



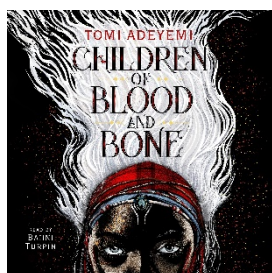
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## ***Children of Blood and Bone* named Audiobook of the Year at the 2019 Audie Awards**

**Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman among others recognized last night  
for achievement in spoken word entertainment**



New York, NY – March 5, 2019 – The Audio Publishers Association (APA), the premiere trade organization of audiobooks and spoken word entertainment, announces today the winners of last night's annual awards gala, The Audie Awards. The event was hosted by *Queer Eye* fashion expert, upcoming memoirist and audiobook narrator, Tan France, who lent his charming personality and delightful wit to the evening's festivities. The Audies recognizes outstanding achievement from the authors, narrators, publishers, and producers of the most talked-about audiobooks in the industry. This year's most prestigious award, Audiobook of the Year, has been named Tomi Adeyemi's ***Children of Blood and Bone***, published by Macmillan Audio.

Recognized by the esteemed judging panel of Ron Charles (Book Critic for *The Washington Post*), Linda Holmes (Host of NPR's *Pop Culture Happy Hour*), and Lisa Lucas (Executive Director of the National Book Foundation), the Audiobook of the Year acknowledges the work that, through quality and influence, has caught the attention of the industry's most important thought leaders.

The panel praised Adeyemi's work and Bahni Turpin's captivating narration. "There's something magical about the timbre of Turpin's voice that's perfectly tuned to the fantastical nature of this novel. I felt transported into the world of "Children of Blood and Bone," said Ron Charles. "Turpin's superb accents allow us to visualize each character distinctly. Her dramatic pacing builds suspense and then explodes in moments of crisis. When she cries out in agony or despair, I pretty much stopped breathing. This is world-building entirely through the spoken word and the audiobook succeeds on the power of Turpin's dramatic performance."

Following in the footsteps of other Hollywood notables, taking the Humor category are actors, authors and narrators, Nick Offerman and Megan Mullally, for their hilarious *The Greatest Love Story Ever Told*. Stanley Tucci also walked away with an Audie Award as part of the cast for Audible's *The Man on the Mountaintop*.

Full list of winners...

**Audiobook of the Year**

Children of Blood and Bone

By Tomi Adeyemi

Narrated by Bahni Turpin

Macmillan Audio

**Audio Drama**

The Martian Invasion of Earth

By HG Wells, dramatised by Nicholas Briggs

Performed by Richard Armitage and Lucy Briggs-Owen

Big Finish Productions

**Autobiography/Memoir**

Educated

By Tara Westover

Narrated by Julia Whelan

Penguin Random House Audio

**Best Female Narrator**

Educated

By Tara Westover

Narrated by Julia Whelan

Penguin Random House Audio

**Best Male Narrator**

Watchers

By Dean Koontz

Narrated by Edoardo Ballerini

Brilliance Publishing

**Business/Personal Development**

How to Be Heard

Written and narrated by Julian Treasure

Blackstone Publishing

**Faith-Based Fiction & Non-Fiction**

The Man on the Mountaintop

By Susan Trott, adapted by Libby Spurrier

Narrated by Stanley Tucci, Toby Jones, Clare Corbett, Rachel Atkins, Jeff Harding, and David Thorpe

Audible Studios

**Fantasy**

Spinning Silver

By Naomi Novik

Narrated by Lisa Flanagan

Penguin Random House Audio

**Fiction**

The Tattooist of Auschwitz

By Heather Morris

Narrated by Richard Armitage

Harper Audio

**History/Biography**

Darkest Hour  
By Anthony McCarten  
Narrated by John Lee  
HarperAudio

**Humor**

The Greatest Love Story Ever Told  
Written and narrated by Nick Offerman and Megan Mullally  
Penguin Random House Audio

**Literary Fiction & Classics**

Bleak House  
By Charles Dickens  
Narrated by Miriam Margolyes  
Audible Studios

**Middle Grade**

Sunny  
By Jason Reynolds  
Narrated by Guy Lockard  
Simon & Schuster Audio

**Multi-Voiced Performance**

Dreamland Burning  
By Jennifer Latham  
Narrated by Pyeng Threadgill and Luke Slattery  
Hachette Audio

**Mystery**

The Punishment She Deserves  
By Elizabeth George  
Narrated by Simon Vance  
Penguin Random House Audio

**Narration by Author or Authors**

The Secret of Nightingale Wood  
By Lucy Strange  
Narrated by Lucy Strange  
Scholastic Audio

**Non-Fiction**

The Perfectionists  
Written and narrated by Simon Winchester  
HarperAudio

**Original Work**

Spin  
By Harvey Edelman and Neil Fishman, adapted for audio by David B. Coe  
Narrated by Jim Dale, Barrett Leddy, Lisa Livesay, Nicola Barber, Khristine Hvam, Nick Sullivan, John Brady, and Johnny Heller  
HarperAudio

**Romance**

His Viking Bride  
By Olivia Norem  
Narrated by Greg Patmore  
Olivia Norem

**Science Fiction**

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Hexagonal Phase  
By Eoin Colfer and Douglas Adams  
Narrated by John Lloyd, Simon Jones, Geoff McGivern, Mark Wing-Davey, Sandra Dickinson, Susan Sheridan, Samantha Béart, Toby Longworth, Andy Secombe, Mitch Benn, Jane Horrocks, Ed Byrne, Jon Culshaw, Jim Broadbent, Professor Stephen Hawking, Lenny Henry, Tom Alexander, Philip Pope, Theo Maggs, Phillipe Boshier, and John Marsh  
Penguin Random House UK Audio

**Short Stories/Collections**

Heads of the Colored People  
By Nafissa Thompson-Spires  
Narrated by Adenrele Ojo  
HighBridge Audio, a division of Recorded Books

**Thriller/Suspense**

Crimson Lake  
By Candice Fox  
Narrated by Euan Morton  
Macmillan Audio

**Young Adult**

Sadie  
By Courtney Summers  
Narrated by Dan Bittner, Rebecca Soler, Gabra Zackman, and Fred Berman  
Macmillan Audio

**Young Listeners**

Before She Was Harriet  
By Lesa Cline-Ransome  
Narrated by SiSi Aisha Johnson, January LaVoy, Lisa Renee Pitts, and Bahni Turpin  
Live Oak Media

Full set of photos from the event including presenters: Ron Charles, Lisa Lucas, Linda Holmes, Patton Oswalt, LeVar Burton, Euan Morton and Julianna Zobrist, can be found [here](#).

Additional information can be found online at [www.theaudies.com](http://www.theaudies.com)

**ABOUT THE AUDIE AWARDS®**

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The Audio Publishers Association (APA) is a not-for-profit trade organization whose primary goals are to promote awareness of the audiobook industry, gather and disseminate industry statistics, encourage

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