



## **Nelson's 'Next Generation' receives two Audies nods**

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Thomas Nelson's received two nominations among The Audies' 2009 finalists, announced today by the Audio Publishers Association.

Following the format of the star-studded, dramatic audio Bible production The Word of Promise: New Testament Audio Bible, Next Generation features voice talent familiar to younger audiences, including Cody Linley, Jordin Sparks, Corbin Bleu and Annasophia Robb.

Besides Next Generation, other finalists in the Inspirational/Faith-Based Fiction category included Abraham Lincoln: A Man of Faith and Courage by Joe Wheeler (Howard Books), narrated by Grover Gardner (Oasis Audio); Cross and the Switchblade by David Wilkerson with John and Elizabeth Sherrill (Chosen Books/Baker Publishing Group), narrated by Paul Michael (Christian Audio); Life Beyond Measure by Sidney Poitier (HarperOne), narrated by Sidney Poitier (HarperAudio); and Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light by Mother Teresa and Brian Kolodiejchuk (Doubleday), narrated by Paul Smith and Sherry Kennedy-Brownrigg (St. Anthony Messenger Press).

In the Multi-Voiced Performance category, Next Generation goes head to head with The Family Audio Bible, narrated by Dick Cavett, Marsha Mason, Andrew McCarthy, Martha Plimpton and Tom Wopat (HarperAudio); Mudbound by Hillary Jordan (Algonquin Books), narrated by Joey Collins, Peter Jay Fernandez, Kate Forbes, Ezra Knight, Brenday Pressley and Tom Stechschulte (Recorded Books); and The Plague of Doves by Louise Erdrich (HarperCollins), narrated by Peter Francis James and Kathleen McInerney (HarperAudio).

In Inspirational/Faith-Based Fiction, the finalists are: The Shack by William P. Young (Windblown Media/Hachette Book Group USA), narrated by Roger Mueller (Oasis Audio); Adam by Ted Dekker (Thomas Nelson), narrated by Tim Gregory (Oasis Audio); John by Niall Williams (Bloomsbury USA), narrated by Nicholas Bell (Bolinda Audio); Prague Counterpoint by Bodie and Brock Thoene (Tyndale House Publishers), narrated by Sean Barrett (Family Audio Library); and The Sisterhood of Blackberry Corner by Andrea Smith (Bantam Books), narrated by Lizan Mitchell (Recorded Books).

Awarding excellence in 31 categories of audio publishing, The Audies will be held at the New York Historical Society in New York City, May 29. For a complete list of finalists, visit [www.audiopub.org](http://www.audiopub.org).

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