

# Great Audiobooks: Fiction

*The Audio Publishers Association has named the following as Audie Award finalists or winners.*

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## **The Darling**

Banks, Russell

Narrator: Mary Beth Hurt

Hannah Taylor, a political radical wanted by the FBI, flees to Liberia where she befriends the notorious warlord Charles Taylor. When Taylor himself flees to the U.S. to escape embezzlement charges and is thrown into prison, it is Hannah who orchestrates his escape. Years later, Taylor returns to Liberia to foment a bloody rebellion and now Hannah's sons become embroiled in the conflict and she must make heart-rending decisions about the fate of her family.

## **World War Z**

Brooks, Max

Narrator: Max Brooks and Full Cast

The Zombie War came unthinkable close to eradicating humanity. Max Brooks, driven by the urgency of preserving the acid-etched firsthand experiences of the survivors from those apocalyptic years, traveled across the United States of America and throughout the world, from decimated cities that once teemed with upwards of thirty million souls to the most remote and inhospitable areas of the planet. He recorded the testimony of men, women, and sometimes children who came face-to-face with the living, or at least the undead, hell of that dreadful time. World War Z is the result.

## **Chill Factor**

Brown, Sandra

Narrator: Stephen Lang

Lilly Martin is racing from an oncoming blizzard when she skids into a hiker. Taking the injured man to a remote cabin, she discovers he is the handsome but shady Ben Tierney, with whom she flirted during the previous summer. Five women have recently disappeared from the area, and Ben is the primary suspect; but as the storm intensifies and the roads become impassable, Lilly finds herself with nowhere to go and only Ben to keep her company.

## **Echo Park**

Connelly, Michael

Narrator: Len Cariou

Detective Harry Bosch, now in the Open-unsolved Unit, receives a call from the DA telling him a serial killer has confessed to several murders. Harry must interview the man about a case he couldn't crack involving the murder of a 22-year-old woman whose body was never found.

## **A Slight Trick of the Mind**

Cullin, Mitch

Narrator: Simon Jones

At the age of ninety-three, Sherlock Holmes, living in a remote Sussex farmhouse, confronts the diminishing powers of his razor-sharp mind as he ponders a case hitherto unknown, that of a Mrs. Keller, the long -ago object of Holmes's deep and never acknowledged infatuation.

## **To Kill a Mockingbird**

Lee, Harper

Narrator: Sissy Spacek

Scout Finch, daughter of the town lawyer Atticus, has just started school; but her carefree days come to an end when a black man in town is accused of raping a white woman, and her father is the only man willing to defend him. This Pulitzer Prize winning novel has been translated into forty languages.

**The Hot Kid**

Leonard, Elmore

Narrator: Arliss Howard

The Hot Kid takes listeners back to the 1930s, when everyone dreamed of being a larger-than-life hero--or villain. Ultra-cool U.S. Marshal Carl Webster thrives on taking down notorious crooks. His latest adversary is the wicked Jack Belmont, renegade son of an oil tycoon. Each time Carl and Jack meet, the tommy guns blaze--and their legend grows.

**The Motive**

Lescroart, John T.

Narrator: David Colacci

In the wake of the murders of a politically connected socialite and his glamorous fiancé, Dismas Hardy's partner is placed at the head of the controversial investigation.

**The Dead Yard**

McKinty, Adrian

Narrator: Gerard Doyle

While mercenary Michael Forsythe is on holiday in Spain, a soccer riot breaks out between the Paddies and the Brits and he is arrested. Samantha, a beautiful British Intelligence agent, offers to get him out of prison if he helps her infiltrate an IRA sleeper cell in the United States.

**The Serpent on the Crown**

Peters, Elizabeth

Narrator: Barbara Rosenblat

It's 1922, and The Great War is over. With the world at peace, Amelia and her family return to the Valley of the Kings to explore its storied sands. But they are quickly troubled by treacherous secrets and murder. A woman presents them with a priceless but dangerous artifact--a golden king said to bring death to all who possess it. The woman's husband has already fallen, and now she needs help to return the relic to its tomb.

**Rise and Shine**

Quindlen, Anna

Narrator: Carol Monda

Meghan is the popular host of America's top-rated morning talk show--until she shatters her seemingly perfect life by letting two profane words slip from her lips just before a commercial break. Suddenly, she is shamed--something she's not equipped to handle.

**Origin in Death**

Robb, J. D.

Narrator: Susan Ericksen

New York Police Lieutenant Eve Dallas and her partner Peabody enter the hallowed walls of the Wilfred B. Icove Center for Reconstructive and Cosmetic Surgery on a case. A hugely popular vid star has been beaten to a bloody pulp - and has killed her attacker in the process. After a post-op interview, Dallas and Peabody confirm for themselves that it's a clear-cut case of self-defense, but before they can leave the building, another case falls into their hands.



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