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Recorded Books Wins Big in Annual Award Competitions

Prince Frederick, MD—October 28, 2009— Recorded Books, LLC, the world's largest independent publisher of unabridged audiobooks, and a Hights Cross Communications company, is the proud publisher of an extraordinary number of award-winning 2009 titles in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

In the U.S., three of the five National Book Award Fiction Finalists are published on audio exclusively by Recorded Books:

- *Let the Great World Spin*, by Colum McCann
- *In Other Rooms, Other Wonders*, by Daniyal Mueenuddin
- *Lark and Termite*, by Jayne Anne Phillips

In addition, three of the five “5 Under 35” Award titles, which the National Book Foundation uses to recognize the growing literary talent of five authors under the age of 35, are also published on audio exclusively by Recorded Books, including:

- *Blood Kin*, by Ceridwen Dovey
- *All the Living*, by C. E. Morgan
- *Reasons for and Advantages of Breathing*, by Lydia Peelle

The “5 Under 35” event kicks off the National Book Foundation’s 2009 National Book Awards week, which culminates with the 60th annual National Book Awards ceremony on November 18.

In Canada, two of the five finalists for the 2009 Scotiabank Giller Prize given to the best Canadian novel are published on audio by Recorded Books:

- *The Golden Mean*, by Annabel Lyon
- *Fall* by Colin McAdam.

In the UK, Recorded Books' subsidiary, W.F. Howes, published four of the five Man Booker Prize winner finalists, including the winner, Hilary Mantel's *Wolf Hall*. Howes' four award-winning titles are:

- *Wolf Hall*, by Hilary Mantel
- *The Children's Book* by A.S. Byatt,
- *The Glass Room*, by Simon Mawer
- *The Little Stranger*, by Sarah Waters

"We share with all literature fans around the world great pride in these authors. Recorded Books is grateful for the opportunity to publish these fine works on audio. Anticipating and finding titles of lasting literary quality that add value to our catalog has always been the hallmark of our talented acquisitions team and central to Recorded Books' publishing plan," says Troy Juliar, Vice President of Content and Acquisitions.

About Recorded Books:

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