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Dear audiobook fans and *All Things Audio* readers,

First, I want to thank you for your readership and your interest in reading this newsletter to find out about new, excellent, and display-worthy audiobooks for your patrons. It always lifts my spirits when I hear from readers and we connect over a great narration, or a great dog pic. But for the next while, *All Things Audio* will be on hiatus. Audiobook coverage at *Booklist* will continue as it always has—we'll still be in the same spot in the magazine, we'll still have plenty of [Booklist Online](#) audio and video reviews, and we are still offering webinars, too! Now, instead of getting *omg not one more email* every other month, we're consolidating our coverage by putting audiobook reviews in every issue of *Booklist* fan-favorite newsletter [Read Alert](#). To continue getting audiobook coverage, please be sure to [subscribe today!](#) The first audiobook and video reviews will appear in December.

For now, please enjoy this last issue of *All Things Audio*. In addition to some great new titles, we are featuring Indigenous authors and narrators for Native American Heritage Month, and, in a preview of our upcoming end-of-year Star issue, a list of all of our 2020 starred video reviews.

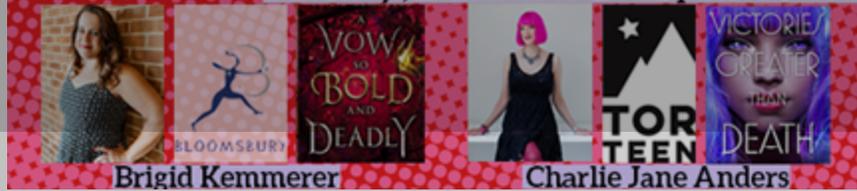
Finally, thanks again for reading (and listening) along with me. As a very special thank you, here are Lizzie and Max, the audiobook section mascots, in all of their Halloween-costumed glory.



—Heather Booth, Audio Editor

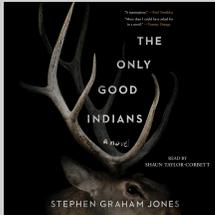
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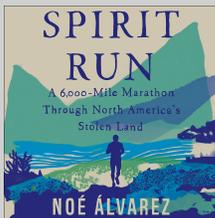
Indigenous Voices for Native American Heritage Month



The Only Good Indians.

By Stephen Graham Jones. Read by Shaun Taylor-Corbett. 2020. 9.5hr. Simon & Schuster Audio, DD, \$19.99 (9781797105550).

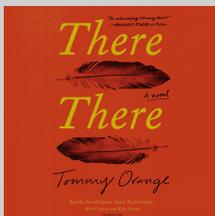
A group of friends reckons with the supernatural impact of a hunting trip 10 years prior. Taylor-Corbett, a member of the Blackfeet Nation like author Jones, narrates with a lulling tone that pulls the listener in immediately and brings out the best of Jones' dark, menacing, surprising prose. [read more→](#)



Spirit Run: A 6,000-Mile Marathon through North America's Stolen Land.

By Noé Álvarez. Read by Ramón de Ocampo. 2020. 5.5hr. HighBridge, CD, \$29.99 (9781696600460).

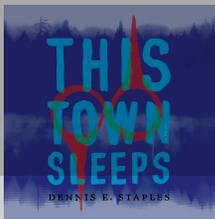
During six months of running, Álvarez tries to find himself in his own culture while striving for freedom and belonging. This memoir, with clear and earnest narration, asks listeners to reassess their preconceived concepts of running, immigration, and indigenous cultures. [read more→](#)



There There.

By Tommy Orange. Read by a full cast. 2018. 8hr. Books on Tape, CD, \$35 (9780525635581).

An ensemble cast of narrators does an impressive job of creating distinctive, emotionally resonant characterizations of all 12 protagonists in Orange's debut chronicling the journey of contemporary Native Americans to the Big Oakland Powwow in California. A performance with authenticity and grace. [read more→](#)

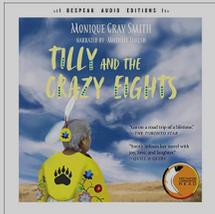


This Town Sleeps.

By Dennis E. Staples. Read by Kaipo Schwab. 2020. 5hr. HighBridge, CD, \$29.99 (9781684578757).

In a debut with cross-cultural interest and drawing on magical realism and folklore, Marion, a gay Ojibwe man, begins a relationship with a closeted white former classmate and is drawn into the decade-old mystery of a murdered teen.

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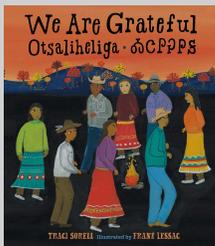


Tilly and the Crazy Eights.

By Monique Gray Smith. Read by Michelle Thrush. 2020. 10hr. ECW, DD, \$30.99 (9781773055589).

Cree actress Thrush evocatively voices award-winning First Nations author Smith's rollicking and deeply affecting road trip novel, and brings authenticity to the narration through her understanding of Cree words and phrases.

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We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga.

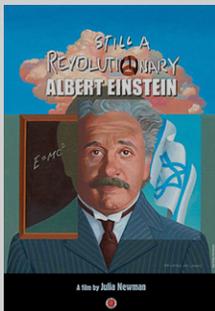
By Traci Sorell. Read by a full cast. 2019. .5hr. Live Oak, CD, \$30.95 (9781430143796). Gr. 1–3.

This Odyssey Award-honored picture book adaptation brings in a full Cherokee cast, authentic background music, and a universal story of the seasons. A unique aural presentation of present-day Cherokees celebrating their traditions.

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Booklist's Starred Videos, 2020

Booklist's video reviewers distinguished these nine films with stars this year.

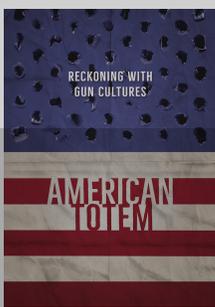


★ **Albert Einstein: Still a Revolutionary.**

80min. First Run Features, DVD, \$24.95.

This nicely shot, well-illustrated program is a wonderful introduction to Einstein's keen mind and powerful sense of morality in a time torn by war and racism.

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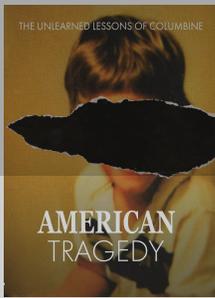


★ **American Totem: Reckoning With Gun Cultures.**

79min. The Video Project, DVD, \$89.

Filmmakers go beneath the emotion and politics of gun culture to seek solutions and understanding in this even-handed documentary.

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★ **American Tragedy.**

80min. Video Project, DVD, \$89.

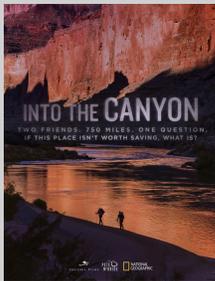
A searing documentary featuring the mother of Dylan Klebold. This moving, beautifully shot program will effectively awaken parents to vital issues surrounding suicide and mental health. [read more→](#)



★ **In the Absence.**

2020. 30min. Grasshopper, DVD, \$350.

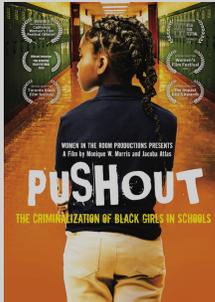
A heartbreaking Oscar nominee showing the bureaucratic incompetence during and after the sinking of a Korean ferry in 2014. [read more→](#)



★ **Into the Canyon.**

2020. 84min. Bullfrog Films, DVD, \$350.

Stunningly beautiful views and an arduous 750-mile hike through the Grand Canyon frame this compelling documentary that persuades viewers of the importance of protecting our National Parks. [read more→](#)



★ **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools.**

79min. Video Project, DVD, \$89.

A thought-provoking look at the ways Black girls are disadvantaged in schools. Ideal for prompting conversations among educators. [read more→](#)



★ **Same God.**

95min. Midgett Productions, DVD, \$250.

A fascinating look at race, religion, and politics that highlights the conflicts between conservative and progressive evangelical movements. Sure to spark discussion. [read more→](#)



★ **Tre Maison Dasan.**

94min. Bullfrog, DVD, \$350.

This exceptional work follows three youngsters with incarcerated parents. An outstanding program. [read more→](#)



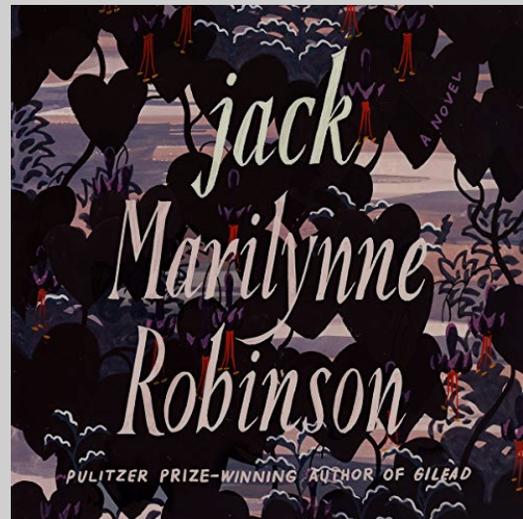
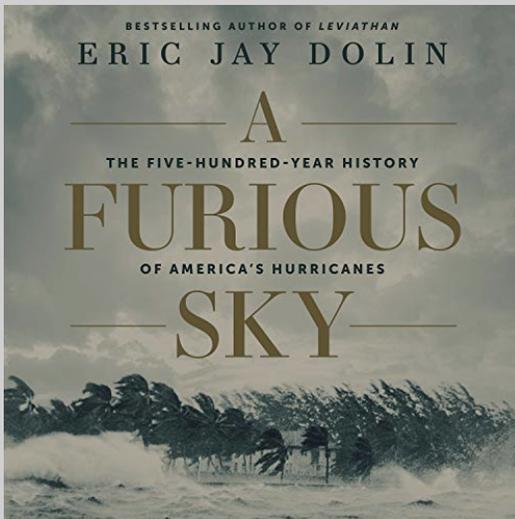
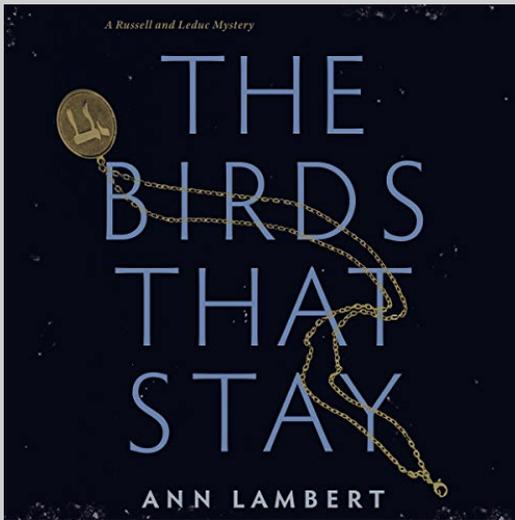
★ The Vote.

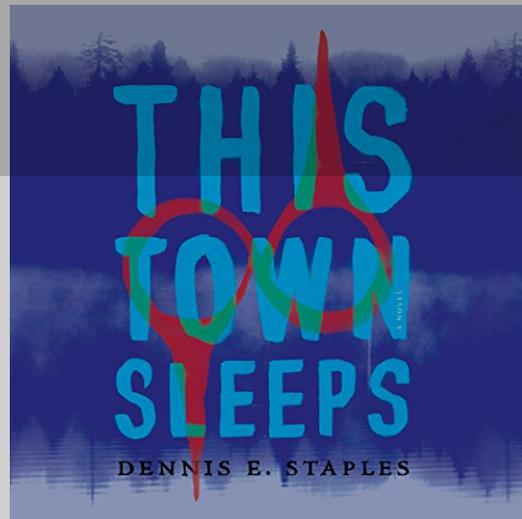
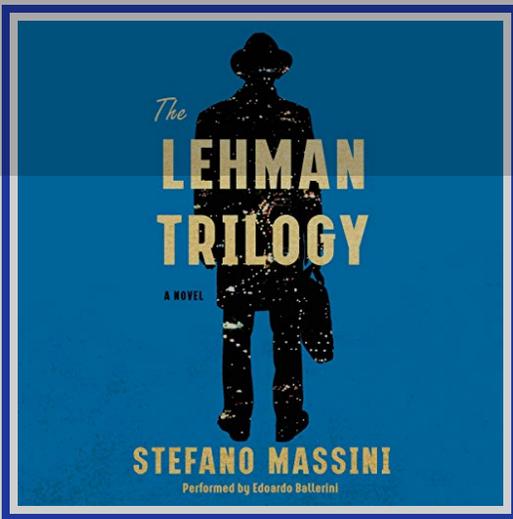
4hr. PBS, DVD, \$29.99.

A comprehensive two-part program about women's suffrage from the PBS history series, *The American Experience*, that doesn't shy away from such thorny issues as the racism connected to the movement. [read more](#)→

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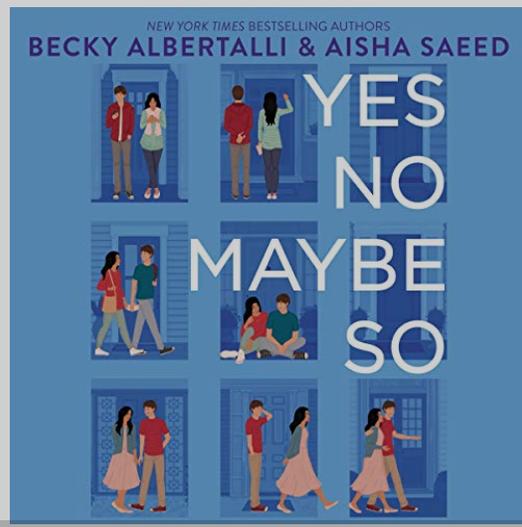
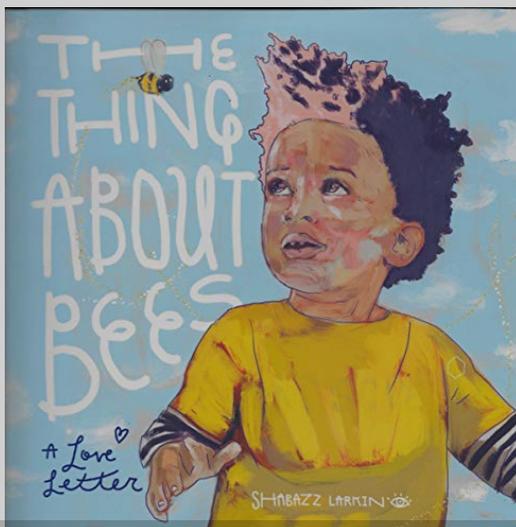
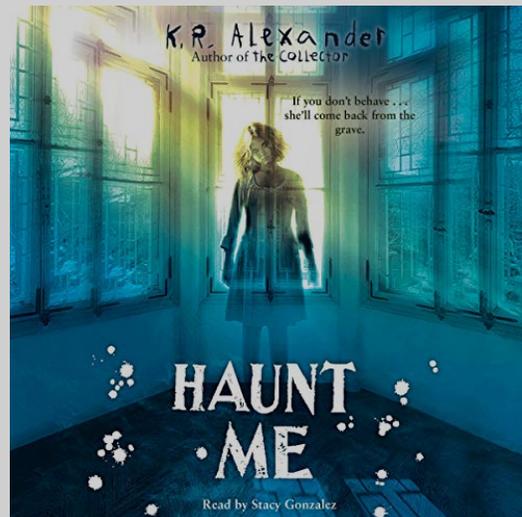
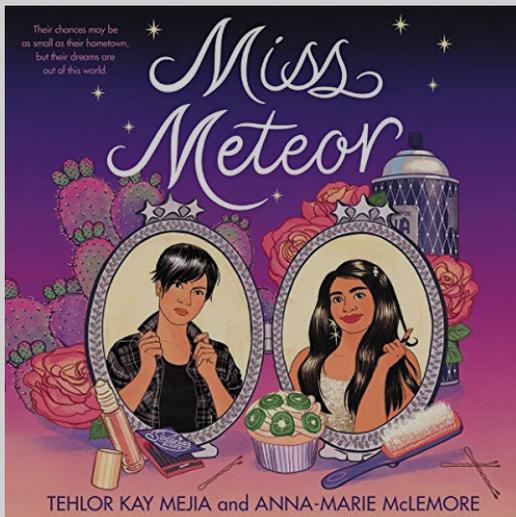
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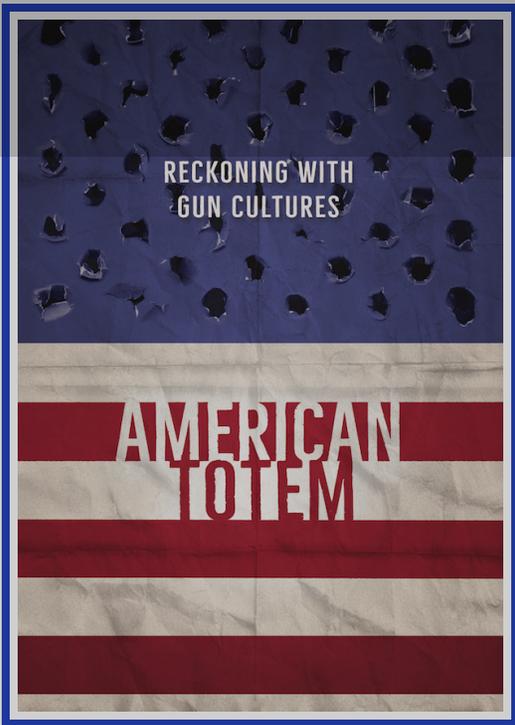


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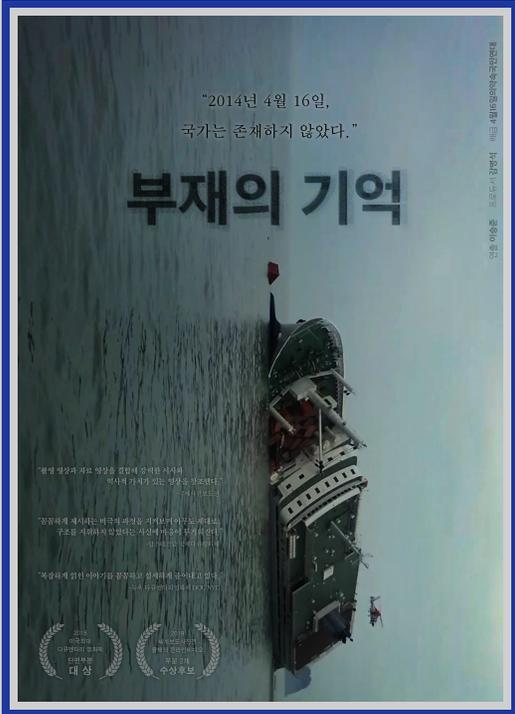
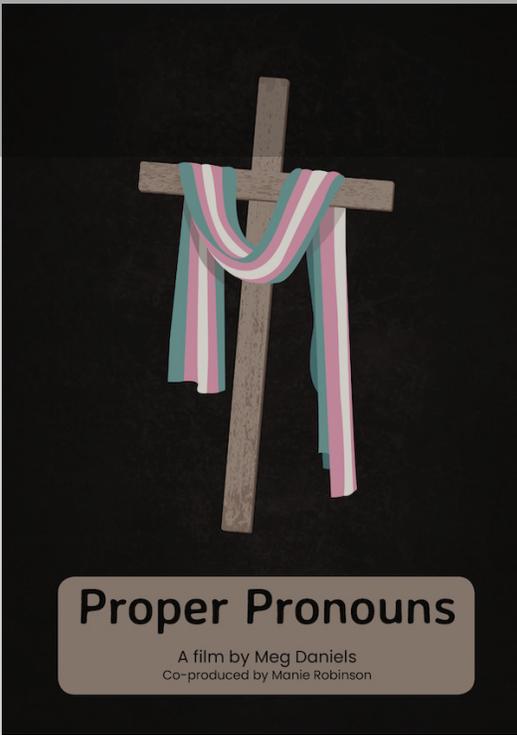
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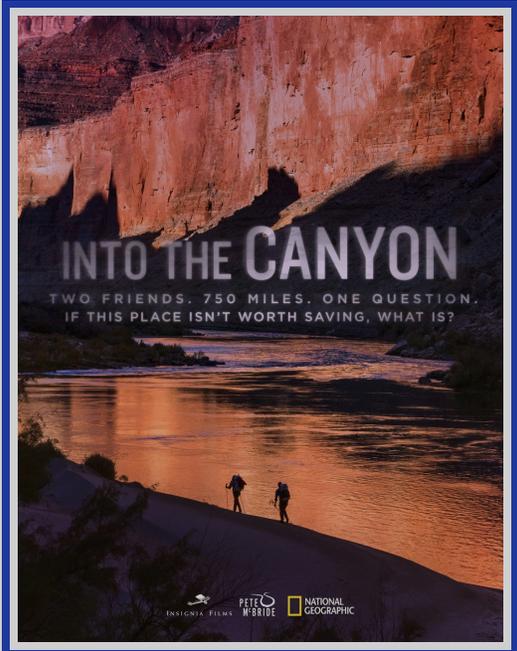
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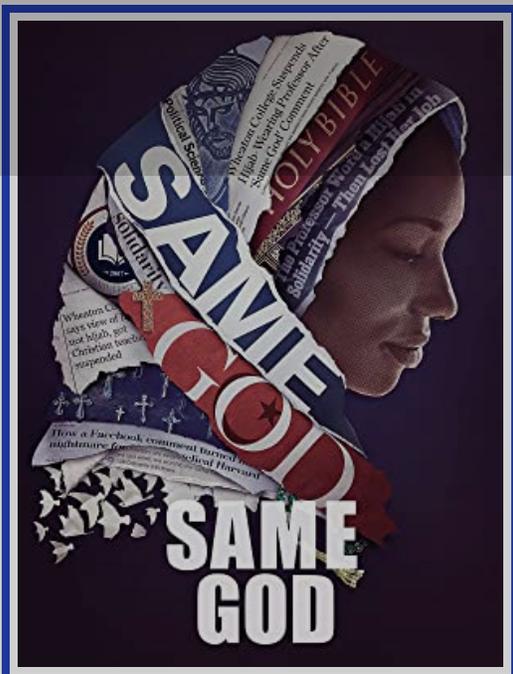
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