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Recorded Books Publishes Audiobook Editions of Five National Book Award Finalists

Prince Frederick, MD – November 15, 2010 – Recorded Books, LLC, the world's largest independent producer of audiobooks and a Hights Cross Communications company, today said that it has published audio editions of five titles that are finalists for the 2010 National Book Awards, which will be announced on November 17, 2010 in New York City.

The Recorded Books nominees for the National Book Award for Fiction include *Great House* by Nicole Kraus, which is being published in the US and Canada and *Parrot and Olivier in America* by Peter Carey, which is being published in the UK/Commonwealth. Recorded Books has also published three of the five titles nominated for the Award in Young People's Literature — *Mockingbird* by Katherine Erskine, *Lockdown* by Walter Dean Myers, and *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia.

“We congratulate these talented authors for being named finalists for the coveted National Book Award. Over the decades, Recorded Books has had the honor of publishing audio editions of dozens of National Book Award titles. Our entire company and narrators alike take great pride in presenting the work of so many extraordinary writers,” said Scott Williams, President of Recorded Books.

Established in 1950 and under the leadership of the National Book Foundation, the National Book Awards are presented annually to American authors for literature published in the prior year. The mission of the National Book Foundation is “to celebrate the best of American literature, to expand its audience, and to enhance the cultural value of good writing in America.” National Book Awards are given in the categories of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and young people's literature.

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