

Hillsborough author's book released in audio format

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(Photo: ~Courtesy of Linda Tancs)

HILLSBOROUGH - With so much emphasis on e-books, it can be easy to forget its precursor - the audio book, said Hillsborough author Linda Tancs.

Last month, Tancs' book "The Best Words Ever," a fictional book for 8- to 12-year-olds, which follows a 12-year-old Norwegian boy as he prepares for one of the biggest days of the year in Norway, Children's Day (also known as Constitution Day), was released in this format for a specific reason.

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The book is available in audio format exclusively through [Audible](http://www.audible.com/) (<http://www.audible.com/>), an Amazon company.

Tancs is a lawyer-turned-freelance writer/editor, book author and business consultant specializing in brand strategy. She holds a J.D. from Seton Hall Law School and an LL.M. from Columbia Law School. "Following a career in intellectual property and corporate law, I chose to follow a childhood dream and became a writer. Business consulting soon followed," Tancs added.



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When deciding on the subject matter for this book, Tancs said her "desire was to combine my love of travel with an educational component geared toward teaching children about how children in other countries celebrate major events."

She said she selected Norway as the story's location to honor her great-grandfather, a Norwegian immigrant.

"I didn't set out to write about a boy who stutters. Like any fiction writer, the nature of the story shifted as I began writing and morphed into a tale of a boy with a struggle who was picked to give a speech for Children's Day," Tancs added. "I researched the subject of stuttering extensively to make the book as authentic as possible."

The audio version of "The Best Words Ever," is narrated by Neal Vickers, is a professional broadcaster, narrator and producer of news reports, documentaries and training videos. Twice named by the Associated Press as Reporter of the Year as well as Investigative Reporter of the Year, he was also the ABC Radio Network's top field contributing reporter.

"I'm delighted that a person of Neal's caliber auditioned to narrate my book," Tancs said.

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