

2019 Fort Worth BookFest Interview Series



... with **Melanie Mason**, co-owner of ... **The Voices In Our Heads**, audiobook narration company...

Where is your favorite place to read?

I have a small couch in our breakfast room that I love to curl up in the corner of with a cup of hot tea in the morning to read. My 85 lb. lab-mix spends a lot of time with me there. Because we specialize in audiobooks, I'll answer for that, too. I love to listen while I do housework. My body knows what to do, so my mind is free to imagine all the wonderful things happening in the story. It makes the time FLY by!

What is your favorite book to give an adult or a child?

I gift the Beverly Cleary *Ramona* and Henry Higgins books all the time to the kiddos in my life. They were a favorite of mine and always delight the recipients.

What books do you return to most often, whether passages or whole?

This has to be J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series. I truly believe that she is one of the best narrative writers of our time. Such special friendships and life lessons throughout the books.

What is the last book that had you reading past your bedtime?

Our studio is in the development stage of bringing to life several public domain titles from the 1930's/40's focusing on Theatre themes – I'm halfway through a murder mystery set on Broadway – so FUN! Stay tuned!

Who made reading important to you?

My Grandmother "Ge" taught me to read when I was four. She lived with us and I still have vivid memories of us sitting at the breakfast table, her drinking coffee and me with a little red mug of my "coffee" (warm milk with a bit of sugar) "reading" the morning paper together.

Author Bio

The Voices in Our Heads is an audiobook narration company, specializing in duo narration. We also offer proofing services, sound and video creation and support. As founders of TVIOH, Melanie Mason and Haley Richter have over 50 years of combined audio/video production and voiceover/narration experience. We can provide casting, directing, narration, editing, as well as partnering in promotion.

Co-Owner and Lead Narrator, **Melanie Mason** holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in performance and a Master of Science in Information Science with a Graduate Academic Certificate in storytelling. Her expertise is bringing characters to life, through either performance or direction.

For more than 20 years she has worked in the performance and voice over industry in the southwest, including commercials, audio books, documentaries, tours, industrials, film, and anime. She is currently the voice of E. J. Steven's *Ivy Granger, Psychic Detective*. You can also hear her as *Marl* in Funimation's *Fairy Tail* and *Mrs. Shimura* in *Kodocha*. As Audio Producer/Director, she's responsible for casting and directing. Melanie works side by side with a wonderful team of talented professionals who give clients a "Big time sound experience and small town customer service with a smile. Audio professionals that want to tell your story."

Melanie is passionate about literature and storytelling. Her perspective is unique because she has experience with all aspects of analyzing, developing, and capturing a performance; from teaching, coaching, acting, and directing, to casting, writing, and even the recording of a character.

Co-Owner and Lead Editor **Haley Richter** holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies as well as Radio and Television from Washburn University. Her proficiency is in facilitating the development of projects from conception to delivery. For more than twenty-one years she has worked as a video editor for Aries Productions. As such, she boasts mad skills in AVID Media composition, Apple Final Cut Pro, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Photoshop, and many more comparable professional programs. She was the lead editor on the documentary series, *The Fearmakers*, as well as two films produced by Roger Corman, *Rumble in the Streets* (1997) and *The Protector* (1999).

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