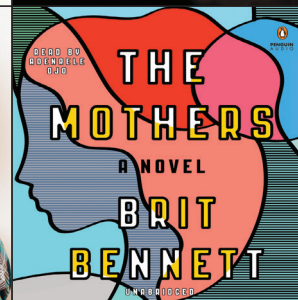
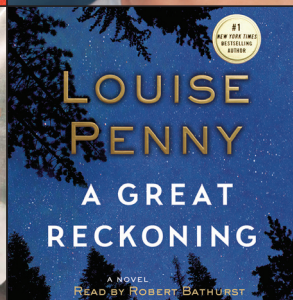
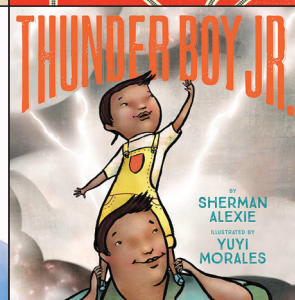
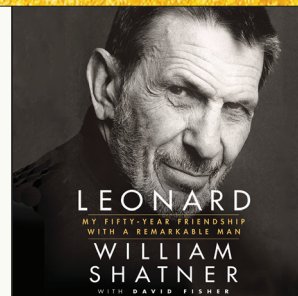
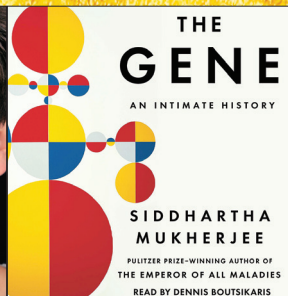
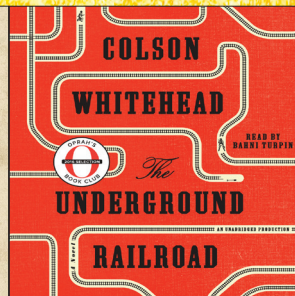
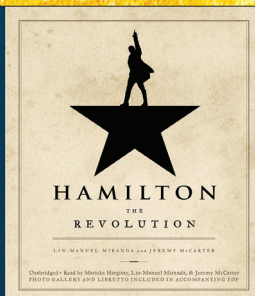
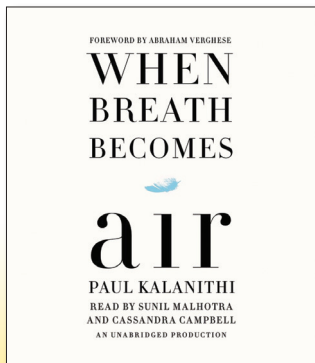
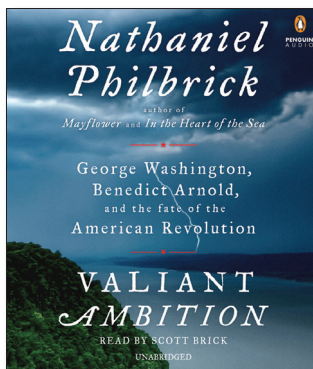
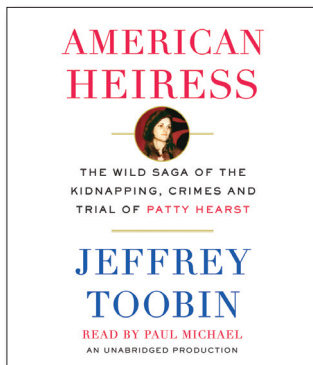
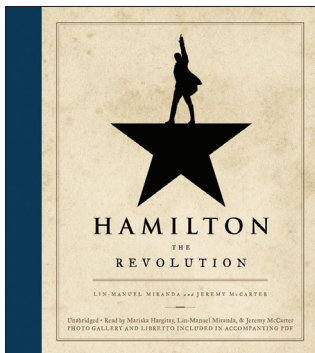


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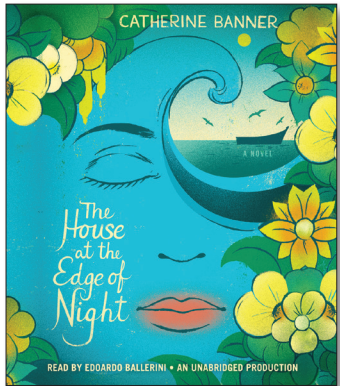
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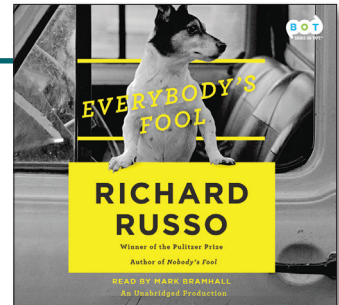
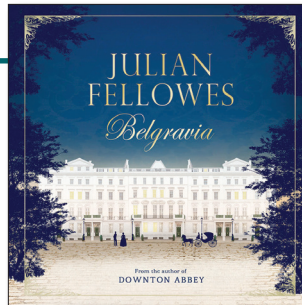
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Edoardo Ballerini video

Edoardo Ballerini on narrating *The House at the Edge of Night*

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## Fiction

**AMERICAN BUFFALO** David Mamet

Read by Josh Stamberg, Maurice Williams, Rich Hutchman (L.A. Theatre Works)

**ANOTHER BROOKLYN** Jacqueline Woodson

Read by Robin Miles (Harper Audio/Blackstone Audio)

**BARKSKINS** Annie Proulx

Read by Robert Petkoff (Simon & Schuster Audio)

**BELGRAVIA** Julian Fellowes

Read by Juliet Stevenson (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

**EVERYBODY'S FOOL** Richard Russo

Read by Mark Bramhall (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

**GRACE** Natasha Déon

Read by Lisa Reneé Pitts (Blackstone Audio)

**THE HOUSE AT THE EDGE OF NIGHT** Catherine Banner

Read by Edoardo Ballerini (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

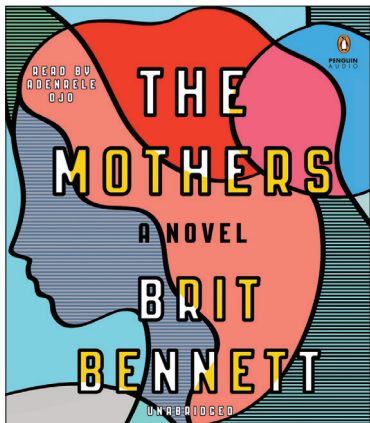
**LAROSE** Louise Erdrich

Read by Louise Erdrich (Harper Audio)

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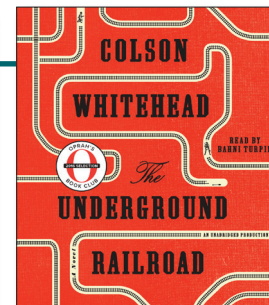
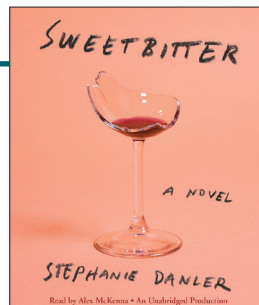
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Adenrele Ojo video

Adenrele Ojo on narrating *The Mothers*

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## Fiction

**A LITTLE LIFE** Hanya Yanagihara  
Read by Oliver Wyman (Audible, Inc.)

**MISTER MONKEY** Francine Prose  
Read by Kirby Heyborne, Nan McNamara (Harper Audio)

**THE MOTHERS** Brit Bennett  
Read by Adenrele Ojo (Penguin Audio/Books on Tape)

**MY NAME IS LUCY BARTON** Elizabeth Strout  
Read by Kimberly Farr (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

**THE NIX** Nathan Hill  
Read by Ari Fliakos (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

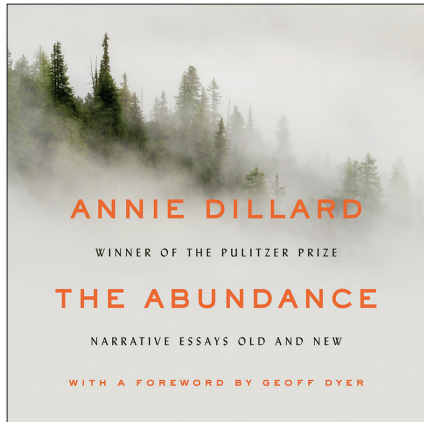
**SWEETBITTER** Stephanie Danler  
Read by Alex McKenna (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

**TRULY MADLY GUILTY** Liane Moriarty  
Read by Caroline Lee (Macmillan Audio)

**THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD** Colson Whitehead  
Read by Bahni Turpin (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)



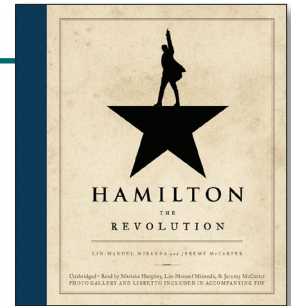
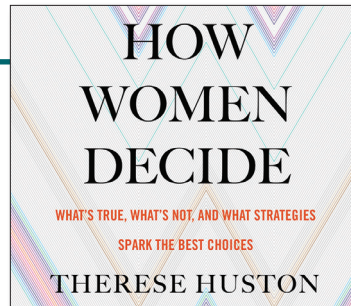
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Susan Ericksen video

Susan Ericksen on narrating *The Abundance*

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## Nonfiction & Culture

**THE ABUNDANCE** Annie Dillard

Read by Susan Ericksen (Brilliance Audio)

**THE GENE** Siddhartha Mukherjee

Read by Dennis Boutsikaris (Simon & Schuster Audio)

**HAMILTON: THE REVOLUTION**

Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jeremy McCarter

Read by Mariska Hargitay, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jeremy McCarter  
(Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

**THE HERO WITH A THOUSAND FACES** Joseph Campbell

Read by Arthur Morey, John Lee, Susan Denaker (Brilliance Audio)

**THE HOUR OF LAND** Terry Tempest Williams

Read by Terry Tempest Williams (Tantor Media)

**HOW WOMEN DECIDE** Therese Huston

Read by Susan Boyce (Dreamscape)

**I CONTAIN MULTITUDES** Ed Yong

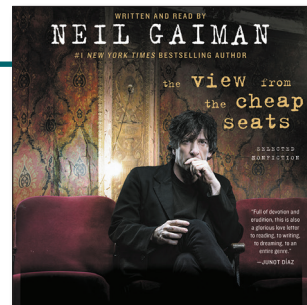
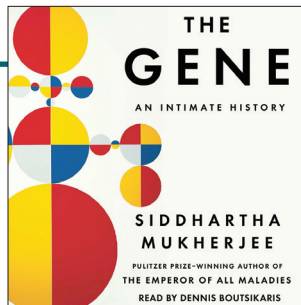
Read by Charlie Anson (Harper Audio/Blackstone Audio)

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*"Recording Siddhartha Mukherjee's absolutely brilliant The Gene was perhaps the most challenging project of my audiobook career."*

—Dennis Boutsikaris



## Nonfiction & Culture

### **JOY ON DEMAND** Chade-Meng Tan

Read by Telly Leung (Harper Audio/Blackstone Audio)

### **THE KINGDOM OF SPEECH** Tom Wolfe

Read by Robert Petkoff (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

### **LOST SOUND** Jeff Porter

Read by Arthur Morey (Blackstone Audio)

### **OLD AGE** Michael Kinsley

Read by Danny Campbell (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

### **THEN COMES MARRIAGE** Roberta Kaplan, Lisa Dickey

Read by Andrea Gallo (Recorded Books)

### **TRIBE** Sebastian Junger

Read by Sebastian Junger (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

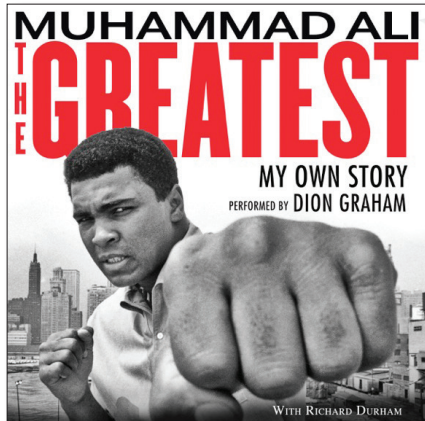
### **THE VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS** Neil Gaiman

Read by Neil Gaiman (Harper Audio)

### **THE YEAR OF VOTING DANGEROUSLY** Maureen Dowd

Read by Elisabeth Rodgers (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

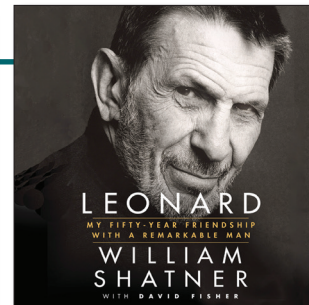
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Dion Graham video

Dion Graham on narrating *The Greatest*

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## Memoir

**THE CHILDREN OF WILLESDEN LANE** Mona Golabek, Lee Cohen  
Read by Mona Golabek (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

**THE GIRL WITH THE LOWER BACK TATTOO** Amy Schumer  
Read by Amy Schumer (Simon & Schuster Audio)

**THE GREATEST** Muhammad Ali  
Read by Dion Graham (Graymalkin Media)

**LEONARD** William Shatner  
Read by William Shatner (Macmillan Audio)

**A LIFE IN PARTS** Bryan Cranston  
Read by Bryan Cranston (Simon & Schuster Audio)

**THE LIGHTLESS SKY** Gulwali Passarlay, Nadene Ghouri  
Read by Assaf Cohen (Harper Audio/Blackstone Audio)

**LOVE WARRIOR** Glennon Doyle Melton  
Read by Glennon Doyle Melton (Macmillan Audio)

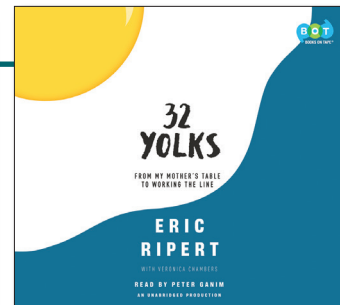
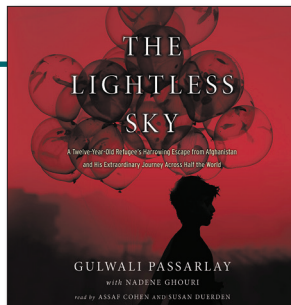


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*"The sheer enormity of human suffering in A Lightless Sky breaks your heart, especially for the children fleeing for their lives."*

— Assaf Cohen



## Memoir

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES** Joel Grey

Read by Joel Grey (Macmillan Audio)

**THE PIGEON TUNNEL** John le Carré

Read by John le Carré (Penguin Audio/Books on Tape)

**SHOE DOG** Phil Knight

Read by Norbert Leo Butz (Simon & Schuster Audio)

**32 YOLKS** Eric Ripert

Read by Peter Ganim (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

**UNITED** Cory Booker

Read by Cory Booker (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

**WHEN BREATH BECOMES AIR**

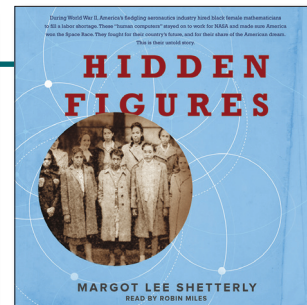
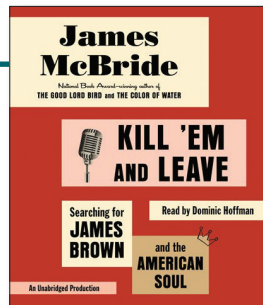
Paul Kalanithi, Abraham Verghese

Read by Sunil Malhotra, Cassandra Campbell  
(Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

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*"Kill 'Em and Leave does exactly that. The extraordinary journey of James Brown's life killed me and then left me to reimagine what it was like to be the undisputed Godfather of Soul."*  
—Dominic Hoffman



## Biography & History

**AMERICAN HEIRESS** Jeffrey Toobin

Read by Paul Michael (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

**THE ARABS** Eugene Rogan

Read by Derek Perkins (Tantor Media)

**HIDDEN FIGURES** Margot Lee Shetterly

Read by Robin Miles (Harper Audio)

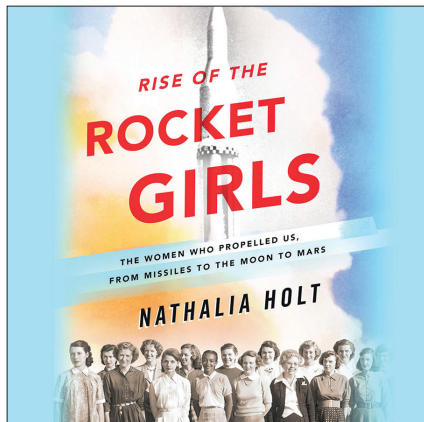
**KATRINA: AFTER THE FLOOD** Gary Rivlin

Read by Johnny Heller (Blackstone Audio)

**KILL 'EM AND LEAVE** James McBride

Read by Dominic Hoffman (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

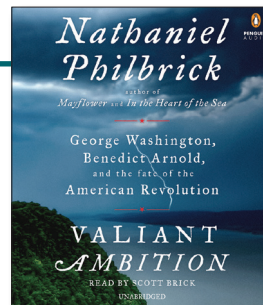
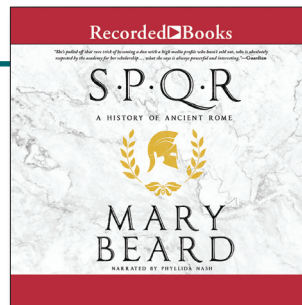
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Erin Bennett video

Erin Bennett on narrating *Rise of the Rocket Girls*

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**PAUL MCCARTNEY: THE LIFE** Philip Norman

Read by Jonathan Keeble (Recorded Books)

**RISE OF THE ROCKET GIRLS** Nathalia Holt

Read by Erin Bennett (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

**SPQR** Mary Beard

Read by Phyllida Nash (Recorded Books)

**VALIANT AMBITION** Nathaniel Philbrick

Read by Scott Brick (Penguin Audio/Books on Tape)

**THE YEAR OF LEAR** James Shapiro

Read by Robert Fass (Tantor Media)



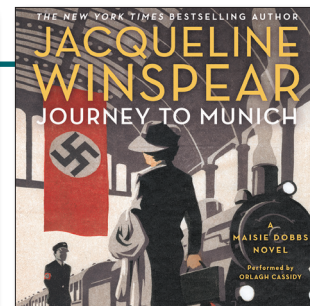
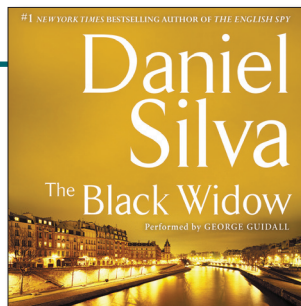
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Suzy Jackson video

Suzy Jackson on narrating *Ashley Bell*

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## Mystery & Suspense

**ALL IS NOT FORGOTTEN** Wendy Walker  
Read by Dylan Baker (Macmillan Audio)

**ASHLEY BELL** Dean Koontz  
Read by Suzy Jackson (Recorded Books)

**THE BLACK WIDOW** Daniel Silva  
Read by George Guidall (Harper Audio)

**CHARCOAL JOE** Walter Mosley  
Read by Michael Boatman (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

**END OF WATCH** Stephen King  
Read by Will Patton (Simon & Schuster Audio)

**A GREAT RECKONING** Louise Penny  
Read by Robert Bathurst (Macmillan Audio)

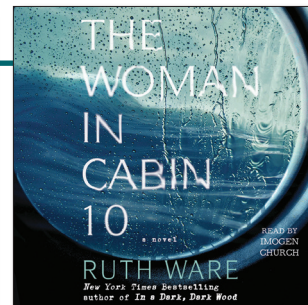
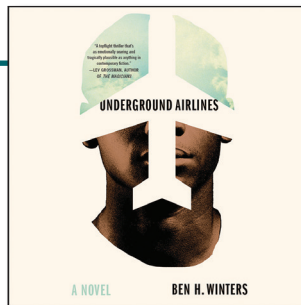
**JOURNEY TO MUNICH** Jacqueline Winspear  
Read by Orlagh Cassidy (Harper Audio)

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*"In Underground Airlines, Ben Winters has created a reluctant but damn charismatic hero that gave me the chance to play the Bogart archetype I've always dreamed of."*

—William DeMeritt



## Mystery & Suspense

**THE MAN IN THE MOSS** Phil Rickman

Read by Sean Barrett (ISIS Audio Books)

**THE MIRROR THIEF** Martin Seay

Read by Edoardo Ballerini (Recorded Books)

**THE SECOND LIFE OF NICK MASON** Steve Hamilton

Read by Ray Porter (Penguin Audio/Books on Tape)

**TWISTED RIVER** Siobhan MacDonald

Read by Alana Kerr Collins, Sile Bermingham, Gerard Doyle, Tom Taylorson (Blackstone Audio)

**UNDERGROUND AIRLINES** Ben H. Winters

Read by William DeMeritt (Hachette Audio)

**THE WOMAN IN CABIN 10** Ruth Ware

Read by Imogen Church (Simon & Schuster Audio)

**YOU SENT ME A LETTER** Lucy Dawson

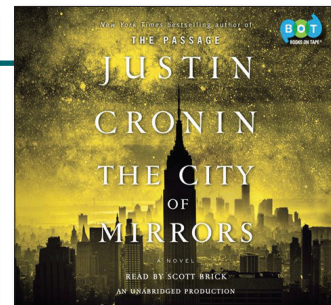
Read by Julie Maisey (Bolinda Audio)

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*"Narrating Captain to Captain was a dream project for me, having been a lifelong fan of the original series."*

—Robert Petkoff



## Science Fiction & Fantasy

**AGE OF MYTH** Michael J. Sullivan

Read by Tim Gerard Reynolds (Recorded Books)

**ALIEN: OUT OF THE SHADOWS** Tim Lebbon, Dirk Maggs

Read by Rutger Hauer, Corey Johnson, Matthew Lewis, and a Full Cast (Audible, Inc.)

**ALL THE BIRDS IN THE SKY** Charlie Jane Anders

Read by Alyssa Bresnahan (Recorded Books)

**BATTLEFIELD EARTH** L. Ron Hubbard

Read by Josh Clark, Charlie Davis, Scott Menville, Jim Meskimen, Stefan Rudnicki, and a Full Cast (Galaxy Audio)

**CAPTAIN TO CAPTAIN** Greg Cox

Read by Robert Petkoff (Simon & Schuster Audio)

**THE CITY OF MIRRORS** Justin Cronin

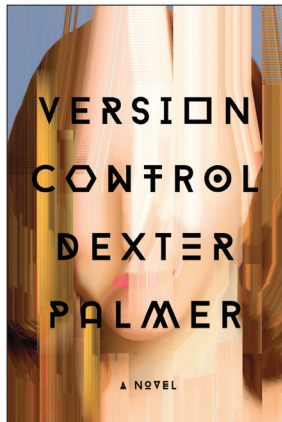
Read by Scott Brick (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

**THE CITY ON THE EDGE OF FOREVER** Harlan Ellison

Read by Harlan Ellison, Scott Brick, LeVar Burton, and a Full Cast (Skyboat Media/Blackstone Audio)



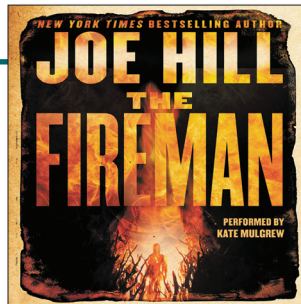
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January LaVoy video

January LaVoy on narrating *Version Control*

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## Science Fiction & Fantasy

### **DAREDEVIL: GUARDIAN DEVIL**

Kevin Smith, Joe Quesada, Richard Rohan [Adapt.]

Read by a Full Cast (GraphicAudio)

### **THE FIREMAN** Joe Hill

Read by Kate Mulgrew (Harper Audio)

### **GHOST TALKERS** Mary Robinette Kowal

Read by Mary Robinette Kowal (Audible, Inc.)

### **JERUSALEM** Alan Moore

Read by Simon Vance (Recorded Books)

### **THE OBELISK GATE** N.K. Jemisin

Read by Robin Miles (Hachette Audio)

### **SERENGETI** J.B. Rockwell

Read by Elizabeth Wiley (Tantor Media)

### **THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF HOPE** Claire North

Read by Gillian Burke (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

### **VERSION CONTROL** Dexter Palmer

Read by January LaVoy (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

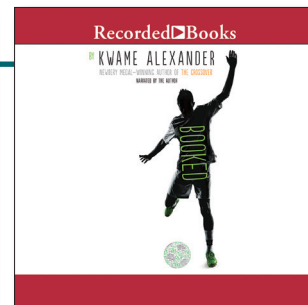
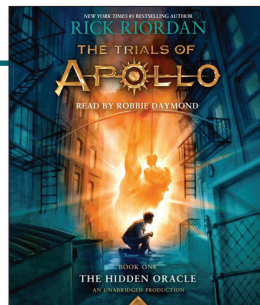
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*"I truly believe the stories we tell our children and young adults shape who they become later in life. I'm honored to be a part of that tradition, and to be able to bring to life a book as epic, diverse, and positive as The Hidden Oracle."*

— Robbie Daymond



## Children & Family Listening

**28 DAYS** Charles R. Smith, Jr.

Read by Dion Graham, William Jackson Harper, Zainab Jah, et al.  
(Live Oak Media)

**THE BIG DARK** Rodman Philbrick

Read by Michael Crouch (Scholastic Audiobooks)

**BOOKED** Kwame Alexander

Read by Kwame Alexander (Recorded Books)

**GRAYLING'S SONG** Karen Cushman

Read by Katherine Kellgren (Recorded Books)

**GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES** The Brothers Grimm

Read by Jim Dale, Janis Ian, Alfred Molina, et al. (Listening Library)

**THE HIDDEN ORACLE** Rick Riordan

Read by Robbie Daymond (Listening Library)

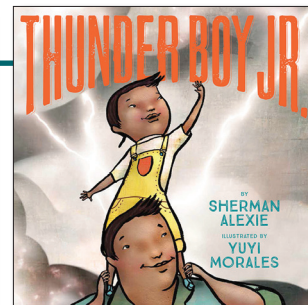
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Katherine Kellgren video

Katherine Kellgren on narrating *Grayling's Song*

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## Children & Family Listening

**ISLAND TREASURES** Alma Flor Ada

Read by Trini Alvarado (Recorded Books)

**OUT OF ABATON: THE WOODEN PRINCE** John Claude Bemis

Read by Ralph Lister (Oasis Audio)

**PAX** Sara Pennypacker

Read by Michael Curran-Dorsano (Harper Audio)

**RAYMIE NIGHTINGALE** Kate DiCamillo

Read by Jenna Lamia (Listening Library)

**SAVE ME A SEAT** Sarah Weeks, Gita Varadarajan

Read by Josh Hurley, Vikas Adam (Scholastic Audiobooks)

**SELECTED POETRY BY LEWIS CARROLL** Lewis Carroll

Read by Roger May (Naxos AudioBooks)

**STAR STUFF** Stephanie Roth Sisson

Read by Peter Berkrot (Weston Woods Studios)

**THUNDER BOY JR.** Sherman Alexie

Read by David Alexie, Sherman Alexie (Hachette Audio)

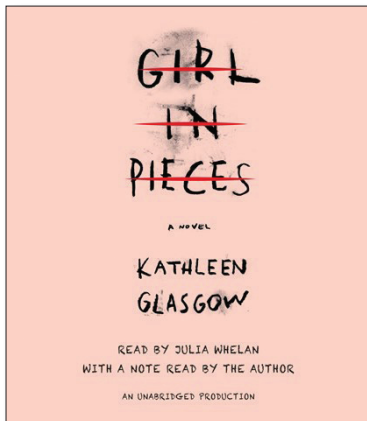
**THE WILD ROBOT** Peter Brown

Read by Kate Atwater (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

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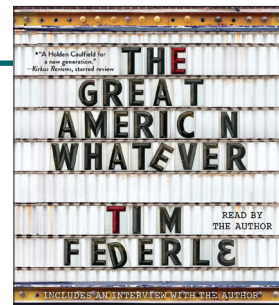
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Julia Whelan video

Julia Whelan on narrating *Girl in Pieces*

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## Young Adult

**AND I DARKEN** Kiersten White

Read by Fiona Hardingham (Listening Library)

**ANNA AND THE SWALLOW MAN** Gavriel Savit

Read by Allan Corduner (Listening Library)

**BEING JAZZ** Jazz Jennings

Read by Jazz Jennings (Listening Library)

**GIRL IN PIECES** Kathleen Glasgow

Read by Julia Whelan (Listening Library)

**THE GREAT AMERICAN WHATEVER** Tim Federle

Read by Tim Federle (Simon & Schuster Audio)

**THE LIGHT FANTASTIC** Sarah Combs

Read by Lauren Ezzo, Todd Haberkorn (Brilliance Audio)

**MY NAME IS NOT FRIDAY** Jon Walter

Read by Dion Graham (Scholastic Audiobooks)

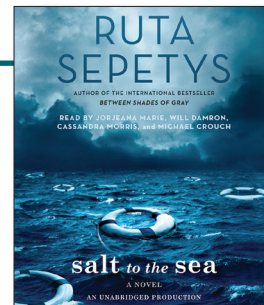
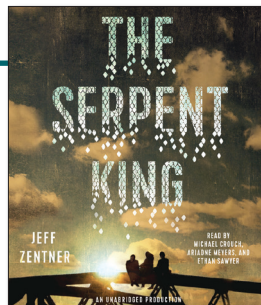
**THE NAZI HUNTERS** Neal Bascomb

Read by Jason Culp (Scholastic Audiobooks)

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*"It was a privilege to record Jeff Zentner's smart, passionate writing in The Serpent King."*  
—Michael Crouch



## Young Adult

**RADIOACTIVE!** Winifred Conkling

Read by Andrea Gallo (Recorded Books)

**THE RAVEN KING** Maggie Stiefvater

Read by Will Patton (Scholastic Audiobooks)

**REBEL OF THE SANDS** Alwyn Hamilton

Read by Soneela Nankani (Recorded Books)

**RIVERKEEP** Martin Stewart

Read by James Cosmo (Listening Library)

**SALT TO THE SEA** Ruta Sepetys

Read by Jorjeana Marie, Will Damron, Cassandra Morris, Michael Crouch (Listening Library)

**THE SERPENT KING** Jeff Zentner

Read by Michael Crouch, Ariadne Meyers, Ethan Sawyer (Listening Library)

**STILL LIFE WITH TORNADO** A.S. King

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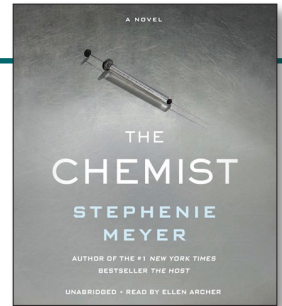
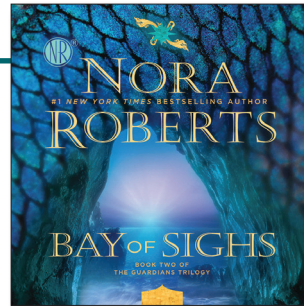
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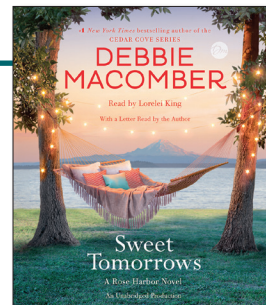
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**THE HUNTER** Kerrigan Byrne

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**THE PERKS OF LOVING A SCOUNDREL** Jennifer McQuiston

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**SWEET GONE SOUTH** Alicia Hunter Pace

Read by Amy Rubinate (Insatiable Press)

**SWEET TOMORROWS** Debbie Macomber

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