

POINTERS FOR PARENTS

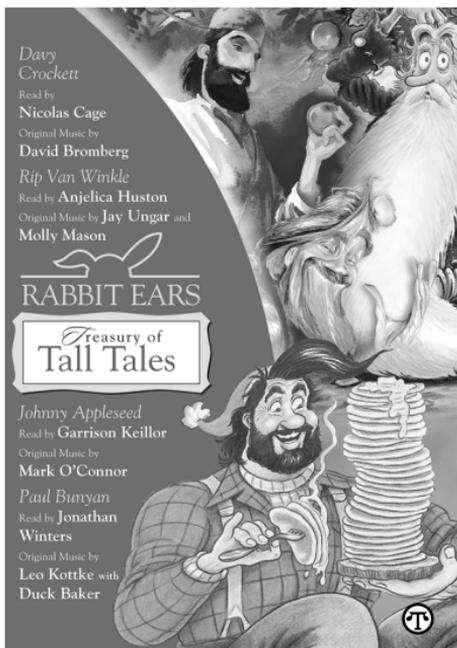
New Audio Books Entertain And Enlighten

(NAPSA)—Imagine Glenn Close reading *The Emperor and the Nightingale* to your little ones. Or Jack Nicholson telling them Rudyard Kipling's classic tale *How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin*. Well, you don't have to attend some exclusive event to hear these stars read to your children, because the new Rabbit Ears series of audio books is available to everyone. Each audio book in the series contains a variety of classic children's stories read by A-list celebrities and accompanied by an incredible selection of music. The winning combination is sure to please listeners of all interests and ages.

There's *Rabbit Ears Treasury of Fairy Tales* for those hooked on all things magical. This enchanting collection features *Thumbelina* read by Kelly McGillis, *The Talking Eggs* read by Sissy Spacek, *The Fisherman and His Wife* read by Jodie Foster and *The Emperor and the Nightingale* read by Glenn Close. The two-disc collection also showcases the musical talent of Mark Isham, Michael Doucet and Van Dyke Parks.

For those fascinated with learning about different cultures, there's *Rabbit Ears Treasury of World Tales*, which includes *Aladdin and the Magic Lamp* read by John Hurt, *Anansi* read by Denzel Washington with original music by UB40, *East of the Sun, West of the Moon* read by Max von Sydow and *The Five Chinese Brothers* read by John Lone.

Enjoy a bit of United States history with *Rabbit Ears Treasury of American Tall Tales*. You can't help but smile as Jonathan Winters narrates *Paul Bunyan*. Nicolas Cage, Anjelica Huston and Garrison Keillor also give outstanding performances with their readings of *Davy Crockett*,



For those who like hearing classic children's stories, a new audio book series offers them in an entertaining new format.

Rip Van Winkle and *Johnny Appleseed*.

Children can also learn some wonderful life lessons as they listen to *Rabbit Ears Treasury of Fables*. This incredible collection includes *The Three Little Pigs* and *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* read by Holly Hunter, *Rumpelstiltskin* read by Kathleen Turner, *The Tiger and the Brahmin* read by Ben Kingsley and *The Ugly Duckling* read by Cher. The fables highlight the importance of preparation and hard work and reinforce the value of inner beauty.

Each of the four collections in the Rabbit Ears series, available from Listening Library for \$19.95 each, is full of gems your entire family will treasure. For more information, visit www.rabbitears.randomhouse.com. And be sure to look for the illustrated book and CD edition of *The Velveteen Rabbit*, read by Meryl Streep, available exclusively at Starbucks.