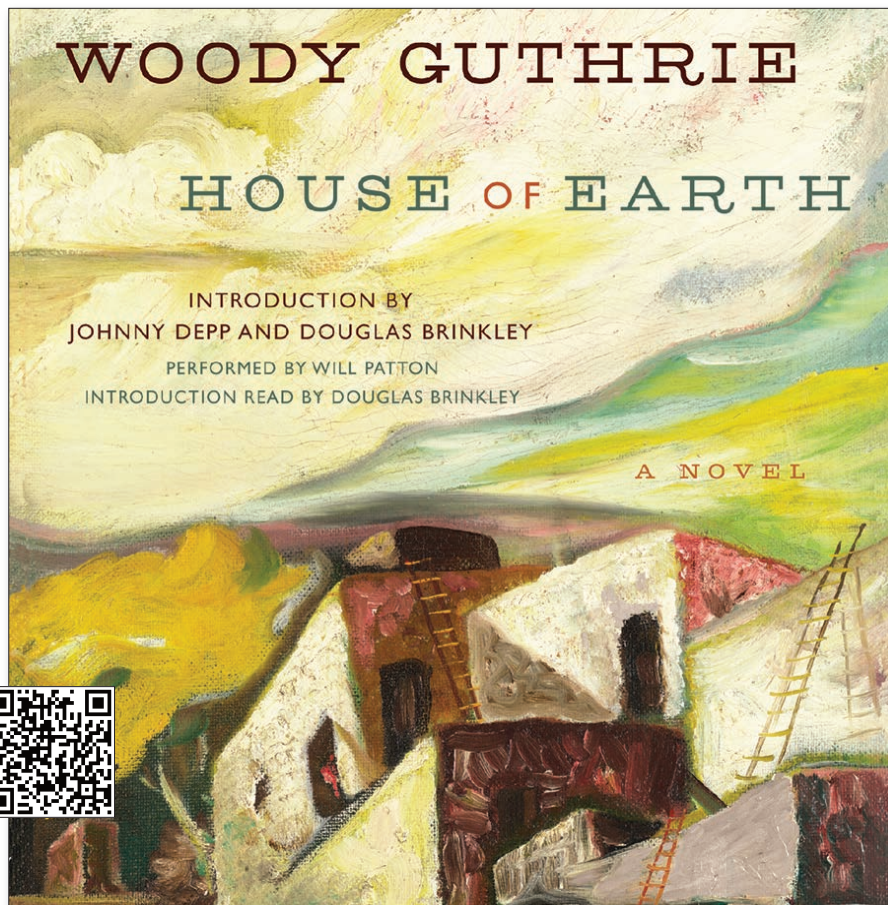




Woody Guthrie on Mermaid Avenue in Coney Island in 1950 (above); narrator Will Patton in the studio



“I listened to Woody’s music constantly while I was studying for House of Earth.”—Will Patton



HOUSE OF EARTH

Woody Guthrie
 Read by Will Patton, Douglas Brinkley

Famed American singer-songwriter Woody Guthrie wrote a powerful portrait of Dust Bowl-era Texas in 1947. Recently discovered, the novel was published on the centennial anniversary of Guthrie’s birth. Douglas Brinkley performs the novel’s lengthy introduction, cowritten and edited by Johnny Depp. The material provides historical context for both The Great Depression and Guthrie himself, who was “living his art” by championing the dignity of the down-trodden. Narrator Will Patton enlivens the novel with a vernacular twang and a range of expression that makes Guthrie’s characters fully believable. In the arid Texas Panhandle, a young couple struggles to build an adobe home on a plot of leased land. Agribusiness and banks foil their endeavors. Patton provides a good flow to the vivid descriptions of rural realism and progressive activism, peppered with sexually explicit passages. A.W.

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