



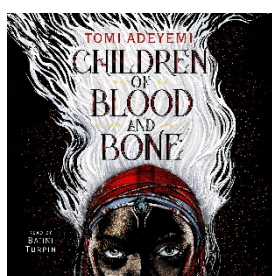
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***Children of Blood and Bone* named Audiobook of the Year at the 2019 Audie Awards**

**Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman among others recognized last night
for achievement in spoken word entertainment**



New York, NY – March 5, 2019 – The Audio Publishers Association (APA), the premiere trade organization of audiobooks and spoken word entertainment, announces today the winners of last night’s annual awards gala, The Audie Awards. The event was hosted by *Queer Eye* fashion expert, upcoming memoirist and audiobook narrator, Tan France, who lent his charming personality and delightful wit to the evening’s festivities. The Audies recognizes outstanding achievement from the authors, narrators, publishers, and producers of the most talked-about audiobooks in the industry. This year’s most prestigious award, Audiobook of the Year, has been named Tomi Adeyemi’s ***Children of Blood and Bone***, published by Macmillan Audio.

Recognized by the esteemed judging panel of Ron Charles (Book Critic for *The Washington Post*), Linda Holmes (Host of NPR’s *Pop Culture Happy Hour*), and Lisa Lucas (Executive Director of the National Book Foundation), the Audiobook of the Year acknowledges the work that, through quality and influence, has caught the attention of the industry’s most important thought leaders.

The panel praised Adeyemi’s work and Bahni Turpin’s captivating narration. “There’s something magical about the timbre of Turpin’s voice that’s perfectly tuned to the fantastical nature of this novel. I felt transported into the world of “*Children of Blood and Bone*,” said Ron Charles. “Turpin’s superb accents allow us to visualize each character distinctly. Her dramatic pacing builds suspense and then explodes in moments of crisis. When she cries out in agony or despair, I pretty much stopped breathing. This is world-building entirely through the spoken word and the audiobook succeeds on the power of Turpin’s dramatic performance.”

Following in the footsteps of other Hollywood notables, taking the Humor category are actors, authors and narrators, Nick Offerman and Megan Mullally, for their hilarious *The Greatest Love Story Ever Told*. Stanley Tucci also walked away with an Audie Award as part of the cast for Audible’s *The Man on the Mountaintop*.

Full list of winners...

Audiobook of the Year

Children of Blood and Bone

By Tomi Adeyemi

Narrated by Bahni Turpin

Macmillan Audio

Audio Drama

The Martian Invasion of Earth

By HG Wells, dramatised by Nicholas Briggs

Performed by Richard Armitage and Lucy Briggs-Owen

Big Finish Productions

Autobiography/Memoir

Educated

By Tara Westover

Narrated by Julia Whelan

Penguin Random House Audio

Best Female Narrator

Educated

By Tara Westover

Narrated by Julia Whelan

Penguin Random House Audio

Best Male Narrator

Watchers

By Dean Koontz

Narrated by Edoardo Ballerini

Brilliance Publishing

Business/Personal Development

How to Be Heard

Written and narrated by Julian Treasure

Blackstone Publishing

Faith-Based Fiction & Non-Fiction

The Man on the Mountaintop

By Susan Trott, adapted by Libby Spurrier

Narrated by Stanley Tucci, Toby Jones, Clare Corbett, Rachel Atkins, Jeff Harding, and David Thorpe

Audible Studios

Fantasy

Spinning Silver

By Naomi Novik

Narrated by Lisa Flanagan

Penguin Random House Audio

Fiction

The Tattooist of Auschwitz

By Heather Morris

Narrated by Richard Armitage

Harper Audio

History/Biography

Darkest Hour
By Anthony McCarten
Narrated by John Lee
HarperAudio

Humor

The Greatest Love Story Ever Told
Written and narrated by Nick Offerman and Megan Mullally
Penguin Random House Audio

Literary Fiction & Classics

Bleak House
By Charles Dickens
Narrated by Miriam Margolyes
Audible Studios

Middle Grade

Sunny
By Jason Reynolds
Narrated by Guy Lockard
Simon & Schuster Audio

Multi-Voiced Performance

Dreamland Burning
By Jennifer Latham
Narrated by Pyeng Threadgill and Luke Slattery
Hachette Audio

Mystery

The Punishment She Deserves
By Elizabeth George
Narrated by Simon Vance
Penguin Random House Audio

Narration by Author or Authors

The Secret of Nightingale Wood
By Lucy Strange
Narrated by Lucy Strange
Scholastic Audio

Non-Fiction

The Perfectionists
Written and narrated by Simon Winchester
HarperAudio

Original Work

Spin
By Harvey Edelman and Neil Fishman, adapted for audio by David B. Coe
Narrated by Jim Dale, Barrett Leddy, Lisa Livesay, Nicola Barber, Khristine Hvam, Nick Sullivan, John Brady, and Johnny Heller
HarperAudio

Romance

His Viking Bride

By Olivia Norem

Narrated by Greg Patmore

Olivia Norem

Science Fiction

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Hexagonal Phase

By Eoin Colfer and Douglas Adams

Narrated by John Lloyd, Simon Jones, Geoff McGivern, Mark Wing-Davey, Sandra Dickinson, Susan Sheridan, Samantha Béart, Toby Longworth, Andy Secombe, Mitch Benn, Jane Horrocks, Ed Byrne, Jon Culshaw, Jim Broadbent, Professor Stephen Hawking, Lenny Henry, Tom Alexander, Philip Pope, Theo Maggs, Phillipe Boshier, and John Marsh

Penguin Random House UK Audio

Short Stories/Collections

Heads of the Colored People

By Nafissa Thompson-Spires

Narrated by Adenrele Ojo

HighBridge Audio, a division of Recorded Books

Thriller/Suspense

Crimson Lake

By Candice Fox

Narrated by Euan Morton

Macmillan Audio

Young Adult

Sadie

By Courtney Summers

Narrated by Dan Bittner, Rebecca Soler, Gabra Zackman, and Fred Berman

Macmillan Audio

Young Listeners

Before She Was Harriet

By Lesa Cline-Ransome

Narrated by SiSi Aisha Johnson, January LaVoy, Lisa Renee Pitts, and Bahni Turpin

Live Oak Media

Full set of photos from the event including presenters: Ron Charles, Lisa Lucas, Linda Holmes, Patton Oswalt, LeVar Burton, Euan Morton and Julianna Zobrist, can be found [here](#).

Additional information can be found online at www.theaudies.com

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.

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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

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