
Actor and Author KAL PENN to Host the Audie Awards Gala on March 4

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FEBRUARY 3, 2022, NEW YORK, NY – Today, the Audio Publishers Association (APA) announced finalists for the 2022 Audie Awards®, the premier awards program recognizing distinction in audiobooks and spoken-word entertainment. Full list of finalists below. Winners will be revealed at the Audie Awards Gala on March 4 from 9:00pm-10:00pm EST/6:00pm-7:00pm PST. Hosted by actor, author, producer, and former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, Kal Penn, the ceremony will be streamed to the public at https://www.audiopub.org/audies-gala.

Winners across 25 competitive categories will be determined by industry professionals, including 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) will judge 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) will judge the Audiobook of the Year category.

“The Audio Publishers Association is proud to announce this year’s slate of impressive finalists,” said Ana Maria Allessi, President of the APA. “They are a reflection of the continuous growth and popularity of the medium. There’s truly something for everyone. We cannot wait to celebrate all of our finalists and their tremendous work on March 4 with host Kal Penn.”

“I’m overjoyed to be joining my fellow authors and audiobook narrators as the host of this year’s ceremony,” Kal Penn said. “I plan to use my platform to celebrate this year’s most talented finalists and will in no way plug my own hilarious and gripping audiobook, You Can't Be Serious, which is available for purchase now!”

AUDIO DRAMA
Chonburi International Hotel and Butterfly Club by Shakina Nayfack, performed by Shakina Nayfack, Kate Bornstein, Annie Golden, Telly Leung, Jason Tam, Bianca Leigh, Ivory Aquino, Pooya Mohseni, Samy Figaredo, Angelica Ross, Liz Lark Brown, Ita Segev, and Dana Aliya Levinson, published by Audible Originals
The Coldest Case: A Black Book Audio Drama by James Patterson, Aaron Tracy, and Ryan Silbert, performed by Aaron Paul, Krysten Ritter, Nathalie Emmanuel, Beau Bridges, and a full cast, published by Audible Originals

The Fyodor Dostoevsky BBC Radio Drama Collection by Fyodor Dostoevsky, performed by Roy Marsden, Alex Jennings, Roger Allam, Paul Rhys, Nicholas Boulton, Paul Hilton, David Suchet, Barnaby Kay, and Lia Williams, published by BBC Audio/Penguin Random House UK

No-No Boy by Ken Narasaki, from the novel by John Okada, performed by Greg Watanabe, Kurt Kanazawa, Emily Kuroda, John Miyasaki, Ken Narasaki, Sharon Omi, Joy Osmanski, Sab Shimono, and Paul Yen, published by L.A. Theatre Works

Sherlock Holmes - The Seamstress of Peckham Rye 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

AUDIobook OF THE YEAR
Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir, narrated by Ray Porter, published by Audible Studios

A Promised Land, written and narrated by Barack Obama, published by Penguin Random House Audio

The Storyteller, written and narrated by Dave Grohl, published by HarperAudio

The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris, narrated by William DeMeritt, published by Hachette Audio

AUTOBiography/MEMoir
Act Like You Got Some Sense, written and narrated by Jamie Foxx, foreword by Corinne Foxx, published by Hachette Audio

The Boys by Ron Howard and Clint Howard, narrated by Ron Howard, Clint Howard, and Bryce Dallas Howard, published by HarperAudio

 Fits and Starts: A Memoir of Living with Epilepsy by Franziska Thomas, narrated by Tracy Wiles and Franziska Thomas, published by Almost Tangible

Listen Mama by M.S.P. Williams, narrated by JD Jackson, published by Souls Take Flight

Somebody’s Daughter, written and narrated by Ashley C. Ford, published by Macmillan Audio

BEST FEMALE NARRATOR
Hillary Huber for Before She Disappeared by Lisa Gardner, published by Brilliance Publishing
Julia Whelan for *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah, published by Macmillan Audio

Natalie Naudus for *The Morning After* by Lisa Jackson, published by Brilliance Publishing

Deepti Gupta for *The Parted Earth* by Anjali Enjeti, published by Novel Audio

Cynthia Erivo for *Wild Swan: A Story of Florence Nightingale* by Patti Callahan, published by Audible Originals

**BEST MALE NARRATOR**

Lin-Manuel Miranda for *Aristotle and Dante Dive into the Waters of the World* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

John Lithgow for *The Didomenico Fragment* by Amor Towles, published by Audible Originals

Edoardo Ballerini for *Legends of the North Cascades* by Jonathan Evison, published by Workman Audio

Robert Bathurst for *The Madness of Crowds* by Louise Penny, published by Macmillan Audio

William DeMeritt for *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris, published by Hachette Audio

**BUSINESS/PERSOAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Badass Habits*, written and narrated by Jen Sincero, published by Penguin Random House Audio

*Carry On* by John Lewis with Kabir Sehgal, foreword by Andrew Young, narrated by Don Cheadle, published by Hachette Audio

*Machiavelli for Women*, written and narrated by Stacey Vanek Smith, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man*, written and narrated by Emmanuel Acho, published by Macmillan Audio

*What Happened to You?*, written and narrated by Oprah Winfrey and Bruce D. Perry, published by Macmillan Audio

**ESPAÑOL - SPANISH LANGUAGE**

25 cuentos populares de Perú para crecer juntos, tradición popular (popular tradition), edited by José Morán Orti, narrated by Nuria Mediavilla, Nerea Alfonso, Marcel Navarro, and Xavi Fernández, published by VOCA Editorial
Desierto Sonoro by Valeria Luiselli, narrated by Marina De Tavira, published by Penguin Random House Audio

Gabo y Mercedes: una despedida, written and narrated by Rodrigo García, published by Penguin Random House Grupo Editorial

La casa de Bernarda Alba 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

Valentine: Amor y furia by Elizabeth Wetmore, narrated by Gabriela Guraieb and Patricia Loranca Ochoa, published by HarperAudio

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

Crazy Faith by Michael Todd, narrated by Aaron Goodson, published by Penguin Random House Audio


The Happiest Man on Earth by Eddie Jaku, narrated by Raphael Corkhill, published by HarperAudio


Home Sweet Road by Johnnyswim, narrated by Abner Ramirez and Amanda Sudano, published by Penguin Random House Audio

**FANTASY**

The Jasmine Throne by Tasha Suri, narrated by Shiromi Arserio, published by Hachette Audio

Princess Floralinda and the Forty-Flight Tower by Tamsyn Muir, narrated by Moira Quirk, published by Recorded Books

Rhythm of War by Brandon Sanderson, narrated by Michael Kramer and Kate Reading, published by Macmillan Audio


FICTION
All the Lonely People by Mike Gayle, narrated by Ben Onwukwe, published by Hachette Audio


The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah, narrated by Julia Whelan, published by Macmillan Audio

The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles, narrated by Edoardo Ballerini, Marin Ireland, and Dion Graham, published by Penguin Random House Audio

The Nature of Fragile Things by Susan Meissner, narrated by Alana Kerr Collins and Jason Culp, published by Penguin Random House 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

Music Is History, written and narrated by Ahmir Khalib Thompson and Questlove (Ahmir Khalib Thompson), published by Recorded Books

Somersett: Benjamin Franklin and the Masterminding of American Independence by Phillip Goodrich, narrated by Robert Petkoff, Joe Morton, Simon Jones, Euan Morton, Nicola Barber, and the author (reading the author’s note and afterword), published by Blackstone Publishing and May Wuthrich Productions


A Weekend with Pablo Picasso, written and performed by Herbert Sigüenza, published by L.A. Theatre Works

HUMOR
Brackish Waters by Matt Boren, narrated by Christina Applegate, published by Audible Originals

A Carnival of Snackery by David Sedaris, narrated by David Sedaris and Tracey Ullman, published by Hachette Audio

How Y’All Doing?, written and narrated by Leslie Jordan, published by HarperAudio
The Life-Changing Science of Detecting Bullshit by John V. Petrocelli, narrated by Larry Herron, published by Macmillan Audio

The Seven Day Switch by Kelly Harms, narrated by Arielle DeLisle and Megan Tusing, published by Brilliance Publishing

LITERARY FICTION & CLASSICS
All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot, narrated by Nicholas Ralph, published by Macmillan Audio

Ariadne by Jennifer Saint, narrated by Barrie Kreinik, published by Macmillan Audio

Mary Jane by Jessica Anya Blau, narrated by Caitlin Kinnunen, published by HarperAudio

Matrix by Lauren Groff, narrated by Adjoa Andoh, published by Penguin Random House Audio

Moby Dick by Herman Melville, narrated by Jonathan Epstein, published by Alison Larkin Presents

MIDDLE GRADE
Class Act by Jerry Craft, narrated by Nile Bullock, Jesus Del Orden, Guy Lockard, Marc Thompson, Peyton Lusk, Rebecca Soler, Dan Bittner, January LaVoy, Phoebe Strole, Jordan Cobb, A.J. Beckles, Robin Miles, Ron Butler, Miles Harvey, Kim Mai Guest, Kyla Garcia, and Soneela Nankani, published by HarperAudio

Frankie & Bug by Gayle Forman, narrated by Stockard Channing, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

Playing the Cards You're Dealt by Varian Johnson, narrated by Dion Graham, published by Scholastic Audio

Stamped (for Kids) by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds, adapted by Sonja Cherry-Paul, narrated by Pe'Tehn Raighn-Kem Jackson, published by Hachette Audio

Temple Alley Summer by Sachiko Kashiwaba and Avery Fischer Udagawa (translator), narrated by Traci Kato-Kiriyama, published by Yonder: Restless Books for Young Readers

MULTI-VOICED PERFORMANCE
The Anatomy of Desire by L. R. Dorn, narrated by Santino Fontana, Shelby Young, Marin Ireland, JD Jackson, Dan Bittner, Vikas Adam, Gabra Zackman, Fred Berman, Darrell Dennis, Oliver Wyman, Jonathan Davis, Hillary Huber, Lisa Flanagan, and Sharahn LaRue, published by HarperAudio


Heresy 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

Twins by Varian Johnson, narrated by Ahnya O'Riordan, Grace Capeless, Mashari Bain, Malcolm Bowen, Antoinette Comer, André Blake, Armand Xavier, and Rufen-Blanchette, published by Scholastic Audio
**MYSTERY**

*The Bucket List* by Peter Mohlin and Peter Nystrom, narrated by Dion Graham, published by Recorded Books

*Later* by Stephen King, narrated by Seth Numrich, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*Murder in Old Bombay* by Nev March, narrated by Vikas Adam, published by Macmillan Audio


*The Midnight Man* by Caroline Mitchell, narrated by Emma Gregory and Elliot Fitzpatrick, published by Embla Books

**NARRATION BY THE AUTHOR(S)**

*All the Rage: A Partial Memoir in Two Acts and a Prologue*, written and narrated by Brad Fraser, published by Penguin Random House Canada

*Going There*, written and narrated by Katie Couric, published by Hachette Audio


*Stories to Tell*, written and narrated by Richard Marx, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*The Truth About Lies*, written and narrated by Aja Raden, published by Brilliance Publishing

*Vulnerable AF*, written and narrated by Tarriona Ball, published by Andrews McMeel Publishing

**NON-FICTION**

*Freedom*, written and narrated by Sebastian Junger, published by Simon & Schuster Audio


*Last Call* by Elon Green, narrated by David Pittu, published by Macmillan Audio

*The Menopause Manifesto: Own Your Health with Facts and Feminism*, written and narrated by Dr. Jen Gunter, published by HighBridge Audio, a division of Recorded Books

*The Premonition: A Pandemic Story* by Michael Lewis, narrated by Adenrele Ojo, published by Audible Studios
This Is Your Mind on Plants, written and narrated by Michael Pollan, published by Penguin Random House Audio

**ORIGINAL WORK**

Beatrix Greene by Rachel Hawkins, Ash Parsons, and Vicky Alvear Shecter, narrated by Shiromi Arserio and Alister Austin, published by Realm

Heroine, written and narrated by Mary Jane Wells, published by Author’s Republic

The Man She Never Met, written and narrated by Annie Hulley, published by Bolinda Publishing Pty Ltd

No One Goes Alone by Erik Larson, narrated by Julian Rhind-Tutt and Erik Larson, published by Penguin Random House Audio

Sunset Springs by Kacen Callender, narrated by Qamar Yochanan, published by Audible Originals

**ROMANCE**

The Charm Offensive by Alison Cochrun, narrated by Vikas Adam, Graham Halstead, and Cassandra Campbell, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

Mine to Protect by Kennedy L. Mitchell, narrated by Maxine Mitchell and Teddy Hamilton, published by Blue Nose Audio

Pause by Kylie Scott, narrated by Andi Arndt, published by Audible Originals

Reel: Hollywood Renaissance, Book 1 by Kennedy Ryan, narrated by Eboni Flowers, Jakobi Diem, Nicole Small, and April Christina, published by Scribechick Media LLC, Produced by Lyric Audiobooks

The Wrong Heart, written and published by Jennifer Hartmann, narrated by Stefanie Kay and Neill Thorne

**SCIENCE FICTION**

Day Zero by C. Robert Cargill, narrated by Vikas Adam, published by HarperAudio

Orphan Wars by Scott Moon and J.N. Chaney, narrated by Luke Daniels, published by Podium Audio

Pastel Pink (Book 1 of The Zadok Series), written and published by Nikki Minty, narrated by Khristine Hvam, James Patrick Cronin, and Jodie Harris

Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir, narrated by Ray Porter, published by Audible Studios
*Ready Player Two* by Ernest Cline, narrated by Wil Wheaton, published by Penguin Random House Audio

**SHORT STORIES/COLLECTIONS**


*Blackout* 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

*How It Ends: A Novella* by Rachel Howzell Hall, narrated by Joniece Abbott-Pratt, published by Audible Originals

*Lyrics for Rock Stars* by Heather Matteus Sappenfield, narrated by Michael Crouch, published by V Press LC

**THRILLER/SUSPENSE**

*The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave, narrated by Rebecca Lowman, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*Local Woman Missing* by Mary Kubica, narrated by Brittany Pressley, Jennifer Jill Araya, Gary Tiedemann, and Jesse Vilinsky, published by HarperAudio

*Never Far Away* by Michael Koryta, narrated by Robert Petkoff, published by Hachette Audio

*The Night She Disappeared* by Lisa Jewell, narrated by Joanne Froggatt, published by Simon & Schuster Audio

*Razorblade Tears* by S. A. Cosby, narrated by Adam Lazarre-White, published by Macmillan Audio

**YOUNG ADULT**
**Be Dazzled** by Ryan La Sala, narrated by Pete Cross, published by Dreamscape Media

**Firekeeper's Daughter** by Angeline Boulley, narrated by Isabella Star LaBlanc, published by Macmillan Audio

**The Prison Healer** by Lynette Noni, narrated by Jeanette Illidge, published by HMH Audio (HarperCollins)

**The Project** by Courtney Summers, narrated by Therese Plummer and Emily Shaffer, published by Macmillan Audio

**A Sitting in St. James** by Rita Williams-Garcia, narrated by Machelle Williams, published by HarperAudio

**YOUNG LISTENERS**

**Boogie Boogie, Y'all**, written and narrated by C. G. Esperanza, published by HarperAudio

**The Couch Potato** by Jory John, narrated by Kirby Heyborne, published by HarperAudio

**I and I Bob Marley** by Tony Medina, narrated by Jaime Lincoln Smith and Tony Medina, published by Live Oak Media

**Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen** by Debbi Michiko Florence, narrated by Allison Hiroto, published by OrangeSky Audio

**Remember to Dream, Ebere**, written and narrated by Cynthia Erivo, published by Hachette Audio

**ABOUT KAL PENN**

Kal Penn is the author and narrator of the audiobook **You Can't Be Serious**, available from Simon & Schuster Audio. In this entertaining and refreshingly candid memoir, the star of the Harold and Kumar franchise, House, and Designated Survivor recounts why he rejected the advice of his aunties and guidance counselors and, instead of becoming a doctor or "something practical," embarked on a surprising journey that has included confronting racism in Hollywood, meeting his future husband, working in the Obama administration and more, through a series of funny, consequential, awkward, and ridiculous stories from his idiosyncratic life.

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