

## 2007 Notable Children's Recordings

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***Airborn. Full Cast Audio. 800-871-6809. Elementary/Middle School/YA.***

High adventure, piratical escapades, and family-friendly excitement take center stage in Kenneth Oppel's Printz Honor Book performed by a spectacular full cast.

***Baby Loves Jazz: Go Baby Go! Verve Records. 212-331-2072. Preschool/Elementary.***

An all-star jazz ensemble reinvents kid classics in this production that conducts young listeners through lively tunes to dreamy lullabies.

***The Book Thief. Listening Library. 800-733-3000. YA.***

Allan Corduner masterfully narrates Markus Zusak's horrifying and elegant novel that tells of one foster girl's survival during the Holocaust as she uses books to help her understand and withstand the emotional and physical losses of war.

***Carolinda Clatter! Live Oak Media. 800-788-1121. Elementary.***

Author/illustrator Mordicai Gerstein and Bonnie Kelley-Young tenderly and musically narrate a tall tale of a sleeping giant awakened by a nosy young girl.

***Day of Tears. Recorded Books. 800-638-1304. Middle School/YA.***

The largest slave auction in U.S. history is the backdrop for Julius Lester's powerful novel in dialogue, read by an ensemble cast, detailing multiple viewpoints in a profound and memorable manner.

***Gossamer. Listening Library. Elementary/Middle School/YA.***

Narrator Anne Twomey's subtle reading of this richly imaginative tale reveals the lyrical language of author Lois Lowry.

***Half-Moon Investigations. Listening Library. Elementary/Middle School.***

Listeners will enjoy hard-boiled humor voiced with an Irish lilt by Sean Patrick Reilly in Eoin Colfer's tale introducing 12-year-old detective Fletcher Moon.

***Hondo and Fabian. Weston Woods. 800-243-5020. Preschool/Elementary.***

Jeff Brooks' gentle, fatherly interpretation of Peter McCarty's Caldecott honor book is perfect for bedtime listening.

***I, Coriander. Listening Library. Middle School/YA.***

Narrator Juliet Stevenson mesmerizes listeners with her tour-de-force performance of Sally

Gardner's intricate and multi-layered tale, in which a young girl living in repressive Puritan London is pulled into a fairyland full of wonders and dangers.

***Inch by Inch.* Weston Woods. Preschool/Elementary.**

Enjoy a fresh musical accompaniment and lively narration by Ron McLarty in this captivating new edition of a Caldecott Honor book, written and illustrated by Leo Lionni.

***Jim Gill Sings Moving Rhymes for Modern Times.* Jim Gill Music. 708-763-9864. Preschool/Elementary.**

Preschoolers and kindergartners will be dancing in their seats as they listen to fourteen lively, kid-pleasing songs, enriched by Gill's unpretentious voice and a multiplicity of instruments and styles.

***Lon Po Po .* Weston Woods. Preschool/Elementary.**

Elegant Chinese musical accompaniment, atmospheric sound effects, and powerful interpretations of voices by actor B.D. Wong give this Caldecott-winning folktale by Ed Young just the right amount of drama and mystery.

***Mao's Last Dancer: Young Reader's Edition.* Bolinda Audio. 888-235-2019. Middle School/YA.**

Paul English performs a nuanced reading of Li Cunxin's autobiography detailing a boy's journey from a poverty-stricken Chinese village during the Cultural Revolution to ballet stardom in the West, sure to fascinate listeners of all ages.

***Midnight over Sanctaphrax .* Listening Library. Elementary/Middle School.**

John Lee skillfully voices heroic pirates and fantastic creatures in Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell's imaginative third installment of The Edge Chronicles.

***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.* Listening Library. Elementary/Middle School.**

Judith Ivey captures the voice of china rabbit Edward Tulane and the characters he encounters throughout his journey in this lovely tale by Kate DiCamillo.

***My Haunted House.* Recorded Books. Elementary.**

Katherine Kellgren portrays the crafty voice of Araminta Spookie who launches an awful ambush to discourage potential buyers of her aunt's haunted house in this humorous story by Angie Sage.

***Peter and the Shadow Thieves.* Brilliance Audio. 800-648-2312. Elementary/Middle School/YA.**

Narrator Jim Dale's true-to-form mastery of individual voices for each character will enthrall audio listeners of Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson's fantasy novel.

***Ptolemy's Gate.* Listening Library. 800-773-3000. Elementary/Middle School/YA.**

Simon Jones continues his impeccable narration in this conclusion of the intricately plotted Bartimaeus Trilogy by Jonathan Stroud.

***Rotten Ralph Helps Out.* Live Oak Media. Elementary.**

Jack Gantos reads his own work with just the right tickle in his inflection, inviting beginning readers to join in the fun.

***The Silver Spoon of Solomon Snow.* Recorded Books. Elementary/Middle School.**

Jenny Sterlin reads Kaye Umansky's romp about a foundling searching for his true parents with verve and just the right amount of exaggeration, exacting every ounce of humor from the story.

***SilverFin: A James Bond Adventure. Young Bond, Book One .* Listening Library. Middle School/YA .**

Nathaniel Parker expertly portrays a variety of voices in Charlie Higson's spy novel recounting young James Bond's encounters with bullies, voracious eels, and scientific experiments gone awry.

***Through the Looking Glass and What Alice Found There.* Naxos Audio Books. 877-629-6723. Elementary/Middle School.**

Lewis Carroll's enchanting conclusion to Alice's adventures is delightfully narrated by David Horovitch, Jo Wyatt, and a cast of talented actors.

***The Truth about Magic.* Bolinda Audio. Elementary/Middle School.**

Fantasy fanatics will eagerly follow the adventures of Mr. Tipkins and his two wizardry students in Stanley McGeagh's lively narration of Book One of Dave Lockett's School of Magic series.

***Wickety Whack: Brer Rabbit is Back.* Diane Ferlatte. 510-655-2719. Elementary/Middle School.**

Known for her consummate storytelling, Ferlatte presents a rousingly strong collection of Brer Rabbit stories and songs, with musical accompaniment by Erik Pearson.