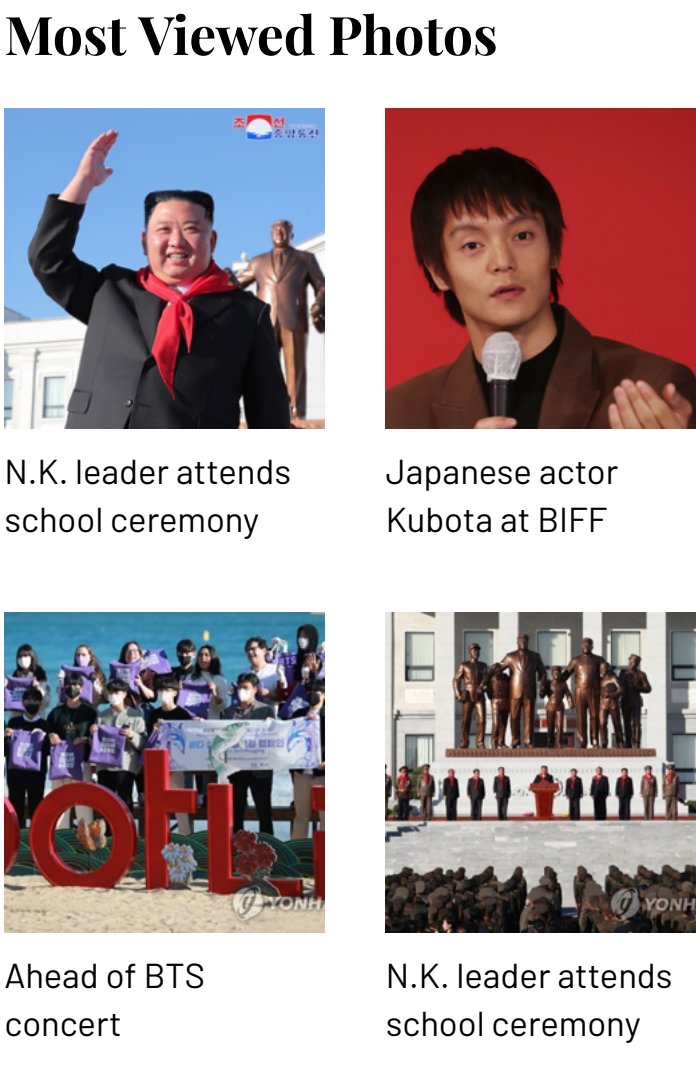
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