Calibre Audio Awards 2023 - Announcement of Winners

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National audiobook charity Calibre Audio is delighted to announce the winners of the Calibre Audio Awards 2023. The Awards celebrate the best audiobooks added to the charity's collection during 2022 for the enjoyment of its members who struggle to read print.

Spanning nine different categories, the Awards were voted for by Calibre Audio's 17,000 members with print disabilities, along with staff and editorial specialists.

Scooping the Award for Best Fiction audiobook for adults is Richard Osman's runaway bestseller '*The Bullet that Missed'*, while for children, Sharna Jackson's fast-paced adventure mystery, *'The Good Turn'*, claimed top spot. Other winners include Miriam Margolyes' captivating and extraordinary life story *'This Much is True'* and the life-changing *'Breath'* by James Nestor which turns on its head what we thought we knew about breathing.

The full list of Calibre Audio Award Winners for 2023 were announced on video by actress and Calibre Audio volunteer narrator, Ellie Wallwork which is available to watch at: https://ca-li.org.uk/CalibreAwards2023

- **Best Fiction Audiobook:** The Bullet that Missed by Richard Osman
- **Best Children's Audiobook:** The Good Turn by Sharna Jackson
- **Best Non-Fiction Audiobook:** This Much is True by Miriam Margolyes
- **Best Young Adult Audiobook:** Good Girl Bad Blood by Holly Jackson
- **Most Listened-Stream and Download:** Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone by JK Rowling
- **Editorial Choice:** The Wych Elm by Tana French
- **Hidden Gem:** Breath by James Nestor
- **Staff Favourite Audiobook:** And Away by Bob Mortimer
- **Best Narrator:** Bob Rollett

Ellie said: "I was delighted to be asked to announce the winners of the Calibre Audio Awards 2023. As a visually impaired actress who has always loved books, I know first-hand the huge impact that audiobooks can have on a person's life and this is why I am honoured to be involved in the Awards. I'm also so happy to be able to give some of my time to narrating books not available in audio for Calibre members to enjoy."

Winning the award for Best Narrator is one of Calibre Audio's very own volunteers who recorded 332 books for Calibre members that would have otherwise not been available in audio format. Bob, who hung up his recording microphone in 2022 after volunteering for Calibre for 16 years, said:

"I was surprised and of course delighted to receive the Calibre 2023 Award for Best Narrator. It's been made even more special by the fact that it was from a free vote for members so it's a genuine response to what I've done, not just my turn. Thank you all for being such a valuable part of my life for 16 years."

About the Calibre Audio Awards

This is the second year of the Calibre Audio Awards which were introduced to highlight the best audiobooks and to raise awareness of the free service Calibre Audio offers to people who struggle to read print in the UK.

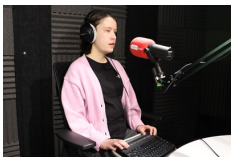
Calibre Audio's Chief Executive, Anthony Kemp, explains:

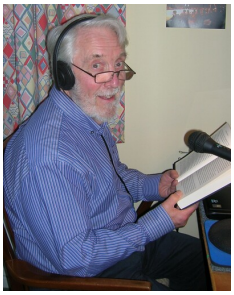
"Although an ever-increasing number of people are enjoying audiobooks, for our members they have always been a lifeline and the only format that gives them access

to the joys of reading. We're really proud that we now have over 15,000 audiobooks in our collection, from the classics to the latest bestsellers, and it's important to celebrate the diversity and popularity of these books.

"We'd also like to take this opportunity to recognise the contribution of some of the major publishers such as Penguin, Hachette, Bloomsbury and Simon and Schuster who generously donate their audiobooks for Calibre members to enjoy. This generosity is enabling us to grow our collection much

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faster than would otherwise be possible and it means that our members are never short of great titles to read."

Calibre Audio offers a free audiobook lending service to anyone in the UK who struggles to read print as a result of conditions such as visual impairment, dyslexia, autism, Asperger's, stroke, brain injury or other physical or neurological conditions that prevent holding a book.

Members can stream or download their books or receive them on memory sticks through the post. Overseas members with print disabilities are also able to access the digital service for a small charge.

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