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The White Tiger a Novel By Aravind Adiga

Read by John Horton

Reading time 7 hours, 37 minutes

Bangalore, India. Over the course of seven days, Balram Halwai, a rickshaw-puller's son, writes to visiting Chinese premier Jiabao about his transformation from chauffeur to entrepreneur. Balram--sought for police questioning about a brutal murder--embodies the tumultuousness of modern India. Some violence and some strong language. Man Booker Prize. Bestseller. 2008.

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The Keeper of Lost Causes a Department Q Novel By Jussi Adler-Olsen

Read by Mark Ashby

Reading time 12 hour, 25 minutes

After a traumatizing assignment, Copenhagen homicide detective Carl Mrck is shunted to the newly developed department Q to work on cold cases. Mrck searches for long-missing politician Merete Lynggaard, who disappeared from a ferry, leaving behind her mute brother. Translated from Danish. Violence and strong language. 2011.

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Missing By Karin Alvtegen

Read by Erin Jones

Reading time 6 hours, 17 minutes

Sweden. Sibylla Forsenström, an heiress living anonymously on Stockholm's streets, cons a businessman for an evening at the Grand Hotel. When he is found dead the next morning, Sibylla faces murder charges. Running from the law, Sibylla confronts her former life. Translated from the Swedish. Strong language. Edgar finalist. 2000.

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A Coffin for Dimitrios By Eric Ambler

Read by Jeremy Gage

Reading time 9 hours, 23 minutes

In Central Europe between the two world wars, mystery writer Charles Latimer researches the life of Greek spy Dimitrios Makropoulos, who has been found murdered in Istanbul. During his investigation, Latimer becomes unwittingly involved in the shadowy world of espionage, drugs, assassination, and treachery. Some violence. 1939.

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The Graveyard Position by Robert Barnard

Read by David Cutler

Reading time 7 hours, 30 minutes

Leeds, England. Upon the death of clairvoyant Clarissa Cantelo, her long-lost nephew Merlyn resurfaces after years of hiding in Europe to claim his rightful inheritance. While trying to prove his identity to the rest of his dysfunctional relations, Merlyn uncovers clues to his family's dark secret history. 2004.

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Bangkok 8 By John Burdett

Read by Rick Rohan

Reading time 12 hours, 16 minutes

Buddhist detective Sonchai Jitpleecheep of the Royal Thai Police, son of a Thai prostitute and an American soldier, investigates an African American marine's murder by snakes. Teamed with FBI agent Kimberley Jones, Sonchai also seeks revenge for his partner's death during the investigation. Strong language, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2003.

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A Corpse in the Koryo By James Church

Read by Joe Peck

Reading time 10 hours, 22 minutes

North Korean detective Inspector O undertakes a seemingly inconsequential surveillance mission and finds himself caught between rival military and intelligence factions. With job and life at risk, he seeks to find connections between abductions, competing smuggling operations, and a foreigner found dead in the Koryo Hotel. Some strong language. 2006.

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Haiti Noir By Edwidge Danticat

Read by John Polk

Reading time 10 hours, 18 minutes

Edwidge Danticat is both editor and contributor in this anthology of eighteen stories written around the time of Haiti's devastating 2010 earthquake. In Ibi Aanu Zobo's "The Harem" a playboy tends to his three lovers amid the destruction. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2011.

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Ratking By Michael Dibdin

Read by Ted Stoddard

Reading time 10 hours, 28 minutes

Italian police commissioner Aurelio Zen investigates the kidnapping of powerful Perugian businessman Ruggiero Miletto. Zen must deal with uncooperative local authorities and Miletto's unscrupulous family members, including his four grown children, none of whom seem to want Zen to succeed in solving the crime. Strong language. 1989.

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The Dragon Man By Garry Disher

Read by Ray Foushee

Reading time 8 hours, 19 minutes

Australia. Detective Inspector Hal Challis and the Waterloo police hunt a serial killer targeting young women along Old Peninsula Highway. Meanwhile, Challis deals with his wife--who was imprisoned for conspiring to murder him--and his attraction to a journalist. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1999.

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Eva's Eye By Karin Fossum

Read by Jack Fox

Reading time 8 hours, 7 minutes

Inspector Sejer investigates the cases of a prostitute smothered in her bed and a man stabbed to death and found in a river. Divorced struggling artist Eva Magnus is linked to both investigations. Originally published in Norwegian in 1995. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2012.

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Little Face By Sophie Hannah

Read by Corrie James

Reading time 12 hours, 3 minutes

England. When Alice Fancourt returns to her mother-in-law's estate after her first post-childbirth outing, she is shocked to find that her infant daughter was replaced with another baby while her husband napped. No one believes her, but detective Simon Waterhouse agrees to investigate. Strong language and some violence. 2006.

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The Devotion of Suspect X By Keigo Higashino

Read by Alec Volz

Reading time 10 hours, 2 minutes

After Yasuko accidentally kills her abusive ex-husband, Yasuko's secretly devoted neighbor, mathematics genius Ishigami, devises a complex plan to save Yasuko. But the police have an equally brilliant ally--Ishigami's former university classmate Yukawa. Originally published in Japanese in 2005. Some violence and some strong language. ALA Award. 2011.

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The Man Who Walked Like a Bear an Inspector Porfiry Rostnikov Novel By

Stuart M. Kaminsky

Read by John Haag

Reading time 6 hours, 48 minutes

Moscow. Detective Porfiry Rostnikov is visiting his wife in the hospital when a burly, naked man from the mental ward barges into the room and recounts a tale of a devil in a factory. The odd occurrence precedes several overlapping investigations, including an assassination plot and a bus's disappearance. 1990.

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The Hypnotist By Lars Kepler

Read by Mark Ashby

Reading time 16 hours, 21 minutes

A teenager with multiple wounds survives his family's brutal slaying. Detective Joonas Linna convinces psychiatrist Erik Bark to hypnotize the boy to find information on the killer. The hypnotism unleashes a terrifying chain of events. Originally published in Swedish in 2009. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 2011.

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The Ice Princess a Novel By Camilla Läckberg

Read by Barry Bernson

Reading time 12 hours, 50 minutes

Fjällbacka, Sweden. When writer Erica Falck sees the body of her childhood friend, it looks like suicide. But the autopsy proves it was murder. Erica and detective Patrik Hedström investigate--and begin dating. Originally published in Swedish in 2003. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2009.

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The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo By Stieg Larsson

Read by Mary Kane Reading time 16 hours, 32 minutes

Stockholm. Wealthy octogenarian Henrik Vanger hires disgraced journalist Mikael Blomkvist and antisocial computer hacker Lisbeth Salander to investigate the disappearance of his great-niece as a teenager forty years ago. They uncover damaging secrets about the family--and themselves. Originally published in Swedish. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2008.

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Before the Frost By Henning Mankell

Read by Mark Delgado Reading time 11 hours, 37 minutes

Chief inspector Kurt Wallander's daughter Linda has the summer off before beginning her own police career. Linda is alarmed when childhood friend Anna disappears after insisting she had spotted her long-missing father. Meanwhile, Kurt investigates the acts of a violent religious fanatic. Originally published in Swedish in 2002. Violence. 2004.

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Devil's Peak a Novel By Deon Meyer

Read by Joe Peck Reading time 14 hours, 15 minutes

South Africa. Ex-mercenary Thobela Mpayipheli becomes a vigilante to avenge his son's murder. Alcoholic detective Benny Griessel investigates Thobela's killings. A prostitute who fears her drug-lord client will harm her daughter brings them together. Originally published in Afrikaans in 2004. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2007.

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Still Midnight By Denise Mina

Read by Steven Carpenter

Reading time 10 hours, 16 minutes

Three inept crooks storm the house of the Anwar family demanding to talk to "Bob." They kidnap the shopkeeper father after accidentally shooting the teenage daughter. For Glasgow police detective Alex Morrow nothing adds up-- from the huge ransom demand to the Anwars' inconsistent statements. Violence and strong language. 2010.

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The Risk of Infidelity Index a Vincent Calvino Crime Novel By Christopher Moore

Read by Ted Stoddard

Reading time 13 hours, 2 minutes

Bangkok, Thailand. American Vincent Calvino, a disbarred-lawyer-turned-PI, works for several unhappy expatriate wives who, since reading *The Risk of Infidelity Index*, believe their husbands are cheating on them. While pursuing the case, Vincent discovers connections to the death of another client for whom he investigated drug-piracy activity. Strong language. 2007.

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The Bat By Jo Nesbo

Read by Jack Fox

Reading time 9 hours, 7 minutes

In this first Harry Hole novel, the Norwegian detective travels to Australia to observe the investigation of the murder of twenty-three-year-old Inger Holter, a former television host in Norway. Originally published in Norwegian in 1997. Violence and strong language. 2012.

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The Skull Mantra By Eliot Pattison

Read by Steven Carpenter Reading time 13 hours, 31 minutes

Tibet. A penal labor crew discovers a decapitated corpse in American clothing. Authorities force one of the prisoners, Shan Tao Yun, a disgraced former Beijing inspector, to investigate. When suspicion falls on a fellow inmate and Buddhist monk, Shan attempts to prove the man's innocence. Strong language. Edgar Award. 1999.

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Wife of the Gods a Novel By Kwei J. Quartey

Read by Chuck Young Reading time 9 hours, 8 minutes

Ghana. Detective Inspector Darko Dawson investigates a murder in Ketanu--the same small village where his mother disappeared years ago. He probes the death of a medical student who volunteered with an AIDS prevention program, but conflict between Dawson's modern police methods and traditional customs jeopardizes the inquiry. Some violence. 2009.

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Delhi Noir By Hirsh Sawhney

Read by Jack Fox Reading time 8 hours, 2 minutes

Fourteen tales of darkness and despair set in the capital of India. In Radhika Jha's "How I Lost My Clothes" a consultant's heroin habit leads to a life-altering night. Other contributors include Uday Prakash, Meera Nair, and Siddharth Chowdhury. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2009.

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Child 44 By Tom Robb Smith

Read by Roy Avers

Reading time 15 hours 14 minutes

Stalinist Russia, 1953. Detective Leo Demidov is exiled to a remote village as a prison guard after his wife is accused of espionage. Demidov suspects a killer is preying on children along the Trans-Siberian Railway, but his investigation makes him an enemy of the state. Violence and strong language. 2008.

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The Broken Shore By Peter Temple

Read by Jim Zeiger,

Reading time 11 hours, 39 minutes

Homicide cop Joe Cashin, who left the city to become station commander for his small hometown on the South Australian coast, investigates a brutal attack on wealthy Charles Bourgoyne. Three Aboriginal teens are accused, but Cashin has doubts about the boys' involvement in the crime. Violence and strong language. 2007.

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The Devil's Feather by Minette Walters

Read by Anne Flosnik

Reading time 10 hours, 52 minutes

2004. Reuters correspondent Connie Burns tracks to Iraq a British mercenary she believes murdered five women in Sierra Leone two years ago. In Baghdad, Connie is kidnapped and tortured for three days. Once released she retreats to the British countryside and puzzles over a different mystery. Some violence. 2005.

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