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## **Recorded Books Signs Three-Book Deal for Audiobooks Featuring Works by Best-Selling Author Gary Shteyngart**

**Prince Frederick, MD – October 5, 2010** – Recorded Books, LLC, the world's largest independent producer of audiobooks and a Hights Cross Communications company, said it has agreed to publish audiobook editions of three works by best-selling author Gary Shteyngart. The agreement includes Shteyngart's first two novels, *The Russian Debutante's Handbook* and *Absurdistan*, and a future untitled work.

Shteyngart is the author of the Recorded Books exclusive, unabridged audiobook edition of *Super Sad True Love Story*, which debuted at #11 in the summer of 2010 on the *New York Times* hardcover fiction bestseller list.

Shteyngart's work has received numerous awards. *Absurdistan* was chosen as one of the ten best books of the year by *The New York Times Book Review* and *Time* magazine as well as a book of the year by the *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and other publications. *The Russian Debutante's Handbook* won the Stephen Crane Award for First Fiction, the Book-of-the-Month Club First Fiction Award, and the National Jewish Book Award for Fiction.

In June 2010, Shteyngart was named one of *The New Yorker* magazine's "20 under 40" luminary fiction writers. He currently teaches writing at Columbia University and Princeton University.

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