

2013 Notable Children's Recordings

Artemis Fowl: The Last Guardian. 7.5hr. [Listening Library](#), 1-800-733-3000. Grades 5-9.

Listeners will be immersed in a world populated with fairies, trolls, and Opal Koboi—Artemis Fowl's archenemy. Nathaniel Parker's energetic performance conveys the rollicking adventures listeners have come to expect from Artemis Fowl. (*2013 Odyssey Honor Audiobook*)

Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring. 45min. [Brilliance Audio](#), 1-800-648-2312. Grades 2 to 6.

The creation of Martha Graham's and Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring* is presented and the music performed in this rich collaboration between the Seattle Symphony and Sarah Jessica Parker.

Can You Canoe? 39min. [The Okee Dokee Brothers](#), 1-612-751-8130. All Ages.

The Okee Dokee Brothers offer a unique experience through music, storytelling, and video on this Mississippi River adventure album.

The Cheshire Cheese Cat: A Dickens of a Tale. 4hr. [Listening Library](#). Grades 4 to 7.

Katherine Kellgren gives vivid personalities to the many voices in this lively cat and mouse tale of Dickensian England.

A Dog's Way Home. 7hr. [Listening Library](#). Grades 4 to 7.

Told in alternate voices, Chuck Carrington and Emily Eiden take us on an emotional journey of unwavering love and devotion as Tam the dog and Abby his owner seek to reunite after many months of separation.

Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct. 7min. [Weston Woods](#), 1-800-243-5020. Grades K to 2.

Mo and Cher Willems use playful voices timed perfectly to upbeat music in this charming tale of a dinosaur and a boy.

The False Prince. 8hr. [Scholastic Audio](#), 1-800-770-4662, Grades 5 to 8.

Charlie McWade makes each unique voice stand out as Sage, an orphan, competes to impersonate a prince in a subversive plot.

The Fire Chronicle. 12.5hr. [Listening Library](#). Grades 4 to 8.

In this sequel to *The Emerald Atlas*, Jim Dale expertly narrates Michael's and Emma's hunt for a missing legendary book while their sister Kate is stranded a hundred years in the past.

Ghost Knight. 5hr. [Listening Library](#), Grades 4 to 6.

As 11-year-old Jon Whitcroft and his new friend Ella seek to solve a century-old mystery, danger threatens their every move. Elliot Hill's narration ably balances the real and ghostly worlds. (2013 *Odyssey Honor Audiobook*)

Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site. 8min. [Weston Woods](#), 1-800-243-5020, PreK to Grade 2.

Dion Graham reads with deep rumbling "big rig" tones as the trucks in a construction site quietly settle in for the night.

The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case. 1hr. [Listening Library](#). Grades 2 to 4.

Precious Ramotswe, a clever, thoughtful girl, has all it takes to be a No. 1 detective! Adjoa Andoh reads with enthusiasm and creativity, giving this story great appeal.

Knuffle Bunny Free: An Unexpected Diversion. 10min. [Weston Woods](#). PreK to Grade 2.

The Willems family recalls the story of when Knuffle Bunny took a major detour during their trip to visit Trixie's grandparents.

The Library Dragon. 21min. [Peachtree Publishers](#), 1-800-241-0113. Grades K to 3.

Carmen Agra Deedy is on fire with enthusiasm as she voices her own tale of a thick-skinned library dragon who loses her scales.

Little Seed: Songs for Children. 30min. [Smithsonian Folkways](#). 1-800-410-9815. All Ages.

Elizabeth Mitchell's gentle voice embraces the genius of America's musical bard, Woody Guthrie.

Merry Christmas, Splat. 6min. [Weston Woods](#). PreK to Grade 2.

John Keating's narration and Scotty Huff's jazzy music set a festive mood as Splat tries to be good enough for a visit from Santa.

The Mighty Miss Malone. 8hr. [Listening Library](#). Grades 4 to 7.

The hardships and courage of Deza Malone and her family during the Great Depression are read passionately by Bahni Turpin.

The Mighty Sky. 31min. [BNC Records](#), 1-800-342-0295, Grades 2 to 5.

A beautiful amalgam of science and art, this album and outstanding accompanying materials celebrate astronomy through a variety of musical genres.

The Notorious Benedict Arnold. 7hr. [Listening Library](#). Grades 6 to 8.

The story of Benedict Arnold, America's first traitor, is narrated with suspense and intrigue by Mark Bramhall.

One Year in Coal Harbor, 5.5hr. [Listening Library](#). Grades 4 to 7.

With a great deal of wit and charm, Kathleen McInerney voices Primrose Squarp's continuing story in Coal Harbor as she plays matchmaker and supports an effort to stop logging on the town mountain.

Ozomatli Presents OzoKidz, 37min. [Hornblow Recordings/Megaforce Records](#), 1-845-358-7270. All Ages.

The lively blend of hip-hop, rock, reggae, funk, and Latin music will have kids and parents dancing and singing along.

The Red Hen. 5min. [Weston Woods](#). PreK to Grade 2.

A creative rendering of the traditional "little red hen" story with Walter Mayes' narration and Caleb Miles' music that matches the lively, zany illustrations accompanying the story.

Same Sun Here. 6hr. [Brilliance Audio](#). Grades 5 to 8.

Through letters, River and Meena reveal their personalities, their hardships and successes, as they become friends. Authors Silas House and Neela Vaswani use their accents to help strengthen the listening experience.

A Sick Day for Amos McGee. 8min. [Weston Woods](#). PreK to Grade 2.

David de Vries' warm rich voice brings out the animals' feelings for their beloved zookeeper, in this charming audio that shows the power of friendship.

Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World. 3hr. [AudioGO](#), 1-800-621-0182. Grades 5 to 8.

Meredith Mitchell convincingly portrays the unique point of view of this brilliant scientist and her ability to think in pictures and develop humane ways to treat animals.

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster. 5hr. [Listening Library](#). Grades 4 to 8.

With the use of multiple narrators, the story of this disaster is told from the viewpoints of a number of survivors.

Wonder. 8hr. [Brilliance Audio](#). Grades 4 to 7.

Diana Steele, Nick Podehl, and Kate Rudd recount the story of Auggie, a fifth-grade boy born with severe facial abnormalities, and the challenges and triumphs of his first year at school.

Words in the Dust. 8.5hr. [Scholastic Audio](#). Grades 5 to 8.

Ariana Delawari's narration creates intense visuals and emotions as we enter the world of Zulaikha and the challenges she faces as a young woman in modern Afghan society.

** Running times rounded to the nearest 1/2 hour or hour.*

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