

Thank you for participating as an Audies judge and welcome to the Finalist Round of the 2025 competition!

In this round, you will listen to each assigned audiobook, and rank each title on a 1-7 (7 highest) scale in areas of Performance, Direction, Production, and Overall. Please keep notes as you go and be uncompromising in your search for excellence.

Be sure not to vary the listening speed in any way as it is important to assess each audio at recorded speed. Listen for the highest quality: a polished, professional narration coupled with a clean, clear technical production. In this round, we do expect you to listen to the audiobooks in your library in their entirety. But we also understand that you might have a 30-hour-long title on your list that you can tell, an hour in, will not measure up to the others. Please use your discretion, and just be sure you give every title a fair shake even if you don't love it from the start.

Need more evaluation tips? Watch [this zoom chat](#) with Audies Chairwoman Mary Burkey, read the judging criteria: <https://tinyurl.com/yc4wybc7> or try this article: <http://tiny.cc/AudioEval>.

### **Your titles in the Young Adult Category:**

*The following titles are available in your Audible library:*

- THE REAL EDUCATION OF TJ CROWLEY: Coming of Age on the Redline
- Homebody
- Flamboyants
- Heir
- Gamer Girls: Out of Control

### **Evaluation via Open Water**

[Click this link to log in to Open Water](#) to find your evaluation form. Your DEADLINE to submit results has been extended to **February 14**.

### **To listen, log in to the Finalist Audible account:**

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Username: [audies1986@yahoo.com](mailto:audies1986@yahoo.com)

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### **You now have access to the FINALIST email account:**

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### **[yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com) account log in**

Username: [audies1986@yahoo.com](mailto:audies1986@yahoo.com)

Password: Books123!

If you have questions, concerns, or issues with Audible just let us know by emailing Emma Harris at [eharris@audiopub.org](mailto:eharris@audiopub.org).

We are grateful for your careful expertise!

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