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**BEST WISHES FOR THE
COMING NEW YEAR
FROM YOUR STAFF AT
THE
TALKING BOOKS
LIBRARY**



*Front Row Left to Right: Donna Engle, Erma Porter, Marion Sessoms
Back Row Left to Right: Sarah Smedley, Pat Mistretta, Shelly Paul*

Notes from Pat Soule-Mistretta

Talking Books Librarian

- ◆ Welcome to the first edition of Soundwaves.
This winning title was submitted by Mr. Ron Winblad, and was selected best out of 107 entries.
Mr. Winblad has been an active Talking Books patron for nearly five years. He and his wife make their home in the North County area.
- ◆ The Soundwaves logo was designed by Library Associate Donna Engle, our newest employee in Talking Books and obviously, our Artist in Residence.
This issue also includes a book review by Donna about a blind artist.
- ◆ Library Associate and Volunteer Trainer Erma Porter is also featured in this issue. Erma has selected a variety of mystery stories for her “Erma’s Picks” entry.
- ◆ Shelly Paul, our Library Associate who works diligently to provide the cleanest, and best working cassette players sent out to you, has some handy tips for troubleshooting cassette playing and listening



Tape Player Tips

By Shelly Paul

If the narrator's voice is talking too fast when you insert a cassette, try the following:

Stop the tape

Take the tape out of the player

Tap the tape lightly on a table top or other hard surface

Put the tape back in the player and try it again

Make sure the speed control button is on 15/16

The speed control button is the third button above the volume control

The speed control button is a rocker switch – it rocks back and forth

Make sure this button is pushed down to the left

If these tips do not help the problem, call us @ the Talking Books Library, 1-888-780-5151, Monday – Friday , from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.



ERMA'S PICKS

Reader Advisor/Volunteer Trainer Erma Porter recommends these books with a Florida flair for your mystery reading enjoyment. Please complete the attached request form and mail it back or phone in your requests.

RC058649 *Skinny Dip* by Carl Hiaasen. A woman enlists an ex-cop in a plot to take revenge on her husband, a crooked marine biologist who tried to kill her. Bestseller 2004.

RC055550 *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen. Middle school student Roy has moved from Montana to South Florida. He befriends a boy named Mullet Fingers and his step-sister who are trying to prevent a pancake house chain from building a restaurant over a colony of burrowing owls. Last spring's hit movie featuring Florida music star Jimmie Buffett.

RC058386 *Picture Me Dead* by Heather Graham. After spying a friend nearly dead on I -95, south Florida police cadet Ashley Montague investigates. Her search leads to homicide detective Jake Di Lessio. Together they explore possible links and their desire. Explicit descriptions of sex, violence and strong language.

RC057560 *Luck of the Draw* by Caroline Garcia-Aguilera. Summoned to their parents' home in Miami, Cuban –American Esmeralda Montoya and three siblings learn their mother vividly dreamed of getting back and restoring the family's confiscated Havana casino, La Estrella. But planning and return must wait until Esmeralda finds Diamond, her youngest sister living in Las Vegas. Some strong language.

RC058544 *Captiva* by Randy Wayne White. South Florida . A fishing dispute turns deadly for vandal Jimmy Darroux, who dies when his home-made bomb explodes. Government agent-turned marine biologist Doc Ford and his aging hippie friend Tomlinson locate Jimmy's sexy widow and try to stop the escalating violence. Some strong language, some descriptions of sex and some violence.

Erma's Picks Order Form

Please Check off your selections:

RC 058649 _____
Skinny Dip by Carl Hiaasen

RC 055550 _____
Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

RC 058386 _____
Picture Me Dead by Heather Graham

RC 057560 _____
Luck of the Draw by Caroline Garcia-Aguilera

RC 058544 _____
Captiva by Randy Wayne White

RC 060742 _____
A Brush With Darkness by Lisa Fittipaldi

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- Fold over this form
- Write your name and address in the upper left corner
- No Postage Required- "Free Matter for the Blind & Physically Disabled" covers return postage

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BOOK REVIEW

RC60742 A BRUSH WITH DARKNESS: LEARNING TO PAINT AFTER LOSING MY SIGHT

DONNA M. ENGLE

If this book is inspirational, it is certainly not candy-coated. In this true memoir, Lisa Fittipaldi takes us to the deepest depths of her despair as she deals with the reality of her vision loss. Then we ascend out of the abyss as she learns to see life, love and relationships in a new enlightened way. At the height of her depression, her husband Al buys Lisa, who has never painted a thing in her life, a child's water color set and decides she should engage in art therapy. After she dashes off a quick but delightful painting, he decides to send her to a professional art school. There starts her long journey back to life. Her art becomes a touchstone to the reality of a 3 dimensional world she is denied by her blindness. She takes painting to its fullest potential becoming an internationally known artist. Through the challenges of blindness and a chronic disease, her inner vision grows. Lisa begins to trust herself, and becomes a more optimistic person. She learns to accept the help of her husband Al and many friends while not succumbing to a totally dependant lifestyle. Lisa and her husband overcome what seem to be insurmountable odds, with a courageous spirit and love of life. This is more than just a book about a blind painter; it is an encouraging and uplifting story that truly reveals the tenacity of the human spirit. To see Lisa Fittipaldi's paintings go to www.blindartist.com. To find out how she paints read the book!





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