



Audio Publishers Association

**ANDY WEIR'S *PROJECT HAIL MARY*, READ BY RAY PORTER,  
AWARDED AUDIOBOOK OF THE YEAR AT THE  
AUDIO PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION'S 2022 AUDIE AWARDS®**

**RYAN LA SALA'S *BE DAZZLED* HONORED WITH YOUNG ADULT AWARD**

*With Acceptance Speeches from Audie Award winners Sam Heughan & Graham McTavish,  
Lin-Manuel Miranda, Deepti Gupta, and Ray Porter & Andy Weir  
Available [here](#).*

**March 4, 2022, NEW YORK, NY** – Tonight, the [Audio Publishers Association](#) (APA) announced the winners of the **2022 Audie Awards®**, the premier awards program recognizing distinction in audiobooks and spoken-word entertainment. Hosted by actor, author, producer, and former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, **Kal Penn**, the ceremony was held virtually honoring finalists across 25 competitive categories. ***Project Hail Mary***, written by Andy Weir, narrated by Ray Porter, and published by Audible Studios received the night's top honor, **Audiobook of the Year**. ***Be Dazzled***, written by Ryan La Sala, narrated by Pete Cross, and published by Dreamscape Media won the Young Adult Audie Award. Full list of winners below.

Special guest judges **Gigi Gorgeous** (critically acclaimed author, LGBTQ+ activist, and co-host of the hit podcast *Queerified with Gigi Gorgeous and Mimi*), **Caitlyn Paxson** (writer and book reviewer for NPR), and **Anthony Allen Ramos** (Executive Producer of the GLAAD Media Awards and official Entertainment Correspondent) judged the Young Adult category; **Kristen Arnett** (*New York Times* bestselling author), **Gayle Forman** (award-winning author and journalist), and **Seija Rankin** (Senior Books Editor at *Entertainment Weekly*) judged the Audiobook of the Year category.

"The audio of *Project Hail Mary* did exactly what I want an audiobook to do, which is to use the medium to expand the story," said Forman regarding the Audiobook of the Year recipient. She went on to add, "If this Sci-Fi book could make a fan out of me, a lover of contemporary realistic fiction, it could definitely win over any first-time audio listeners."

In response to Young Adult winner, *Be Dazzled*, Gorgeous stated: "The narration of this audiobook wonderfully complements the author's intent through the enthusiastic and genuine performance by the narrator. It allows the listener to sympathize with the emotional ups and downs that the characters are feeling, as if you're inside their heads and seeing the world

around them. Many of our LGBTQ youth today experience these exact same feelings, turmoils, and joys, which makes this a refreshing and inspiring story to be able to listen to.”

### **AUDIOBOOK OF THE YEAR**

*Project Hail Mary*

Written by Andy Weir

Narrated by Ray Porter

Published by Audible Studios

### **AUDIO DRAMA**

*Sherlock Holmes - The Seamstress of Peckham Rye*

Written by Jonathan Barnes

Performed by Nicholas Briggs, Richard Earl, Lucy Briggs-Owen, India Fisher, James Joyce, Anjella MacKintosh, Glen McCready, and Mark Elstob

Published by Big Finish Productions

### **AUTOBIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR**

*Somebody's Daughter*

Written and narrated by Ashley C. Ford

Published by Macmillan Audio

### **BEST FEMALE NARRATOR**

Deepti Gupta

*The Parted Earth*

Written by Anjali Enjeti

Published by Novel Audio

### **BEST MALE NARRATOR**

Lin-Manuel Miranda

*Aristotle and Dante Dive into the Waters of the World*

Written by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Published by Simon & Schuster Audio

### **BUSINESS/PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Machiavelli for Women*

Written and narrated by Stacey Vanek Smith

Published by Simon & Schuster Audio

### **ESPAÑOL - SPANISH LANGUAGE**

*La casa de Bernarda Alba*

Written by Federico García Lorca

Narrated by Gloria Muñoz, Elena González, Rebeca Hernando, Carmen Mayordomo, Marta Poveda, Sol de la Barreda, Beatriz Melgares, Cristina Arias, and Antonio Martínez Asensio

Published by Penguin Random House Grupo Editorial

### **FAITH-BASED FICTION OR NON-FICTION**

*The Gift of Black Folk*

Written by W.E.B. Du Bois  
Narrated by Arnell Powell  
Published by Brilliance Publishing

## **FANTASY**

*Rhythm of War*

Written by Brandon Sanderson  
Narrated by Michael Kramer and Kate Reading  
Published by Macmillan Audio

## **FICTION**

*The Final Revival of Opal & Nev*

Written by Dawnie Walton  
Narrated by Janina Edwards, Bahni Turpin, James Langton, André De Shields, Dennis Boutsikaris, Steve West, Gabra Zackman, Robin Miles, and a full cast  
Published by Simon & Schuster Audio

## **HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY**

*Clanlands: Whisky, Warfare, and a Scottish Adventure Like No Other*

Written and narrated by Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish (with a foreword written and narrated by Diana Gabaldon)  
Published by Hodder & Stoughton

## **HUMOR**

*How Y'all Doing?*

Written and narrated by Leslie Jordan  
Published by HarperAudio

## **LITERARY FICTION & CLASSICS**

*All Creatures Great and Small*

Written by James Herriot  
Narrated by Nicholas Ralph  
Published by Macmillan Audio

## **MIDDLE GRADE**

*Playing the Cards You're Dealt*

Written by Varian Johnson  
Narrated by Dion Graham  
Published by Scholastic Audio

## **MULTI-VOICED PERFORMANCE**

*Heresy*

Written by Melissa Lenhardt  
Narrated by Barrie Kreinik, Bailey Carr, Ella Turenne, Nikki Massoud, Natalie Naudus, Imani Jade Powers, and James Fouhey  
Published by Hachette Audio

## **MYSTERY**

*Later*

Written by Stephen King

Narrated by Seth Numrich

Published by Simon & Schuster Audio

## **NARRATION BY THE AUTHOR**

*A Promised Land*

Written and narrated by Barack Obama

Published by Penguin Random House Audio

## **NON-FICTION**

*The Joy of Sweat*

Written by Sarah Everts

Narrated by Sophie Amoss

Published by Penguin Random House Audio

## **ORIGINAL WORK**

*Heroine*

Written and narrated by Mary Jane Wells

Published by Author's Republic

## **ROMANCE**

*Reel: Hollywood Renaissance, Book 1*

Written by Kennedy Ryan

Narrated by Eboni Flowers, Jakobi Diem, Nicole Small, and April Christina

Published by Scribbeck Media LLC, Produced by Lyric Audiobooks

## **SCIENCE FICTION**

*Project Hail Mary*

Written by Andy Weir

Narrated by Ray Porter

Published by Audible Studios

## **SHORT STORIES/COLLECTIONS**

*Blackout*

Written by Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Nic Stone, Angie Thomas, Ashley Woodfolk, and Nicola Yoon

Narrated by Joniece Abbott-Pratt, Dion Graham, Imani Parks, Jordan Cobb, Shayna Small, A.J. Beckles, and Bahni Turpin

Published by HarperAudio

## **THRILLER/SUSPENSE**

*Local Woman Missing*

Written by Mary Kubica

Narrated by Brittany Pressley, Jennifer Jill Araya, Gary Tiedemann, and Jesse Vilinsky

Published by HarperAudio

### **YOUNG ADULT**

*Be Dazzled*

Written by Ryan La Sala

Narrated by Pete Cross

Published by Dreamscape Media

### **YOUNG LISTENERS**

*I and I Bob Marley*

Written by Tony Medina

Narrated by Jaime Lincoln Smith and Tony Medina

Published by Live Oak Media

### **ABOUT THE AUDIE AWARDS®**

The Audie Awards® is the premier awards program in the United States recognizing distinction in audiobooks and spoken-word entertainment. Publishers and rights holders enter titles in various categories for recognition of achievement. Finalists are selected, and from that group of finalists one winner is awarded. The Audie Awards® is a registered trademark of the Audio Publishers Association. To learn more about the 2022 finalists visit

<https://www.audiofilemagazine.com/audies>.

### **ABOUT THE AUDIO PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION**

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 high production standards and represent the interests of audiobook publishers. Since 1986, the APA has worked to bring audio publishers together to increase interest in audiobooks. For more information about the APA, please visit

<https://www.audiopub.org/>.

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