

BONO'S SURRENDER RECEIVES AUDIOBOOK OF THE YEAR AT THE AUDIO PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION'S 2024 AUDIE AWARDS®

Billie Fulford-Brown Receives Best Fiction Narrator Award; Dion Graham Wins Best Non-Fiction Narrator Award

Leslie Jones, Mary Louise Kelly, Jon Klassen, Audra McDonald, Michelle Obama, Meryl Streep, and Patrick Stewart Among this Year's Winners

March 5, 2024, LOS ANGELES, CA – Last night, the <u>Audio Publishers Association</u> (APA) unveiled the winners of the 2024 Audie Awards® at its premier awards program which recognizes distinction in audiobooks and spoken-word entertainment. The annual ceremony took place at the Avalon Hollywood in LA and was hosted by Academy Award nominated screenwriter and actor Nia Vardalos. Additionally, Lake Bell (2024 Audie Award finalist), Felicia Day (2024 Audie Award winner), and Samira Wiley (2021 Audie Award finalist) served as presenters.

Bono's *Surrender*, which he authored and narrated, published by Penguin Random House Audio, earned the top honor of the evening, Audiobook of the Year. **Billie Fulford-Brown** was awarded the Best Fiction Narrator Award for Hazel Gaynor's *The Last Lifeboat*, which was published by Penguin Random House Audio. **Dion Graham** won Best Non-Fiction Narrator Award for Jonathan Eig's *King: A Life*, which was published by Macmillan Audio. Fulford-Brown and Graham's wins in these categories mark the first for the newly established categories which replaced the Best Male Narrator and Best Female Narrator categories – two of the top awards that recognize the importance of performance in audio storytelling – to reflect the APA's commitment to inclusivity and diversity.

2024 AUDIE AWARD WINNERS:

AUDIOBOOK OF THE YEAR

Surrender Written and narrated by Bono Published by Penguin Random House Audio

AUDIO DRAMA

Third Eye

By Felicia Day Performed by Felicia Day, Neil Gaiman, Sean Astin, LilyPichu, London Hughes, Wil Wheaton, Hudson Yang, Danny Pudi, Alan Tudyk, and Christopher Judge Published by Audible Originals

AUTOBIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR

Making It So Written and narrated by Patrick Stewart Published by Simon & Schuster Audio

BEST FICTION NARRATOR

Billie Fulford-Brown for *The Last Lifeboat* By Hazel Gaynor Published by Penguin Random House Audio

BEST NON-FICTION NARRATOR

Dion Graham for *King: A Life* By Jonathan Eig Published by Macmillan Audio

BUSINESS/PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Light We Carry Written and narrated by Michelle Obama Published by Penguin Random House Audio

EROTICA

Anger Bang By Avery Flynn Narrated by Kirsten Leigh and Lance Greenfield Published by Recorded Books

ESPAÑOL -- SPANISH LANGUAGE

El Ingenioso Hidalgo Don Quijote de la Mancha By Miguel de Cervantes

Narrated by Israel Elejalde, Pedro Casablanc, Pepe Viyuela, Víctor Clavijo, María Agúndez, Íñigo Álvarez de Lara, Eugenio Barona, Sol de la Barreda, Laura Carrero del Tío, David Carrillo, Raúl García Arrondo, Óscar Goikoetxea, Eugenio Gómez, Rebeca Hernando, Paula Iwasaki, Arturo Lopez, Ariana Martínez, Antonio Martínez Asensio, Íñigo Montero, Juan Ochoa, Pepe Ocio, Javier Portugués "Portu", Ignacio Rengel, Diego Rousselon, Asier Sola, Charo Soria, Fernando Soto, and Elsa Veiga.

Published by Penguin Random House Grupo Editorial S.A.U.

FAITH-BASED FICTION OR NON-FICTION

Dark Fall By Brian Andrews and Jeffrey Wilson Narrated by MacLeod Andrews Published by Tyndale House Publishers

FANTASY

The Dragon Reborn By Robert Jordan Narrated by Rosamund Pike Published by Macmillan Audio

FICTION

Tom Lake By Ann Patchett Narrated by Meryl Streep Published by HarperAudio

HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Goodbye Christopher Robin: A.A. Milne and the Making of Winnie-the-Pooh By Ann Thwaite, preface by Frank Cottrell-Boyce Narrated by Simon Vance Published by Tantor Audio, a division of Recorded Books

HUMOR

*Leslie F*cking Jones* Written and narrated by Leslie Jones, foreword by Chris Rock Published by Hachette Audio

JUDGES CATEGORY

(UK-Produced Audiobook Sponsored by the UK Publishers Association, Audio Publishers Group) Someone Else's Shoes By Jojo Moyes Narrated by Daisy Ridley Published by Penguin Random House Audio UK

LITERARY FICTION & CLASSICS

The Iliad By Homer, translated by Emily Wilson Narrated by Audra McDonald Published by Audible Studios

MIDDLE GRADE

What Happened to Rachel Riley? By Claire Swinarski Narrated by Ferdelle Capistrano, Alexandra Hunter, Karla Serrato, Gail Shalan, Reena Dutt, Caitlin Davies, Andrew Eiden, and Kirby Heyborne Published by HarperAudio

MULTI-VOICED PERFORMANCE

No Two Persons By Erica Bauermeister Narrated by Barrie Kreinik, Braden Wright, Carol Jacobanis, Cassandra Campbell, Gabra Zackman, George Newbern, Jesse Vilinsky, Max Meyers, Rachel L. Jacobs, and Stephen Graybill Published by Macmillan Audio

MYSTERY

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers

By Jesse Q. Sutanto Narrated by Eunice Wong Published by Penguin Random House Audio

NARRATION BY THE AUTHOR(S)

It. Goes. So. Fast. - The Year of No Do-Overs Written and narrated by Mary Louise Kelly Published by Macmillan Audio

NON-FICTION

Poverty, by America By Matthew Desmond Narrated by Dion Graham Published by Penguin Random House Audio

ORIGINAL WORK

Exodus: The Shanghai Jews By Kate McAll Performed by Edyta Brychta, Michael Canavan, Shannon Cochran, Arye Gross, Anna Mathias, Alan Shearman, André Sogliuzzo, and Joanne Whalley Published by L.A. Theatre Works

ROMANCE

The True Love Experiment By Christina Lauren Narrated by Jonathan Cole and Cindy Kay Published by Simon & Schuster Audio

SCIENCE FICTION

Cassandra in Reverse By Holly Smale Narrated by Kristin Atherton Published by HarperAudio

SHORT STORIES/COLLECTIONS

Wild and Precious: A Celebration of Mary Oliver By Mary Oliver, with the contributions by Sophia Bush, Ross Gay, Samin Nosrat, Rainn Wilson, and Susan Cain Narrated by Sophia Bush Published by Pushkin Industries

THRILLER/SUSPENSE

All the Sinners Bleed By S.A. Cosby Narrated by Adam Lazarre-White Published by Macmillan Audio

YOUNG ADULT

This Terrible True Thing By Jenny Laden Narrated by Gail Shalan Published by Blackstone Publishing

YOUNG LISTENERS

The Skull By Jon Klassen Narrated by Fairuza Balk and Jon Klassen Published by Dreamscape Media

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