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Listen Up! Audies Awards Finalists

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The 2008 finalists for the Audies® Awards, sponsored by the **Audio Publishers Association** (APA), have been announced. In the Children's Audiobook Titles for Ages 12+ category, the finalists are: *Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary 'Jacky' Farber*, *Ship's Boy* by L.A. Meyer, narrated by Katherine Kellgren (Listen & Live Audio); *InterWorld* by Neil Gaiman, narrated by Christopher Evan Welch (HarperAudio); *A Mango Shaped Space* by Wendy Mass, narrated by Danielle Ferland (Recorded Books); *M Is for Magic* written and narrated by Neil Gaiman (HarperAudio); and *Slam* by Nick Hornby, narrated by Nicholas Hoult (Penguin Audio).

Children's Audiobook Titles for Ages 8-11 finalists include: *Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker, narrated by Jessica Almasy (Recorded Books); *The Great Christmas Kidnapping Caper* by Jean Van Leeuwen, narrated by Daniel Bostick (Full Cast Audio); *Rosa* written and narrated by Nikki Giovanni (Weston Woods); *Skulduggery Pleasant* by Derek Landy, narrated by Rupert Degas (HarperAudio); and *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt, narrated by Joel Johnstone (Scholastic Audio).

Finalists in the Children's Audiobook Titles for Ages Up to 8 category include: *In Aunt Giraffe's Green Garden* written and narrated by Jack Prelutsky (HarperAudio); *Goodnight Hawaiian Moon* by Dr. Carolan, narrated by Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom (Banana Patch Press); *More About Paddington* by Michael Bond, narrated by Stephen Fry (HarperAudio); *Ogre in a Toga* written and narrated by Geoffrey McSkimming (Bolinda); *The One and Only Shrek!* by William Steig, narrated by Meryl Streep and Stanley Tucci (Macmillan Audio).

The **Audio Publishers Association** is a "not-for-profit trade organization whose primary goals are to promote awareness of the audiobook industry, gather and disseminate industry statistics, encourage high production standards, and represent the interests of audiobook publishers." The Audies® Awards are given in 30 categories. The winners of this year's Audies® Awards will be announced in May at a gala in Los Angeles, CA.