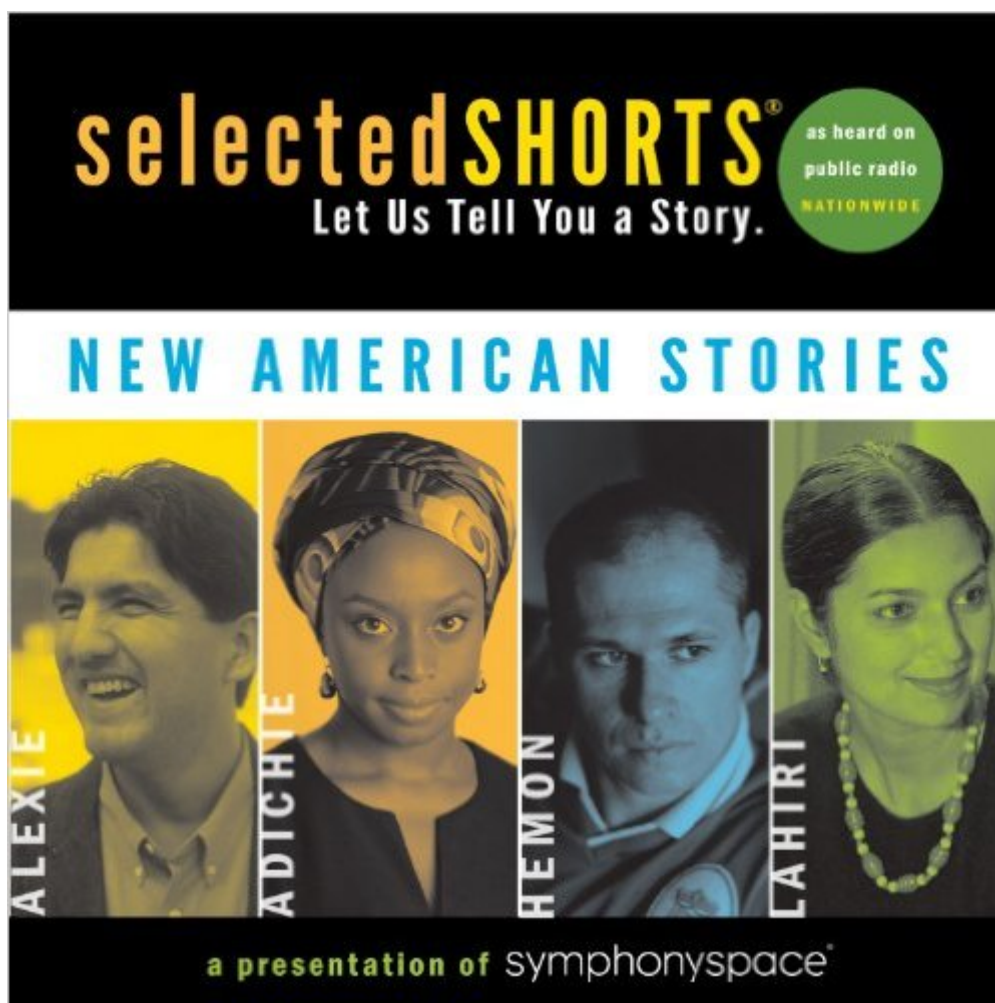


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This is one of my all-time favorite Selected Shorts. I listened to every story twice. Particularly loved the reading of Jhumpa Lahiri's *Hell-Heaven*. I had already read the story, years ago, but this reading brought so much richness and deepened my appreciation of Lahiri, who is a word goddess in my book. Sat in the driveway to hear the rest of *Breaking and Entering*.

Maybe I'm just a "classics" kind of person. I enjoyed these, but the 4 stories went by quickly and I found my mind wandering.

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