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AUDIO BOOKS BY TRUDI MILLER ROSENBLUM

WORLD TALES

By Randy Armstrong and Genevieve Aichele
Read by the authors

UMP Records (800-541-9904)

45 minutes, \$14.99 for CD, \$9.98 for cassette

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Performing artists Armstrong and Aichele present five folk tales from around the world, interspersed with their own original music. The music is inspired by the country of origin of the stories and is played on authentic instruments like the *mbira*, the *djembe* drum, the sitar, and the *tabla*. Stories include Ecuador's "The Magic Lake," about a courageous young girl who saves a dying prince by traveling to the end of the world to obtain water from a magic lake to cure him; southern Africa's "Mzizi's Great Adventure," which shows what happens to a mischievous young boy who ignores warnings to stay out of the forest; India's "The Elephant And The Ant," which teaches that being small does not necessarily mean being weak or helpless; and western Africa's "Anansi The Spider," a comical tale about a spider whose pride leads him, through a complicated set of circumstances, to losing his hair. Also included is "The First Flute," a lyrical tale of the Lakota tribe of North America. The music works well with the storytelling, and the artists' expressive delivery make this a fine, artistic piece.

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