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### ***LIBRARY JOURNAL* ANNOUNCES THE BEST AUDIOBOOKS OF 2010**

New York, New York, December 17, 2010—What do two postapocalyptic trilogy kickoffs, two nonfiction books on marriage, a baseball novella, an adult/young adult crossover novel, and a biography of President Barack Obama have in common? They're all on the *Library Journal* Best Audiobooks of the year list, along with 25 other titles, including four *LJ* Best Books.

“This year’s selection is especially notable for its breadth. There are novels set in Afghanistan, Africa, India, and China, and nonfiction works in subject areas ranging from law and history to science and travel. Some are read by a single narrator, others are multicast productions; there are audios prerecorded in professional or home studios, and audio recordings of live stage performances. More than any other year, I feel the list contains a title to intrigue every listener,” said *Library Journal* Media Editor Raya Kuzyk.

The audiobooks were nominated by *LJ*'s audiobook reviewers, who voted for titles that resonated the most with library patrons. Selection criteria included quality of content, narration, and sound production.

The complete list appears below; for a synopsis and details about each audiobook, go to <http://bit.ly/dZRKrA>.

Blake, Sarah. *The Postmistress*. CD, MP3-CD (library ed., Blackstone Audio; retail ed., Penguin Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Coes, Ben. *Power Down*. CD (retail ed., Macmillan Audio). digital download.

Cronin, Justin. *The Passage*. CD (library ed., Books on Tape; retail ed., Random Audio). digital download.

Fforde, Jasper. *Shades of Grey: The Road to High Saffron*. CD (library ed., Books on Tape; retail ed., Penguin Audio). digital download.

Francis, Dick & Felix Francis. *Crossfire*. CD (library ed., Books on Tape; retail ed., Penguin Audio). digital download.

Galloway, Steven. *The Cellist of Sarajevo*. CD (retail ed., Naxos AudioBooks). Playaway®. digital download.

Gudenkauf, Heather. *The Weight of Silence*. CD (library ed., Recorded Bks.). Playaway®. digital download.

Hall, Tarquin. *The Case of the Man Who Died Laughing*. CD (library ed., AudioGO). Playaway®. digital download.

Hartnett, Sonya. *The Midnight Zoo*. CD (library/retail eds., Bolinda Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

King, Stephen. *Blockade Billy*. CD (library ed., Recorded Bks.; retail ed., S. & S. Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Koryta, Michael. *So Cold the River*. CD (library ed., AudioGO; retail ed., Hachette Audio). digital download.

Lynds, Gayle. *The Book of Spies*. CD, MP3-CD. (library/retail eds., Blackstone Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Min, Anchee. *Pearl of China*. CD, MP3-CD (library ed., Recorded Bks.). Playaway®. digital download.

Rahimi, Atiq. *The Patience Stone*. tr. from French by Polly McLean. CD, MP3-CD. (library ed., Blackstone Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Slaughter, Karin. *Broken*. CD, MP3-CD (library/retail eds., Brilliance Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Quartey, Kwei. *Wife of the Gods*. CD, MP3-CD (library/retail eds., Tantor Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

## NONFICTION

Alexander, Larry. *In the Footsteps of the Band of Brothers*. CD, MP3-CD (library/retail eds., Tantor Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Bartlett, Allison Hoover. *The Man Who Loved Books Too Much: The True Story of a Thief, a Detective, and a World of Literary Obsession*. CD, MP3-CD (library/retail eds., Tantor Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Braestrup, Kate. *Marriage, and Other Acts of Charity: A Memoir*. CD (retail ed., Hachette Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Conover, Ted. *The Routes of Man*. CD, MP3-CD (library/retail eds., Brilliance Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Fox, Michael, J. *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Future...Twists and Turns and Lessons Learned*. CD (library ed., Recorded Bks.; retail ed., Hyperion Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Hunt, Mame. *Unquestioned Integrity: The Hill-Thomas Hearings*. CD (library/retail eds., L.A. Theatre Works). Playaway®. digital download.

James, P.D. *Talking About Detective Fiction*. CD (library ed., AudioGO). digital download.

Johnson, Marilyn. *This Book Is Overdue! How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All*. CD, MP3-CD (library/retail eds., Tantor Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Kean, Sam. *The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements*. CD, MP3-CD (library/retail eds., Tantor Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Kirkpatrick, Sidney. *Hitler's Holy Relics: A True Story of Nazi Plunder and the Race To Recover the Crown Jewels of the Holy Roman Empire*. CD (retail ed., HighBridge Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Lapierre, Dominique. *A Rainbow in the Night: The Tumultuous Birth of South Africa*. tr. by Kathryn Spink. CD, MP3-CD (library/retail eds., Blackstone Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Macintyre, Ben. *Operation Mincemeat: How a Dead Man and a Bizarre Plan Fooled the Nazis and Assured an Allied Victory*. CD (library ed., Books on Tape; retail ed., Random Audio). digital download.

Parker-Pope, Tara. *For Better: The Science of a Good Marriage*. CD (retail ed., HighBridge Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Remnick, David. *The Bridge: The Life and Rise of Barack Obama*. CD (library ed., Books on Tape; retail ed., Random Audio). Playaway®. digital download.

Shelden, Michael. *Mark Twain: Man in White*. CD (library ed., Recorded Bks.). Playaway®. digital download.

Wilde, Oscar. *The Oscar Wilde Collection*. CD (library/retail eds., L.A. Theatre Works). digital download.

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