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Recorded Books Publishes Unabridged Audio Book Edition of *Flipped*, Best-selling Young-Adult Novel by Wendelin Van Draanen

Prince Frederick, MD – September 28, 2010 – Recorded Books, LLC, the world's largest independent producer of audiobooks and a Hights Cross Communications company, announced the publication of the unabridged audio book edition of Wendelin Van Draanen's best-selling coming-of-age novel, *Flipped*. This exclusive audio book is available immediately in audio CD, audiocassette, and Playaway digital audio formats; and is DRM free and iPOD compatible. *Flipped* is the basis of the recent movie of the same name directed by Rob Reiner.

Recorded Books is also the exclusive audio book publisher of Van Draanen's award-winning novel, *Swear to Howdy* (2003).

Van Draanen is daughter of chemists who emigrated to the U.S. from Holland. She worked as a math and computer science teacher before becoming a full-time writer. Her first book was published in 1997, and since then her work has been nominated for State Award Master Lists throughout the United States.

Now in its tenth installment, her Sammy Keyes Mysteries have been nominated multiple times for the Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Children's Mystery, with *Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief* winning the award. Additionally, she has won the Christopher medal for *Shredderman: Secret Identity*; and the California Young Reader Medal for *Flipped*. Her books have been translated into many foreign languages, and have been optioned for film and television projects. She lives in California with her husband and two sons.

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