



## Michelle Obama, Rick Rubin, and Senator Bernie Sanders are GRAMMY® Award nominees

*The Light We Carry*, *The Creative Act* and *It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism* are nominated for Best Audio Book, Narration, and Storytelling Recording

NEW YORK, NY (November 10, 2023) – Former First Lady **Michelle Obama**, legendary music producer **Rick Rubin**, and **Senator Bernie Sanders** have earned 2024 GRAMMY® Award nominations for their audiobooks *The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times*; *The Creative Act: A Way of Being*; and *It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism*, read by the authors and published by Penguin Random House Audio.

The #1 *New York Times* audio bestseller *The Light We Carry* is former First Lady Michelle Obama's inspiring follow-up to her acclaimed memoir *Becoming*, in which she shares practical wisdom and powerful strategies for staying hopeful and balanced in today's highly uncertain world. Drawing from her experiences as a mother, daughter, spouse, friend, and First Lady, she shares the habits and principles she has developed to successfully adapt to change and overcome various obstacles—the earned wisdom that helps her continue to “become.” Mrs. Obama won a GRAMMY® in 2020 for her narration of *Becoming*; her book about the White House Kitchen Garden, *American Grown: The Story of the White House Kitchen Garden and Gardens Across America*, was a Best Spoken Word Album nominee in 2013.

[Listen to a clip from \*The Light We Carry\*.](#)

Rick Rubin is a legendary music producer and a master at helping people connect with the wellsprings of their creativity. *The Creative Act* was a project many years in the making that offers that same deep wisdom to all of us. *The Creative Act* distills the knowledge Rubin gleaned from a lifetime's work into a luminous listening experience that puts the power to create moments—and lifetimes—of exhilaration and transcendence within closer reach for all of us. This is Rubin's 19<sup>th</sup> GRAMMY® nomination; he has nine previous wins. In 2016, Rubin was honored with the Recording Academy®'s President's Merit Award during the Producers & Engineers Wing's annual GRAMMY® Week event in recognition of his creative and sonic excellence and ongoing support for the art and craft of recorded music.

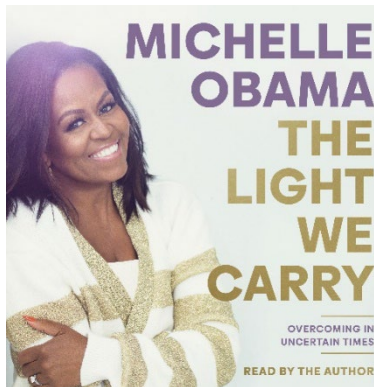
[Listen to a clip from \*The Creative Act\*.](#)

*It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism* is Senator Bernie Sanders' progressive takedown of the uber-capitalist status quo that has enriched millionaires and billionaires at the expense of the working class, and a blueprint for what transformational change would actually look like. Reflecting on our turbulent times, he reveals what would be possible if a political revolution took place, if we would finally recognize that economic rights are human rights, and if we would work to create a society that provides a decent standard of living for all. It is not some utopian fantasy; it is democracy as we should know it. This is Senator Sanders' second GRAMMY® nomination; his book *Our Revolution: A Future to Believe In* was a Best Spoken Word Album nominee in 2018.

[Listen to a clip from \*It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism\*.](#)

*The Light We Carry* was produced by Dan Zitt and Scott Cresswell and is also available in print from Crown; *The Creative Act* was produced by Dan Zitt and Rick Rubin and is also available in print from Penguin Press; *It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism* was produced by Linda Korn and is also available in print from Crown.

The nominations were announced via livestream today by the Recording Academy®. The 66<sup>th</sup> Annual GRAMMY Awards® will be broadcast live from Los Angeles on Sunday, February 4. Penguin Random House Audio titles have previously earned 17 GRAMMYs®, including the 2021 Best Spoken Word Album winner, Rachel Maddow's *Blowout*, and 52 additional GRAMMY® nominations.



***The Light We Carry***

***Overcoming in Uncertain Times***

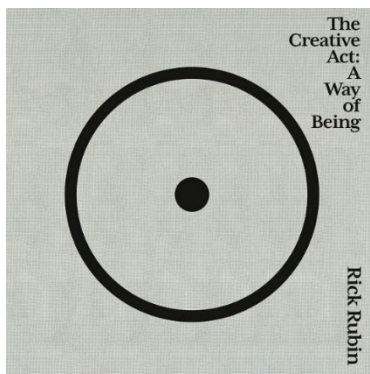
By Michelle Obama; narrated by Michelle Obama

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***The Creative Act***

***A Way of Being***

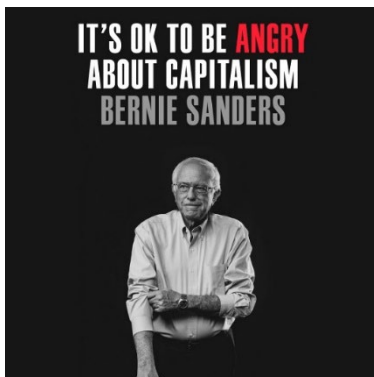
By Rick Rubin; narrated by Rick Rubin

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***It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism***

By Senator Bernie Sanders with John Nichols; narrated by Senator Bernie Sanders

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