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Over 3,000 Publishers Join Hummingbird's Audiobook and E-book Revolution

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Less than 18 months ago, Hummingbird Digital Media (<u>HummingbirdDM.com</u>) set out to disrupt the ironclad control an oligarchy of large corporations had on the retailing of e-books and audiobooks. Today, with more than 3,000 publishers furnishing their complete audiobook and e-book catalogs, Hummingbird is well on the way to doing that. We call it "democratizing audiobook and e-book retailing," said Steve Mettee Hummingbird's cofounder and president.

Hummingbird Digital Media supplies booksellers and others with a free turnkey program that allows them to offer their customers the most popular audiobooks and e-books. Each merchant gets a branded and customizable storefront for the search, browsing, and sale of digital books. They also get a branded app that allows their consumers to read and listen to their purchases. Hummingbird stays in the background; the customer never leaves the merchant's universe.

"The first thing we needed was the tech, said Mettee. We wanted a platform that delivered a positive, intuitive experience to our merchant partners and to their readers. While we were building that, we were busy collecting content." Content vendors to Hummingbird run the range from self-publishers to names like Macmillan, Sourcebooks, HarperCollins, Workman, Simon & Shuster, and Hachette.

"Now that we have topped 3,000 publishing partners, we are busy inviting merchants to join the revolution," said Mettee. Interested? Join the revolution at bit.ly/hdm-signup.