

SUTTON FOSTER NARRATES NEW AUDIOBOOKS OF ASTRID LINDGREN'S CLASSIC PIPPI LONGSTOCKING SERIES

Listening Library will publish in celebration of Pippi Longstocking's 80th anniversary



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NEW YORK, NY (January 7, 2025) – Tony Award-winning actress Sutton Foster (*Once Upon a Mattress, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Younger*) will narrate three of Astrid Lindgren's classic Pippi Longstocking audiobooks (Listening Library; on sale March 4, 2025) as part of a yearlong celebration of Pippi's 80th birthday.

Sutton Foster is a two-time Tony Award-winning actress best known for her work on Broadway and as the lead of Darren Star and TV Land's comedy-drama *Younger* (2015-2021). Sutton most recently starred as Princess Winnifred in *Once Upon a Mattress* alongside Michael Urie at the Ahmanson Theatre in Los Angeles following a successful Broadway run and record-breaking New York City Center's Encores! production. Sutton embodies Pippi's rebel girl spirit of kindness, courage, and strength. She brings new energy to this treasured story for new generations, drawing on her own experience, as an actress known for her warm and lively spirit. These new recordings will reignite Pippi nostalgia and raise a new generation of girls with Pippi's Power.

Foster says, "Pippi is unlike anyone you've ever met before. She's one of a kind, she marches to the beat of her own drum, she's always game for adventure. She's timeless, even though she's eighty."

"Astrid Lindgren's Pippi Longstocking is not just the strongest girl in the world. She is a symbol of freedom, strength, kindness, courage and justice. A rebel who uses her superpowers wisely and never abuses her power. She stands up against what is wrong. Thanks to that, she has changed the world for the better since 1945. Pippi has no hidden agenda; she is who she is – a fun and dynamic playmate to be inspired by. If you are very strong, you must also be very kind. Be more like Pippi, use your own Pippi power, and make the world a little better."

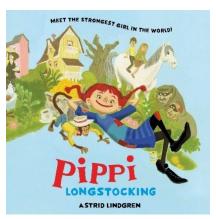
Foster's new recording of the beloved story of a strong, spunky girl and her hilarious adventures expands Listening Library's storied history with *Pippi Longstocking*. Astrid Lindgren's *Pippi Longstocking* was first recorded and released on LP and narrated by actress Esther Benson in 1962 a nostalgia easter egg, the opening and closing music of the new audiobooks is excerpted from the widely beloved 1970's television series and film.

"Pippi's enduring appeal is irresistible, and we're thrilled to join in Pippi Longstocking's 80th birthday with these delightful new recordings voiced by Sutton Foster," says Amanda D'Acierno, President, Penguin Random House Audio, Global.

View the full press kit here.

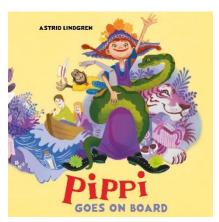
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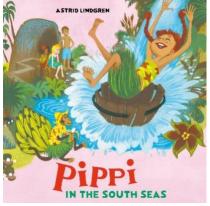
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About Astrid Lindgren

Astrid Lindgren (1907–2002) was born in Sweden. Her most famous and beloved book, *Pippi Longstocking*, was originally published in Swedish in 1945 and has since been translated into 80 languages. It was followed by two sequels, *Pippi Goes on Board* and *Pippi in the South Seas*. The success of *Pippi Longstocking* led to a rapid growth of

the publishing house Rabén & Sjögren, where Astrid Lindgren took over responsibility for children's book publishing and thus had dual roles: she was a writer in the mornings and an editor in the afternoons. Astrid Lindgren had a long and prolific career, writing songs, screenplays, 34 chapter books, and 41 picture books. Her works have sold a staggering 170 million copies worldwide and been translated into more than 100 languages. The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, a literary prize established in her memory, has been awarded annually since 2003. The prize is worth five million SEK, making it the world's largest international award for children and young adult literature.

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