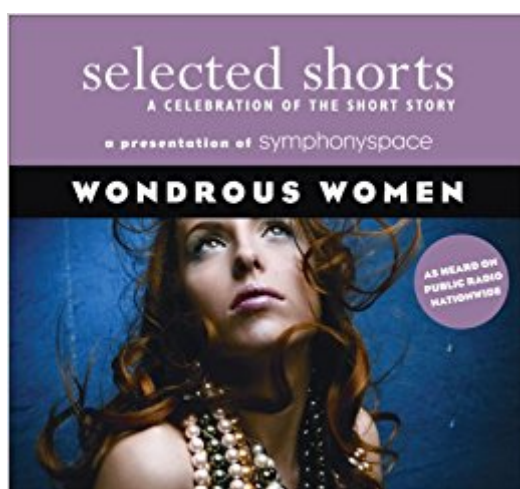


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# Selected Shorts: Wondrous Women (Selected Shorts: A Celebration Of The Short Story)



## Synopsis

Recorded live at Peter Norton Symphony Space in New York City and at venues across the United States, these audio anthologies feature short stories from the Selected Shorts program that airs nationwide. More than 300,000 listeners tune in to this offering weekly to hear spellbinding tales read aloud by an assortment of terrific actors. Strong female protagonists grace this collection of passionate stories dedicated to mothers, daughters, wives, and lovers. A woman splurges on an irresistible coat that becomes her and transforms her; a feisty teenager who has grown up as her activist mother's poster-child realizes the strength of her own convictions; and a young peasant woman saved from drowning is suddenly drawn to her rescuer and hopeful about her life. Features stories including Kim Edwards' "The Story of My Life" read by Holly Hunter, Teolinda Gers' "The Red Fox Fur Coat" translated by Margaret Jull Costa and read by Kathleen Chalfant, Allan Gurganus' "It Had Wings" read by Marian Seldes, David Haynes' "Taking Miss Kezee to the Polls" read by Michael Genet, D. H. Lawrence's "The Horse Dealer's Daughter" read by Jon DeVries, and Richard Russo's "The Whore's Child" read by Harold Gould.

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Starred Review. According to these well-chosen stories, a wondrous woman is foxy, resilient, stubborn and a bit magical. In David Haynes's Taking Miss Kezee to the Polls, the title character is a fiery octogenarian with a flaming red wig to match. Michael Genet delivers Miss Kezee's sassy

proclamations with aplomb and brilliantly renders the bewilderment and compassion of the good-hearted young man who has been delegated to chauffeur her around town. In Kim Edwards's *The Story of My Life*, Holly Hunter is pitch-perfect as the spunky teenage daughter of an antiabortion activist, reclaiming her right to individual choices. Two of the stories involve a touch of magical realism. In Allan Gurganis's *It Had Wings*, a frail widow takes full advantage of an angel who falls into her yard. Marian Seldes performs the woman's narrative slowly and carefully as surely such a woman would address us. In contrast, Kathleen Chalfant takes us slowly but sensuously through a humble bank clerk's lust for *The Red Fox Coat* she covets until she becomes one with it. This touching and hilarious collection of well-crafted tales is beautifully rendered by its performers. (Jan.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

The Listen Up Awards: The Best Audios of 2008, Publishers Weekly Best AudioBooks of 2007, AudioFile Magazine Showcases six pieces about women, ranging from the 16-year-old daughter of an antiabortion activist in Kim Edwards's 'The Story of My Life' to the woman of 80 who discovers a wounded angel in her backyard in Allan Gurganus's 'It Had Wings.' Despite the variety of ages and social situations, all the tales feature strong women who assert themselves, despite the circumstances. "Not much else beats the pleasure of a great story read aloud. This is the inspiration behind the marvelous *Selected Shorts: A Celebration of the Short Story* at New York City's Symphony Space." "As usual, the collection is nicely eclectic, with a sprinkling of well-known names and stories that run the gamut of emotion from funny to tragic. The D.H. Lawrence story is perhaps the only off-note in the collection, which, overall, is well presented and satisfying. Fans of the short story may well find a new author to pursue in this set."

Nothing like a good Short Story for killing time in the road! This superb collection of short stories, are very well interpreted by the readers; One of the best Audio materials I bought on 2008A MUST buy, for any Short Story lover, of any age

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