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## **THE GIMLET SLIP AUDIOBOOK COMING IN SPRING 2024 FROM BESTSELLING AUTHORS FIONA DAVIS AND GREG WANDS**

NEW YORK, NY (November 29, 2023) – Penguin Random House Audio will publish *The Gimlet Slip*, a novella from *New York Times* bestselling author Fiona Davis (*The Magnolia Palace*, *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*) with Greg Wands, author of *The Woman Inside* (as E. G. Scott), on March 5, 2024. *New York, 1933: America is in its second decade of Prohibition, and its citizens have never been thirstier...* in this thrilling novella set in glamorous and gritty Prohibition-era New York City, a headstrong, fast-driving young woman gets pulled into a dangerous bootlegging scheme.

*The Gimlet Slip* combines Davis's gift for vivid historical settings and Wands' flair for noir, brought to life on audio by three voices.

Lydia Gardiner, voiced by Patty Mattson, is the infamous queenpin of a criminal empire. From her penthouse in New York City's ritzy Plaza Hotel, Lydia deals in all the city's favorite vices—illegal liquor, drugs, women—ruling with an iron fist, a cold heart, and a knack for beating her coarse male counterparts at their own game.

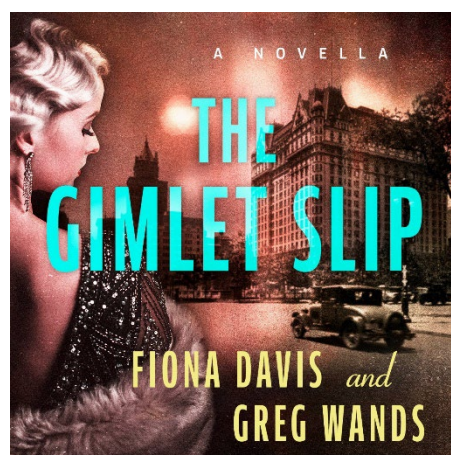
Jo Hayes, voiced by Carolina Hoyos, is an impulsive young woman determined to forge a life as an auto mechanic but instead finds herself drawn into Lydia's orbit following a disastrous car accident.

As Lydia takes Jo under her wing, they get pulled into a daring heist that just might bring down the city's biggest bootlegger. That is, if they can escape the watchful eye of an up-and-coming NYPD detective, voiced by Marco Pelaez, with a score to settle. But as the two women flit between shady billiard halls and glitzy soirees, straddling New York's highest society and seamiest underworld, they will soon learn that nothing is quite what it seems – and everyone has a hidden agenda.

Davis and Wands said, "We thought it would be fun to combine our two mediums—historical fiction and mystery—and see what we could cook up. We were inspired by a juicy tidbit of Prohibition-era history that took place out on the East End of Long Island, near where Greg was raised, and became determined to work it into a story. The anecdote involved a corrupt politician, a speakeasy, and a quick getaway. Fiona came up with the idea of featuring a strong woman running a criminal empire out of the Plaza Hotel in 1930's New York City, while Greg conjured the character of a young female mechanic who hits a desperate patch. As two strong-willed and hard-headed writers penning a project together, we're happy to report that not only are we still speaking to each other, but we're also looking forward to diving into the next collaboration."

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