

# **RECORDED BOOKS, LLC**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **RECORDED BOOKS EXPANDS BEST-SELLING “MODERN SCHOLAR” RECORDED LECTURE SERIES**

Prince Frederick, MD – April 18, 2005—Recorded Books, LLC, the premier publisher of unabridged audiobooks since 1979 and a fully owned Hights Cross Communications company, today said demand for its popular Modern Scholar college lecture series is growing and that 16 new titles are planned or in production.

Modern Scholar is a series of recorded college-level courses presented in lecture-style format. The lectures, which are geared toward general-interest readers, were recorded in a professional studio to ensure top audio quality. The Modern Scholar series is currently comprised of 45 courses, each containing 14 lectures, each 35 minutes long. These recorded college-level courses span the academic disciplines – from the natural sciences to religious studies, from politics to world history – and are taught by world-known professors and scholars.

According to David Berset, Recorded Books president and CEO: “The Modern Scholar lecture series is an exciting offering for libraries and individual consumers. These audio recordings are designed to appeal to the same huge public that reads nonfiction, listens to National Public Radio, watches public affairs programs, and occasionally attends continuing education classes. Modern Scholar lectures are also ideal for the millions of adults who commute to and from work every day.”

Modern Scholar courses also include an extensive course guide with added materials and exercises, suggestions for further study, and access to an expansive website with further information, supplemental materials, links to related websites, and a final exam to test comprehension of the subject. Listeners can also go online to the Recorded Books website ([www.recordedbooks.com](http://www.recordedbooks.com)) to take the exam.

Contributing to the Modern Scholar series are such world-acclaimed authors and scholars as:

- Alexander McCall Smith, the *NYT* best-selling author and Professor of Ethics at University of Edinburgh – “Creating Humans: Ethical Questions Where Reproduction and Science Collide.”
- Joseph J. Ellis, Pulitzer Prize-winning, *NYT* best-selling historian and Professor of History at Mt. Holyoke – “Brotherhood of the Revolution: How America’s Founders Forged a New Nation.”
- H.W. Brands, *NYT* best-selling author and Professor of American History at Texas A&M University – “Masters of Enterprise: A History of American Business and Those Who Made It.”
- Colin McGinn, *NYT* best-selling author and Professor of Philosophy at Rutgers University – “Discovering the Philosopher in You: The Big Questions in Philosophy.”
- Felipe Fernández-Armesto, best-selling author and Professor of History and Geography at Queen Mary University of London – “Ideas That Shaped Mankind: A Concise History of Human Thought.”

#### **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 Communications is a premier educational and library publisher dedicated to creating the finest books, audio products, periodicals, software, and online services, serving the following markets: K-12 supplemental education, public and school library publishing, audio books, and medical continuing education publishing. Hights Cross companies include: Sundance/Newbridge Educational Publishing (Northborough, MA), Triumph Learning (New York, NY), Buckle Down Publishing (Iowa City, IA), Options Publishing (Merrimack, NH), Oakstone Publishing (Birmingham, AL), Recorded Books (Prince Frederick, MD), and Chelsea House Publishers (Northborough, MA). For more information, visit [www.hightscross.com](http://www.hightscross.com).

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