

AudioFile Editors Select **2022 BEST AUDIOBOOKS**

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BEST OF FICTION

THE ANGEL OF ROME

Jess Walter, read by Edoardo Ballerini, Julia Whelan
(Harper Audio)

JOAN IS OKAY

Weike Wang, read by Catherine Ho
(Random House Audio)

I WALK BETWEEN THE RAINDROPS

T.C. Boyle, read by T.C. Boyle, Cheryl Smith, Jason Culp, Derek Perkins, Jeremy Arthur, Stephen Mendel, Johnathan McClain, Ewan Chung, et al.
(Harper Audio)

THE MARRIAGE PORTRAIT

Maggie O'Farrell, read by Genevieve Gaunt,
Maggie O'Farrell [Afterword]
(Random House Audio)

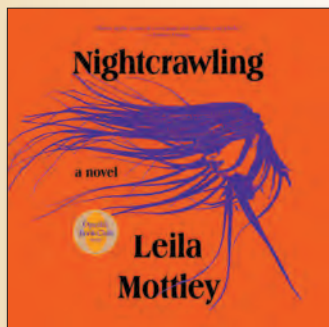
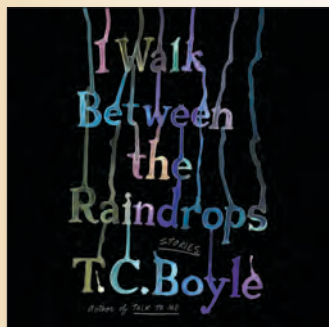
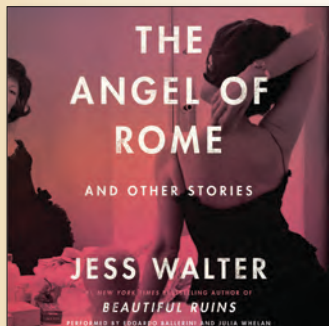


NIGHTCRAWLING

Leila Mottley, read by Joniece Abbott-Pratt
(Random House Audio)

THIS TIME TOMORROW

Emma Straub, read by Marin Ireland
(Penguin Audio)



Catherine Ho, narrator of Joan Is Okay



Joniece Abbott-Pratt, narrator of Nightcrawling

BEST OF NONFICTION & CULTURE

BAD CITY

Paul Pringle, read by Robert Petkoff
(Macmillan Audio)

FEN, BOG & SWAMP

Annie Proulx, read by Gabra Zackman
(Simon & Schuster Audio)



INSIDE VOICE

Lake Bell, read by Lake Bell et al.
(Pushkin Industries)

LIFE BETWEEN THE TIDES

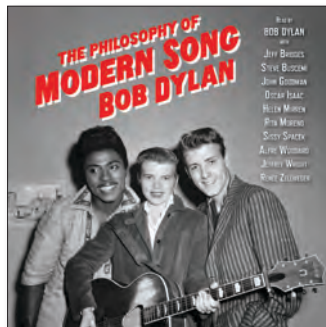
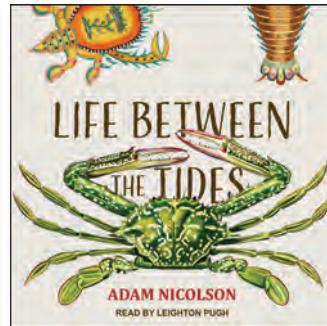
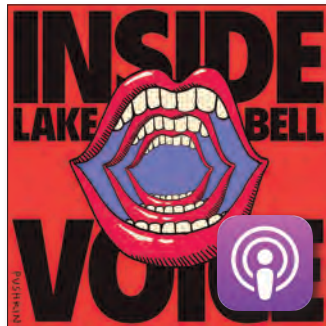
Adam Nicolson, read by Leighton Pugh
(Tantor Media)

THE PHILOSOPHY OF MODERN SONG

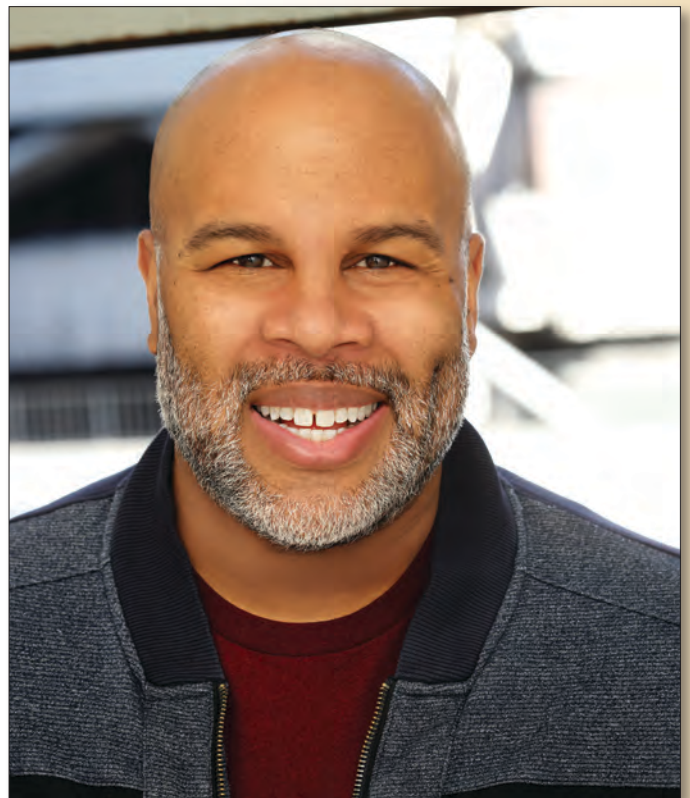
Bob Dylan, read by Bob Dylan, Jeff Bridges, Steve Buscemi, John Goodman, Oscar Isaac, Helen Mirren, Rita Moreno, Sissy Spacek, Alfre Woodard, Jeffrey Wright, Renée Zellweger
(Simon & Schuster Audio)

RHYME'S ROOMS

Brad Leithauser, read by Kevin R. Free
(Random House Audio)



Robert Petkoff, narrator of Bad City



Kevin R. Free, narrator of Rhyme's Rooms

BEST OF HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY

AMERICAN MIDNIGHT

Adam Hochschild, read by Jonathan Todd Ross
(Harper Audio)

FRANKLINLAND

Lloyd Suh, read by Gregory Harrison, Larry Powell,
Kurt Kanazawa
(L.A. Theatre Works)

HIS NAME IS GEORGE FLOYD

Robert Samuels, Toluse Olorunnipa, read by Dion Graham,
Robert Samuels, Toluse Olorunnipa [Intro.]
(Penguin Audio)

THE REVOLUTIONARY: SAMUEL ADAMS

Stacy Schiff, read by Jason Culp
(Hachette Audio)

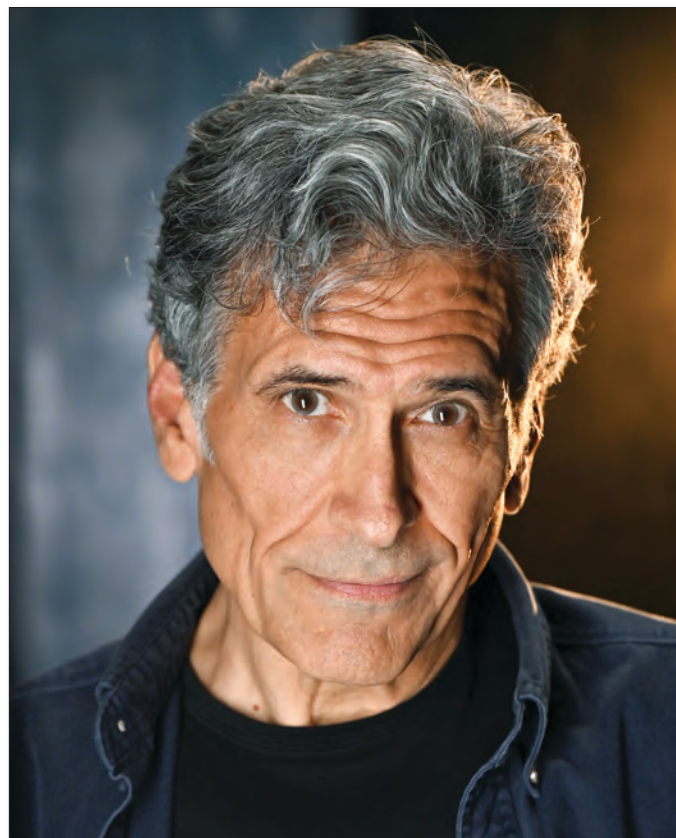
SUPER-INFINITE

Katherine Rundell, read by Simon Vance
(Blackstone Audio)

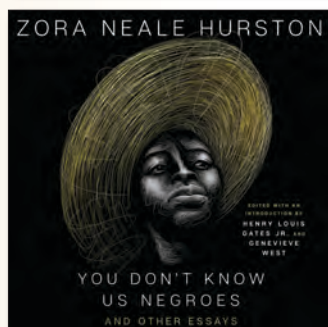
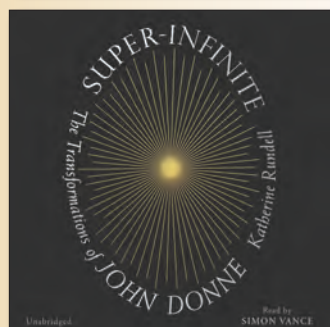
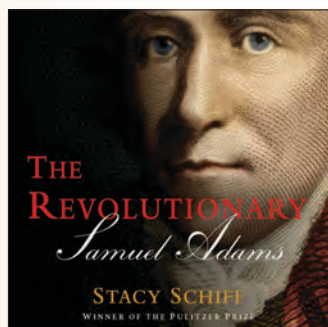
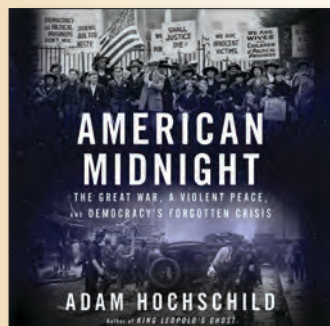


YOU DON'T KNOW US NEGROES

Zora Neale Hurston, Henry Louis Gates, Jr.,
Genevieve West [Eds.], read by Robin Miles
(Harper Audio)



Jason Culp, narrator of
The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams



Jonathan Todd Ross, narrator of
American Midnight

BEST OF MYSTERY & SUSPENSE



THE BANGALORE DETECTIVES CLUB

Harini Nagendra, read by Soneela Nankani
(Blackstone Audio)

BIRDS OF PREY: THE HARLAN COBEN CHALLENGE

Kelley Armstrong, Ace Atkins, C.J. Box, Allison Brennan, S.A. Cosby, et al., read by Lisa Flanagan, Nicky Endres, Fred Berman, MacLeod Andrews, Justis Bolding, et al.
(Audible, Inc.)

THE BULLET THAT MISSED

Richard Osman, read by Fiona Shaw, Richard Osman, Steph McGovern [Interview]
(Penguin Audio)

THE MAID

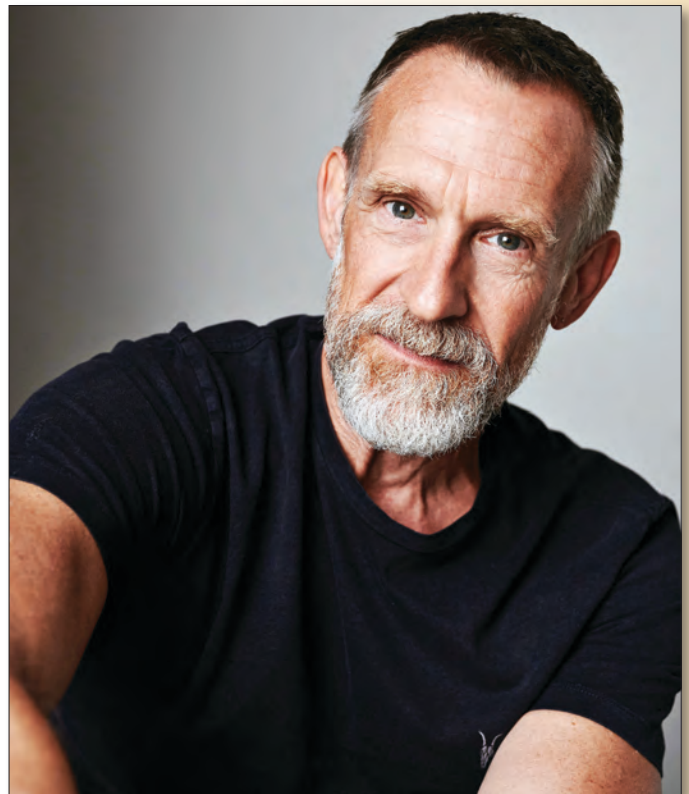
Nita Prose, read by Lauren Ambrose
(Random House Audio)

THE MATCH

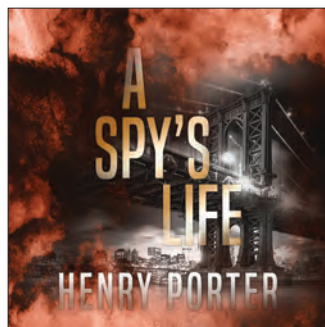
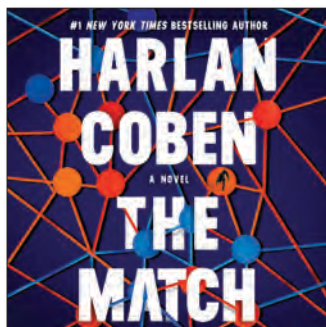
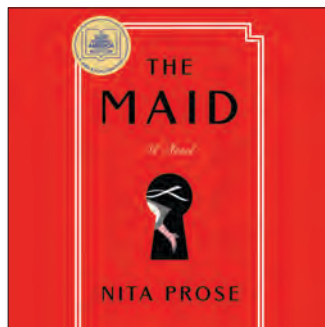
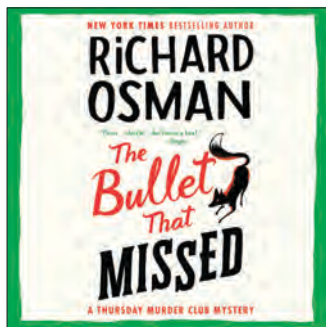
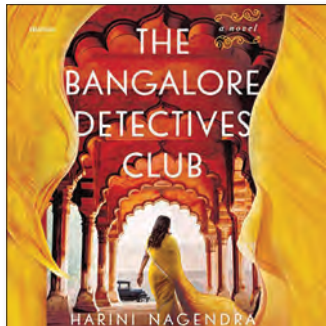
Harlan Coben, read by Steven Weber
(Brilliance Audio)

A SPY'S LIFE

Henry Porter, read by Matthew Lloyd Davies
(HighBridge Audio)



*Matthew Lloyd Davies, narrator of
A Spy's Life*



*Soneela Nankani, narrator of
The Bangalore Detectives Club*

BEST OF MEMOIR

FINDING ME

Viola Davis, read by Viola Davis
(Harper Audio)

I WAS BETTER LAST NIGHT

Harvey Fierstein, read by Harvey Fierstein
(Random House Audio)

IN LOVE

Amy Bloom, read by Amy Bloom
(Random House Audio)

SOLITO

Javier Zamora, read by Javier Zamora
(Random House Audio)

WAKE

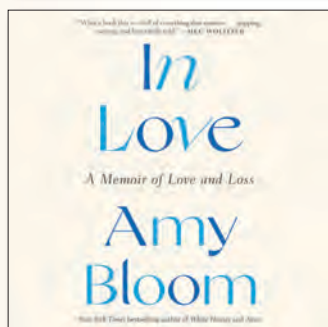
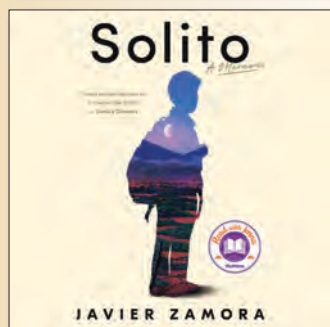
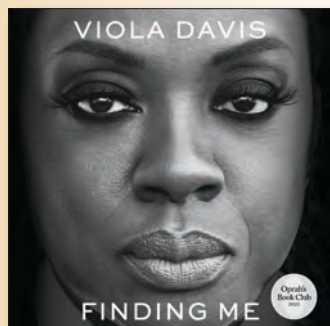
*Rebecca Hall, Tyler English-Beckwith,
read by DeWanda Wise, Chanté Adams, Jerrie Johnson,
Bahni Turpin, and a Full Cast*
(Podium Audio)

WOMAN WITHOUT SHAME

Sandra Cisneros, read by Sandra Cisneros
(Random House Audio)



*Javier Zamora, author &
narrator of Solito*



*Amy Bloom, author &
narrator of In Love*

Javier Zamora photo by Gerardo del Valle, Amy Bloom photo by Elena Seibert

BEST OF SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY

THE ATLAS SIX

Olivie Blake, read by Steve West, David Monteith, Damian Lynch, Caitlin Kelly, Andy Ingalls, and a Full Cast (Macmillan Audio)

A COURT OF MIST AND FURY

Sarah J. Maas, read by Melody Muze, Anthony Palmini, Henry W. Kramer, Jon Vertullo, and a Full Cast (GraphicAudio)



EVEN THOUGH I KNEW THE END

C.L. Polk, read by January LaVoy (Recorded Books)

MAXINE JUSTICE

Daniel Schwabauer, read by Aimee Lilly (Oasis Audio)

MOON WITCH, SPIDER KING

Marlon James, read by Bahni Turpin (Penguin Audio)

WITCHES ABROAD

Terry Pratchett, read by Indira Varma, Peter Serafinowicz, Bill Nighy (Penguin Audio UK)



*January LaVoy, narrator of
Even Though I Knew the End*



*Bahni Turpin, narrator of
Moon Witch, Spider King*

BEST OF CHILDREN & FAMILY LISTENING

A IS FOR OBOE: THE ORCHESTRA'S ALPHABET

Lera Auerbach, Marilyn Nelson,
read by Thomas Quasthoff
(Listening Library)

A DIFFERENT POND

Bao Phi, read by Bao Phi
(Dreamscape)

EYES THAT SPEAK TO THE STARS

Joanna Ho, read by Justin Chien
(Harper Audio)



HOW DO YOU LIVE?

Genzaburo Yoshino, Bruno Navasky [Trans.],
Neil Gaiman [Fore.], read by Brian Nishii
(Recorded Books)

THE LAST MAPMAKER

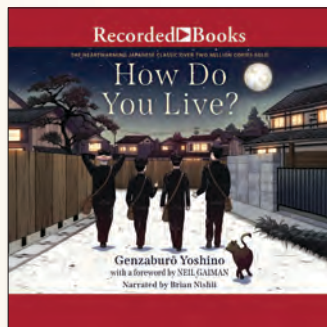
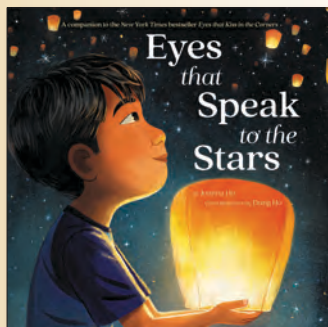
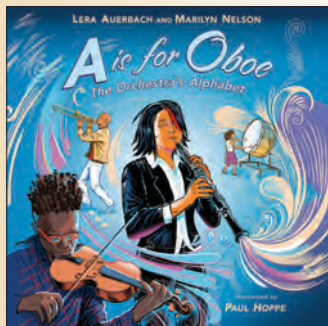
Christina Soontornvat, read by Sura Siu
(OrangeSky Audio)

WINNIE-THE-POOH

A.A. Milne, read by Barbara Rosenblat
(Design Sound Productions)



Justin Chien, narrator of
Eyes That Speak to the Stars



Sura Siu, narrator of The Last Mapmaker

Justin Chien photo by Roger JC Lee, Sura Siu photo by Miligram Photography

BEST OF YOUNG ADULT

AIN'T BURNED ALL THE BRIGHT

Jason Reynolds, read by Jason Reynolds, Nile Bullock, Tatum Marilyn Hall, JaQwan J. Kelly, DePre Owens (Simon & Schuster Audio)



ALL MY RAGE

Sabaa Tahir, read by Deepti Gupta, Kamran R. Khan, Kausar Mohammed

(Listening Library)

BREATHE AND COUNT BACK FROM TEN

Natalia Sylvester, read by Frankie Corzo (Harper Audio)

THE HONEYS

Ryan La Sala, read by Pete Cross (Scholastic Audiobooks)

THE WEIGHT OF BLOOD

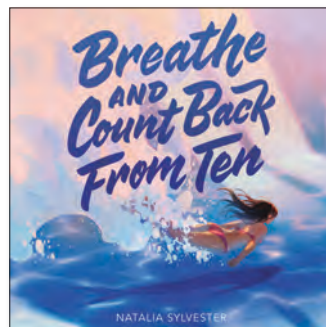
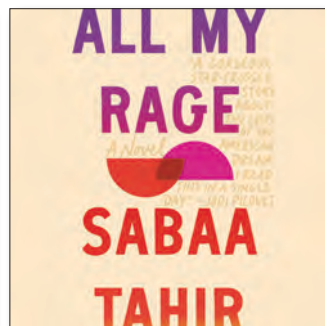
Tiffany D. Jackson, read by JD Jackson, Sarah Mollo-Christensen, Joy Nash, and a Full Cast (Harper Audio)

WHAT SOULS ARE MADE OF

Tasha Suri, read by Alex Williams, Becca Hirani (Macmillan Audio)



Nile Bullock, co-narrator of Ain't Burned all the Bright



Deepti Gupta, co-narrator of All My Rage

BEST OF ROMANCE

DELILAH GREEN DOESN'T CARE

Ashley Herring Blake, read by Kristen DiMercurio
(Penguin Audio)

HONEY & SPICE

Bolu Babalola, read by Weruche Opia
(Harper Audio)

KAMILA KNOWS BEST

Farah Heron, read by Soneela Nankani
(Hachette Audio)

SEATMATE

Cara Bastone, read by Amanda Ronconi,
Zachary Webber, Josh Hurley, Carol Monda,
Corey Allen, Allyson Johnson, Eric Yves Garcia,
Tanya Eby, Dina Pearlman
(Audible, Inc.)

SOMETHING FABULOUS

Alexis Hall, read by Nicholas Boulton
(Brilliance Audio)

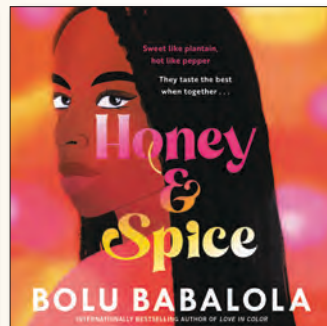


THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

Julia Whelan, read by Julia Whelan
(Harper Audio)



Julia Whelan, author & narrator of
Thank You for Listening



Zachary Webber, co-narrator of Seatmate