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AudioFile Editors Announce 2016 Best Audiobooks

AudioFile celebrates standout audiobook performances with a special EZine, blog partners, and listener sweepstakes, recognizing the growing diversity and popularity of audiobooks.

(Portland, Maine, December 1, 2016) AudioFile Magazine announced the winners of the 2016 Best Audiobooks today, recognizing standout audiobook performances in nine categories. “This year’s lineup includes diverse, deeply personal, and timely storytelling and celebrates the skill and dedication of the narrators as well as everyone who works behind the scenes to bring us the art form of the audiobook,” said Robin Whitten, Editor and Founder of AudioFile Magazine.

The 2016 Best Audiobooks are selected by AudioFile editors in nine genres: Fiction, Nonfiction & Culture, Memoir, Biography & History, Mystery & Suspense, Science Fiction & Fantasy, Children & Family Listening, Young Adult, and Romance. AudioFile Magazine editors review and recommend audiobooks weekly and maintain an archive of more than 40,000 reviews. Reviews are available in print on their website, www.AudioFilemagazine.com, and via e-newsletters and daily Sound Reviews, which you can subscribe to directly in [iTunes](#) or follow and share with friends on [SoundCloud](#).

Now in its seventh year, the annual ‘Best Audiobooks’ list highlights the ever-expanding genre of audiobooks, celebrating 126 audio titles, all of which are the result of inspiring writers and narrators who have combined their talents to create compelling listening for all ages. This year’s winners include authors Stephen King, Amy Schumer, Stephenie Meyer, Kate DiCamillo, Rick Riordan, William Shatner, Eric Ripert, Cory Booker, Glennon Doyle Melton, Colson Whitehead, and Jacqueline Woodson, among many others.

2016 AudioFile Sweepstakes with Audiobooks.com

Enter for a Chance to Win a Six-Month Subscription to audiobooks.com. AudioFile is giving away 6-month subscriptions to audiobooks.com to NINE lucky winners! Enter your email address at <http://www.AudioFilemagazine.com/bestof/> before 11:59 PM ET, December 16, 2016. Participants can enter for a chance to win and get access to our 2016 Best Audiobooks list. Winners will be notified by email. Subscription value: \$89.70. Official Rules: <http://www.AudioFilemagazine.com/contest/>

AudioFile Announcement Partners

From December 1 to 16, 2016, nationally-recognized blog and publishing partners will spread the word about the 2016 Best Audiobooks through personalized blog and social media posts that will include exclusive narrator videos, sound clips of winning titles and links to the downloadable Ezine, *available December 1*:

<http://www.AudioFilemagazine.com/bestof/>.

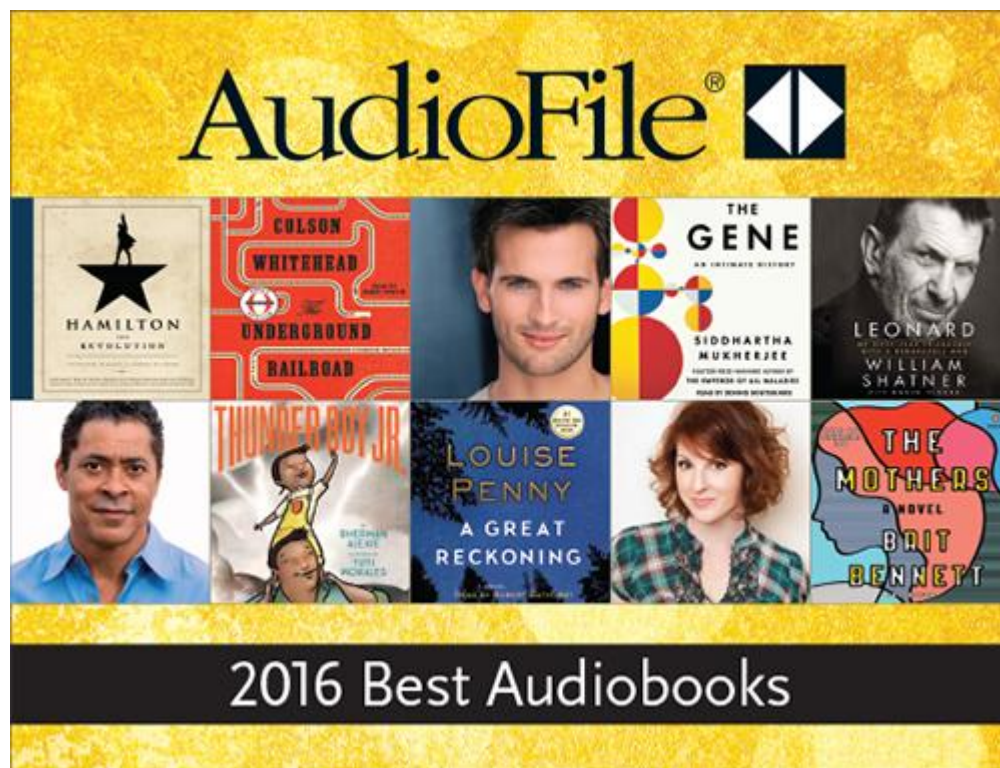
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“This year we are excited to offer our growing audience an even deeper dive into the making of their favorite works through our 2016 Ezine, which comes fully-loaded with sound clips from this year’s winning titles and exclusive narrator videos.”

For a complete list of winners in each category, see below.

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Official List of Winners, below. [Embargoed until December 1, 2016.](#)

Fiction

AMERICAN BUFFALO David Mamet Read by Josh Stamberg, Maurice Williams, Rich Hutchman (L.A. Theatre Works)

ANOTHER BROOKLYN Jacqueline Woodson Read by Robin Miles (Harper Audio/Blackstone Audio)

BARKSKINS Annie Proulx Read by Robert Petkoff (Simon & Schuster Audio)

BELGRAVIA Julian Fellowes Read by Juliet Stevenson (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

EVERYBODY'S FOOL Richard Russo Read by Mark Bramhall (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

GRACE Natasha Déon Read by Lisa Reneé Pitts (Blackstone Audio)

THE HOUSE AT THE EDGE OF NIGHT Catherine Banner Read by Edoardo Ballerini (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

LAROSE Louise Erdrich Read by Louise Erdrich (Harper Audio)

A LITTLE LIFE Hanya Yanagihara Read by Oliver Wyman (Audible, Inc.)

MISTER MONKEY Francine Prose Read by Kirby Heyborne, Nan McNamara (Harper Audio)

THE MOTHERS Brit Bennett Read by Adenrele Ojo (Penguin Audio/Books on Tape)

MY NAME IS LUCY BARTON Elizabeth Strout Read by Kimberly Farr (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

THE NIX Nathan Hill Read by Ari Fliakos (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

SWEETBITTER Stephanie Danler Read by Alex McKenna (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

TRULY MADLY GUILTY Liane Moriarty Read by Caroline Lee (Macmillan Audio)

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD Colson Whitehead Read by Bahni Turpin (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

Nonfiction & Culture

THE ABUNDANCE Annie Dillard Read by Susan Ericksen (Brilliance Audio)

THE GENE Siddhartha Mukherjee Read by Dennis Boutsikaris (Simon & Schuster Audio)

HAMILTON: THE REVOLUTION Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jeremy McCarter Read by Mariska Hargitay, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jeremy McCarter (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

THE HERO WITH A THOUSAND FACES Joseph Campbell Read by Arthur Morey, John Lee, Susan Denaker (Brilliance Audio)

THE HOUR OF LAND Terry Tempest Williams Read by Terry Tempest Williams (Tantor Media)

HOW WOMEN DECIDE Therese Huston Read by Susan Boyce (Dreamscape)

I CONTAIN MULTITUDES Ed Yong Read by Charlie Anson (Harper Audio/Blackstone Audio)

JOY ON DEMAND Chade-Meng Tan Read by Telly Leung (Harper Audio/Blackstone Audio)

THE KINGDOM OF SPEECH Tom Wolfe Read by Robert Petkoff (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

LOST SOUND Jeff Porter Read by Arthur Morey (Blackstone Audio)

OLD AGE Michael Kinsley Read by Danny Campbell (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

THEN COMES MARRIAGE Roberta Kaplan, Lisa Dickey Read by Andrea Gallo (Recorded Books)

TRIBE Sebastian Junger Read by Sebastian Junger (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

THE VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS Neil Gaiman Read by Neil Gaiman (Harper Audio)

THE YEAR OF VOTING DANGEROUSLY Maureen Dowd Read by Elisabeth Rodgers (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

Children & Family Listening

28 DAYS Charles R. Smith, Jr Read by Dion Graham, William Jackson Harper, Zainab Jah, et al. (Live Oak Media)

THE BIG DARK Rodman Philbrick Read by Michael Crouch (Scholastic Audiobooks)

BOOKED Kwame Alexander Read by Kwame Alexander (Recorded Books)

GRAYLING'S SONG Karen Cushman Read by Katherine Kellgren (Recorded Books)

GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES The Brothers Grimm
Read by Jim Dale, Janis Ian, Alfred Molina, et al. (Listening Library)

THE HIDDEN ORACLE Rick Riordan Read by Robbie Daymond (Listening Library)

ISLAND TREASURES Alma Flor Ada Read by Trini Alvarado (Recorded Books)

OUT OF ABATON: THE WOODEN PRINCE John Claude Bemis Read by Ralph Lister (Oasis Audio)

PAX Sara Pennypacker Read by Michael Curran-Dorsano (Harper Audio)

RAYMIE NIGHTINGALE Kate DiCamillo Read by Jenna Lamia (Listening Library)

SAVE ME A SEAT Sarah Weeks, Gita Varadarajan Read by Josh Hurley, Vikas Adam (Scholastic Audiobooks)

SELECTED POETRY BY LEWIS CARROLL Lewis Carroll Read by Roger May (Naxos Audiobooks)

STAR STUFF Stephanie Roth Sisson Read by Peter Berkrot (Weston Woods Studios)

THUNDER BOY JR. Sherman Alexie Read by David Alexie, Sherman Alexie (Hachette Audio)

THE WILD ROBOT Peter Brown Read by Kate Atwater (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

Young Adult

AND I DARKEN Kiersten White Read by Fiona Hardingham (Listening Library)

ANNA AND THE SWALLOW MAN Gavriel Savit Read by Allan Corduner (Listening Library)

BEING JAZZ Jazz Jennings Read by Jazz Jennings (Listening Library)

GIRL IN PIECES Kathleen Glasgow Read by Julia Whelan (Listening Library)

THE GREAT AMERICAN WHATEVER Tim Federle Read by Tim Federle (Simon & Schuster Audio)

THE LIGHT FANTASTIC Sarah Combs Read by Lauren Ezzo, Todd Haberkorn (Brilliance Audio)

MY NAME IS NOT FRIDAY Jon Walter Read by Dion Graham (Scholastic Audiobooks)

THE NAZI HUNTERS Neal Bascomb Read by Jason Culp (Scholastic Audiobooks)

RADIOACTIVE! Winifred Conkling Read by Andrea Gallo (Recorded Books)
Read by Roger May (Naxos AudioBooks)

THE RAVEN KING Maggie Stiefvater Read by Will Patton (Scholastic Audiobooks)

REBEL OF THE SANDS Alwyn Hamilton Read by Soneela Nankani (Recorded Books)

RIVERKEEP Martin Stewart Read by James Cosmo (Listening Library)

SALT TO THE SEA Ruta Sepetys Read by Jorjeana Marie, Will Damron, Cassandra Morris, Michael Crouch (Listening Library)

THE SERPENT KING Jeff Zentner Read by Michael Crouch, Ariadne Meyers, Ethan Sawyer (Listening Library)

STILL LIFE WITH TORNADO A.S. King Read by Karissa Vacker (Listening Library)

TELL ME THREE THINGS Julie Buxbaum Read by Jorjeana Marie (Listening Library)

Romance

BAY OF SIGHS Nora Roberts Read by Saskia Maarleveld (Brilliance Audio)

BECAUSE OF MISS BRIDGERTON Julia Quinn Read by Rosalyn Landor (Harper Audio/Blackstone Audio)

A BUCCANEER AT HEART Stephanie Laurens Read by Steve West (Blackstone Audio)

THE CHEMIST Stephenie Meyer Read by Ellen Archer (Hachette Audio)

THE CONSEQUENCE OF SEDUCTION Rachel Van Dyken Read by Amy McFadden, Nick Podehl (Brilliance Audio)

DARK CAROUSEL Christine Feehan Read by Jim Frangione (Penguin Audio/Books on Tape)

THE GIRL OF HIS DREAMS Susan Mallory Read by Tanya Eby (Harlequin Audio/Blackstone Audio)

GLITTERLAND Alexis Hall Read by Nicholas Boulton (Hedgehog Inc. Productions)

THE HUNTER Kerrigan Byrne Read by Derek Perkins (Tantor Media)

THE PERKS OF LOVING A SCOUNDREL Jennifer McQuiston Read by Lana J. Weston (Harper Audio)

SWEET TOMORROWS Debbie Macomber Read by Lorelei King (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

SWEET GONE SOUTH Alicia Hunter Pace Read by Amy Rubinate (Insatiable Press)

Mystery & Suspense

ALL IS NOT FORGOTTEN Wendy Walker Read by Dylan Baker (Macmillan Audio)

ASHLEY BELL Dean Koontz Read by Suzy Jackson (Recorded Books)

THE BLACK WIDOW Daniel Silva Read by George Guidall (Harper Audio)

CHARCOAL JOE Walter Mosley Read by Michael Boatman (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

END OF WATCH Stephen King Read by Will Patton (Simon & Schuster Audio)

A GREAT RECKONING Louise Penny Read by Robert Bathurst (Macmillan Audio)

JOURNEY TO MUNICH Jacqueline Winspear Read by Orlagh Cassidy (Harper Audio)

THE MAN IN THE MOSS Phil Rickman Read by Sean Barrett (ISIS Audio Books)

THE MIRROR THIEF Martin Seay Read by Edoardo Ballerini (Recorded Books)

THE SECOND LIFE OF NICK MASON Steve Hamilton Read by Ray Porter (Penguin Audio/Books on Tape)

TWISTED RIVER Siobhan MacDonald Read by Alana Kerr Collins, Sile Bermingham, Gerard Doyle, Tom Taylorson (Blackstone Audio)

UNDERGROUND AIRLINES Ben H. Winters Read by William DeMeritt (Hachette Audio)

THE WOMAN IN CABIN 10 Ruth Ware Read by Imogen Church (Simon & Schuster Audio)

YOU SENT ME A LETTER Lucy Dawson Read by Julie Maisey (Bolinda Audio)

Science Fiction & Fantasy

AGE OF MYTH Michael J. Sullivan Read by Tim Gerard Reynolds (Recorded Books)

ALIEN: OUT OF THE SHADOWS Tim Lebbon, Dirk Maggs Read by Rutger Hauer, Corey Johnson, Matthew Lewis, and a Full Cast (Audible, Inc.)

ALL THE BIRDS IN THE SKY Charlie Jane Anders Read by Alyssa Bresnahan (Recorded Books)

BATTLEFIELD EARTH L. Ron Hubbard Read by Josh Clark, Charlie Davis, Scott Menville, Jim Meskimen, Stefan Rudnicki, and a Full Cast (Galaxy Audio)

CAPTAIN TO CAPTAIN Greg Cox Read by Robert Petkoff (Simon & Schuster Audio)

CITY OF MIRRORS Justin Cronin Read by Scott Brick (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

THE CITY ON THE EDGE OF FOREVER Harlan Ellison Read by Harlan Ellison, Scott Brick, LeVar Burton, and a Full Cast (Skyboat Media/Blackstone Audio)

DAREDEVIL: GUARDIAN DEVIL Kevin Smith, Joe Quesada, Richard Rohan [Adapt.] Read by a Full Cast (GraphicAudio)

THE FIREMAN Joe Hill Read by Kate Mulgrew (Harper Audio)

GHOST TALKERS Mary Robinette Kowal Read by Mary Robinette Kowal (Audible, Inc.)

JERUSALEM Alan Moore Read by Simon Vance (Recorded Books)

THE OBELISK GATE N.K. Jemisin Read by Robin Miles (Hachette Audio)

SERENGETI J.B. Rockwell Read by Elizabeth Wiley (Tantor Media)

THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF HOPE Claire North Read by Gillian Burke (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

VERSION CONTROL Dexter Palmer Read by January LaVoy (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

Memoir

THE CHILDREN OF WILLESDEN LANE Mona Golabek, Lee Cohen Read by Mona Golabek (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

THE GIRL WITH THE LOWER BACK TATTOO Amy Schumer Read by Amy Schumer (Simon & Schuster Audio)

THE GREATEST Muhammad Ali Read by Dion Graham (Graymalkin Media)

LEONARD William Shatner Read by William Shatner (Macmillan Audio)

A LIFE IN PARTS Bryan Cranston Read by Bryan Cranston (Simon & Schuster Audio)

THE LIGHTLESS SKY Gulwali Passarlay, Nadene Ghouri Read by Assaf Cohen (Harper Audio/Blackstone Audio)

LOVE WARRIOR Glennon Doyle Melton Read by Glennon Doyle Melton (Macmillan Audio)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES Joel Grey Read by Joel Grey (Macmillan Audio)

THE PIGEON TUNNEL John le Carré Read by John le Carré (Penguin Audio/Books on Tape)

SHOE DOG Phil Knight Read by Norbert Leo Butz (Simon & Schuster Audio)

32 YOLKS Eric Ripert Read by Peter Ganim (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

UNITED Cory Booker Read by Cory Booker (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

WHEN BREATH BECOMES AIR Paul Kalanithi, Abraham Verghese Read by Sunil Malhotra, Cassandra Campbell (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

Biography & History

AMERICAN HEIRESS Read by Paul Michael (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

THE ARABS Eugene Rogan Read by Derek Perkins (Tantor Media)

HIDDEN FIGURES Margot Lee Shetterly Read by Robin Miles (Harper Audio)

KATRINA: AFTER THE FLOOD Gary Rivlin Read by Johnny Heller (Blackstone Audio)

KILL 'EM AND LEAVE James McBride Read by Dominic Hoffman (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

PAUL MCCARTNEY: THE LIFE by Philip Norman Read by Jonathan Keeble (Recorded Books)

RISE OF THE ROCKET GIRLS Nathalia Holt Read by Erin Bennett (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

SPQR Mary Beard Read by Phyllida Nash (Recorded Books)

VALIANT AMBITION Nathaniel Philbrick Read by Scott Brick (Penguin Audio/Books on Tape)

THE YEAR OF LEAR James Shapiro Read by Robert Fass (Tantor Media)

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