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FEBRUARY 2012 EARPHONES AWARDS

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Haruki Murakami

Read by Alison Hiroto, Marc Vietor, Mark Boyett
Three performers ideally complement Murakami's fantastic Japanese tale, creating a cohesive and engaging audio experience.

Audible, Inc./ Brilliance Audio Unabridged

Trade Ed.: **CD, MP3, DD**

Library Ed.: **CD, MP3**

THE ART OF FIELDING

Chad Harbach

Read by Holter Graham

Holter Graham's performance of this bestselling first novel is a home run. Conversation drives this book, and Graham reproduces the interactions realistically and effortlessly.

Hachette Audio Unabridged

Trade Ed.: **CD, DD**

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Library Ed.: **CD, DD**

THE BETTER ANGELS OF OUR NATURE

Steven Pinker

Read by Arthur Morey

Such a gracefully modulated, carefully paced and emphasized reading, at this length, is a bravura performance. Morey makes this important book accessible and engaging for listeners.

Brilliance Audio Unabridged

Trade Ed.: **CD, MP3, DD**

Library Ed.: **CD, MP3**

CATHERINE THE GREAT

Robert K. Massie

Read by Mark Deakins

Those who love history, biography, and fine storytelling will soon be immersed. Mark Deakins turns in an enthralling performance.

Random House Audio Unabridged

Trade Ed.: **DD**

Books on Tape

Library Ed.: **CD**

DEAD LOW TIDE

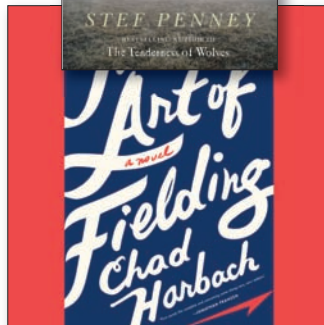
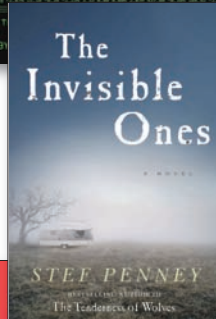
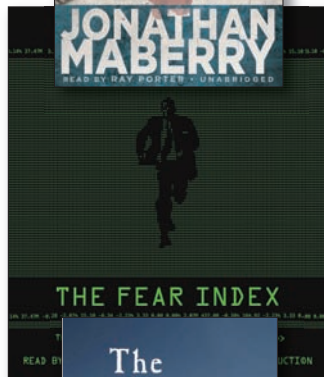
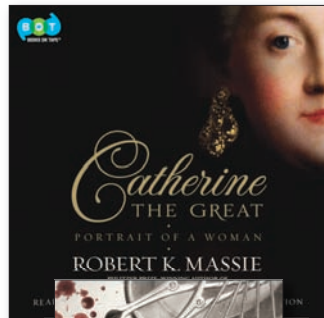
Bret Lott

Read by Dick Hill

Dick Hill's spellbinding narration draws the listener into the heart of this story of murder, family crisis, class divisions, and military secrets set in Charleston, South Carolina.

Dreamscape Unabridged

Trade Ed.: **CD, MP3, DD, PRE**



THE DRAGON FACTORY

Jonathan Maberry

Read by Ray Porter

Porter finds unique voices for all the crazy characters involved in this action-packed Joe Ledger thriller. Listeners will find themselves entranced.

Blackstone Audiobooks Unabridged

Trade Ed.: **CD, MP3, DD**

Library Ed.: **CS, CD, DD**

THE FEAR INDEX

Robert Harris

Read by Christian Rodska

Christian Rodska's narration sets off a "fear response" from the get-go. Unstoppable listening.

Random House Audio Unabridged

Trade Ed.: **CD, DD, PRE**

Books on Tape

Library Ed.: **CD, DD**

THE GODSON

Robert G. Barrett

Read by Dino Marnika

Dino Marnika flawlessly presents an array of Aussies—from political figures and lowlife hit men to a haughty, Shakespeare-quoting snob.

Bolinda Audio Unabridged

Library Ed.: **CD**

THE INVISIBLE ONES

Stef Penney

Read by Dan Stevens

Half-gypsy private investigator Ray Lovell is in the hospital in a state of delirium and paralysis—he's been poisoned. Dan Stevens brings authenticity to the characters.

Penguin Audio Unabridged

Trade Ed.: **DD**

Recorded Books

Library Ed.: **CS, CD, MP3**

LITTLE, BIG

John Crowley

Read by John Crowley et al.

A haunting and suspenseful adventure transports the listener into a realm at once enchantingly ethereal and grounded in our ordinary world. John Crowley knows the essence of this setting best and proves it as narrator, delivering just the right combination of amazement and aplomb.

Blackstone Audiobooks Unabridged

Library Ed.: **CS, CD, MP3, DD**

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MILES: The Autobiography

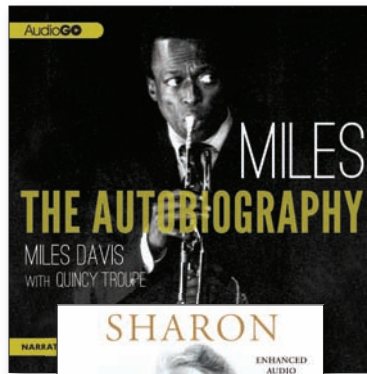
Miles Davis, Quincy Troupe

Read by Dion Graham

Narrator Dion Graham mimics the raspy, gravelly voice of jazz great Miles Davis to perfection. This epic story of one of the world's greatest musicians intrigues and engrosses from first page to last, greatly aided by the sure talents of Graham.

AudioGO Unabridged

Library Ed.: **CD, MP3, DD**



NAUGHTY IN NICE

Rhys Bowen

Read by Katherine Kellgren

Lady Georgiana Rannoch, distant heir to the British throne, could never be truly naughty, but she comes close when she's called into service by Her Majesty to recover a stolen snuff box. Kellgren supplies plenty of distinctive accents and jaunty tones

Audible, Inc. Unabridged

Trade Ed.: **DD**



SELECTED SHORTS: New American Stories

Jhumpa Lahiri, Sherman Alexie, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Aleksandar Hemon

Read by Rita Wolf, B.D. Wong, Boyd Gaines, Condola Rashad

Alexie, Adichie, Hemon, and Lahiri all write painfully moving snapshots of recent immigration, hurtful alienation, and bewildered resignation. An irresistible listening experience featuring ideally paired talent.

Symphony Space Unabridged

Trade Ed.: **CD, DD**



SERIOUSLY, NORMAN!

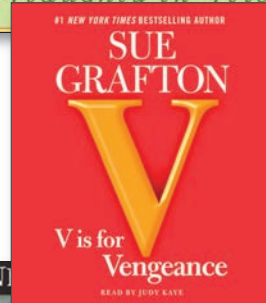
Chris Raschka

Read by Jesse Bernstein

Jesse Bernstein's narration talents are put to good use in this quirky story. His pacing and cadence are perfect for following the story along its wacky and word-filled journey.

Scholastic Audiobooks Unabridged Ages 10+

Trade Ed.: **CD, DD**



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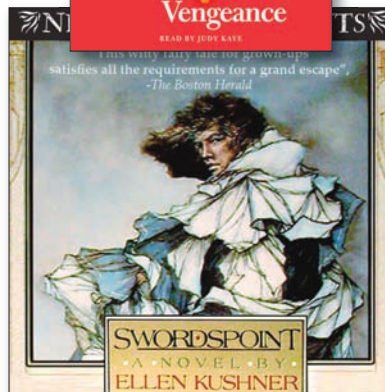
Gilad Sharon

Read by Rich Topol

If you didn't know that this biography of Israeli general and political leader Ariel Sharon is read by Rich Topol, you'd swear it's Sharon's son, Gilad Sharon, doing the narration. A solid, even intimate, reading.

Harper Audio Unabridged

Trade Ed.: **DD**



SOPHIE IS SEVEN

Dick King-Smith

Read by Bernard Cribbins

The Sophie series is a delightfully inspiring example of girl power. Narrator Bernard Cribbins makes listening to strong-willed and sometimes stubborn Sophie laugh-out-loud funny.

AudioGO Unabridged Ages 6+

Library Ed.: **CD, DD**

SOUTHERN GODS

John Hornor Jacobs

Read by Eric G. Dove

Apparently rock and roll really *is* the devil's music. At least, that's what John Hornor Jacobs says in *Southern Gods*, an audiobook so good it's practically sinful. Jacobs's writing and Eric Dove's performance are sublime.

Brilliance Audio Unabridged

Trade Ed.: **CD, MP3, DD**

Library Ed.: **CD, MP3**

SWORDSPPOINT

Ellen Kushner

Read by Ellen Kushner, Dion Graham, Katherine Kellgren, Robert Fass, Nick Sullivan, Simon Jones
Richard St. Vier, swordsman extraordinaire, often fights duels to protect the honor of a noble—or just the highest bidder. Author Ellen Kushner delivers her novel of manners with affectionate humor and perfect phrasing.

Audible, Inc. Unabridged

Trade Ed.: **DD**

V IS FOR VENGEANCE

Sue Grafton

Read by Judy Kaye

This most satisfying latest chapter in the adventures of kick-ass private detective Kinsey Milhone is chock full of irony, humor, clever dialogue, twists, and smart-aleck cracks sure to satisfy the most discerning Grafton fan.

Random House Audio Abridged

Trade Ed.: **CD, DD**

THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS

Isabel Wilkerson

Read by Robin Miles

Robin Miles's interpretation makes Pulitzer Prize-winning author Wilkerson's extraordinary history of the twentieth-century migration of Southern black citizens to Northern and Western cities impossible to put down.

Brilliance Audio Unabridged

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