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FRANK MCCOURT NARRATES UNABRIDGED AUDIO RECORDING OF HIS *NEW YORK TIMES* BEST-SELLING MEMOIR *TEACHER MAN*

Prince Frederick, MD – January 10, 2006 -- 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 Frank McCourt's *Teacher Man*. The third installment of McCourt's hugely successful autobiographical series, *Teacher Man* debuted on December 4, 2005 and remains on the *New York Times* Nonfiction Best Seller list. The Recorded Books unabridged audio recording of *Teacher Man* is narrated by McCourt. This audio recording is available in both cassette and CD formats.

Teacher Man covers McCourt's 30-year career as a New York City school teacher. The book follows two prior autobiographical accounts, *Angela's Ashes* (1996) and *'Tis* (1999). McCourt won an *AudioFile* Earphones Award for the Recorded Books unabridged audio recording of *Angela's Ashes*.

"Literary critics have rightly praised the lyrical and emotive richness of Frank McCourt's prose. This audio recording of *Teacher Man* reinforces those qualities," said Claudia Howard, Recorded Books' Vice President and Executive Producer at the company's Manhattan recording studios. "When authors record their own works, they inevitably add nuance and emphasis that can clarify and deepen their message."

Since the publication of *Angela's Ashes*, McCourt has become a literary superstar. He is the recipient of the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the American Booksellers Association ABBY Award, and the *Los Angeles Times* Book Award. More than four million copies of *Angela's Ashes* are now in print; and it was on the *New York Times* Best Seller list for 117 weeks. Its sequel, *'Tis*, has sold more than two million copies in the United States alone. McCourt's books have been published in more than 20 countries and languages.

McCourt was born in New York City and grew up in Limerick, Ireland. He returned to New York City when he was 19 and earned a bachelors degree from New York University. He taught English for 27 years in New York City schools, including 17 years at Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan.

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