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Recorded Books Titles Win 2010 National Book Awards and the Man Booker Prize

Prince Frederick, MD – November 18, 2010 – Recorded Books, LLC, the world's largest independent producer of audiobooks and a Hights Cross Communications company, today said that three of its latest audio editions have won the acclaimed 2010 National Book Awards and the Mann Booker Prize.

At National Book Awards on November 17, 2010 in New York City, top honors went to *Lord of Misrule* by Jaimy Gordon in the fiction category and Kathryn Erskine's *Mockingbird* in the young people's literature category. Other Recorded Books' titles that were nominated included *Great House* by Nicole Kraus, *I Hotel* by Karen Tei Yamashita, *Lockdown* by Walter Dean Myers, and *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia. Earlier this year, another Recorded Books title, Howard Jacobson's *The Finkler Question*, won the 2010 Man Booker Prize. The National Book Award and Man Booker Prize are regarded as the top literary prizes in the United States and UK, respectively.

"We are delighted to congratulate these fine authors for their achievements. The Recorded books acquisitions and production teams have been working hard to expand our line up of top titles. This effort has met with exceptional success," said Scott Williams, President of Recorded Books.

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