

Odyssey Award winners and honor audiobooks, 2008-present

Best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States

2024

Award Winners

El Deafo, produced by Matie Argiropoulos for Listening Library/Penguin Random House Audio, written by Cece Bell and narrated by a full cast (Children's winner)

Promise Boys, produced by Macmillan Young Listeners, a Macmillan Audio from Henry Holt, written by Nick Brooks and narrated by a full cast (Young Adult winner)

Honor Audiobooks

Chinese Menu: The History, Myths, and Legends Behind Your Favorite Foods, produced by Hachette Audio, written by Grace Lin and narrated by Lisa Ling

Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir, produced by Diane McKiernan and Olivia Langen for Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group, written by Pedro Martín, and narrated by a full cast

Once There Was, produced by Allison Llight for Simon & Schuster Audio, written by Kiyash Monsef, and narrated by Nikki Massoud

Sisters of the Lost Marsh, produced by Paul R. Gagne for Scholastic Audio, written and narrated by Lucy Strange

Stateless, produced by Elece Green and Dennis Kao for Hachette Audiobooks, written by Elizabeth Wein, and narrated by Moira Quirk

2023

Award Winners

Stuntboy, in the Meantime, produced by Taryn Beato for Simon & Schuster Audio, written by Jason Reynolds and narrated by Guy Lockard, Nile Bullock, and Angel Pean with a full cast (Children's winner)

The Honeys, produced by Melissa Ellard for Weston Woods Studios and Scholastic Audio, written by Ryan La Sala and narrated by Pete Cross (Young Adult winner)

Honor Audiobooks

The Three Billy Goats Gruff, produced by Melissa Ellard and Paul Gagne for Weston Woods Studios and Scholastic Audio, written and narrated by Mac Barnett

Demon in the Wood Graphic Novel, produced by Steve Wagner and Michelle Altman for Macmillan Young Listeners, an imprint of Macmillan Audio, written by Leigh Bardugo and narrated by Ben Barnes and a full cast

Inheritance: A Visual Poem, produced by Caitlin Garing for Quill Books, an imprint of HarperAudio, written and narrated by Elizabeth Acevedo

The First Helping (Lunch Lady Books 1 & 2), produced by Jarrett J. Krosoczka and Lauren Klein, Executive Producer Nick Martorelli for Listening Library, an imprint of Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group, written by Jarrett J. Krosoczka and narrated by Kate Flannery, the author, and a full cast

2022

Award Winners

Boogie Boogie, Y'all, produced by Almeda Beynon for HarperAudio/Katherine Tegen Books, written and narrated by C. G. Esperanza (Children's winner)

When You Look Like Us, produced by Almeda Beynon for HarperAudio/Quill Tree Books, written by Pamela N. Harris, narrated by Preston Butler III (Young Adult winner)

* 2022 marks the first year that the *Odyssey Medal* is being awarded in two age categories: *Children's (age 0-14)* and *Young Adult (ages 12-18)*

Honor Audiobooks

Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah, produced by Aaron Blank for Listening Library, written by Laurie Ann Thompson and narrated by Adjoa Andoh

I Talk Like a River, produced by Erick Black with Dreamscape Media, written and narrated by Jordan Scott

Perfectly Parvin, produced by Sarah Jaffe for Listening Library, an imprint of Penguin Random House Audio, written by Olivia Abtahi and narrated by Mitra Jouhari

2021

Award Winner

Kent State, produced by Paul R. Gange, Scholastic Audio, written by Deborah Wiles, and narrated by Christopher Gebauer, Lauren Ezzo, Christina DeLaine, Johnny Heller, Roger Wayne, Korey Jackson, and David de Vries.

Honor Audiobooks

Clap When You Land, produced by Caitlin Garing for HarperAudio, a division of HarperCollins Publishers, written by Elizabeth Acevedo, and narrated by Elizabeth Acevedo and Melania-Luisa Marte

Fighting Words, produced by Karen Dziekonski for Listening Library, an imprint of Penguin Random House Audio, written by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, and narrated by Bahni Turpin

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You, produced by Robert Van Kolken for Hachette Audio, written by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi, and narrated by Jason Reynolds with an introduction by Ibram X. Kendi

When Stars Are Scattered, produced by Kelly Gildea and Julie Wilson for Listening Library, an imprint of Penguin Random House Audio, written by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed, and narrated by Faysal Ahmed, Barkhad Abdi, and a full cast

2020

Award Winner

Hey, Kiddo: How I Lost My Mother, Found My Father, and Dealt with Family Addiction, produced by Scholastic Audiobooks, written by Jarrett J. Krosoczka, and narrated by Jarrett J. Krosoczka, Jeanne Birdsall, Jenna Lamia, Richard Ferrone, and a full cast.

Honor Audiobooks

Redwood and Ponytail, produced by Hachette Audio, written by K.A. Holt, and narrated by Tess Netting and Cassandra Morris

Song for a Whale, produced by Listening Library/Penguin Random House Audio, written by Lynne Kelly, and read by Abigail Revasch with the author

We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga, produced by Live Oak Media, written by Traci Sorell, and narrated by Lauren Hummingbird, Agalisiga (Choogie) Mackey, Ryan Mackey, Traci Sorell, and Tonia Weavel

We're Not from Here, produced by Listening Library/Penguin Random House Audio, written by Geoff Rodkey, and narrated by Dani Martineck

2019

Award Winner

Sadie, produced by Macmillan Audio from Wednesday Books/St. Martin's, written by Courtney Summers, narrated by Rebecca Soler, Fred Berman, Dan Bittner, Gabra Zackman, and more.

Honor Audiobooks

Du Iz Tak, produced by Weston Woods Studios/Scholastic, written by Carson Ellis, and narrated by Eli and Sebastian D'Amico, Burton, Galen and Laura Fott, Sarah Hart, Bella Higginbotham, Evelyn Hipp and Brian Hull

Esquivel! Space-Age Sound Artist, produced by Live Oak Media, written by Susan Wood, and narrated by Brian Amador

The Parker Inheritance, produced by Scholastic Audiobooks, written by Varian Johnson, and narrated by Cherise Boothe

The Poet X, produced by HarperAudio/HarperCollins, written and narrated by Elizabeth Acevedo

2018

Award Winner

The Hate U Give, produced by HarperAudio, written by Angie Thomas, and narrated by Bahni Turpin

Honor Audiobooks

The Book of Dust: La Belle Sauvage, produced by Listening Library/Penguin Random House Audio, written by Philip Pullman, narrated by Michael Sheen

A Boy Called Christmas, produced by Listening Library/Penguin Random House Audio, written by Matt Haig, and narrated by Stephen Fry

Long Way Down, produced by Simon & Schuster Audio, written and narrated by Jason Reynolds

Trombone Shorty, produced by Live Oak Media, written by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews, and narrated by Dion Graham

The Wizards of Once, produced by Hachette Audio, written by Cressida Cowell, and narrated by David Tennant

2017

Award Winner

Anna and the Swallow Man, produced by Listening Library, an imprint of the Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group, written by Gavriel Savit, and narrated by Allan Corduner.

Honor Audiobooks

Ghost, produced by Simon & Schuster Audio, written by Jason Reynolds, and narrated by Guy Lockard

Dream On, Amber, produced by recorded Books, written by Emma Shevah, and narrated by Laura Kirman

Nimona, produced by HarperAudio, written by Noelle Stevenson, and narrated by Rebecca Soler, Jonathan Davis, Marc Thompson, January LaVoy, Natalie Gold, Peter Bradbury, and David Pittu.

2016

Award winner

The War that Saved My Life, produced by Listening Library, an imprint of the Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group, written by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, and narrated by Jayne Entwistle

Honor audiobook

Echo, produced by Scholastic Audio / Paul R. Gagne, written by Pam Munoz Ryan and narrated by Mark Bramhall, David De Vries, MacLeod Andrews, and Rebecca Soler

2015

Award winner

H. O. R. S. E. A Game of Basketball and Imagination, produced by Live Oak Media, written by Christopher Myers, and narrated by Dion Graham and Christopher Myers

Honor audiobooks

Five, Six, Seven, Nate! produced by AUDIOWORKS (Children's) an imprint of Simon & Schuster Audio Division, Simon & Schuster, Inc., written by Tim Federle, and narrated by Tim Federle

The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place, produced by Listening Library, an imprint of the Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group, written by Julie Berry, and narrated by Jayne Entwistle

A Snicker of Magic, produced by Scholastic Audiobooks, written by Natalie Lloyd, and narrated by Cassandra Morris

2014

Award winner

Scowler, produced by Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group, written by Daniel Kraus and narrated by Kirby Heyborne

Honor audiobooks

Better Nate Than Ever, produced by Simon and Schuster Audio, written by Tim Federle, and narrated by Tim Federle
Creepy Carrots!, produced by Weston Woods Studios, Inc., written by Aaron Reynolds, and narrated by James Naughton

Eleanor & Park, produced by Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group, written by Rainbow Rowell, and narrated by Rebecca Lowman and Sunil Malhotra

Matilda, produced by Penguin Audio, a member of Penguin Group (USA) Inc., written by Roald Dahl, and narrated by Kate Winslet

2013

Award winner

The Fault in Our Stars, produced by Brilliance Audio, written by John Green and narrated by Kate Rudd

Honor audiobooks

Artemis Fowl: The Last Guardian, written by Eoin Colfer, narrated by Nathaniel Parker and produced by Listening Library

Ghost Knight, written by Cornelia Funke, narrated by Elliot Hill and produced by Listening Library

Monstrous Beauty, written by Elizabeth Fama, narrated by Katherine Kellgren and produced by Macmillan Audio

2012

Award winner

Rotters, produced by Listening Library, an imprint of Random House Audio Publishing Group, Random House, Inc., written by Daniel Kraus and narrated by Kirby Heyborne

Honor audiobooks

Ghetto Cowboy, produced by Brilliance Audio, written by G. Neri, narrated by JD Jackson

Okay for Now, produced by Listening Library, an imprint of Random House Audio Publishing Group, Random House, Inc., written by Gary D. Schmidt, narrated by Lincoln Hoppe

The Scorpio Races, produced by Scholastic Inc., Scholastic Audiobooks, written by Maggie Stiefvater, narrated by Steve West and Fiona Hardingham

Young Fredle, produced by Listening Library, an imprint of Random House Audio Publishing Group, Random House, Inc., written by Cynthia Voigt, narrated by Wendy Carter

2011

Award winner

The True Meaning of Smekday, produced by Listening Library, an imprint of Random House Audio Publishing Group, written by Adam Rex, narrated by Bahni Turpin

Honor audiobooks

Alchemy and Meggy Swann, produced by Listening Library, an imprint of Random House Audio Publishing Group, written by Karen Cushman, narrated by Katherine Kellgren

The Knife of Never Letting Go, produced by Candlewick on Brilliance Audio, an imprint of Brilliance Audio, written by Patrick Ness, narrated by Nick Podehl

Revolution, produced by Listening Library, an imprint of Random House Audio Publishing Group, written by Jennifer Donnelly, narrated by Emily Janice Card and Emma Bering

will grayson, will grayson, produced by Brilliance Audio, written by John Green and David Levithan, narrated by MacLeod Andrews and Nick Podehl

2010

Award winner

Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken, produced by Live Oak Media, written by Kate DiCamillo, narrated by Barbara Rosenblat

Honor Audiobooks

In the Belly of the Bloodhound: Being an Account of a Particularly Peculiar Adventure in the Life of Jacky Faber, produced by Listen & Live Audio, Inc., written by L.A. Meyer, narrated by Katherine Kellgren

Peace, Locomotion, produced by Brilliance Audio, written by Jacqueline Woodson, narrated by Dion Graham

We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball, produced by Brilliance Audio, written by Kadir Nelson, narrated by Dion Graham

2009

Award winner

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, written and narrated by Sherman Alexie, produced by Recorded Books, LLC

Honor Audiobooks

Curse of the Blue Tattoo: Being an Account of the Misadventures of Jacky Faber, Midshipman and Fine Lady, produced by Listen & Live Audio, Inc., written by L.A. Meyer, narrated by Katherine Kellgren

Elijah of Buxton, produced by Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group, written by Christopher Paul Curtis, narrated by Mirron Willis

I'm Dirty! produced by Weston Woods Studios, Inc./Scholastic, written by Kate & Jim McMullan, narrated by Steve Buscemi

Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale, produced by Peachtree Publishers, written and narrated by Carmen Agra Deedy

Nation, produced by Harper Children's Audio/HarperCollins Publishers, written by Terry Pratchett, narrated by Stephen Briggs.

2008

Award winner

Jazz, produced by Live Oak Media, written by Walter Dean Myers, narrated by James "D-Train" Williams and Vaneese Thomas.

Honor Audiobooks

Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary "Jacky" Faber, Ship's Boy, produced by Listen & Live Audio, written by L.A. Meyer, narrated by Katherine Kellgren

Dooby Dooby Moo, produced by Weston Woods/Scholastic, written by Doreen Cronin, narrated by Randy Travis

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, produced by Listening Library, written by J.K. Rowling, narrated by Jim Dale

Skulduggery Pleasant, produced by Harper Children's Audio, written by Derek Landy, narrated by Rupert Degas

Treasure Island, produced by Listening Library, written by Robert Louis Stevenson, narrated by Alfred Molina