

Better Heard

Outstanding recent audiobooks

2014: coming soon

No books have been entered for this sublist!

2013

[Angelmaker](#)

by Harkaway, Nick

LISTLIB DISC SCIENCE FICTION HARKAWAY

American Library Association "Listen List" choice

[Bring up the bodies](#)

by Mantel, Hilary

LISTLIB DISC FICTION MANTEL

American Library Association "Listen List" choice

[The death of Sweet Mister](#)

by Woodrell, Daniel

LISTLIB DISC FICTION WOODRELL

American Library Association "Listen List" choice

[The garden intrigue](#)

by Willig, Lauren

LISTLIB DISC FICTION WILLIG

American Library Association "Listen List" choice

[Heft](#)

by Moore, Liz

LISTLIB DISC FICTION MOORE

American Library Association "Listen List" choice

[Macbeth](#)

by Shakespeare, William

LISTLIB DISC 822.33 SHA

American Library Association "Listen List" choice

[Mr. Penumbra's 24-hour bookstore](#)

by Sloan, Robin

LISTLIB DISC FICTION SLOAN

American Library Association "Listen List" choice

[The remains of the day](#)

by Ishiguro, Kazuo

LISTLIB DISC FICTION ISHIGURO

American Library Association "Listen List" choice

2012

[1Q84](#)

by Murakami, Haruki

LISTLIB DISC FICTION MURAKAMI

Read by Alison Hiroto, Mark Vietor, Mark Boyett. "The three performers ideally complement Murakami's fantastic Japanese tale. This outstanding translation weaves the stories of a beautiful vigilante assassin who is caught in a bewildering warp of dimensions and an aspiring writer who is asked to ghostwrite a disturbing fantasy (which just might be reality)...With precise enunciation, the narrators make Murakami's multilayered vision a cohesive and engaging experience as they immerse themselves in the novel's complex threads and their profoundly divergent roles. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award, 2012 Audies Finalist."--Audiofile

[Bossypants](#)

by Fey, Tina

LISTLIB DISC BIO FEY

Read by Tina Fey. "Part personal story, part comedy, and part career advice, Tina Fey's memoir is full of her signature smart and self-deprecating humor. The author's narration of the audio version keeps the laughs coming...Her delivery and timing make it extra funny, with voices, impressions, and asides, as well as the audio from her famous depictions of Sarah Palin for SNL. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award, 2012 Audies Winner." --Audiofile

[The Civil War](#)

by National Public Radio (U.S.),

LISTLIB DISC 973.7 CIV

Read by Neal Conan et al. "Highlights include Sam Waterston reciting the Gettysburg Address and author Shelby Foote talking about his books on the war and about growing up in the South with a grandfather who fought for the Confederacy at Gettysburg. The episodes are uniformly engaging and create a "you-are-there" atmosphere. Occasional music--including a piece on the song "Dixie"-- adds to mood....Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award, 2012 Audies Finalist."--Audiofile

[Cleopatra](#)

by Schiff, Stacey

LISTLIB DISC BIO CLEOPATRA

Read by Robin Miles. "Robin Miles gives an expressive yet understated delivery of Cleopatra's story--one that is far more complex than the more infamous incidents she is best remembered for. Miles reads the copious footnotes in their proper place in the text, increasing her pace and softening her tone, which clearly delineates the additional information from the main text. Her measured reading, with long pauses that separate ideas, gives listeners time to take in all the details as well as draw their own conclusions about Schiff's biographical hypotheses."--Audiofile

[Drama: an actor's education](#)

by Lithgow, John

LISTLIB DISC BIO LITHGOW

Read by John Lithgow. "The author narrates with all the skill and charm that one expects of the talented actor, wielding his vocal tool kit beautifully. He offers helpful pacing that matches the action, a

smile in his voice when the anecdote is funny and severity when it's painful, and enough differentiation in voices that conversations remain clear. He's also a pro with subtle tonal variation. There is not a flat note anywhere. 2012 Audies Finalist."--Audiofile

[Fallen](#)

by Slaughter, Karin

LISTLIB DISC MYSTERY SLAUGHTER

Read by Shannon Cochran. "Old and new fans will be engaged by Shannon Cochran's narration. Cochran's natural low vocal register and clear, articulate delivery fully present each character. Her animated tone brings out the engaging details of the many female characters. Cochran's occasional Southern drawl punctuates this Georgia-based series. The listener is pulled into this heart-pounding drama complete with gritty action and forensic details. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award."--Audiofile

[Feast Day of Fools](#)

by Burke, James Lee

LISTLIB DISC MYSTERY BURKE

Read by Will Patton. "Will Patton is a superb listen. He combines passion, power, and pathos with exquisite voicing to bring this latest Burke mystery to even higher levels than listeners might be used to from these two accomplished storytellers...Patton will wind the listener up again and again as the plot twists and turns through an allegorical landscape rooted in the evil that men do and the good that opposes them. 2012 Audies Winner"--Audiofile

[Before I Go to Sleep](#)

by Watson, S.J.

LISTLIB DISC FICTION WATSON

Read by Orlagh Cassidy. "Cassidy portrays Christine in crisp tones that alternate between cool, logical determination and the terror of remembering just snatches of her past. Cassidy draws listeners into the shadowy depths of Christine's increasing fear each time a snatch of memory returns. This novel will haunt listeners, and Cassidy's narration is top-notch. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award."--Audiofile

[Malcolm X: a life of reinvention](#)

by Marable, Manning

LISTLIB DISC BIO MALCOLM X

Read by G. Valmont Thomas. "G. Valmont Thomas's tone of gravitas embodies Malcolm's strengths and flaws: among them, his powerful drive and his failure to envision the possibility of integration. The momentum of Thomas's voice keeps the listener on track with the decades of personal, historical, and political details. Also impressive is Thomas's ability to shade in the voices of diverse African-Americans, including well-known figures such as Maya Angelou and Muhammad Ali."--Audiobookfile

[The Marriage Plot](#)

by Eugenides, Jeffrey

LISTLIB DISC FICTION EUGENIDES

Read by David Pittu "The sound of silk drawn across fine-grain sandpaper best describes David Pittu's voice in The Marriage Plot, by Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Jeffrey Eugenides...The talented Pittu rises to the occasion of this challenging work, rewarding the listener with a sense of satisfaction reserved for great works of literature. AudioFile Earphones Award, 2012 Audies Finalist."--AudioFile

[Murder of the Century](#)

by Collins, Paul

LISTLIB DISC 364.1523 COL

Read by William Dufres. "William Dufres does wonders narrating this long, convoluted tale of the shocking murder and mutilation of William Guldensuppe in New York City in the summer of 1897....From the discovery of a headless, legless torso in the East River, to the battle between newspaper giants Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst and the onset of yellow journalism, to the trial of the accused and its lurid details--Dufres offers a colorful narration of the bizarre incidents that kept turn-of-the-century New Yorkers glued to their tabloids. 2012 Audies Winner."--Audiofile

[My Dog Tulip](#)

by Ackerley, J.R.

LISTLIB DISC BIO ACKERLEY

Read by Ralph Cosham. "Narrator Ralph Cosham makes this sublime memoir even grander with his precise yet warm and humane delivery. The old-fashioned love affair between owner and dog becomes even more poignant when one learns that others who knew Tulip pronounced her a terror. In addition to Tulip and her four-legged friends, many wonderful and eccentric dog owners are also introduced. Cosham does each human and canine justice. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award, 2012 Audies Finalist."--Audiofile

[New American Stories](#)

by Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi and Alexie, Sherman and Hemon, Aleksandr and Lahiri, Jhumpa

LISTLIB DISC 813.0108 NEW

Read by Rita Wolf, B.D. Wong, Boyd Gaines, Condola Rashad. "Each performer delivers a substantial performance before a live audience, and as each story unfolds, the listener is treated to the striking realities of the process of becoming accepted as an American. Boyd Gaines's voice beseeches as the Sarajavan character he portrays in Hemon's "Good Living"; Rita Wolf's subtle accent and urgency are just right for Lahiri's "Hell Heaven"; Condola Rashad keenly grasps the daily toils depicted in Adichie's "The Thing Around Your Neck"; and B.D. Wong's passion and anger suit Alexie's homespun tale of mistaken identity in "Breaking and Entering." Like all Selected Shorts productions, this is an irresistible listening experience featuring ideally paired talent. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award, 2012 Audies Winner."--Audiofile

[Pirate King](#)

by King, Laurie R.

LISTLIB DISC MYSTERY KING

Read by Jenny Sterlin. "Jenny Sterlin IS Mary Russell, aka, Mrs. Sherlock Holmes...Sterlin's intelligent performance keeps Laurie R. King's delightful descriptions, breakneck action, and appealing characters humorous and captivating. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award."--Audiofile

[She Walks in Beauty](#)

by Kennedy, Caroline

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Read by Caroline Kennedy, Jane Alexander, John Bedford Lloyd, Hope Davis, Campbell Scott. "Best experienced in audio form, Caroline Kennedy's contemporary and classic poetry selections represent "passages" in a woman's life. Sharon Olds's contemporary poem "High School Senior," performed by Jane Alexander, beautifully cuts deep into the experience of motherhood. In Caroline Elizabeth Sarah Norton's classic poem "I Do Not Love Thee," Hope Davis coquettishly muses on the experience of

falling in love. These are just two examples in a stellar collection. Kennedy introduces each section, reading in her patrician voice. As the poems reflect on a woman's life journey, the combination of narrators creates a verbal ambrosia, delicate to the ear and heart, evoking deep emotions. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award."--Audiofile

[Smiley's People](#)

by Le Carré, John

LISTLIB DISC FICTION LE CARRE

Read by Simon Russell Beale, Anna Chancellor, and a full cast. "Simon Russell Beale is nuanced and deft as Smiley, playing a hard and driven spy while revealing through internal monologue his vulnerable and uncertain inner self. Condensing such a rich novel into three hours is no small feat, and the BBC delivers with outstanding richness. A gem of the genre. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award."--Audiofile

[State of Wonder](#)

by Patchett, Ann

LISTLIB DISC FICTION PATCHETT

Read by Hope Davis. "The audiobook equivalent of "couldn't put it down" must be "couldn't pause it." There was little pause time during this reviewer's amazing experience of Patchett's new novel. Hope Davis astutely paces the suspenseful odyssey from a sedate Minnesota pharmaceutical lab to the darkest Amazonian jungle... Davis expresses a vivid vocal range of ages, as well as Australian, German, and Brazilian accents. AudioFile Earphones Award, 2012 Audies Winner."-- AudioFile

[Turn of Mind](#)

by LaPlante, Alice

LISTLIB DISC FICTION LAPLANTE

Read by Jean Reed Bahle. "Jean Reed Bahle's performance of this gripping puzzle is nothing short of uncanny. When Jennifer, the ultimate unreliable narrator, is in the present, aware of her condition and plight, her voice is that of a 65-year-old. When she has drifted back in time, her timbre modulates to the appropriate age. This remarkable alchemy is performed without pyrotechnics, but it dazzles anyway. A powerful audio experience. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award."--Audiofile

[Unbroken: a World War II story of survival, resilience, and redemption](#)

by Hillenbrand, Laura

LISTLIB DISC BIO ZAMPERINI

Read by Edward Herrmann. "Both author Laura Hillenbrand and narrator Edward Herrmann share the muse for biography...Keeping in the background, Herrmann avoids upstaging this intimate memoir, loaded with enticing psychological detail. He modulates his voice to communicate emotion, reading the many moments of sadness with respect. Without resorting to the annoying convention of pauses before quotes or conjuring up comedic characters, he conveys multiple personalities and their quotations with subliminal ease. The writer and narrator integrate their talents to bring the life of Louie Zamperini--a juvenile delinquent, Olympic athlete, and decorated combat hero--into suspenseful reality. To the end, they keep the story engrossing. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award, 2012 Audies Finalist."--Audiofile