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## **Audio Publishers Association announces 2018 Audie Award® finalists in 26 categories**

***Winners to be honored at the Audie Awards® Gala in New York City  
on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the New-York Historical Society***

New York, NY – The Audio Publishers Association (APA) has announced finalists for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Audie Awards® competition, the premier awards program in the United States recognizing distinction in audiobooks and spoken word entertainment. Winners will be revealed at the Audie Awards® Gala on May 31, 2018, at the New-York Historical Society in New York City.

“We are excited to announce all of our Audie Awards® finalists for 2018,” says APA President Linda Lee. “It seems that each year the sky is the limit as we see an increase in submissions of high quality work. This year’s competition promises to be more exciting than ever as the judges work hard to pick the winners out of such an august field.”

“Audiobook aficionados and industry insiders alike have a heightened excitement about the amazing range of genres and production styles of the finalists and ultimate winners of the Audies,” adds Mary Burkey, Audie Awards® Competition Chair. “Our team of expert judges debating the winner of the Audiobook of the Year award must choose a single title that combines the very best in narration and production quality with significant sales impact and marketing outreach to be the standard bearer of excellence for the format and the audio publishing industry. Is it a tough job? You bet! I can’t wait to learn which audiobook will take home the coveted top prize!”

Through the Audie Awards® competition, publishers enter titles in various categories for recognition of excellence. Finalists are selected by a diverse group of experienced judges and one winner is awarded the Audie in each category. Finalists for Industry Awards for Excellence in Design, Marketing, and Production and for Audiobook of the Year will be announced in March. For more information and to see a list of all of the nominees, visit [www.theaudies.com](http://www.theaudies.com).

Finalists in this year’s competition are:

### **AUDIO DRAMA**

*Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi* by Paul McCusker, narrated by over 30 actors including Joseph Timms, Owen Teale, and Geoffrey Palmer, published by Augustine Institute

*Cicero* by David Llewellyn, narrated by Samuel Barnett and George Naylor, published by Big Finish Productions

*The Mean*, written and narrated by John Arthur Long, published by Blackstone Publishing

*Treasure Island: An Audible Original Drama* by Robert Louis Stevenson and Marty Ross, narrated by Philip Glenister, Daniel Mays, Catherine Tate, Owen Teale, and Gerran Howell, published by Audible Studios

*The Tug of War* by David Rambo, performed by Matthew Arkin, Hugo Armstrong, Seamus Dever, Matthew Floyd Miller, James Morrison, David Selby, Rich Sommer, Josh Stamberg, Nick Toren, John Vickery, and Jules Willcox, published by LA Theatre Works

### **AUTOBIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR**

*Al Franken, Giant of the Senate*, written and narrated by Al Franken, published by Hachette Audio

*Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*, written and narrated by Trevor Noah, published by Audible Studios

*Born to Run*, written and narrated by Bruce Springsteen, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*Nevertheless*, written and narrated by Alec Baldwin, published by HarperAudio

*We're Going to Need More Wine*, written and narrated by Gabrielle Union, published by HarperAudio

*What Happened*, written and narrated by Hillary Rodham Clinton, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

### **BEST FEMALE NARRATOR**

*The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn, narrated by Saskia Maarleveld, published by HarperAudio

*Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery, narrated by Rachel McAdams, published by Audible Studios

*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, narrated by Bahni Turpin, published by HarperAudio

*The Secret Diary of Laura Palmer (Twin Peaks)* by Jennifer Lynch, narrated by Sheryl Lee, published by Audible Studios

*The Stone Sky* by N.K. Jemisin, narrated by Robin Miles, published by Hachette Audio

### **BEST MALE NARRATOR**

*Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*, written and narrated by Trevor Noah, published by Audible Studios

*The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* by Mackenzi Lee, narrated by Christian Coulson, published by HarperAudio

*Glass Houses* by Louise Penny, narrated by Robert Bathurst, published by Macmillan Audio

*Murder on the Orient Express (movie tie-in)* by Agatha Christie, narrated by Kenneth Branagh, published by HarperAudio

*Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle and Stephen Fry, narrated by Stephen Fry, published by Audible Studios

## **BUSINESS/PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Do More Great Work* by Michael Bungay Stanier, narrated by Daniel Maté, published by Post Hypnotic Press Inc.

*Getting There: A Book of Mentors* by Gillian Zoe Segal, narrated by Jorjeana Marie, Rene Ruiz, and Alex Hyde-White, published by Novel Audio

*How to Work for an Idiot (Revised and Expanded with More Idiots, More Insanity, and More Incompetency): Survive and Thrive Without Killing Your Boss* by John Hoover, narrated by Brian Sutherland, published by Audible Studios

*Peak Performance* by Brad Stullberg and Steve Magness, narrated by Christopher Lane, published by Brilliance Publishing

*Unfu\*k Yourself*, written and narrated by Gary John Bishop, published by HarperAudio

## **EROTICA**

*Claim & Protect* by Rhenna Morgan, narrated by John Lane, published by Harlequin Audio

*His Alone* by Alexa Riley, narrated by Summer Morton and Jay Crow, published by Harlequin Audio

*More Than Want You* by Shayla Black, narrated by Christian Fox, published by Tantor Audio, a division of Recorded Books

*One Night of Sin* by Elle Kennedy, narrated by Joe Arden, published by Brilliance Publishing

*Taking Turns: The Turning Series, Book 1* by JA Huss, narrated by Ava Erickson, Sebastian York, Tad Branson, and Joe Arden, published by Oh My Audiobooks

## **FANTASY**

*Red Sister* by Mark Lawrence, narrated by Heather O'Neil, published by Recorded Books

*The Refrigerator Monologues* by Catherynne M. Valente, narrated by Karis A. Campbell, published by HighBridge Audio, a division of Recorded Books

*Skullsworn* by Brian Stavelly, narrated by Elizabeth Knowelden, published by Brilliance Publishing

*Snake Eyes* by John Conroe, narrated by James Patrick Cronin, published by Audible Studios

*Spellmonger: The Spellmonger Series, Book 1* by Terry Mancour, narrated by John Lee, published by Podium Publishing

*The Strange Case of the Alchemist's Daughter* by Theodora Goss, narrated by Kate Reading, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

## **FICTION**

*An Almond for a Parrot* by Wray Delaney, narrated by Rachel Atkins, published by Harlequin Audio

*Beartown* by Fredrik Backman, narrated by Marin Ireland, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman, narrated by Cathleen McCarron, published by Penguin Audio

*I Liked My Life* by Abby Fabiaschi, narrated by Susan Bennett, Dan Bittner, and Therese Plummer, published by Macmillan Audio

*The Life and Times of Persimmon Wilson: A Novel* by Nancy Peacock, narrated by JD Jackson, published by HighBridge Audio, a division of Recorded Books

*The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See, narrated by Ruthie Ann Miles, Kimiko Glenn, et al., published by Simon & Schuster Audio

## **HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY**

*Bette & Joan: The Divine Feud* by Shaun Considine, narrated by January LaVoy, published by Graymalkin Media

*Born Survivors: Three Young Mothers and Their Extraordinary Story of Courage, Defiance, and Hope* by Wendy Holden, narrated by Elizabeth Wiley, published by Tantor Audio, a division of Recorded Books

*Code Girls* by Liza Mundy, narrated by Erin Bennett, published by Hachette Audio

*The Home Front: Life in America During World War II* an Audible Original, narrated by Martin Sheen, published by Audible Originals

*Loving Vs. Virginia* by Patricia Hruby Powell, narrated by Adenrele Ojo and MacLeod Andrews, published by Dreamscape Media

*My Life, My Love, My Legacy* by Coretta Scott King as told to Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, narrated by Phylicia Rashad and January LaVoy, published by Macmillan Audio

## **HUMOR**

*The Book of Leon* by Leon Black (JB Smoove) and Iris Bahr, narrated by Leon Black (JB Smoove), published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*Carpet Diem: Or...How to Save the World by Accident* by Justin Lee Anderson, narrated by Matthew Lloyd Davies, published by Tantor Audio, a division of Recorded Books

*I Can't Make This Up: Life Lessons* by Kevin Hart and Neil Strauss, narrated by Kevin Hart, published by Audible Studios

*Rhett & Link's Book of Mythicality: A Field Guide to Curiosity, Creativity, and Tomfoolery* by Rhett & Link, narrated by Rhett McLaughlin and Link Neal, published by Audible Studios

*The Totally Unscientific Study of the Search for Human Happiness*, written and narrated by Paula Poundstone, published by HighBridge Audio, a division of Recorded Books

### **INSPIRATIONAL/FAITH-BASED FICTION**

*Captain Bayley's Heir* by G.A. Henty, narrated by Brian Blessed, John Rhys-Davies, Jade Williams, Ian Porter, Finty Williams, David Shaw-Parker, and a full cast, published by Heirloom Audio Productions

*Catching the Wind* by Melanie Dobson, narrated by Nancy Peterson, published by Two Words Publishing | Tyndale House (print publisher)

*Ebb Tide* by Beverly Lewis, narrated by Christina Moore with Stephanie Cozart, published by Recorded Books

*Sandpiper Cove* by Irene Hannon, narrated by Therese Plummer, published by Recorded Books

*The Trials of Saint Patrick* by Paul McCusker, narrated by over 30 actors including John Rhys-Davies, published by Augustine Institute

### **INSPIRATIONAL/FAITH-BASED NON-FICTION**

*Fire Road: The Napalm Girl's Journey through the Horrors of War to Faith, Forgiveness, and Peace* by Kim Phuc Phan Thi, narrated by Emily Woo Zeller, published by HighBridge Audio, a division of Recorded Books

*The Mission Walker* by Edie Littlefield Sundby, narrated by Jaimee Paul, published by Thomas Nelson

*Of Mess and Moxie*, written and narrated by Jen Hatmaker, published by Thomas Nelson

*The Sacrament of Happy: What a Smiling God Brings to a Wounded World*, written and narrated by Lisa Harper, published by christianaudio, a division of Recorded Books

*Wake Up to the Joy of You: 52 Meditations and Practices for a Calmer, Happier Life*, written and narrated by Agapi Stassinopoulos, published by Random House Audio

*We Stood upon Stars* by Roger W. Thompson, narrated by John McLain, published by Oasis Audio, LLC.

### **LITERARY FICTION & CLASSICS**

*Beast* by Paul Kingsnorth, narrated by Simon Vance, published by Tantor Audio, a division of Recorded Books

*Daisy Miller* by Henry James, narrated by Kitty Hendrix, published by Spoken Realms (formerly Listen 2 a Book)

*Dracula* by Bram Stoker, narrated by Nick Sandys, published by Brilliance Publishing

*The Handmaid's Tale: Special Edition* by Margaret Atwood and Valerie Martin, narrated by Claire Danes, Margaret Atwood, and a full cast, published by Audible Studios

*House of Names* by Colm Toibin, narrated by Juliet Stevenson, et al., published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*Phineas Finn* by Anthony Trollope, narrated by David Shaw-Parker, published by Naxos AudioBooks

## **MIDDLE GRADE**

*The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora*, written and narrated by Pablo Cartaya, published by Listening Library

*Patina* by Jason Reynolds, narrated by Heather Alicia Simms, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*Refugee* by Alan Gratz, narrated by Michael Goldstrom, Kyla Garcia, and Assaf Cohen, published by Scholastic Audio

*See You in the Cosmos* by Jack Cheng, narrated by Kivlighan de Montebello and a full cast, published by Listening Library

*Wedgie & Gizmo* by Suzanne Selfors, narrated by Johnny Heller and Maxwell Glick, published by HarperAudio

## **MULTI-VOICED PERFORMANCE**

*Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders, narrated by George Saunders, Nick Offerman, David Sedaris, and 163 others, published by Random House Audio

*Restart* by Gordon Korman, narrated by Jonathan Todd Ross, Laura Knight Keating, Ramon de Ocampo, Andy Paris, Suzy Jackson, Graham Halstead, and John Kroft, published by Recorded Books

*The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid, narrated by Alma Cuervo, Robin Miles, and Julia Whelan, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See, narrated by Ruthie Ann Miles, Kimiko Glenn, and others, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*The X-Files: Cold Cases* by Joe Harris, Chris Carter, and Dirk Maggs, narrated by David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson, Mitch Pileggi, William B. Davis, Tom Braidwood, Dean Haglund, and Bruce Harwood, published by Audible Studios

## **MYSTERY**

*The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye* by David Lagercrantz, narrated by Simon Vance, published by Random House Audio

*Glass Houses* by Louise Penny, narrated by Robert Bathurst, published by Macmillan Audio

*Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz, narrated by Samantha Bond, published by HarperAudio

*On Her Majesty's Frightfully Secret Service: A Royal Spyness Mystery, Book 11* by Rhys Bowen, narrated by Katherine Kellgren, published by Audible Studios

*Telling Tales* by Ann Cleeves, narrated by Julia Franklin, published by Macmillan Audio

### **NARRATION BY THE AUTHOR or AUTHORS**

*Astrophysics for People in a Hurry*, written and narrated by Neil deGrasse Tyson, published by Blackstone Publishing

*Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*, written and narrated by Trevor Noah, published by Audible Studios

*Nikki Giovanni: Love Poems & a Good Cry*, written and narrated by Nikki Giovanni, published by HarperAudio

*Norse Mythology*, written and narrated by Neil Gaiman, published by HarperAudio

*This Fight Is Our Fight*, written and narrated by Elizabeth Warren, published by Macmillan Audio

### **NON-FICTION**

*American Wolf: A True Story of Survival and Obsession in the West* by Nate Blakeslee, narrated by Mark Bramhall, published by Random House Audio

*The Butterfly Effect with Jon Ronson*, written and narrated by Jon Ronson, published by Audible Originals

*Ghosts of the Tsunami* by Richard Lloyd Parry, narrated by Simon Vance, published by Macmillan Audio

*Shattered: Inside Hillary Clinton's Doomed Campaign* by Jonathan Allen and Amie Parnes, narrated by Kimberly Farr, published by Random House Audio

*This Fight Is Our Fight*, written and narrated by Elizabeth Warren, published by Macmillan Audio

### **ORIGINAL WORK**

*The Handmaid's Tale: Special Edition* by Margaret Atwood and Valerie Martin, narrated by Claire Danes, Margaret Atwood, and a full cast, published by Audible Studios

*Mother Go* by James Patrick Kelly, narrated by January LaVoy, published by Audible Original Publishing

*Nevertheless We Persisted*, edited by Tanya Eby, written by Amy Oestreicher, Cat Gould, Charlotte McKinnon, Christa Lewis, Christina St. Clair, Danielle Dayney, Deepti Gupta, Echo Aspnes, Gina Dawe Weaver, Gracie Greenbaum, Jack Arkel, Jacqueline Pick, Janina Edward, Jerrienne Hayslett, Karen Randall, Karen White, Kass Hillard, Laura Schmidt, Lauren Ezzo, Lily Schmidt, Mark Blickley, Martha McSweeney Brower, Nancy Wagner, Rodney Vaccaro, Sandy Logan, Sahana Kumar, Sue Pitkin, Tanya Eby, Tamara Hansen, Tammy Scott, Tricia Lowther, and Viji Chary, narrated by Amy Landon, Amy McFadden, Bailey Carr, Cat Gould, Christa Lewis, Deepti Gupta, Emily Beresford, Emily Sutton-Smith, Erin Bennett, Erin Mallon, Gina Dawe Weaver, Gracie Greenbaum, Julie McKay,

Lauren Ezzo, Lauri Jo Daniels, James Patrick Cronin, Janina Edwards, Karen White, Kate Rudd, Nancy Wagner, Nicol Zanzarella, Mark Kamish, Paul Heitsch, Sarah Mollo-Christensen, Sue Pitkin, and Tanya Eby, published by Blunder Woman Productions

*Rebuttal* by Jyotsna Hariharan, narrated by Phoebe Strole, Michael Crouch, Nina Mehta, Peter Ganim, and Dan Bittner, published by HarperAudio

*Romeo and Juliet: A Novel* by David Hewson, narrated by Richard Armitage, published by Audible Studios

## **PARANORMAL**

*Curse on the Land: Soulwood, Book 2* by Faith Hunter, narrated by Khristine Hvam, published by Audible Studios

*Eleventh Grave in Moonlight* by Darynda Jones, narrated by Lorelei King, published by Macmillan Audio

*Finding My Pack* by Lane Whitt, narrated by Cooper North and Aletha George, published by Tantor Audio, a division of Recorded Books

*Nights of the Living Dead: An Anthology* edited by Jonathan Maberry and George A. Romero, narrated by Stefan Rudnicki, Rex Linn, Gabrielle de Cuir, Adenrele Ojo, Richard Gilliland, Ray Porter, Kristoffer Tabori, and Kasey Lansdale, published by Blackstone Publishing

*Silver Silence* by Nalini Singh, narrated by Angela Dawe, published by Tantor Audio, a division of Recorded Books

## **ROMANCE**

*Any Day Now* by Robyn Carr, narrated by Therese Plummer, published by Recorded Books

*Cake: A Love Story* by J. Bengtsson, narrated by Andi Arndt and Joe Arden, published by J. Bengtsson

*Come Sundown* by Nora Roberts, narrated by Elisabeth Rodgers, published by Brilliance Publishing

*The Duchess Deal* by Tessa Dare, narrated by Mary Jane Wells, published by HarperAudio

*The Ladies' Room* by Carolyn Brown, narrated by Donna Postel, published by Brilliance Publishing

## **SCIENCE FICTION**

*Battlefront II: Inferno Squad (Star Wars)* by Christie Golden, narrated by Janina Gavankar, published by Random House Audio

*New York 2140* by Kim Stanley Robinson, narrated by Suzanne Toren, Robin Miles, Peter Ganim, Jay Snyder, Caitlin Kelly, Michael Crouch, Ryan Vincent Anderson, Christopher Ryan Grant, and Robert Blumenfeld, published by Hachette Audio

*Provenance* by Ann Leckie, narrated by Adjoa Andoh, published by Hachette Audio

*The Stone Sky* by N.K. Jemisin, narrated by a Robin Miles, published by Hachette Audio



*The X-Files: Cold Cases* by Joe Harris, Chris Carter, and Dirk Maggs, narrated by David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson, Mitch Pileggi, William B. Davis, Tom Braidwood, Dean Haglund, Bruce Harwood, published by Audible Studios

### **SHORT STORIES/COLLECTIONS**

*Difficult Women* by Roxane Gay, narrated by Robin Miles, published by Audible Studios

*Good Behavior* by Blake Crouch, narrated by Blake Crouch and Julia Whelan, published by Brilliance Publishing

*The Language of Thorns: Midnight Tales and Dangerous Magic* by Leigh Bardugo, narrated by Lauren Fortgang, published by Audible Studios

*Tales of Ordinary Madness* by Charles Bukowski, edited by Gail Chiarrello, narrated by Will Patton, published by Audible Studios

*You Don't Have to Say You Love Me*, written and narrated by Sherman Alexie, published by Hachette Audio Books

### **THRILLER/SUSPENSE**

*The Breakdown* by B.A. Paris, narrated by Georgia Maguire, published by Macmillan Audio

*Don't Let Go* by Harlan Coben, narrated by Steven Weber, published by Brilliance Publishing

*The Chemist* by Stephenie Meyer, narrated by Ellen Archer, published by Hachette Audio

*The Fourth Monkey* by J.D. Barker, narrated by Edoardo Ballerini and Graham Winton, published by Recorded Books

*A Legacy of Spies* by John le Carré, narrated by Tom Hollander, published by Penguin Audio

*Mississippi Blood* by Greg Iles, narrated by Scott Brick, published by HarperAudio

### **YOUNG ADULT**

*Before the Devil Breaks You* by Libba Bray, narrated by January LaVoy, published by Listening Library

*Disappeared* by Francisco X. Stork, narrated by Roxana Ortega and Christian Barillas, published by Scholastic Audio

*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, narrated by Bahni Turpin, published by HarperAudio

*Solo* by Kwame Alexander, with Mary Rand Hess, narrated by Kwame Alexander, music by Randy Preston, published by Blink

*You Bring the Distant Near* by Mitali Perkins, narrated by Sneha Mathan, Shivali Bhammer, Priya Ayyar, and others, published by Listening Library

**YOUNG LISTENERS (up to age 8)**

*Mother Bruce* by Ryan T. Higgins, narrated by Robertson Dean, published by Weston Woods Studios Inc

*Poem for Peter* by Andrea Davis Pinkney, narrated by Channie Waites, published by Recorded Books

*Princess Cora and the Crocodile* by Laura Amy Schlitz, narrated by Davina Porter, published by Recorded Books

*A Sick Day for Amos McGee* by Philip C. Stead, narrated by Jim Dale, published by Macmillan Audio

*Trombone Shorty* by Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews, narrated by Dion Graham, published by Live Oak Media

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