



Children's Classics for Young and Adult Readers

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Tuck Everlasting By Natalie Babbitt

Read by Anne Hancock

Reading time 3 hours, 14 minutes

Winnie Foster is ten when she meets seventeen-year-old Jesse Tuck in the woods and learns that his family hasn't aged in eighty-seven years since drinking from a secret spring. She is mightily tempted to drink that water too. For grades 4-7. 1975.

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Caddie Woodlawn By Carol Ryrie Brink

Read by Catherine Byers

Reading time 4 hours, 51 minutes

Life is difficult for the Woodlawn family after they leave New England for the Wisconsin frontier in the 1860s, but 11-year-old Caddie loves the challenge of adjusting to pioneer life and making friends with the nearby Indians. For grades 4-7. Newbery Award winner.

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A Little Princess By Frances Hodgson Burnett

Read by Laura Giannarelli Reading time 6 hours, 30 minutes

In this Victorian story, Sara Crewe is brought from India by her captain father to attend Miss Minchin's boarding school. She has everything that a princess could desire until a dramatic change takes place in her life. For grades 4-7. 1981.

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Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and, Through the Looking Glass, and What Alice Found There By Lewis Carroll

Read by Yvonne Fair Tessler Reading time 6 hours, 11 minutes

Extraordinary things happen when a little girl falls down a rabbit hole and encounters the White Rabbit, the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter, and other unusual characters. Alice's second adventure takes her to a land with a peculiar back-to-front order in which everything is reversed. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1865.

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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory By Roald Dahl

Read by John Polk Reading time 3 hours, 24 minutes

Charlie Bucket's tour of Mr. Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory sends him on adventures beyond his wildest dreams. For grades 4-7. 1964.

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Matilda By Roald Dahl

Read by Jennifer Mendenhall Reading time 4 hours, 18 minutes

Matilda is an adorable four-year-old genius totally unappreciated by her crass, dishonest, used-car salesman father, and her blowsy, bingo-playing mother. Neither her parents nor her older brother, Michael, can understand why anyone would rather read a book than watch TV! Matilda's life is made bearable by her chance discovery of the public library and dear Mrs. Phelps, the librarian. For grades 3-6.

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Because of Winn-Dixie By Kate DiCamillo

Read by Ann Hodapp Reading time 2 hours, 5 minutes

Ten-year-old India Opal and her preacher dad move to a new town in Florida during the summer. Opal is lonely until she adopts a big stray dog she names Winn-Dixie. The two soon make friends with the local librarian, the pet store manager, and a nearly-blind elderly neighbor. For grades 3-6. 2000.

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A Christmas Carol By Charles Dickens

Read by Clark Niederjohn Reading time 3 hours, 28 minutes

Classic nineteenth-century Christmas story set in England describes the conversion of grasping old miser Ebenezer Scrooge when he is visited by ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future.

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Cimarron By Edna Ferber

Read by Janis Gray

Reading time 12 hours, 9 minutes

Oklahoma during the great land rush of 1889 is the background for the story of Yancey Cravat, dreamer, adventurer, and gunman, and his wife Sabra, who makes herself into a sturdy pioneer woman and eventually a member of Congress. For high school and older readers. 1930.

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Harriet, the Spy By Louise Fitzhugh

Read by Susan McInerney

Reading time 7 hours, 2 minutes

Harriet M. Welsch, eleven, is a spy. She has her own sleuthing outfit and her special secret notebook in which she records observations--sometimes good and sometimes bad--about all of her friends. When members of her sixth-grade class discover the book, Harriet must find a way to get out of trouble. For grades 5-8.

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Julie of the Wolves By Jean Craighead George

Read by Catherine Byers

Reading time 3 hours, 34 minutes

Julie, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl, runs away rather than agree to an arranged marriage. Lost and starving on the barren tundra, she makes friends with a pack of wolves who save her life. For grades 5-8. Newbery Medal. 1972.

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Old Yeller By Fred Gipson

Read by Jack Fox

Reading time 3 hours, 11 minutes

1860s Texas. Fourteen-year-old Travis at first resents the big, yellow stray dog that hangs around his home, but he comes to love and depend on him. With his father away on a cattle drive, Travis is the man of the house and looks to Old Yeller for help and protection. For grades 5-8.

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Pippi Longstocking By Astrid Lindgren

Read by Jill Fox or Sally Darling Reading time 2 hours, 49 minutes

Escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey--but without any parents--at the edge of a Swedish village. Tiina Nunnally's 2007 translation. For grades 3-6. 1945.

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Anne of Green Gables By L.M. Montgomery

Read by Barbara Rappaport Reading time 11 hours, 15 minutes

Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm in Canada.

There she proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

Complete and unabridged text. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1908.

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Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH By Robert C. O'Brien

Read by Flo Gibson

Reading time 5 hours, 18 minutes

A widowed mother mouse with housing problems seeks the help of a colony of rats. She discovers that the rats, who are super-intelligent laboratory specimens, have developed a highly sophisticated civilization which includes computers. For grades 4-7. 1972 Newbery Award. 1971.

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Island of the Blue Dolphins By Scott O'Dell

Read by Gillian Green

Reading time 4 hours, 10 minutes

When her Native American tribe leaves a California coastal island, Karana remains behind with her younger brother. After his death, she survives for eighteen years finding comfort, beauty, and at times joy in her solitude. For grades 6-9. Newbery Medal. 1960.

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Hatchet By Gary Paulsen

Read by Gary Tipton

Reading time 4 hours, 17 minutes

Brian, thirteen and troubled by his parent's divorce, is flying in a single-engine plane to visit his father. As Brian is the only passenger, the pilot casually shows him how to fly the plane. When the pilot has a heart attack and dies, Brian must take control. After the plane crashes in the Canadian wilderness, Brian has only the hatchet attached to his belt to help him survive. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1987.

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The Little Prince By Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Read by James DeLotel Reading time 1 hours, 56 minutes

The narrator's plane is forced down in the African desert, where he meets the little prince from Asteroid B-612, who freely shares his experiences with the fascinated pilot. For grades 3-6. 1943.

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Black Beauty By Anna Sewell

Read by Robert Sams Reading time 5 hours, 51 minutes

Black Beauty, a fine stallion, tells of his suffering as he is sold from one cruel master to another. This book was written to dramatize the abuse of horses in nineteenth-century England. Some violence. For grades 4-7. .

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Heidi By Johanna Spyri

Read by Jill Ferris Reading time 8 hours, 50 minutes

Heidi loves her old grandfather and their simple life high in the Swiss Alps. When she is sent to the city to be a companion to the ailing Klara, Heidi almost dies from homesickness. For grades 4-7. 1945.

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Treasure Island By Robert Louis Stevenson

Read by Erik Sandvold

Reading time 7 hours, 38 minutes

Young Jim Hawkins finds a map in a dead seaman's possessions. His friends, Squire Trelawney and Doctor Livesey, realize it's a treasure map. They hire a ship, unaware that the crew includes the pirate Long John Silver. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1881.

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The Adventures of Tom Sawyer By Mark Twain

Read by Terence Aselford

Reading time 7 hours, 21 minutes

The escapades and high jinks of schoolboy Tom Sawyer, who lives with his Aunt Polly in a small Missouri town on the Mississippi River. Tom angles for the affections of Becky Thatcher, runs away with Huck Finn and Joe Harper, and tells the truth when it matters. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1876.

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The Boxcar Children By Gertrude Chandler Warner

Read by Miriam Wagner

Reading time 2 hours, 24 minutes

Four orphaned children--Jessie, Henry, Violet, and Benny Alden--run away and live in an abandoned boxcar until they are found by their grandfather, Henry James Alden, who turns out to be a kind man. Sixtieth-anniversary edition. For grades 3-6. 1942.

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Charlotte's Web By E.B. White

Read by Alexander Scourby Reading time 3 hours, 10 minutes

Fern, a young girl with a unique understanding of animals, shares a special friendship with her uncle's pig and Charlotte, a wise spider who weaves encouraging words in her web. Digital restoration of Alexander Scourby's original 1960 analog recording for the American Foundation for the Blind. For grades 3-6. 1952.

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Little House in the Big Woods By Laura Ingalls Wilder

Read by Laura Giannarelli Reading time 3 hours, 28 minutes

Wisconsin, 1871. The Ingalls family experiences pioneer life in a little log house, miles from any settlement. They feel safe and secure despite blizzards, wolves, and the loneliness of the big woods. Prequel to Little House on the Prairie (RC 50922). For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1932.

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