

# 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 4, 2024, LOS ANGELES, CA – Tonight, 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 Gravbill

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

# **ABOUT THE AUDIE AWARDS®**

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# **ABOUT THE AUDIO PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION**

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