

RECORDED BOOKS **PRESS RELEASE**

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RECORDED BOOKS CAPTURES FOUR 2005 AUDIE® AWARDS

Prince Frederick, MD – June 10, 2005 —Recorded Books, the world’s premier publisher of unabridged audiobooks since 1979 and a fully owned Hights Cross Communications company, captured four Audie awards at the annual gala awards ceremony sponsored by the Audio Publishers Association. Recorded Books was one of the top three winners out of 14 winning audiobook publishers.

The Recorded Books 2005 Audie® winners were:

- Non-Fiction, Unabridged: **The Island at the Center of the World** – by Russell Shorto; narrated by L.J. Ganser.
- Personal Development/Motivational: **The Happiest Toddler on the Block** – by Harvey Karp, M.D. with Paula Spencer; narrated by Johnny Heller.
- Solo Narration – Female: **The Full Cupboard of Life** – by Alexander McCall Smith; narrated by Lisette Lecat.
- Multi-Voiced Performance: **My Sister’s Keeper** – by Jodi Picoult; narrated by Carol Monda, Jennifer Ikeda, Julia Gibson, Barbara McCulloh, Andy Paris, Tom Stechschulte, and Richard Poe.

David Berset, Recorded Books’ President and CEO, said: “We are proud to be a major winner of this year’s Audie Awards. For the audiobook industry, the Audie is the equivalent of a Grammy, or Oscar, or Tony. The judges for the Audio Publishers Association’s Audie Awards have once again recognized Recorded Books as an industry leader. We congratulate the authors, narrators, and superb production teams of our 2005 Audie winners as well of our other finalists in this tough competition.”

The Audie® 2005 awards ceremony was held on Friday evening, June 3, 2005, in New York City. Now in its ninth year, The Audies is the only completely juried awards program in the United States entirely devoted to recognizing distinction in audiobooks and spoken word entertainment.

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 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.

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