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RECORDED BOOKS' RELEASES DIANA GABALDON'S *A BREATH OF SNOW AND ASHES*

Prince Frederick, MD – November 22, 2005 -- Recorded Books, the world's premier publisher of unabridged audiobooks since 1979 and a Hights Cross Communications company, has released the unabridged audio recording of Diana Gabaldon's latest *New York Times* bestseller, *A Breath of Snow and Ashes*. With more than 12 million print and audio copies sold, Gabaldon continues her remarkable series of Scottish lore, which originated with the 1991 publication of *Outlander*.

The audio recording of *A Breath of Snow and Ashes* features well-known actress and narrator, Davina Porter. Recorded Books has published, and Davina Porter has narrated, unabridged audio recordings of all six titles in the *Outlander* series. Porter, who was originally selected personally by Gabaldon to read the unabridged audio recording of *Outlander*, is one of Recorded Books' founding narrators. She divides her professional activities between theater work and audio recording productions. Born in London, Porter spends summers at the Vineyard Playhouse on Martha's Vineyard and is also Chairman of the Board of the Westport, Connecticut, Community Theater. Porter is a member of *AudioFile*'s "Golden Voices of Audio Books," the magazine's Hall of Fame of exceptional audiobook narrators.

Recorded Books said that at 48 CDs and a playing time of 58 hours, *A Breath of Snow and Ashes* is its lengthiest production to date. The previous record holder was Recorded Books' 2002 audio recording of Gabaldon's *The Fiery Cross*, which came in at 47 CDs and 56 hours.

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.

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.

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