

# RECORDED BOOKS PRESS RELEASE

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## RECORDED BOOKS CHILDREN'S AUDIOBOOKS WIN NATIONAL PUBLISHING AWARDS

Prince Frederick, MD – March 8, 2006 -- Recorded Books, the world's premier publisher of unabridged audiobooks since 1979 and a Hights Cross Communications company, said today that 14 of the audiobook titles it published for 2006 have won prestigious national publishing awards.

“We are delighted these new Recorded Books children's audiobook titles have been recognized for high quality and service to children by leading educators and school librarians,” said David Berset, Recorded Books President. “We are proud of our narrators, directors, and technical teams who are so committed to upholding Recorded Books' reputation for excellence. Just as exciting is that teachers and educational researchers are finding that combining print books and audiobooks in classroom reading instruction accelerates students' reading progress.”

Recorded Books said that its winning children's audiobook titles for 2006 are:

- Newbery Medal: *Criss Cross* – author, Lynne Rae Perkins; narrator, Danielle Ferland. The Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.
- Caldecott Medal: *The Hello, Goodbye Window* – author, Norton Juster; illustrator, Chris Raschka; narrator, Stina Nielsen. The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.
- Coretta Scott King Book Award: *Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue* – author, Julius Lester; various narrators. The Coretta Scott King Award is presented annually by the Coretta Scott King Committee of the American Library Association's Ethnic Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table.
- Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal: *Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas* – author, Cynthia Rylant; illustrator, Sucie Stevenson; narrator, George Guidall. The Theodor Seuss Geisel Award is given annually by the Association of Library Services to Children to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished

contribution to the body of American children’s literature known as beginning reader books published in the United States during the preceding year.

- ALSCS Notable Recordings Awards: *Raven’s Gate* (author, Anthony Horowitz; narrator, Simon Prebble); *Private Peaceful* (author, Michael Morpurgo; narrator, Jeff Woodman); *Wolf Brother* (author, Michelle Paver; narrator, Ian McKellan); *The Star of Kazan* (author, Eva Ibbotson; narrator, Patricia Conolly); *Judy Moody Saves the World* (author, Megan McDonald; narrator, Kate Forbes); *The Last Apprentice: Revenge of the Witch* (author, Joseph Delaney; narrator, Christopher E. Welch).
- Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Select Recordings: *The Sea of Trolls* (author, Nancy Farmer; narrator, Gerard Doyle); *Cruise Control* (author, Terry Trueman; narrator, Andy Paris); *Prom* (author, Laurie Halse Anderson; narrator, Katherine Kellgren); *The Truth About Forever* (author, Sarah Dessen; narrator, Stina Nielsen).

#### **About Recorded Books:**

Recorded Books was founded in 1979 and is the world’s largest independent publisher of unabridged audiobooks. Recorded Books provides unabridged books on cassette and CD for consumer markets, libraries, and schools. For more information, visit [www.recordedbooks.com](http://www.recordedbooks.com).

#### **About Hights Cross Communications:**

Founded in 1997 and based in White Plains, NY, Hights Cross is a leading developer and publisher of products for the kindergarten through twelfth grade, or K-12, supplemental education, library, and medical education markets. Hights Cross imprints include: Sundance/Newbridge Educational Publishing (Northborough, MA), Triumph Learning (New York, NY), Buckle Down Publishing (Iowa City, IA), Options Publishing (Merrimack, NH), Recorded Books (Prince Frederick, MD), and Oakstone Publishing (Birmingham, AL). For more information, visit [www.hightscross.com](http://www.hightscross.com).

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