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Fahrenheit 451 By Ray Bradbury

Read by Jeff Halberstadt, Reading time 5 hours, 29 minutes
Social satire set in the future, when owning or reading books is a crime. Guy Montag, the fireman-hero, becomes a fugitive when he succumbs to temptation. Some strong language.

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Collected Stories By Raymond Carver

Read by Colleen Delany Reading time 39 hours, 15 minutes
The short stories of Raymond Carver (1938-1988), from early sketches to posthumously discovered works. Includes "Beginners," the longer original manuscript version of "What We Talk about When We Talk about Love." In "Menudo" a sleepless man berates himself for messing up the lives of three women. 2009.

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The Big Sleep By Raymond Chandler

Read by Ray Foushee

Reading time 6 hours, 52 minutes

A nightmare story of degeneracy in southern California, in which two Hollywood heiresses become mixed up in blackmail and murder. Strong language. 1939.

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Play it as it Lays a Novel By Joan Didion

Read by Barbara Pinolini

Reading time 3 hours, 39 minutes

A discursive story set in late 1960s Hollywood about an actress whose immoderate lifestyle has alienated her from family and friends. She witnesses a friend's suicide and enters a mental hospital, where she recollects some of the formative events in her life. Strong language.

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These Are My Rivers New & Selected Poems, 1955-1993 By Lawrence Ferlinghetti

Read by Jonathan Davis

Reading time 5 hours, 28 minutes

The bard of San Francisco expresses the moods of four decades in poetry. Includes selections from A Coney Island of the Mind, Who Are We Now? and Landscapes of the Living and Dying, among other previously published volumes. "The Canticle of Jack Kerouac" is one of the later poems. 1993.

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The Maltese Falcon By Dashiell Hammett

Read by Ralph Bell

Reading time 7 hours, 47 minutes

In searching for the murderer of his partner, Sam Spade runs afoul of the police and several characters all in search of a mysterious statuette. 1930.

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Stories of the Early West, The Luck of Roaring Camp, and 16 Other Tales of Mining and Frontier Days By Bret Harte

Read by Robert Donley

Reading time 12 hours, 4 minutes

The author tells tales of the rough lives of miners, gamblers, and adventurers in nineteenth-century California.

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Ramona By Helen Hunt Jackson

Read by Anne Chodoff

A classic American love story first published in 1884. Half-Indian Ramona is adopted and reared by the patriarchal Moreno family in mid-nineteenth-century California. She falls in love with Alessandro, a simple Indian peasant, and defies her Spanish family by eloping with him. The lovers flee from place to place to escape persecution.

Available on cassette RC021805

Also available in braille BR001602

Rock and Hawk a Selection of Shorter Poems By Robinson Jeffers

Read by Robert Donley

Reading time 6 hours, 33 minutes

Comprehensive collection of Jeffers's poetry in chronological arrangement showing his development. Includes an introduction by Robert Hass, summarizing Jeffers's life and work.

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The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts By Maxine Hong Kingston

Read by Catherine Byers Reading time 6 hours, 52 minutes
Girlhood recollections of a Chinese American in California, where her parents had settled and operated a laundry. Her mother's "talk-stories" filled the girl's head with mythic Chinese figures and traditions as she coped with daily life in America. Some strong language. Nat'l Book Critics Circle Award. 1976.

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Martin Eden By Jack London

Read By Richard Braun Reading time 14 hours, 15 minutes
Semi-autobiographical tale about an uncouth young sailor who rescues a San Francisco society man from a street assault and is taken into the rich man's home, where he learns about art and culture

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The Wilderness World of John Muir By John Muir

Read by Bruce Huntley Reading time 11 hours, 9 minutes
Selections from the journals and published works of Scottish-born naturalist/conservationist, who emigrated to Wisconsin at age eleven. Muir (1838-1914), first president of the Sierra Club, describes his delight in observing nature while traversing the North American wilderness, primarily alone and on foot. Includes introduction and comments by Edwin Way Teale, editor. 1954.

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The Human Comedy By William Saroyan

Read By John Stratton

Reading time 5 hours, 38 minutes

A story of a mother and her four children who live in Ithaca, California, during World War II. Features fourteen-year-old Homer, who is exposed to a lot of sadness in his job as telegraph messenger. William Saroyan is a Pulitzer Prize winning author.

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The Grapes of Wrath By John Steinbeck

Read by Steven Carpenter

Reading time 17 hours, 20 minutes

Steinbeck's classic tale of the Joads, who, like many other families during the Great Depression, are driven from their homestead by drought, economic hardship, and the encroachment of large agricultural interests. They leave Oklahoma in search of a better life in California but meet with hardship and injustice. Pulitzer Prize. 1939.

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Angle of Repose By Wallace Stegner

Read by Roy Avers

Reading time 21 hours, 16 minutes

Historian Lyman Ward, immobilized by illness and deserted by his wife, has retired to his ancestral California cabin to research his family's past. The loveless marriage of his grandparents--a cultivated eastern artist and a pragmatic mining engineer--mirrors the troubled expansion of the American West. Some strong language. Pulitzer Prize. 1971.

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The Joy Luck Club By Amy Tan

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

In 1949 four Chinese women living in San Francisco founded the Joy Luck Club where they met to play mah jong, tell stories, and "feast" on scraps. Forty years later one of the women dies, her daughter takes her place at the club, and a secret is revealed that unleashes in each person the need to reach back and remember. Bestseller. 1989.

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The Day of the Locust By Nathanael West

Read by David Goetz Reading time 5 hours

A man arrives in Hollywood hoping for success as a scene designer, but he becomes only another nondescript, unsuccessful character on the fringes of Hollywood studios.

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