



Unforgettable audiobooks, and notes from BEA

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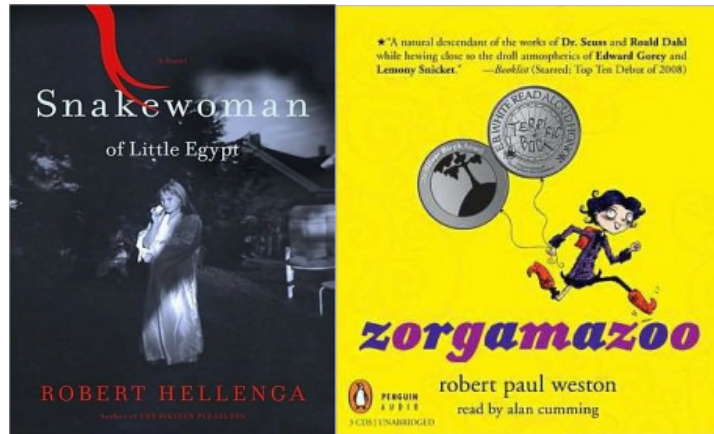
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A big crew from BookPage is at BEA right now (come say hello at booth #4367!), and I've already received two fun updates this morning.

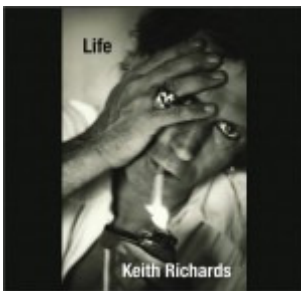
Web Editor Trisha Ping ran into **Mindy Kaling** as she was signing books. Trisha took pictures and reports that Kaling was really nice. Kaling's *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)* comes out on November 1, and [we've been excited about it](#) since April.

I learned from Associate Publisher Julia Steele and Contributing Editor Sukey Howard that last night's **Audies** were a big success. The [Audies](#) recognize the best in audiobooks and spoken word entertainment and are sponsored by the Audio Publishers Association. Both Julia and Sukey were judges of this year's competition. They're especially well-suited for this task; Sukey writes BookPage's [audio column](#), and Julia listens to audiobooks for fun more than anyone on our staff.



Sukey judged the literary fiction category, and the winner is **Snakewoman of Little Egypt** by Robert Hellenga (Tantor Media). Sukey’s thrilled with this choice because she *loves* the recording and is hoping the award will inspire people to pay attention to the book.

Julia’s category was “solo narration by a male.” The winner is **Zorgamazoo** by Robert Paul Weston (Penguin Audio), a Dr. Seuss-like story for big kids. Julia says the recording is delightful—no surprise since it’s read by Alan Cumming!—and she smiled the whole time she was listening.



The audio of the year is **Life** by Keith Richards, read by Richards, Johnny Depp and Joe Hurley (Hachette Audio). [Listen to a preview of Life](#) here on the blog, where we posted an excerpt of Richards reading the intro and Depp reading the opening scene.

Reader favorite [Adriana Trigiani](#) (of Big Stone Gap fame) emceed the ceremony, and Julia told me she was “hilarious, irreverent and made the event really fun.” Lucky for us, Trigiani recently [tweeted](#) that the event will be re-aired on Sirius/XM radio.



Behind the scenes at the Audies: Narrator Joe Hurley and Hachette Audio's Michele McGonigle, winners of Audiobook of the Year for 'Life'.

Did any readers make it to the Audies? What is your favorite audiobook of the year? Of all time?

You can find the complete list of winners on TheAudies.com.

Psst: Make sure you come back to The Book Case the week of June 13. We've scheduled a fantastic contest in honor of audio month, and you will not want to miss it.

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