

# Adele, Carly Rae top iTunes; Birds rule 2012 apps

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This Feb. 12, 2012 file photo shows Adele performing during the 54th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. Adele has the year's top-selling album on iTunes. Her "21," which recently passed the 10 million mark in sales, topped the list even though it was first released at the top of 2011. It remained popular this year, particularly after she nabbed five Grammys in February. (AP Photo/Matt Sayles, file)

(AP)—It may be 2012, but it's a repeat of 2011 for Adele: Once again, she has the year's top-selling album on iTunes.

Her "21," which recently passed the 10 million mark in sales, topped the list even though it was first released in January 2011. It remained popular this year, particularly after she won six Grammy Awards in

February.

Coming in second was Taylor Swift's "Red," which wasn't released until October. Rounding out the top five: Mumford & Sons' "Babel," One Direction's "Up All Night" and fun.'s "Some Nights."



This Nov. 18, 2012 file photo shows Carly Rae Jepsen performing "This Kiss" at the 40th Annual American Music Awards in Los Angeles. Jepsen had the song of the year with "Call Me Maybe" \_ and so it was also tops on iTunes. Following behind was Goyte's "Somebody That I Used To Know," fun.'s "We Are Young," Maroon 5's "Payphone" with Wiz Khalifa and Nicki Minah's "Starships." (Photo by John Shearer/Invision/AP)

Carly Rae Jepsen had the song of the year with "Call Me Maybe"—and it was tops on iTunes, followed by Goyte's "Somebody That I Used to Know," fun.'s "We Are Young," Maroon 5's "Payphone" with Wiz Khalifa and Nicki Minaj's "Starships."

In the world of apps, "Angry Birds Space" was king of the top-paid iPhone and iPad apps, while those looking for freebies made YouTube the top iPhone app and Skype the most popular iPad app.

The top-selling movie was "The Hunger Games"; the best-selling TV show was an episode of "The Walking Dead" from season three; and the top TV series purchased for a season and a season's pass was "Downton Abbey," season two.

The erotic sensation "Fifty Shades of Grey" was the top-paid fiction book, followed by the rest of the trilogy in the next two slots. The best-selling nonfiction book was Mark Owen and Kevin Maurer's "No Easy Day," about the killing of Osama bin Laden.

The iTunes store is also playing tastemaker once again, determining its own "best of" lists. Frank Ocean was named top artist, while the Grizzly Bear's "Shields" was named best album and fun.'s "We Are Young" was named best song. Other [iTunes](#) bests: Action Movie FX was named iPhone app of year, "Breaking Bad" as best TV show and "The Avengers" as the "best blockbuster."

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