Nationally recognized nature writer and anthologist John A. Murray has compiled his ninth volume of some of the best new nature writing by both well-known and emerging writers. The selections in this year's edition span many environments, from Glenn Vanstrum's look at the faraway wild of the arctic's Brooks Range to Penelope Grenoble O'Malley's examination of suburban life in the Santa Monica Mountains north of Los Angeles to Jill Hindle's odyssey from raucous, diverse New York City to a new home in peaceful Saxtons River, Vermont. Contains some descriptions of sex. 2002. (1 sound cartridge (7 hours, 55 minutes))

True stories of persons who have given of themselves to help others and believe that, in the process, they benefitted more than the persons that they helped. Collected by a member of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Includes tips for finding a good fit for volunteering and for recruiting others to join you in volunteering. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 9 hr. 35 min.))

Sam Kinney must find out if the weird spice Aunt Slyvie puts in his macaroni and cheese is causing him to eat everything he sees, including
paste, dishwashing soap, dog food, and dirt. Grades 6-9. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 1 hr. 35 min.))

DC008325  Captain Underpants and the attack of the talking toilets: the second epic novel

Author: Pilkey, Dav.
Narrator: Leonard, Nancy.

George and Harold are usually responsible kids...whenever anything bad happens, George and Harold are usually responsible! And it looks like they're up to their old tricks again! First, they ruined the school's science fair with a series of silly pranks. Then, they accidentally created an army of evil, vicious, talking toilets, intent on taking over the world. Who will stop the carnivorous commodes?!!!? This looks like a job for Captain Underpants! 1999. (1 hour, 4 minutes)

DC008290  Captain Underpants and the perilous plot of Professor Poopypants: the fourth epic novel. Captain Underpants: #4

Author: Pilkey, Dav.
Narrator: Leonard, Nancy.

George and Harold aren't bad kids. They just like to "liven things up" for everybody. Unfortunately, their thoughtful jokes sometimes get them into a LOT of trouble. And when Professor Pippy P. Poopypants becomes their new science teacher...well, George and Harold almost cause the entire planet to be taken over by a maniacal, mad-scientist guy in a giant robot suit! Who will stop the perilous plot of Poopypants?!!!? This looks like a job for Captain Underpants! (1 sound cartridge (1 hour, 8 minutes))
DC008284  Civilized assertiveness for women: communication with backbone--not bite

Author: McClure, Judith S.

Narrator: Presents communication techniques for women who want to be assertive without being pushy or rude. Includes learning how to say no; confronting conflict and uncomfortable situations; asking for a raise at work and help at home; and dealing with toxic competition at work. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 5 hr. 7 min.))

DC008210  Click: a novel

Author: Whipple, Dan.

Narrator: Devany, Maurice.

Sharp-tongued, hard-drinking freelance photographer "Mick" McClary finds himself caught up in a rare murder investigation in tiny Pushroot, Wyoming. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 10 hr. 50 min.))

DC008269  Dancing in combat boots: and other stories of American women in World War II

Author: Funke, Teresa R.

Narrator: Zier, Beverley.

Eleven fictional stories representative of the millions of housewives and mothers who took off their aprons and stepped into the factories, offices and hospitals to do the work of husbands, sons and brothers who were called to war. Grades 4-7. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 4 hr. 40 min.))
DC008257  The education of Ruby Loonfoot

Author: Riddle, Paxton.
Narrator: Woodson, Marie.

A story of three women—one immersed in traditional Indian ways; one trying to break away and an ardent Catholic; and one caught in the middle of both trying to retain her Indian identity in the face of daily proselytizing, continual debasement of her race and culture, and physical abuse. Strong language. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 11 hr. 20 min.))

DC008268  Emotional unavailability: recognizing it, understanding it, and avoiding its trap

Author: Collins, Bryn C.
Narrator: Lederhos, Louise.

Describes the most common types of emotionally unavailable partners and offers skills that can be used to change associations with them. Gives the emotionally unavailable partner techniques for learning to connect with another person. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 10 hr.))

DC008303  Forever today: a memoir of love and amnesia.

Author: Wearing, Deborah.
Narrator: Lederhos, Louise.

Clive Wearing is one of the most famous, extreme cases of amnesia ever known. In 1985, a virus completely destroyed the memory part of his brain, leaving him trapped in a limbo of the constant present. Since then, every conscious moment is for him as if he has just woken from a ten-year coma, repeated in an endless loop. A brilliant conductor and BBC music producer, Clive was at the height of his success when the illness struck. 2005. (1 sound cartridge (11 hours, 10 minutes))
DC008266  Growing up with the country: childhood on the far western frontier.

Author: West, Elliott.
Narrator: Briggs, Stephanie.

Uses original source materials to present the settling of the West as experienced by the children of the time. If they had not had families and children, the explorers and pioneers that we know about would not have settled down and established homes in the West. The author portrays life in sod houses, log cabins, and mining towns; the world of nature and animals; and the tragedy of death through the eyes, ears, and emotions of the children. Winner of best nonfiction award from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 12 hr. 42 min.))

DC008270  Hawks rest: a season in the remote heart of Yellowstone

Author: Ferguson, Gary.
Narrator: Jaunarajs, Visvaldis.

Gary Ferguson, a former Forest Service ranger, sets off on a 140-mile hike expecting a quiet summer tracking wolf packs and communing with nature. Instead, he finds the wild and beautiful core of Yellowstone National Park, a refuge for the disenfranchised of society, including greedy outfitters, troubled juveniles becoming familiar with nature, park rangers turned enforcers, and more. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 6 hr. 10 min.))

DC008295  In quest of manhood: a personal remembrance of the birth and development of raw courage in our hearts as we fought our nation's enemies on the battlefields in World War II

Author: Inscho, Lee.
Narrator: Serkowski, Bob.

A reminiscence of an American who fought in World War II, spent time as a POW, and subsequently escaped. The author describes how he developed his understanding of people and gained an appreciation of the best that human beings can be in the midst of the worst of what we can do to each other. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. (1 sound cartridge (5 hr. 12 min.))

DC008279 The Indian tipi: its history, construction and use

Author: Laubin, Reginald.
Narrator: Miller, Dolores.

As The Indian Tipi makes obvious, Plains Indians are both practical people and natural artists. Their inventions are commonly both serviceable and beautiful. The conical tipi of the Plains tribes can be pitched by one person. It is roomy, well ventilated at all times, cool in summer, well lighted, proof against high winds and heavy downpours, and, with its cheerful fire inside, snug in the severest winter weather. (1 sound cartridge (14 hours, 30 minutes))

DC008267 La gente: hispano history and life in Colorado

Author: C. de Baca, Vincent.
Narrator: Rios, Laverne.

Thirteen authors chronicle Hispano history and life in Colorado. Included are essays about a woman's place in the West; the beginnings of Denver's Sacred Heart College, now Regis University; the coal strike of 1913-14 and the resulting Ludlow Massacre; and 1960's Chicano activism. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 12 hr. 35 min.))
DC008302  Lift as you climb: public speakers inspire and communicate straight from the heart

Author: 
Narrator:  Van Wyhe, Kate.

A collection of stories, poems, and positive thoughts on various subjects meant to inspire persons of all ages. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 5 hr. 55 min.))

DC008305  The Midnight ride of Blackwell Station

Author:  Finley, Mary Peace.
Narrator:  Loughry, Andrea.

Nine-year-old Raephy McDowell is NOT a snoop. At least, she doesn't think so. She's mighty curious, though. Who wouldn't be with talk of a brand new town where there's nothing for miles except for the Santa Fe Railroad Station. 2010. (1 sound cartridge (1 hr. 25 min.))

DC008280  The Moche warrior: an archaeological mystery. Lara McClintoch ; #3

Author:  Hamilton, Lyn.
Narrator:  Gloeckner, Cathy.

Antiques dealer Lara McClintoch picks up a box of what she thinks are worthless Peruvian reproductions only to find they are authentic Moche artifacts. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 9 hr. 40 min.))

DC008288  Mostly sunny, partly cloudy: Pam Daale's journal of a strong fight with breast cancer

Author:  Daale, Pam.
Narrator:  Zier, Beverley.

In the summer of 2002, Pam Daale was diagnosed with breast cancer. She used her battle with cancer to help others, and her words have
inspired thousands fighting the disease. Pam died from breast cancer in April 2004 but left behind a rich legacy, one of courage, faith and hope. (1 sound cartridge (3 hr. 43 min.))

DC008250 Mythmakers of the west : shaping America's imagination

Author: Murray, John A.
Narrator: Huckins, Sharon.

This book is about the American West--its myths and the people who shaped them. But it goes well beyond cowboys, settlers and miners. Mark Twain, John Wayne, Zane Grey, even Willie Nelson make the list of mythmakers of the West. The book also covers such unexpected topics as Marilyn Monroe, John Denver, the Beach Boys and the Mormon Tabernacle. The book explains the concept of the West and why the author included certain subjects. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 9 hr. 45 min.))

DC008277 Native American games and stories

Author: Bruchac, James.
Narrator: Huckins, Sharon.

In traditional Native American culture, games and storytelling are important parts of life. This book intersperses traditional stories and teachings with descriptions of games that young Native Americans play. For grades 3 to 6. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 2 hr. 5 min.))

DC008289 Neptune's chariot : a novel

Author: Sternberg, Irv.
Narrator: Lederhos, Louise.

In the 1850's, Americans watch proudly as the U.S. builds a fleet of swift and beautiful clipper ships. Eighteen-year-old Elizabeth Godwin, daughter of a merchant, is determined to shape her own destiny. She
meets the captain of a clipper, and embarks on a journey that will take
them around the world. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 10 hr. 5 min.))

DC008258  New beginnings
Author:  McCain, Pat.
Narrator:  Rudoff, Joanne.

Alex Williams travels to Scotland at the invitation of two misty
entities and discovers a three-hundred-year-old mystery and a love
story. She also has a chance at romance if her best friend Sammy’s
selfish behavior doesn’t ruin everything. Some strong language. (1
sound cartridge (ca. 8 hr.))

DC008286  New pictures of an old murder: a Highlands Ranch
mystery; #1
Author:  Turner, Jonna.
Narrator:  Briggs, Stephanie.

Val Atwell is a minister’s wife and mother of five living in Highlands
Ranch, Colorado. Her life is shattered when her photojournalist sister
dies in an automobile accident. Three years later, Val’s daughter finds
a roll of film that suggests that the automobile accident may really
have been a murder. Some violence. (1 sound cartridge (8 hr. 23 min.))

DC008298  Only in Boulder: the county’s colorful characters
Author:  Pettem, Silvia.
Narrator:  Rios, Laverne.

A selection of columns written by historian Silvia Pettem, whose
specialty is writing about Boulder County. Includes tidbits about
Indian Jack, Lena Dwight, Glenn Miller, Horace and Baby Doe Tabor,
and outlaw Tom Horn. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 4 hr. 30 min.))
DC008292  Our national parks : celebrating America's natural splendor

Author:  
Narrator: Van Wyhe, Kate.

History and descriptions of national parks in the United States. Discusses the roles of George Catlin, Henry David Thoreau, George Perkins Marsh, Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and others in the development of the concept of conservation of natural beauty by setting aside national park lands. Parks featured include Yosemite, Yellowstone, Sequoia, Rocky Mountain, Mount Rainier, Mesa Verde, Hawaii Volcanoes, Zion, Acadia, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Grand Teton, Shenandoah, Olympic, Denali, Wrangell-St. Elias, Glacier Bay, Gates of the Arctic, Katmai, Kenai Fjords, Big Bend, Everglades, Petrified Forest, Canyonlands, Redwood, Channel Islands, Haleakala, Joshua Tree, and Death Valley. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 2 hr. 40 min.))

DC008273  Outrider : poems, essays, interviews

Author:  Waldman, Anne.  
Narrator: Woodson, Marie.

A collection of poetry, essays, and interviews by and with Anne Waldman, who is associated with the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics at Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 6 hr. 40 min.))

DC008281  Searching for spice

Author:  DiMaria, Megan.  
Narrator: Crandall, Nancy.

Linda Revere longs to have a passionate relationship with her husband, a no-nonsense science teacher at a community college. Life, however, makes it hard, so she prays for help. (1 sound cartridge (10 hr. 17 min.))
**DC008291  Shadowcasting : an introduction to the art of flyfishing**

**Author:** Dietsch, John.

**Narrator:** Jaunarajs, Visvaldis.

An introduction to flyfishing written by two veterans of the sport. Includes the importance of observation, the art of casting, use of dry flies and nymphs, and netting and handling fish. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 5 hr. 35 min.))

**DC008304  Soaring Eagle**

**Author:** Finley, Mary Peace.

**Narrator:** Domenico, Norine.

Julio, a thirteen-year-old boy in 1845, finds friendship and a clue to his identity while living with the Cheyenne tribe that rescued him on the Santa Fe Trail. Award winner. 1998. (1 sound cartridge (4 hours, 45 minutes))

**DC008275  Speck : the life and times of Spencer Penrose**

**Author:** Olson, Robert C.

**Narrator:** Serkowski, Bob.

A biography of Spencer "Speck" Penrose, who flouted the Philadelphia heritage into which he was born to make his own fortune in the Wild West. He became involved in various businesses including real estate, mining, manufacturing, and politics; and was loved, feared, hated, and admired all at the same time by peers, family, friends, and enemies alike. (1 sound cartridge (ca. 5 hr. 5 min.))
DC008282  Ute tales

Author:  Smith, Anne M.
Narrator:  Rudoff, Joanne.

Folk tales of the Ute Indians collected by an anthropologist who studied at Yale University. Anne Smith studied Utes of the Uinta in Utah and the White River and Uncompaghre bands in Colorado. This collection represents a portion of the tales that she collected. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. (1 sound cartridge (6 hr. 22 min.))