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**RANDOM HOUSE AUDIO'S LISTENING LIBRARY ACQUIRES
"HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS" BY J.K. ROWLING**

**UNABRIDGED AUDIOBOOK NARRATED BY JIM DALE
ON SALE JULY 21, 2007 IN U.S. & CANADA**

(New York, March 26, 2007)—Random House, Inc.'s Listening Library, the children's audio imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group, has acquired all North American audio publishing rights to J.K. Rowling's HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS, the seventh and final title in the acclaimed series. The audio edition will be published unabridged on compact disc and cassette and go on sale in the United States and Canada on Saturday, July 21, 2007, simultaneously with the book's hardcover edition. Jim Dale, the renowned narrator of the first six Harry Potter audios, will once again record and bring to life all the characters in HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS. The audiobook edition of HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS will be more than twenty-one hours in length. Both the CD and the cassette retail editions will be priced at \$79.95 U.S./\$99.95 CAN.

Listening Library was represented in the recently concluded negotiations for the North American audiobook rights for the novel by David Naggar, President, Random House Audio, Diversified, Travel and Information Groups. Christopher Little of the Christopher Little Literary Agency in London represented the author. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

Harry Potter is the most successful children's audiobook publishing series in the history of the medium. Listening Library has been the North American audio publisher for all six previous Harry Potter novels. There are over five million copies of the first six Harry Potter titles in print all in Listening Library editions. Among the accolades earned by the audio series are the Grammy® Award in 2000 for "Best Spoken Word Album for Children" and the 2003 Audie Award for "Audiobook of the Year." In 2006 the Harry Potter audiobook series was inducted into the Audiobook Hall of Fame, an honor bestowed by the Audio Publishers Association.

Jim Dale's remarkable narrations of the Harry Potter novels have earned him the Grammy Award (2000), four Grammy nominations, and several Audie Awards. Queen Elizabeth II named Dale a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for his work narrating the series and bringing British Children's literature to an American audience.

All Harry Potter titles are available unabridged in both cassette and CD formats from bookstores and libraries. Books on Tape, also a division of the Random House Audio Publishing Group, will distribute the title in the library and educational markets. In conjunction with the release of the new volume, Listening Library will be redistributing and cross-promoting HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE (1999), HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS (1999), HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN (2000), HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (2000), HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (2003) and HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE (2005) with all its retailers and distributors.

Information about the entire Listening Library audio series, including short samples from the first six titles, is available at the newly-updated web site, <http://harrypotter.randomhouse.com>.

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HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS

Unabridged

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12 Cassettes, ISBN 978-0-7393-6039-2, \$79.95 U.S./\$99.95 CAN

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