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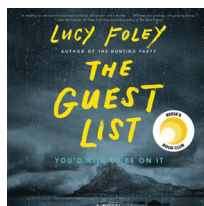
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Colgan, Jenny. *500 Miles From You*. 10 CDs. HarperAudio. (Scottish Bookshop, Bk. 3). 2020. 11:03 hrs. ISBN 9781094160078. \$39.99. Digital download. f

In Colgan's third book set in Kirrinfief in the Scottish Highlands, the characters are nurses who conduct home visits. After a tragic incident involving a young man, Lissa struggles with daily life in London. Cormac is back in Kirrinfief after serving as a medic in the military. When the HR department suggests that Lissa take a break from the city by doing a job share swap with someone from a rural area, she is as reluctant as Cormac at first to agree, but eventually they do. For three months, the pair swap jobs, patients, living accommodations, and cars—all the while communicating daily about patient information. While the inevitable outcome of the two finally meeting and seeing each other for the first time (no pictures or social media to give each other clues) pays off near the very end, it's the relationships they build with the people in their swapped cities that are most interesting. **VERDICT** This fun, light-hearted romance is made even more enjoyable by Eilidh Beaton's fantastic narration. Recommend to fans of Beth O'Leary's *The Flatshare*.—Courtney Pentland, Omaha, NE

Daré, Abi. *The Girl with the Louding Voice*. digital download. Books on Tape. 2020. 12:06 hrs. ISBN 9780593168738. \$95. f

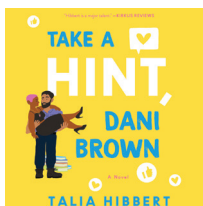
If reading various dialects on the page is at all challenging, allow Adjoa Andoh to immediately immerse you in the mellifluous



A locked-room mystery for Foley fans; Hibbert's latest is a superlative romance

Nigerian English patois Daré infuses into her empowering debut novel. At 14, Adunni is denied the education she so longs for, and is sold by her father to become an abusive older man's third wife. Adunni survives because of the protective friendship of the second wife, but a horrific tragedy sends Adunni running to Lagos. She's tricked into indentured servitude in a wealthy home, where she literally steps into the left-behind shoes and uniform of her predecessor, who seemingly disappeared without warning. Despite her new mistress's relentless violence and the master's vulgar advances, Adunni finds unexpected friendships and, eventually, the "louding voice" she so desires. Chameleonic British actor Andoh prodigiously voices—sings, cries, chuckles—a myriad cast with convincing distinction. Adunni often can't get her thoughts out fast enough, her husband remains an ugly threat, the wealthy Lagos couple bounce between shrieking competition and wheedling sideshow, Miss Tia's posh British voice encourages. **VERDICT** Discerning readers should grab this fresh and exhilarating book in which ever medium proves most accessible.—Terry Hong, Smithsonian BookDragon, Washington, DC

★Foley, Lucy. *The Guest List*. 9 CDs. HarperAudio. 2020. 9:54 hrs. ISBN 9781094156446. \$25.99. Digital download. f



An audiobook that has it all—an excellent cast of narrators (Jot Davies, Chloe Massey, Olivia Dowd, Aoife McMahon, Sarah Owens, and Rich Keeble), a fascinating locale and premise, and enough twists and turns to keep listeners engaged up until the very end. We hear from each of the main characters right away—the bride, the groom, the bridesmaid, the best man, the wedding planner, and the plus one. Listeners know that someone dies the night of the wedding, but, as with Foley's previous book, *The Hunting Party*, the deceased's identity is not revealed until late in the game. After the small group of characters arrives at the remote island off the coast of Ireland, it doesn't take long before the cracks begin to show. Each of the characters brings their secrets, insecurities, and grudges along to the island. With the details of the murder, motives, and killer's identity revealed slowly as the tension ramps up, listeners will find themselves unwilling to stop listening the very end. **VERDICT** This audiobook weaves a spell that's difficult to resist, especially for fans of locked-room mysteries. Highly recommended for all public libraries.—Gretchen Pruett, New Braunfels P.L., TX

★Hibbert, Talia. *Take a Hint, Dani Brown*. 10 CDs. HarperAudio. (Brown Sisters, Bk. 2). 2020. 10 hrs. ISBN 9781094162089. \$39.99. Digital download. f

This second entry in Hibbert's "Brown Sisters" series is a winner. After a sweet video of friends Danika and Zafir goes viral, they decide to capitalize on their sudden social media popularity. The attention benefits Zaf's nonprofit program, which uses sports to help boys process their feelings and prioritize their mental health. Dani, a witch, believes that Zaf is literally the answer to her prayers for an uncomplicated sexual relationship. The pair see pretending to be in a romantic relationship for a month as a way to achieve both of their goals. As they grow closer, they navigate Zaf's anxiety disorder and mental health challenges and Dani's wariness of romance and discomfort with



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