

The Lost Tapes: Episode 146

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EMILY: Hi everyone, this is Emily. One half of Everybody Hates Rand, your friendly neighborhood *Wheel of Time* podcast. Um, this is obviously not a full-length episode of EHR and there's a really good explanation for that, which you can find in its full slideshow format on our Instagram. You can also be linked to it through our various social media accounts. Such as on Twitter @ehr_podcast or on our Instagram which is just everybodyhatesrand. But, if you're listening to this far in the distant future and don't want to scroll back through our Instagram feed, the short explanation is that we did record an episode, but Audacity did something terrible to it and left us with, uh, nothing presentable. We could have re-recorded. We had technically enough time when I found the error, but we decided not to ultimately. We have had kind of a busy week. There was a family emergency. No need to worry, everything is fine. And we also just thought it would be kind of a subpar episode since we really liked the episode that we originally recorded and knew we'd kind of be trying to recapture that, probably fruitlessly, if we re-recorded. Um, so ultimately no episode this week, but we will be back next week [laughs] as usual. Uh, blame Audacity if you need someone to blame. Actually, it's miraculous that, three years into recording this podcast, this is the first time that Audacity has done something like this. So, we're actually pretty grateful.

Um, we do have another announcement that I just wanted to get out to you guys. Um, EHR is not an affiliate at Bookshop.org. Um, Bookshop.org, if you didn't know, is an online bookstore that financially supports independent bookstores by helping to connect people to a specific indy bookstore or, if books are not purchased through a specific store, by splitting an earnings pool among independent bookstores. Um, Sally and I have been using Bookshop.org since, I believe, April of 2020. We really like it. Books come fairly quickly and, of course, it is an alternative to Amazon, which we are trying to do. Um, the Bookshop.org affiliate program allows people to share links to books that they love and then when you buy books through the affiliate's link, the affiliate earns a 10% commission. So, another 10% of the sale is given to an independent bookstore and the rest goes to Bookshop. Which may not seem like much, but overall Bookshop gives about 75% of its total profit margins to indies, publications, and authors that make up the book world.

So, essentially if you buy through this affiliate page, 10% of your purchase goes to an indy bookstore and 10% goes back to us! And we have plans to, uh, donate that 10% that will come to us to mutual aid organizations and direct aid requests (such as GoFundMe, Venmo, and PayPal links) prioritizing organizations and requests that will help Black and Indigenous trans people, because they are the most in need of our aid. Um, each month we will post receipts of how much we earned on Bookshop and proof that we donated that amount to directly help people in need.

Uh, this is going to replace our Wednesday actions that Sally typically does on Instagram. Ultimately, we think it's a better, uh, way to reach our audience. You guys are already buying books, so why not just buy books this way? So, if you want to visit that affiliate shop that link is

in our bio, but you can also reach it at bookshop.org/shop/everybodyhatesrand. We currently have about 130 books on various lists in our shop and will continue to fill those lists and add new books. If there's a book you want to buy and, um, it is not on there, please just DM us and we can add it actually so that you buy it through us. Um, we do reserve the right to refuse to add certain books to our lists. We're not going to give platforms to certain authors, um, so Harry Potter is never going to be on our Bookshop.org because J.K. Rowling is doing harm to the communities we are hoping to benefit. Um, so that is an exciting announcement. Happy reading, thanks for listening [laughs]. Sorry again that there's no new episode but check out our Instagram if you'd like to and we will be back next week. Don't do war crimes. Bye!