



Canongate buys audiobook specialist CSA Word

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Canongate has inked a deal to acquire 100% of audiobooks specialist CSA Word from its owner, founder and publisher, Clive Stanhope. All the staff at CSA will move to Canongate's London offices and Stanhope will remain involved in a consultancy role.

Victoria Williams, who has been at CSA for the past seven years, has been promoted to the position of publisher and managing director.

Jamie Byng, managing director of Canongate, said: "Audio has been an area of publishing that has always interested us at Canongate and recently we have published key authors such as Barack Obama, Nick Cave and Philip Pullman reading their work.

"But acquiring CSA, and bringing over its excellent team, provides us with a wonderful opportunity to develop an audio list of even greater substance. And as we move into an increasingly digital world, I believe that audio has more potential than ever."

Stanhope added: "I am delighted with this acquisition because Canongate are fiercely independent, very dynamic and extremely audio-friendly and their plans are to keep CSA Word as an entity in its own right employing all the current staff. I shall enjoy working as a consultant with Jamie and Victoria and the CSA team during the handover stages and onwards to further develop CSA Word as a major publisher of audio. I don't think that there is any other company to whom I would have preferred to sell the company."

Launched in 1990 CSA has published audiobooks of works written by George Orwell, Graham Greene, Evelyn Waugh, Robert Graves, Angela Carter, John Wyndham, Diode Smith and PG Wodehouse. High profile actors who have recorded work for CSA include Harriet Walter, Simon Callow, Derek Jacobi, Juliet Stevenson, Jeremy Northam, Emilia Fox, John Simm and Martin Jarvis.

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