



Get Caught Listening – June Is Audiobook Month

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*Joysann is a wonderful addition to **Beyond Her Book**. Besides working at a library, she reads constantly and is a huge advocate of the spoken word. Audiobooks play a big part in her world which is how Joysann became a reviewer for Publishers Weekly's audio books. June is one of her favorite months since it celebrates audiobooks and she's always in a partying mood. Today Joysann shares her insights and love of listening to books.*

The Audio Publishers Association (APA) has declared **June is Audiobook Month**, and I think that's worth celebrating. Anyone well acquainted with me knows that they have to get my attention and wait for me to tug out my earbuds before they can talk to me, because I'm busy, thank you. Whatever it appears I'm doing, I'm really off in whatever fantasy world or living whatever exciting life is happening in my audiobook. I love audiobooks, and since June is Audiobook Month, I would like to celebrate by bringing them to your attention.

I spend a lot of time with audiobooks; I blurb about audiobooks, I write reviews about audiobooks, I babble about audiobooks, but mostly I just enjoy listening to audiobooks. I'm pretty strictly a fiction listener, but I know that, for those who enjoy them, non-fiction audiobooks can be as fascinating, for many of the same talented performers narrate them. I can no longer make a list of my favorite narrators, I enjoy so many. Readers nowadays are so talented and professional, and we listeners expect nothing less.

I've wondered what goes into the production of an audiobook, and marveled at the effort and discipline that must be involved, but who could I ask?

Well, multi-award winning narrator (and, okay, a favorite) **Scott Brick** has endeavored to describe it this month on Twitter. Using hashtag **#NARR8**, he, along with other narrators and other industry professionals, is presenting fans with a daily Tweet in response to commonly asked questions. Each #NARR8 Tweet is accompanied by a link to a brief

YouTube video where Scott and/or guest relates the message (here's a *favorite favorite*). If you're not a Twitterer, [you can find these brief messages here](#) , and [follow along](#). They're already fascinating, and we're only into the second week. I'm really looking forward to seeing who joins in the fun during the rest of this Audiobook Month.

Bottom Line: Give an audiobook a try...it may surprise you.

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