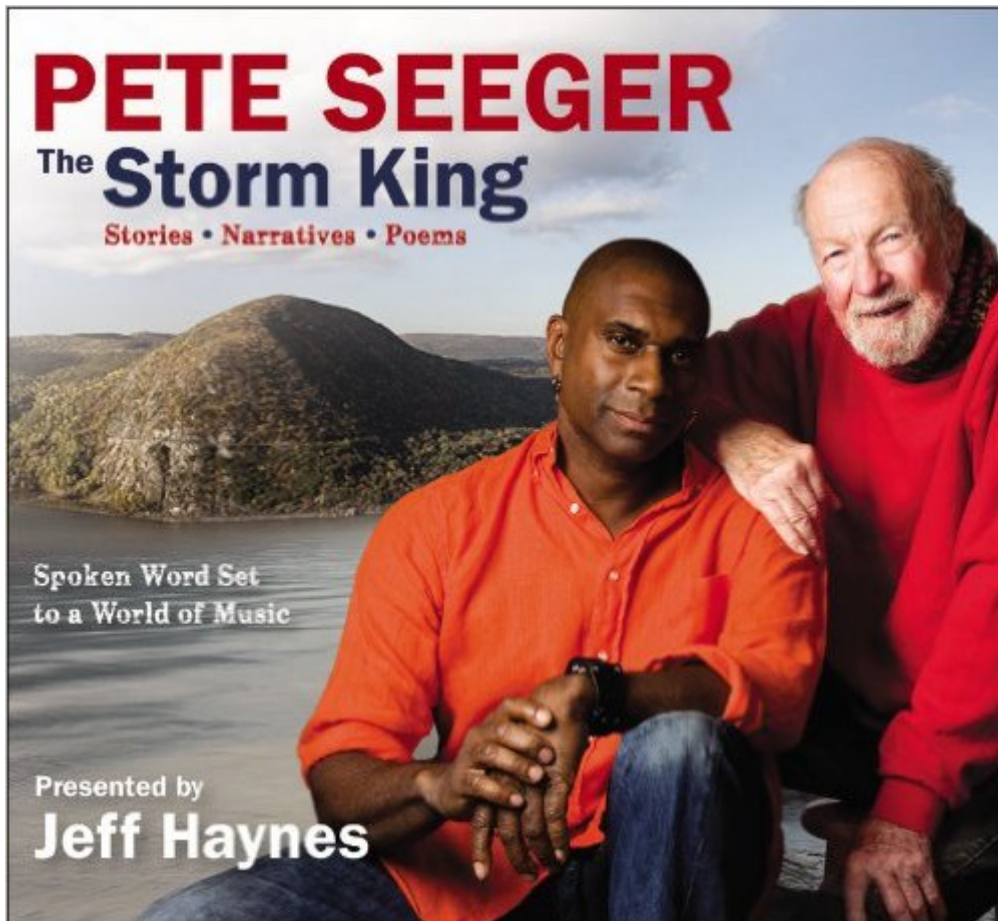


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Pete Seeger: The Storm King: Stories, Narratives, Poems: Spoken Word Set To A World Of Music



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Gems from the life of one of the most influential figures in American music! Pete Seeger: The Storm King audio collection presents Pete Seeger's spoken words as he captivantly recounts his most engaging stories, narratives, and poems-set to new music created by nearly 50 musicians from traditions as diverse as African Music, Blues, Bluegrass, Classical Guitar, Folk, Jazz, and Native American Music, Pete's wisdom and stories out to new audiences and into a new technological age. Each piece is unique in sound and emotion and also in how it came together. Jeff Haynes, world-renowned percussionist and producer, has worked closely with Pete to create something spectacular - weaving Pete's words to the music of artists from around the world who would not otherwise have shared a stage with Pete but who have been deeply influenced by him. The result is astounding. "It brings out things in my words that I never knew before." -Pete Seeger "Pete's still finding the hope and planting the seeds . . . and keeping us invigorated in our own best intentions." -Dar Williams Listen to a story here:

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Customer Reviews

Last May - at the large "Book Expo America"- I picked up an advertising card for this "audio book" and anxiously awaited its release. All I knew was that it was the legendary folk icon, Pete Seeger, talking with music from over 70 musicians. Well, now it's out and I've had a chance to hear the project and I must say it is unlike ANYTHING that Pete has done in the past. In fact, I can't think of any "audiobook" project I've heard before. That said, I think this is something those who love the

soon-to-be 94-year old Seeger will want to hear, but they need to be prepared as well. During the 2 ½ hours on the two CDs you will hear some songs, but none of them are sung by Pete. But you will hear him telling stories (some familiar, like that of the little boy Abiyoyo) and many not (the story behind "Tzena Tzena"; how he met his devoted wife Toshi). He talks about Elizabeth (Libba) Cotton, the composer of "Freight Train" and his involvement with fellow American icons Martin Luther King and Woody Guthrie. Project Producer (and musician) Jeff Haynes, took Seeger's recently recorded narration and had musicians like new-age composer and artist Will Ackerman and percussionist Samite add varying musical backgrounds to the 24 stories. The music ranges from bluegrass to jazz to folk. And there are some vocals sung but, again, not by Seeger. While I support this project - heck anytime Seeger talks, I listen - I often found the music a bit distracting, rather than supporting his stories. When they were used BETWEEN Pete's words, they worked better for me than when they were behind his voice. Pete has always had a particular cadence to his speaking (and singing too) and when the music styles changed from track to track they were sometimes at odds to his voice.

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