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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 26TH AUDIE AWARDS®

Winners to be revealed at the Audie Awards® Gala, being held virtually and streaming live to the public on March 22, 2021



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Finalists include **Kevin Bacon, Mike Birbiglia, T Bone Burnett, Susanna Clarke, Elijah Cummings, Jeff Daniels, Guillermo del Toro, Tim Ferriss, Laurence Fishburne, Flea, Kevin Hart, Cathy Park Hong, Colin Jost, Mindy Kaling, Alicia Keys, Kevin Kwan, James McBride, Jon Meacham, Walter Mosley, Carey Mulligan, Louise Penny, and Marisa Tomei**

(New York, NY – February 23, 2021) Finalists in 25 competitive categories for the 2021 Audie Awards, including the Audiobook of the Year and the Audie Award® for Young Adult, were announced by the Audio Publishers Association (APA) today.

Winners will be revealed at the Audie Awards® Gala on March 22, 2021 at 9 pm EST. For the first time, the Audie Awards® are being held virtually and will stream live to the public via <https://www.audiopub.org/audies-gala>. The awards will be preceded by a “virtual red carpet,” streaming live at 8:30 pm EST.

Award-winning actor, stand-up comedian, producer, writer, and audiobook narrator JOHN LEGUIZAMO will host the gala. Celebrity author judges for Audiobook of the Year, JENNIFER EGAN, TOMMY ORANGE, and DAVID SEDARIS as well as judges for the Young Adult Audie Award®, JERRY CRAFT, V.E. SCHWAB and MELISSA DE LA CRUZ will also participate in the virtual ceremony. Additional high-profile “special guests” to be announced in advance of the event.

The Audie Awards®, recognized as the most prestigious award in audiobook and spoken word entertainment, selected this year’s finalists from over 1500 submissions, the largest number of works ever submitted for the Audies. This year also marks the return of the Audie Award® for Spanish Language, which was last awarded in 2010. Audiobook listening continues to surge, with eight years in a row of double-digit revenue growth and more titles produced in 2020 than ever before.

“We are thrilled to honor a prodigious array of audiobook talent,” said APA President Ana Maria Alessi. “Gathering virtually allows us to celebrate with audiobook creators and fans from around the world. This year’s Audies will be a night to remember.”

Audie Awards® Competition Chair Mary Burkey noted: “With more Audie Awards submissions and more listening hours than ever—and the scope and richness of the audiobook experience at an all-time high—we commend our wonderful group of judges, which this year included an inaugural team evaluating Spanish-language titles. Everyone did an outstanding job.”

For more information, including the finalists listed below, visit www.theaudies.com.

THE FINALISTS FOR THE 2021 AUDIE AWARDS®

AUDIOBOOK OF THE YEAR

The Decision: Overcoming Today's BS for Tomorrow's Success, written and narrated by Kevin Hart, published by Audible Originals

More Myself, written and narrated by Alicia Keys, published by Macmillan Audio

The Mountains Sing, by Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai, narrated by Quyen Ngo, published by Dreamscape Media LLC

Piranesi, by Susanna Clarke, narrated by Chiwetel Ejiofor, published by Bloomsbury PLC

We're Better Than This, by Elijah Cummings with James Dale, narrated by Nancy Pelosi, Laurence Fishburne, and Maya Rockey Moore Cummings, published by HarperAudio

AUDIO DRAMA

ATA Girl 2, by Helen Goldwyn and Louise Jameson, performed by Cory Chambers, Kate Copeland, Amy Downham, Helen Goldwyn, Holly Jackson Walters, Louise Jameson, Wilf Scolding, and Elinor Lawless, published by Big Finish Productions

Come Find Me, by Erin Mallon, performed by Cynthia Darlow, Jonathan Davis, Caitlin Kelly, Erin Mallon, and Thérèse Plummer, published by Erin Mallon

Doctor Who - Stranded 1, by Matt Fitton, David K Barnes, Lisa McMullin, and John Dorney, performed by Paul McGann, Nicola Walker, Hattie Morahan, Rebecca Root, Tom Price, and Tom Baker, published by Big Finish Productions

The Ernie Pyle Experiment! by Michael Brainard and script editor Russell McGee, performed by Michael Brainard, Greta Lind, Kate Braun, Andrew Bowen, Josh Hogan, Tim Grimm, Peter Spellos, and a full cast, published by WFIU Public Radio

Frankenstein: A Stage Adaptation, adapted by A.S. Peterson, performed by Jared Reinfeldt, Euriamis Losada, Henry O. Arnold, Kim Bretton, Morgan Davis, Matt Rose, Micah Williams, Brooks Bennett, Austin Olive, and Garris Wimmer, published by Oasis Audio

AUTOBIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR

The Autobiography of Malcolm X: As Told to Alex Haley, by Malcolm X as told to Alex Haley, narrated by Laurence Fishburne, published by Audible, Inc.

Becoming Duchess Goldblatt by Anonymous, narrated by Gabra Zackman, featuring J. Smith-Cameron and Lyle Lovett, published by HMH Audio

Mr. New Orleans: The Life of a Big Easy Underworld Legend, by Frenchy Brouillette and Matthew Randazzo V, narrated by Louis Herthum, published by Sound Off Productions

Sigh, Gone, written and narrated by Phuc Tran, published by Macmillan Audio

Uncanny Valley, by Anna Wiener, narrated by Suehyla El-Attar, published by Macmillan Audio

BEST FEMALE NARRATOR

The City We Became, by N. K. Jemisin, narrated by Robin Miles, published by Hachette Audio

The Color Purple, by Alice Walker, narrated by Samira Wiley, published by Audible Studios

The Lying Life of Adults, by Elena Ferrante, translated by Ann Goldstein, narrated by Marisa Tomei, published by Penguin Random House Audio

One by One by Ruth Ware, narrated by Imogen Church, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid, narrated by Nicole Lewis, published by Penguin Random House Audio

BEST MALE NARRATOR

All the Devils Are Here, by Louise Penny, narrated by Robert Bathurst, published by Macmillan Audio

The Autobiography of Malcolm X: As Told to Alex Haley by Malcolm X as told to Alex Haley, narrated by Laurence Fishburne, published by Audible, Inc.

The Glimme, by Emily Rodda and Marc McBride, narrated by Andrew Scott, published by Bolinda Publishing Pty Ltd

A Man Called Ove, by Fredrik Backman, narrated by J.K. Simmons, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

Squeeze Me, by Carl Hiaasen, narrated by Scott Brick, published by Penguin Random House Audio

BUSINESS/PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Gift: 12 Lessons to Save Your Life, by Dr. Edith Eva Eger, narrated by Tovah Feldshuh, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

How I Built This: The Unexpected Paths to Success from the World's Most Inspiring Entrepreneurs, written and narrated by Guy Raz, published by Audible Studios

Hustle Harder, Hustle Smarter, written and narrated by Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson, published by HarperAudio

Improvise! by Max Dickins, narrated by Steve West, published by Brilliance Publishing

Tools of Titans: The Tactics, Routines, and Habits of Billionaires, Icons, and World-Class Performers by Tim Ferriss, narrated by Tim Ferris, Ryan Holiday, Kevin Rose, Jocko Willink, Tim Kreider, Ralph Potts, Mike Delaponte, Kaleo Griffith, Ray Porter, and Thérèse Plummer, published by Audible Studios

FAITH-BASED FICTION & NON-FICTION

Chasing Vines, written and narrated by Beth Moore, published by Oasis Audio

Cliff Falls: The Missing Pieces Edition, by C. B. Shiepe, narrated by Santino Fontana, published by Cliff Falls Media, Inc.

Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire, written and narrated by Jen Hatmaker, published by Thomas Nelson

Old School Love, written and narrated by Joseph "Rev Run" Simmons and Justine Simmons, published by HarperAudio

The Power of Favor, written and narrated by Joel Osteen, published by Hachette Audio

FANTASY

The City We Became, by N. K. Jemisin, narrated by Robin Miles, published by Hachette Audio

The House in the Cerulean Sea, by TJ Klune, narrated by Daniel Henning, published by Macmillan Audio

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue, by V. E. Schwab, narrated by Julia Whelan, published by Macmillan Audio

The Last Smile in Sunder City, written and narrated by Luke Arnold, published by Hachette Audio

Raybearer by Jordan Ifueko, narrated by Joniece Abbott-Pratt, published by Blackstone Publishing

FICTION

Big Lies in a Small Town, by Diane Chamberlain, narrated by Susan Bennett, published by Macmillan Audio

The Last Story of Mina Lee, by Nancy Jooyoun Kim, narrated by Greta Jung, published by HarperAudio

The Midnight Library, by Matt Haig, narrated by Carey Mulligan, published by Canongate Books UK / Penguin Random House Audio US

Sex and Vanity, by Kevin Kwan, narrated by Lydia Look, published by Penguin Random House Audio

Such a Fun Age, by Kiley Reid, narrated by Nicole Lewis, published by Penguin Random House Audio

HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

The Dead Are Arising, by Les Payne and Tamara Payne, narrated by Dion Graham, published by Recorded Books

Deep Delta Justice, by Matthew Van Meter, narrated by Brad Sanders, published by Hachette Audio

His Truth Is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope, by Jon Meacham, with an afterword by John Lewis, narrated by JD Jackson, published by Penguin Random House Audio

J.R.R. Tolkien: The Making of a Legend, by Colin Duriez, narrated by Simon Vance, published by Oasis Audio

Just Us: An American Conversation, by Claudia Rankine, narrated by Janina Edwards, published by Audible Studios

The Lincoln Conspiracy, by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch, narrated by Scott Brick, published by Macmillan Audio

HUMOR

The New One, written and narrated by Mike Birbiglia and J. Hope Stein, published by Hachette Audio

Nothing Like I Imagined, written and narrated by Mindy Kaling, published by Brilliance Publishing

Small Doses, written and narrated by Amanda Seales, published by Audible Studios

Surrender, White People!, by D.L. Hughley and Doug Moe, narrated by D.L. Hughley, published by HarperAudio

A Very Punchable Face, written and narrated by Colin Jost, published by Penguin Random House Audio

Wow, No Thank You, written and narrated by Samantha Irby, published by Penguin Random House Audio

LITERARY FICTION & CLASSICS

The Color Purple, by Alice Walker, narrated by Samira Wiley, published by Audible Studios

Deacon King Kong, by James McBride, narrated by Dominic Hoffman, published by Penguin Random House Audio

The Death of Vivek Oji, by Akwaeke Emezi, narrated by Yetide Badaki and Chukwudi Iwuji, published by Penguin Random House Audio

Pew, by Catherine Lacey, narrated by Bahni Turpin, published by Brilliance Publishing

These Ghosts Are Family, by Maisy Card, narrated by Karl O'Brian Williams, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

MIDDLE GRADE

Genesis Begins Again, written and narrated by Alicia D. Williams, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

The Good Hawk, by Joseph Elliott, narrated by Fiona Hardingham and Gary Furlong, published by Brilliance Publishing

King and the Dragonflies, by Kacen Callender, narrated by Ron Butler, published by Scholastic Audio

Say Her Name, by Zetta Elliott, narrated by Channie Waites, published by Recorded Books

Shuri: A Black Panther Novel, Book 1, by Nic Stone, narrated by Anika Noni Rose, published by Scholastic Audio

We Dream of Space, by Erin Entrada Kelly, narrated by Ramon de Ocampo, published by HarperAudio

MULTI-VOICED PERFORMANCE

Clap When You Land, by Elizabeth Acevedo, narrated by Elizabeth Acevedo and Melania-Luisa Marte, published by HarperAudio

How the Penguins Saved Veronica, by Hazel Prior, narrated by Helen Lloyd, Andrew Fallaize, and Mandy Williams, published by Penguin Random House Audio

No Name by Wilkie Collins, narrated by Nicholas Boulton, Lucy Scott, Rachel Atkins, David Rintoul, Russell Bentley, and John Foley, published by Naxos AudioBooks c/o Naxos of America, Inc.

The Switch, by Beth O'Leary, narrated by Daisy Edgar-Jones and Alison Steadman, published by Macmillan Audio

The Trial of the Chicago 7, edited by Mark L. Levine, George C. McNamee, and Daniel L. Greenberg, narrated by J.K. Simmons, Jeff Daniels, Chris Jackson, Corey Stoll, John Hawkes, Chris Chalk, Luke Kirby, Norbert Leo Butz, George Newbern, and a full cast, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

Women Who Wrote, by Louisa May Alcott, Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte, Emily Bronte, Gertrude Stein, and Phillis Wheatley, narrated by Chloe Dolandis, Jude Mason, and Tyra Kennedy, published by Thomas Nelson

MYSTERY

A Bad Day for Sunshine, by Darynda Jones, narrated by Lorelei King, published by Macmillan Audio

Confessions on the 7:45, by Lisa Unger, narrated by Vivienne Leheny, published by HarperAudio

Fair Warning, by Michael Connelly, narrated by Peter Giles and Zach Villa, published by Hachette Audio

The Guest List, by Lucy Foley, narrated by Chloe Massey, Olivia Dowd, Sarah Ovens, Rich Keeble, Aoife McMahon, and Jot Davies, published by HarperAudio

Trouble Is What I Do, by Walter Mosley, narrated by Dion Graham, published by Hachette Audio

NARRATION BY AUTHOR OR AUTHORS

Acid for the Children, written and narrated by Flea, published by Hachette Audio

Hollywood Park, written and narrated by Mikel Jollett, published by Macmillan Audio

Homie: Poems, written and narrated by Danez Smith, published by HighBridge Audio, a division of Recorded Books

In Dependence, written and narrated by Sarah Ladipo Manyika, published by Recorded Books

Little Weirds, written and narrated by Jenny Slate, published by Hachette Audio

More Myself, written and narrated by Alicia Keys, published by Macmillan Audio

NON-FICTION

Fire in Paradise, by Alastair Gee and Dani Anguiano, narrated by T. Ryder Smith, published by Recorded Books

If You Tell, by Gregg Olsen, narrated by Karen Peakes, published by Brilliance Publishing

Rage, by Bob Woodward, narrated by Robert Petkoff, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope, by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, narrated by Jennifer Garner, published by Penguin Random House Audio

Wandering in Strange Lands, written and narrated by Morgan Jerkins, published by HarperAudio

ORIGINAL WORK

Barack Obama: The 60 Minutes Interviews, by Steve Kroft, narrated by Barack Obama and Steve Kroft, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

The Confederacy: Truth and Reconciliation, written and narrated by T Bone Burnett, published by Audible Originals

The End of My Heart by Gayle Forman, narrated by Diane Kruger, Piper Goodeve, Gabriel Vaughan, Elizabeth Evans, Josh Hurley, Amanda Ronconi, Emily Bauer, Neil Hellegers, and Jesse Einstein, published by Audible Originals

Getting Started with Sourdough: From Flour to Levain to One Great Loaf, written and narrated by Chad Robertson and Jennifer Latham, published by Penguin Random House Audio

When You Finish Saving the World, by Jesse Eisenberg, narrated by Finn Wolfhard, Kaitlyn Dever, and Jesse Eisenberg, published by Audible Originals

ROMANCE

Call Me Maybe, by Cara Bastone, narrated by Luci Christian and Neil Hellegers, published by Audible Originals

Chasing Cassandra, by Lisa Kleypas, narrated by Mary Jane Wells, published by HarperAudio

Dirty Letters, by Vi Keeland and Penelope Ward, narrated by Andi Arndt and Jacob Morgan, published by Brilliance Publishing

Get a Life, Chloe Brown, by Talia Hibbert, narrated by Adjoa Andoh, published by HarperAudio

The Honey-Don't List, by Christina Lauren, narrated by Patti Murin and Jon Root, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

SCIENCE FICTION

Aliens: Phalanx, by Scott Sigler, narrated by Bronson Pinchot, published by Blackstone Publishing

Axiom's End, by Lindsay Ellis, narrated by Stephanie Willis and Abigail Thorn, published by Macmillan Audio

The Deep, by Rivers Solomon, with Daveed Diggs, William Hutson, and Jonathan Snipes, narrated by Daveed Diggs, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

Heaven's River, by Dennis E. Taylor, narrated by Ray Porter, published by Audible Originals

Ruins of the Galaxy, by J.N. Chaney and Christopher Hopper, narrated by R.C. Bray, published by Podium Audio

Star Wars: Thrawn Ascendancy: Chaos Rising, by Timothy Zahn, narrated by Marc Thompson, published by Penguin Random House Audio

SHORT STORIES/COLLECTIONS

Burnt Tongues, edited by Chuck Palahniuk, Richard Thomas, and Dennis Widmyer, narrated by Christopher David, Jordan Killam, Pete Cross, Cady Zuckerman, Nick Mondelli, David Bendena, Pat Grimes, Mark Owen, Kat Rose-Martin, Chris Andrew Ciulla, Katherine Littrell, James Patrick Cronin, Timothy Andrés Pabon, Cary Hite, Qarie Marshall, Jack Meloche, Thom Rivera, Steve West, Steve Wojtas, Tanya Eby, and Patrick Lawlor, published by Dreamscape Media LLC

The Chekhov Collection of Short Stories, by Anton Chekhov, narrated by Richard Armitage, published by Audible Studios

Inquire Within, written and narrated by In-Q, published by HarperAudio

Inside Jobs: Tales from a Time of Quarantine, by Ben H. Winters, narrated by Scott Aiello, Kevin T. Collins, and Ellen Archer, published by Audible Originals

Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning, written and narrated by Cathy Park Hong, published by Penguin Random House Audio

SPANISH LANGUAGE

Evelyn Del Rey se muda [Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away], by Meg Medina, narrated by Jane Santos, published by Dreamscape Media LLC

La Hermandad del Triskelion, by German Rodriguez Citraro, narrated by Juan Guzman, published by FonoLibro Inc

El Laberinto del Fauno, by Guillermo del Toro and Cornelia Funke, narrated by Luis Ávila, published by Penguin Random House Grupo Editorial México

Mi sombría Vanessa, by Kate Elizabeth Russell, narrated by Ximena Restrepo, published by HarperAudio

Si, si es contigo, written and narrated by Calle y Poché, published by Penguin Random House Grupo Editorial Colombia

THRILLER/SUSPENSE

If It Bleeds, by Stephen King, narrated by Will Patton, Danny Burstein, and Steven Weber, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

The Only Good Indians, by Stephen Graham Jones, narrated by Shaun Taylor-Corbett, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

The Sentinel, by Lee Child and Andrew Child, narrated by Scott Brick, published by Penguin Random House Audio

When No One Is Watching, by Alyssa Cole, narrated by Susan Dalian and Jay Aaseng, published by HarperAudio

Yard Work, by David Koepp, narrated by Kevin Bacon, published by Audible Originals

YOUNG ADULT

Clap When You Land, by Elizabeth Acevedo, narrated by Elizabeth Acevedo and Melania-Luisa Marte, published by HarperAudio

Everything Sad Is Untrue (A True Story), written and narrated by Daniel Nayeri, published by Penguin Random House Audio

Poisoned, by Jennifer Donnelly, narrated by Rosie Jones, published by Scholastic Audio

A Song Below Water, by Bethany C. Morrow, narrated by Jennifer Haralson and Andrea Laing, published by Macmillan Audio

This Is My America, by Kim Johnson, narrated by Bahni Turpin, published by Penguin Random House Audio

YOUNG LISTENERS

Going Down Home with Daddy, by Kelly Starling Lyons, narrated by Daxton Edwards, published by Dreamscape Media LLC

The Overground Railroad, by Lesa Cline-Ransome, narrated by Shayna Small and Dion Graham, published by Live Oak Media

Rise! From Caged Bird to Poet of the People, Maya Angelou by Bethany Hegedus, narrated by Cherise Boothe, published by Live Oak Media

Say Something, written and narrated by Peter H. Reynolds, published by Weston Woods Studios

The Sesame Street Podcast with Foley and Friends, by Sesame Workshop, narrated by Lindsey Briggs, Tyler Bunch, Ryan Dillon, and a full cast, published by Audible Studios

Stuck, by Chris Grabenstein, narrated by Mark Sanderlin, Elizabeth Hess, Oliver Wyman, Farah Bala, Rita Wolf, Caroline Grogan, Cynthia Darlow, Mateo D'Amato, J.J. Myers, Neil Hellegers, Genesis Oliver, and Chris Grabenstein, published by Audible Originals

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interests of audiobook publishers. Since 1986, the APA has worked to bring audio publishers together to increase interest in audiobooks. Visit www.audiopub.org for more information.

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