



The Audies® Finalists 2008

Every year, the Audio Publishers Association honors the year's best audiobooks with the Audies Awards—the Oscars of the audiobook industry. This May 30, publishers, producers, and narrators gather in Los Angeles' historic Millennium Biltmore Hotel for the Audies black-tie gala celebration. Scott Brick is master of ceremonies as winners are named in 30 categories, including a new award for Achievement in Abridgement. One title is also recognized as Audiobook of the Year for its overall impact on the audio publishing field—judges consider marketing and sales as well as narration, packaging, production quality, and the unique contribution each title makes to the world of audiobooks. Following, find the complete list of 2008 Audies Finalists.

For a complete list of the 2008 winners of The Audies® with sound clips, visit www.theaudies.com.

FICTION

Exile

Richard North Patterson, read by Dennis Boutsikaris (Macmillan Audio)

The Friday Night Knitting Club

Kate Jacobs, read by Carrington MacDuffie (Blackstone Audio)

Tallgrass

Sandra Dallas, read by Lorelei King (Macmillan Audio)

The Tenderness of Wolves

Stef Penney, read by Sally Armstrong, Adam Sims (ISIS Audio Books)

The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox

Maggie O'Farrell, read by Anne Flosnik (Blackstone Audio)

LITERARY FICTION

Blood Meridian

Cormac McCarthy, read by Richard Poe (Recorded Books)

The Inheritance of Loss

Kiran Desai, read by Meera Simhan (Penguin Audio)

Portrait of an Unknown Woman

Vanora Bennett, read by Josephine Bailey (Tantor Media)

Tree of Smoke

Denis Johnson, read by Will Patton (Macmillan Audio)

The Yiddish Policemen's Union

Michael Chabon, read by Peter Riegert (Harper Audio)

MYSTERY

A Fatal Grace

Louise Penny, read by Ralph Cosham (Blackstone Audio)

Hollywood Station

Joseph Wambaugh, read by Adam Grupper (Hachette Audio)

Thunder Bay

William Kent Krueger, read by Buck Schirner (Brilliance Audio)

The Tin Roof Blowdown

James Lee Burke, read by Will Patton (Simon & Schuster Audio)

Up in Honey's Room

Elmore Leonard, read by Arliss Howard (Harper Audio)

THRILLER/SUSPENSE

Daddy's Girl

Lisa Scottoline, read by Barbara Rosenblat (Harper Audio)

Heart-Shaped Box

Joe Hill, read by Stephen Lang (Harper Audio)

The Judas Strain

James Rollins, read by Peter Jay Fernandez (Harper Audio)

No Time for Goodbye

Linwood Barclay, read by Christopher Lane (Brilliance Audio)

The Secret Servant

Daniel Silva, read by Phil Gigante (Brilliance Audio)

What the Dead Know

Laura Lippman, read by Linda Emond (Harper Audio)

ROMANCE

Beyond the Highland Mist

Karen Marie Moning, read by Phil Gigante (Brilliance Audio)

Consequences

Penelope Lively, read by Josephine Bailey (Tantor Media)

Everlasting

Kathleen E. Woodiwiss, read by Xanthe Elbrick (Harper Audio)

Natural Born Charmer

Susan Elizabeth Phillips, read by Anna Fields (Harper Audio)

On Tall Pine Lake

Dorothy Garlock, read by Anna Fields (BBC Audiobooks America)

Sugar Daddy

Lisa Kleypas, read by Jeannie Stith (Brilliance Audio)

CHILDREN'S TITLES – AGES 12+

Bloody Jack

L.M. Meyer, read by Katherine Kellgren (Listen & Live Audio)

InterWorld

Neil Gaiman, read by Christopher Evan Welch (Harper Audio)

A Mango-Shaped Space

Wendy Mass, read by Danielle Ferland (Recorded Books)

M Is for Magic

Neil Gaiman, read by Neil Gaiman (Harper Audio)

Slam

Nick Hornby, read by Nicholas Hoult (Penguin Audio)

CHILDREN'S TITLES – AGES 8-11

Clementine

Sara Pennypacker, read by Jessica Almasly (Recorded Books)

The Great Christmas

Kidnapping Caper

Jean Van Leeuwen, read by Daniel Bostick (Full Cast Audio)

Rosa

Nikki Giovanni, read by Nikki Giovanni (Weston Woods)

Audiobook of the Year Finalist



The Invention of Hugo Cabret

Brian Selznick, read by Jeff Woodman (Scholastic Audiobooks)

The Invention of Hugo Cabret expands the concept of the audiobook format with the innovative use of a "soundscape" to transform the Caldecott Medal-winning illustrations into an audio experience. The unique DVD extras include an engaging author interview plus a presentation of the original artwork. This audio program competes in a new entertainment environment and can attract both the ears and eyes of a broad audience.

Skulduggery Pleasant

Derek Landy, read by Rupert Degas
(Harper Audio)

The Wednesday Wars

Gary D. Schmidt, read by Joel Johnstone
(Scholastic Audiobooks)

**CHILDREN'S TITLES –
AGES UP TO 8****Goodnight Hawaiian Moon**

Dr. Carolan, read by Amy Hanaiali'i
Gilliom (Banana Patch Press)

In Aunt Giraffe's Green Garden

Jack Prelutsky, read by Jack Prelutsky
(Harper Audio)

More About Paddington

Michael Bond, read by Stephen Fry
(Harper Audio)

Ogre in a Toga

Geoffrey McSkimming, read by
Geoffrey McSkimming (Bolinda Audio)

The One and Only Shrek!

William Steig, read by Meryl Streep,
Stanley Tucci (Macmillan Audio)

INSPIRATIONAL/SPIRITUAL**Ana's Story**

Jenna Bush, read by Jenna Bush
(Harper Audio)

Anger

Gary Chapman, read by Gary Chapman
(Oasis Audio)

Finding Home

Jim Daly, read by Jim Daly (Oasis Audio)

The Great Omission

Dallas Willard, read by Grover Gardner
(Hovel Audio)

**Inspired By . . . The Bible Experience:
Old Testament**

Read by Angela Bassett, Cuba Gooding,
Jr., Samuel L. Jackson, et al. (Zondervan)

Vienna Prelude

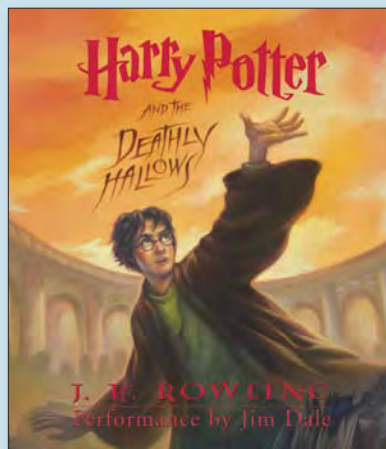
Bodie Thoene, read by Sean Barrett
(The1Audio Productions)

HUMOR**Don't Make a Black Woman Take
Off Her Earrings**

Tyler Perry, read by Tyler Perry
(Penguin Audio)

I Am America (And So Can You!)

Stephen Colbert, read by Stephen Colbert
et al. (Hachette Audio)

Audiobook of the Year Finalist**Harry Potter and the
Deathly Hallows**

J.K. Rowling, read by
Jim Dale (Listening Library)
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
is a fitting end to this bestselling series.
Narrator Jim Dale adds to his remark-
able and record-setting roster
of characters while subtly enabling
his younger characters to grow
and mature, giving a truly tour de
force performance.

**Our Dumb World: The Onion's Atlas of
the Planet Earth, 73rd Edition**

The Onion [Ed.], read by Various Readers
(Hachette Audio)

Plato and a Platypus Walk Into a Bar

Thomas Cathcart, Daniel Klein, read by
Johnny Heller (Recorded Books)

The Ultimate David Sedaris Box Set

David Sedaris, read by David Sedaris,
Amy Sedaris, Ann Magnuson
(Hachette Audio)

**SHORT STORIES/
COLLECTIONS****Big Country**

Louis L'Amour, read by Stefan Rudnicki
(Blackstone Audio)

Grace Under Fire

Andrew Carroll [Ed.], read by Patrick
Lawlor (Tantor Media)

Growing Up Ethnic in America

Various Authors, read by a Full Cast
(Audible Inc.)

**Selected Readings From the Portable
Dorothy Parker**

Marion Meade [Ed.], read by Lorna Raver
(Blackstone Audio)

20th Century Ghosts

Joe Hill, read by David LeDoux
(Harper Audio)

ORIGINAL WORK**The Chopin Manuscript**

Jeffery Deaver, Lee Child, et al., read by
Alfred Molina (Audible Inc.)

Hollowville: A Ghost Story

Mary Jane Hansen, music composed
by Will Severin, read by Bruce Dern
(NYS Theatre Institute)

**Hurricane Katrina: Devastation and
Progress and Her Lessons for Us All**

Pamela F. Pipes, read by Pamela F. Pipes
et al. (Tours BaYou, LLC)

**Sunday Mornings in Plains: Bringing
Peace to a Changing World**

Jimmy Carter, read by Jimmy Carter
(Simon & Schuster Audio)

Sweeney Todd and the String of Pearls

Yuri Rasovsky, read by a Full Cast
(Blackstone Audio)

**SOLO NARRATION –
FEMALE****The Blood of Flowers**

Anita Amirrezvani, read by Shohreh
Aghdashloo (Hachette Audio)

Boomsday

Christopher Buckley, read by Janeane
Garofalo (Hachette Audio)

Taking Flight

Adriana Sevan, read by Adriana Sevan
(L.A. Theatre Works)

Tallgrass

Sandra Dallas, read by Lorelei King
(Macmillan Audio)

The Teahouse Fire

Ellis Avery, read by Barbara Caruso
(HighBridge Audio)

SOLO NARRATION – MALE

Catch-22

Joseph Heller, read by Jay O. Sanders (Harper Audio/ Caedmon)

The Coldest Winter

David Halberstam, read by Edward Herrmann (Hyperion Audiobooks)

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

J.K. Rowling, read by Jim Dale (Listening Library)

The Long Walk

Slavomir Rawicz, read by John Lee (Blackstone Audio)

SCIENCE FICTION

The Draco Tavern

Larry Niven, read by Tom Weiner (Blackstone Audio)

Dune

Frank Herbert, read by Scott Brick, Simon Vance and a Full Cast (Macmillan Audio)

The Invasion of the Body Snatchers

Jack Finney, read by Kristoffer Tabori (Blackstone Audio)

Marion Zimmer Bradley's Ravens of Avalon

Diana L. Paxson, read by Lorna Raver (Tantor Media)

Selections From Dreamsongs, Vol. 1

George R.R. Martin, read by Claudia Black, Mark Bramhall, Scott Brick, et al. (Random House Audio)

INSPIRATIONAL/ FAITH-BASED FICTION

Ever After

Karen Kingsbury, read by Kathy Garver (Zondervan)

Not Easily Broken

T.D. Jakes, read by Tracey Leigh (BBC Audiobooks America)

The Penny

Joyce Meyer, Deborah Bedford, read by Ellen Archer (Hachette Audio)

Renovating Becky Miller

Sharon Hinck, read by Johanna Parker (Recorded Books)

River Rising

Athol Dickson, read by Dion Graham (Recorded Books)

CLASSIC

The Call of the Wild / White Fang

Jack London, read by John Lee (Blackstone Audio)

Catch-22

Joseph Heller, read by Jay O. Sanders (Harper Audio/ Caedmon)

A Clockwork Orange

Anthony Burgess, read by Tom Hollander, Anthony Burgess (Harper Audio/ Caedmon)

1984

George Orwell, read by Simon Prebble (Blackstone Audio)

Treasure Island

Robert Louis Stevenson, read by Alfred Molina (Listening Library)

ACHIEVEMENT IN PRODUCTION

Dune

Frank Herbert, read by Scott Brick, Simon Vance and a Full Cast (Macmillan Audio)

Inspired By . . . The Bible Experience: Old Testament

Read by Angela Bassett, Cuba Gooding, Jr., Samuel L. Jackson, et al. (Zondervan)

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

Brian Selznick, read by Jeff Woodman (Scholastic Audiobooks)

Radio Theatre's Amazing Grace

Paul McCusker, Dave Arnold, read by Robert Lindsay and a Full Cast (Focus on the Family/Tyndale House)

Sweeney Todd and the String of Pearls

Yuri Rasovsky, read by a Full Cast (Blackstone Audio)

NONFICTION

Banker to the Poor

Muhammad Yunus, read by Ray Porter (Blackstone Audio)

The Coldest Winter

David Halberstam, read by Edward Herrmann (Hyperion Audiobooks)

Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage

Alfred Lansing, read by Simon Prebble (Blackstone Audio)

Jesus for the Non-Religious

John Shelby Spong, read by Alan Sklar (Harper Audio)

Roots

Alex Haley, read by Avery Brooks (BBC Audiobooks America)

BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR

Einstein

Walter Isaacson, read by Edward Herrmann (Simon & Schuster Audio)

My Lobotomy

Howard Dully, Charles Fleming, read by Johnny Heller (Tantor Media)

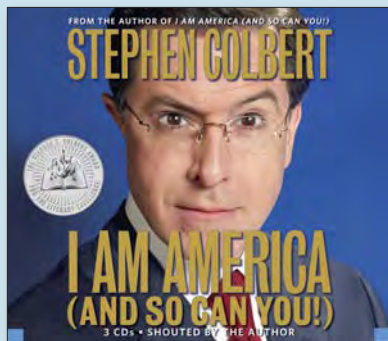
Schulz and Peanuts

David Michaelis, read by Holter Graham (Harper Audio)

Shakespeare

Bill Bryson, read by Bill Bryson (Harper Audio)

Audiobook of the Year Finalist



I Am America (And So Can You!)

Stephen Colbert, read by Stephen Colbert et al. (Hachette Audio)

Rather than a verbatim reading of *I Am America (And So Can You!)*, Colbert and producer/director Paul Dinello forged a creative adaptation that encourages fans to experience both the book and the audiobook. Although the book continues to be a huge bestseller, many think the audiobook is superior thanks to the vocal talents of Colbert and supporting players, including Amy Sedaris and Jon Stewart.

Tearing Down the Wall of Sound

Mick Brown, read by Ray Porter
(Blackstone Audio)

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT/
MOTIVATIONAL**

Fit to Live

Pamela Peeke, read by Pamela Peeke
(Macmillan Audio)

From the Heart

Robin Roberts, read by Robin Roberts
(Hyperion Audiobooks)

**Giving: How Each of Us Can
Change the World**

Bill Clinton, read by Bill Clinton
(Random House Audio)

**Mariel Hemingway's Healthy Living
From the Inside Out**

Mariel Hemingway, read by Mariel
Hemingway (Harper Audio)

Merle's Door, Ted Kerasote, read by
Patrick Lawlor (Tantor Media)

**BUSINESS INFORMATION/
EDUCATIONAL**

Do You!

Russell Simmons with Chris Morrow,
read by Black Ice (Penguin Audio)

The Dream Manager

Matthew Kelly, read by David Slavin
(Hyperion Audiobooks)

Audiobook of the Year Finalist



**Inspired By . . .
The Bible Experience: Old
Testament**

Read by Angela Bassett,
Cuba Gooding, Jr., Samuel L.
Jackson, et al. (Zondervan)
Inspired by . . . The Bible Experience
breathes passion and life into the
bestselling book of all time. Scores of
award-winning actors at peak form,
a breathtaking score, realistic audio
effects and an overall commitment to
excellence make *The Bible Experience*
a transcendent listening experience.

The House of Mondavi

Julia Flynn Siler, read by Alan Sklar
(Tantor Media)

How to Get to the Top

Jeffrey Fox, read by Jeffrey Fox
(Macmillan Audio)

The Tao of Warren Buffett

Mary Buffett, David Clark, read by
Anna Fields (Tantor Media)

Words That Work

Frank Luntz, read by Frank Luntz,
L.J. Ganser (Hyperion Audiobooks)

**NARRATION BY THE
AUTHOR OR AUTHORS**

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle

Barbara Kingsolver, read by Barbara
Kingsolver, Camille Kingsolver,
Steven L. Hopp (Harper Audio)

Here If You Need Me

Kate Braestrup, read by Kate Braestrup
(Hachette Audio)

Michael Tolliver Lives

Armistead Maupin, read by
Armistead Maupin (Harper Audio)

Neverwhere

Neil Gaiman, read by Neil Gaiman
(Harper Audio)

Pontoon

Garrison Keillor, read by Garrison Keillor
(HighBridge Audio)

The Traveler

Ron McLarty, read by Ron McLarty
(Recorded Books)

**MULTI-VOICED
PERFORMANCE**

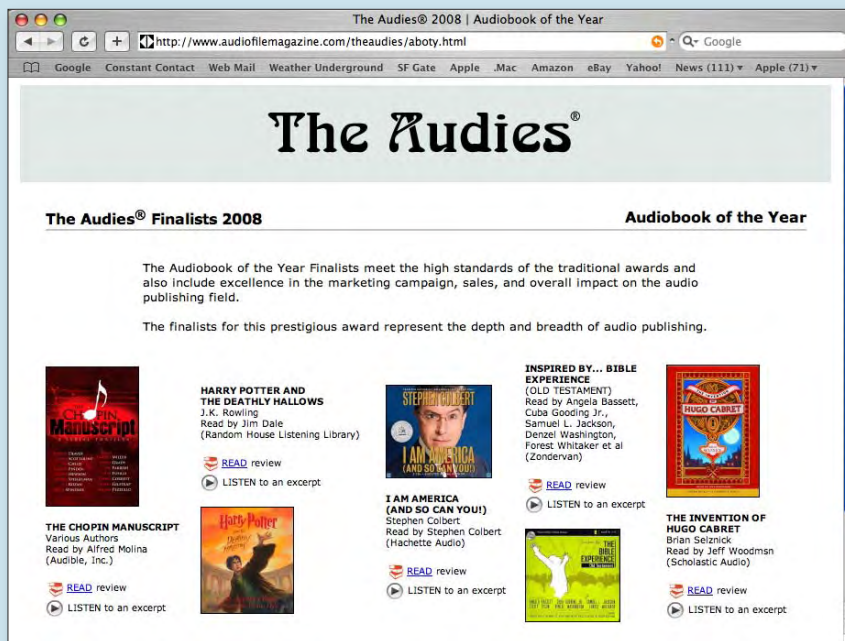
Dune

Frank Herbert, read by Scott Brick, Simon
Vance and a Full Cast (Macmillan Audio)

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Read by Angela Bassett, Cuba Gooding, Jr., Samuel L. Jackson, et al. (Zondervan)

Hollowville: A Ghost Story

Mary Jane Hansen, music composed by Will Severin, read by Bruce Dern et al. (NYS Theatre Institute)

The Word of Promise New Testament Audio Bible

Read by a Full Cast (Thomas Nelson)

AUDIO DRAMA

Princess Academy

Shannon Hale, read by Laura Credidio (Full Cast Audio)

Radio Theatre's Amazing Grace

Paul McCusker, Dave Arnold, read by Robert Lindsay and a Full Cast (Focus on the Family/Tyndale House)

Star Beast

Robert A. Heinlein, read by David Baker (Full Cast Audio)

Sweeney Todd and the String of Pearls

Yuri Rasovsky, read by a Full Cast (Blackstone Audio)

Vienna Prelude

Bodie Thoene, read by Sean Barrett (The 1 Audo Productions)

AUDIOBOOK ADAPTED FROM ANOTHER MEDIUM

Douglas Adams Live: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Douglas Adams, read by Douglas Adams (Phoenix Audio/A Digital Village Production)

Selected Shorts: Pets!

T.C. Boyle, Robertson Davies, et al., read by Jane Curtin, Jacqueline Kim, et al. (Symphony Space)

Selected Shorts: Wartime Lives

Robert Olen Butler, Tom Bissell, et al., read by Kathleen Chalfant, Oskar Eustis, et al. (Symphony Space)

The Twilight Zone Radio Dramas, Collection 11

Various Authors, read by Stacy Keach, Fred Willard, Blair Underwood, et al. (Blackstone Audio)

Wait Wait . . . Don't Tell Me: The Best of "Not My Job"

read by Peter Sagal, Carl Kasell et al. (HighBridge Audio)

PACKAGE DESIGN

The Christmas Hope Collection

Donna VanLiere, read by Paul Michael, Oliver Wyman, Donna VanLiere (Macmillan Audio)

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

J.K. Rowling, read by Jim Dale (Listening Library)

Inspired By . . . The Bible Experience: Old Testament

Read by Angela Bassett, Cuba Gooding, Jr., Samuel L. Jackson, et al. (Zondervan)

The One and Only Shrek!

William Steig, read by Meryl Streep, Stanley Tucci (Macmillan Audio)

Speak in a Week - Latin American Spanish Street Smart

Linton H. Robinson, M.F. Jones-Reid, Charlene Lopez, read by Robert Moutal (Penton Overseas)

ACHIEVEMENT IN ABRIDGMENT

I Am America (And So Can You!)

Stephen Colbert, read by Stephen Colbert et al., abridged by Paul Dinello (Hachette Audio)

The Race

Richard North Patterson, read by Michael Boatman, abridged by Laura Wilson (Macmillan Audio)

The Reagan Diaries

Ronald Reagan, read by Eric Conger (Harper Audio)

Reclaiming History

Vincent Bugliosi, read by Edward Herrmann, abridged by Jesse Boggs (Simon & Schuster Audio)

The Terror

Dan Simmons, read by Simon Vance, abridged by Virginia Noonan (Hachette Audio)

SPANISH LANGUAGE

El Zahir (The Zahir)

Paulo Coelho, read by a Full Cast (FonoLibro Inc.)

Ines del Alma Mia (Ines of My Soul)

Isabel Allende, read by Isabel Varas (FonoLibro Inc.)

La Isla del Tesoro (Treasure Island)

Robert Louis Stevenson, read by a Full Cast (FonoLibro Inc.)

Malinche

Laura Esquivel, read by Lucia Mendez (FonoLibro Inc.)

20,000 Leguas de Viaje Submarino (20,000 Leagues Under the Sea)

Jules Verne, read by a Full Cast (FonoLibro Inc.)

Audiobook of the Year Finalist



The Chopin Manuscript

Jeffery Deaver, Lee Child, et al., read by Alfred Molina (Audible Inc.)

The Chopin Manuscript has 15 authors—all internationally renowned thriller writers—and one brilliant narrator in Alfred Molina. Each author added his or her own take on the story begun by Jeffery Deaver and wrote pithy dialogue and evocative descriptions with the medium in mind. Released via download, *The Chopin Manuscript* was launched as a serial, building anticipation as each author stepped onto the stage for a chapter.