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Award Winners: Nobel Prize in Literature

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Zinky Boys Soviet Voices from the Afghanistan War by Svetlana Aleksievich

Awarded the Prize in 2015

Read by Andy Pyle

9 hours, 49 minutes

Winner of the 2015 Nobel Prize in Literature presents first-hand accounts of Soviet veterans of the Soviet-Afghan War (1979-1989). Discusses military operations, life on the front lines, loss of loved ones, and post-deployment experiences. Translated from the 1990 Russian edition. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Nobel Prize. 1992.

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The Mirror of Lida Sal Tales Based on Mayan Myths and Guatemalan Legends by Miguel Angel Asturias

Awarded the Prize in 1967

Read by Annie Wauters

4 hours, 59 minutes

Ten pieces of myth-based fiction by the 1967 Nobel laureate. In the title story, Lida, a young dishwasher for a restaurant, seeks to capture a rich man's love through a local custom. Seeing herself in a full-length mirror proves to be the most difficult requirement.

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Samuel Beckett: the Complete Short Prose, 1929-1989 by Samuel Beckett
Awarded the Prize in 1969

Read by Graeme Malcolm

9 hours, 24 minutes

Collection of stories spanning the career of the 1969 Nobel laureate from Ireland. Arranged chronologically, they chart Beckett's philosophical evolution. The introduction by S.E. Gontarski places Beckett's short fiction within the context of the Irish storytelling tradition. 1995.

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The Adventures of Augie March by Saul Bellow

Awarded the Prize in 1976

Read by Roy Avers

25 hours, 13 minutes

Nobel Prize-winner Saul Bellow's picaresque novel of Augie March, born to poor Russian Jewish immigrants and growing up in Depression-era Chicago. Recounts his escapades in the world of wealth, war, and sophisticated women. 2001 introduction by Christopher Hitchens. Explicit descriptions of sex and strong language. Nat'l Book Award. 1949.

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Collected Poems in English by Joseph Brodsky

Awarded the Prize in 1987

Read By Steven Carpenter

12 hours, 29 minutes

A collection of all the poems by Brodsky (1940-1996) that appeared in book form in English during his lifetime. Includes mainly translations but also poems composed in English by the Russian-born Nobel Prize winner who served as Poet Laureate of the United States in 1991 and 1992. 2000.

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The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck

Awarded the Prize in 1938

Read by Kimberly Schraf

11 hours, 22 minutes

Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by a winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Describes the rise of Wang Lung, a poor Chinese peasant. The story begins with his wedding day, as he ponders his good fortune that now he will have a woman to take over the chore of lighting the fire to heat the water for his bath. With the help and patience of his new wife, O-lan, Wang Lung becomes a rich landowner. Pulitzer Prize. For high school and older readers.

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The Stranger by Albert Camus

Awarded the Prize in 1957

Read by Phil Regensdorf

3 hours, 43 minutes

An existential novel, set in Algiers, about a man who resists any commitment, rendering his life meaningless. He does not react to his mother's death nor to a killing he commits, and he becomes a placid prisoner convicted of murder. His own impending death, however, leads him to some realizations.

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The Tongue Set Free Remembrance of a European Childhood by Elias Canetti

Awarded the Prize in 1981

Read by George Backman

11 hours, 29 minutes

An account of the 1981 Nobel Prize winner's early life, the events, personalities, and intellectual forces which shaped him as a young man. The shifting environments described range from Bulgaria to Manchester, England, and Switzerland to Vienna.

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The Family of Pascual Duarte by Camilo José Cela

Awarded the Prize in 1989

Read by David Palmer

4 hours, 18 minutes

First published in 1942, this novel is one of the most widely read in Spanish. The story is the fictional history of a peasant who is charged with murder. His brutal crimes are revealed in a narrative--a kind of public confession--that he composes while awaiting execution. Violence competes with touching glimpses of conscience in a tale of stark realism. Descriptions of violence.

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The Birth of Britain by Winston Churchill

Awarded the Prize in 1953

Read by Patrick Horgan

18 hours, 8 minutes

An account of the British Isles from their pre-historic beginnings, including discussion of many ancient archaeological finds. The British statesman also chronicles the world of the Celts and the coming of Caesar.

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Diary of a Bad Year by J. M. Coetzee

Awarded the Prize in 2003

Read by John Lescault

6 hours, 47 minutes

Australia. Aging South African writer JC is penning essays for a forthcoming book in which he and others expound on various contentious subjects. JC hires Anya, his beautiful neighbor who calls him Señor C, as his secretary. Anya's lover Alan grows increasingly jealous and schemes to defraud JC. 2007.

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Lyrics, 1962-2001 by Bob Dylan

Awarded the Prize in 2016

Read by Reading time 10 hours 47 minutes

Compilation of song lyrics from twenty-eight albums by the influential and sometimes cryptic singer-songwriter. Ranges from his first album, Bob Dylan (1962), through 2001's Love and Theft, with some additional material. 2004.

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Getting Lost by Annie. Ernaux

Awarded the Prize in 2022

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

7 hours, 47 minutes

"Getting Lost is the diary Annie Ernaux kept during the year and a half she had a secret love affair with a younger, married man, a Russian diplomat. Her novel, Simple Passion, was based on this affair, but here her writing is immediate, unfiltered. In these diaries it is 1989 and Annie is divorced with two grown sons, living outside of Paris and nearing fifty. Her lover escapes the city to see her there and Ernaux seems to survive only in expectation of these encounters, saying "his desire for me is the only thing I can be sure of." She cannot write, she trudges distractedly through her various other commitments in the world, she awaits his next call; she lives only to feel desire and for the next rendezvous. When he is gone and the desire has faded, she feels that she is a step closer to death." -- Provided by publisher. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

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Selected Short Stories of William Faulkner by William Faulkner

Awarded the Prize in 1949

Read by David Palmer

9 hours, 38 minutes

Thirteen short stories (most written in the 1930s) by the Nobel Prize-winning American novelist who died in 1962. In "Barn Burning," a man burns his enemies' barns, and his son tries to warn the victims. "That Evening Sun" recounts the tale of a black laundress who fears her lover after he learns she is pregnant by a white man. In "A Rose for Emily," a woman hides the corpse of her lover in an upstairs room. 1993.

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A Woman Alone & Other Plays by Dario Fo

Awarded the Prize in 1997

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

7 hours, 35 minutes

A collection of twenty monologs from the 1997 Nobel Prize-winning playwright and his actress wife. The plays deal with political and sexual themes that are often repressed in traditional Italian society, including rape, the double standard, and trophy wives. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 1991.

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The Other Name by Jon Fosse

Awarded the Prize in 2023

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

11 hours, 16 minutes

"The Other Name follows the lives of two men living close to each other on the west coast of Norway. The year is coming to a close and Asle, an aging painter and widower, is reminiscing about his life. He lives alone, his only friends being his neighbor, Åsleik, a bachelor and traditional Norwegian fisherman-farmer, and Beyer, a gallerist who lives in Bjørgvin, a couple hours' drive south of Dylgja, where he lives. There, in Bjørgvin, lives another Asle, also a painter. He and the narrator are doppelgängers--two versions of the same person, two versions of the same life. Written in hypnotic prose that shifts between the first and third person, The Other Name calls into question concrete notions around subjectivity and the self. What makes us who we are? And why do we lead one life and not another? ..." -- Provided by publisher. .Translated from the 2019 Norwegian edition. Some strong language.

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Penguin Island by Anatole France

Awarded the Prize in 1921

Read by Noah Siegel

8 hours, 20 minutes

A satirical burlesque of history in which the devil transports Mael, a pious Breton monk, to the North Pole. Blinded by the snow, Mael mistakes penguins for people and preaches to them, eventually baptizing them. The penguins are changed into people by a benevolent God, the island is towed back to the Breton coast, and the ridiculous history of Penguinaia begins.

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The Forsyte Saga by John Galsworthy

Awarded the Prize in 1932

Read by Norman Barrs

35 hours, 53 minutes

Portrait of a family in a bygone age beginning with the Victorian era. The saga chronicles the lives of the monied, upper-class Forsytes, whose sense of what is valuable in this world is ever warring with their passions. Some of the engaging characters include Fleur, her father, Soames, and her husband, Michael Mont. Includes "The Man of Property," "Indian Summer of a Forsyte," "In Chancery," "Awakening," and "To Let."

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One Man's Bible a Novel by Xingjian Gao

Awarded the Prize in 2000

Read by Robert Sams

15 hours, 9 minutes

Nobel Prize-winning expatriate's fictionalized autobiographical account of life during China's Cultural Revolution. A dissident artist and intellectual revisits memories of labor-reform school, several love affairs, and the political turmoil of Mao's brutal Communist regime. Some explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 1999.

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One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez

Awarded the Prize in 1982

Read by Peter Gil

14 hours, 33 minutes

1820s to 1920s. Latin American epic tale follows seven generations of the Buendía family through triumphs and disasters that parallel the fortunes and misfortunes of their utopian town, Macondo. By the Colombian Nobel Prize-winning author. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1967.

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The Immoralist by André Gide

Awarded the Prize in 1947

Read by George Backman

4 hours, 15 minutes

Michel, the narrator, explains how his personality and attitudes toward life disintegrated under the influence of a tropical climate and illness. In this psychological study, Gide examines the conflict between self-development and self-sacrifice. The author was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1947.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB015732

Faithful and Virtuous Night by Louise Glück

Awarded the Prize in 2020

Read by Deborah Desmone

1 hour, 32 minutes

Collection of twenty-four poems exploring the experiences of personal stories by the winner of the 2020 Nobel Prize for Literature. In the title poem, a young boy examines his shifting realities as he grows older and deals with the loss of loved ones. National Book Award; Nobel Prize. 2014.

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Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Awarded the Prize in 1983

Read by Christopher Walker

7 hours, 18 minutes

With horrifying implications, a group of English boys are wrecked on a desert island and have to establish their own system of government. For senior high and older readers.

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Loot, and Other Stories by Nadine Gordimer

Awarded the Prize in 1991

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

7 hours, 43 minutes

Ten stories from the Nobel Prize-winning South African author. In the title piece, an earthquake draws back the sea to reveal submerged treasures as unsuspecting looters rush to the spoils. In "Homage," an assassin visits the grave of the man he was paid to kill. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2003.

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The Tin Drum by Günter Grass

Awarded the Prize in 1999

Read by Mark Ashby

22 hours, 31 minutes

Mental institution inmate and indomitable drummer Oskar Matzerath, who chose to stop growing at age three, writes his memoirs of Danzig, Germany, during the Nazi regime. Nobel Prize-winner's 1959 novel in a 2009 translation by Breon Mitchell. Violence and descriptions of sex. 2009.

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Afterlives by Abdulrazak Gurnah

Awarded the Prize in 2021

Read by Damian Lynch

10 hours, 16 minutes

"When he was just a boy, Ilyas was stolen from his parents on the coast of east Africa by German colonial troops. After years away, fighting against his own people, he returns home to find his parents gone and his sister, Afiya, abandoned into de facto slavery. Hamza, too, returns home from the war, scarred in body and soul and with nothing but the clothes on his back-until he meets the beautiful, undaunted Afiya. As these young people live and work and fall in love, their fates knotted ever more tightly together, the shadow of a new war on another continent falls over them, threatening once again to carry them away." -- Provided by publisher. .Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021 Nobel Prize for Literature.

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Growth of the Soil by Knut Hamsun

Awarded the Prize in 1920

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

13 hours, 44 minutes

Deep in Norway's unspoiled backcountry, Isak perseveres in building a homestead, nurturing his crops, and raising a family. But the demands of civilization eventually intrude upon--and destroy--his simple way of life. A 2007 translation by Sverre Lyngstad. 1917.

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Greek Lessons: a Novel by Kang Han

Awarded the Prize in 2024

Read by Greta Jung

4 hours, 39 minutes

"In a classroom in Seoul, a young woman watches her Greek language teacher at the blackboard. She tries to speak but has lost her voice. Her teacher finds himself drawn to the silent woman, for day by day he is losing his sight. Soon the two discover a deeper pain binds them together. For her, in the space of just a few months, she has lost both her mother and the custody battle for her nine-year-old son. For him, it's the pain of growing up between Korea and Germany, being torn between two cultures and languages, and the fear of losing his independence..." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

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Plays by Gerhart Hauptmann

Awarded the Prize in 1912

Read by Annie. Wauters

10 hours, 34 minutes

Early works by the Nobel Prize-winning German playwright. Contains *Before Daybreak: A Social Drama* (1889), *The Weavers: A Play of the 1840s* (1892), and *The Beaver Coat: A Thieves' Comedy in Four Acts* (1893). The introduction places the dramatist's controversial career in the context of twentieth-century German history. Some violence.

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Also available on cassette RC043116

Beowulf by Seamus Heaney

Awarded the Prize in 1995

Read by Patrick Horgan

7 hours, 38 minutes

Nobel laureate Heaney presents a bilingual edition of the tenth-century Anglo-Saxon epic, which includes the original poem in Old English along with his new modern English verse translation. The poem chronicles the feats of Scandinavian warrior Beowulf, who battles with monsters and brings wisdom to leadership. Whitbread Award. Bestseller. 2000.

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Also available on cartridge DB049742

A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

Awarded the Prize in 1954

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

9 hours, 14 minutes

Romance between American lieutenant Frederic Henry in the ambulance service in Italy during World War I and the English nurse Catherine Barkley, who tends him when he is wounded. When Catherine becomes pregnant, she refuses to marry Frederic. 1929.

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The Glass Bead Game by Hermann Hesse

Awarded the Prize in 1946

Read by David Colacci

21 hours, 19 minutes

In the twenty-third century, Joseph Knecht gradually ascends to prominence as a Magister Ludi--a master of the game--in his quest to comprehend the essential unity of art, music, science, and spirituality. Culminating work of the 1946 Nobel Prize winner. Commercial audiobook. 1943.

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The Buried Giant By Kazuo Ishiguro

Awarded the Prize in 2017

Read by David Horovitch

11 hours, 50 minutes

An elderly couple in first-century Britain set off on a journey to find the son they barely remember. They face dangers mundane and supernatural that will test their bond, and they meet a Saxon warrior and a knight from King Arthur's court along the way. Some violence. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2015.

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The Piano Teacher a Novel by Elfriede Jelinek

Read by Suzanne Toren

9 hours, 12 minutes

Erika Kohut, a piano teacher at the Viena Conservatory, is totally devoted to her work. She lives with her mother who is, in turn, obsessively attached to Erika. But underneath Erika's calm exterior boils a sexual passion that she finds difficult to repress. Strong language and descriptions of sex.

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The Days of His Grace a Novel by Eyvind Johnson

Awarded the Prize in 1974

Read by Lester Rawlins

11 hours, 39 minutes

Europe during the reign of Charlemagne provides the background for a novel of conflict and tumult. A Lombardy duke revolts unsuccessfully against the emperor, bringing ruin to the duke's followers and neighbors.

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Snow Country by Yasunari Kawabata

Awarded the Prize in 1968

Read by David. Hartley-Margolin

4 hours 7 minutes

Shimamura, a man of leisure, meets a geisha at a snowy lodge in the western mountains of Japan. They know their love is futile, but he returns each year to spend time with her. The author is the winner of the Nobel Prize in literature in 1968.

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Captains Courageous by Rudyard Kipling

Awarded the Prize in 1907

Read by Harold Parker

6 hours, 54 minutes

The spoiled son of an American millionaire falls off an ocean liner and is rescued by a Gloucester fishing schooner. Forced to work aboard ship, he begins to develop maturity and responsibility. For children and adults. 1964.

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The Sibyl by Pär Lagerkvist

Awarded the Prize in 1951

Read by John Stratton

3 hours, 59 minutes

A man, cursed by God for refusing Him a kindness, consults an outlawed former priestess to discover his fate. Complex allegorical tale of divine love and the contrast between Christian and pagan principles. The author was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1951.

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Desert by J.-M.G. Le Clézio

Awarded the Prize in 2008

Read by Michael Kramer

12 hours, 56 minutes

The North African desert's harsh beauty has compelling effects on Nour, a Tuareg boy who, in 1910, flees French colonial troops with his tribe; and, in modern times, on Lalla, a tribal descendant who escapes Morocco for France. 2008 Nobel Prize winner's early novel, published in 1980 in French. 2009.

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Alfred and Emily by Doris Lessing

Awarded the Prize in 2007

Read by Laura Giannarelli

8 hours, 4 minutes

Nobel Laureate and prolific author of *The Golden Notebook* (RC0 23376) provides a fictional alternate account of her parents' lives. The Great War never happened and Brits Alfred and Emily marry others and have enjoyable careers. The novella is followed by the real account of their war-ravaged marriage. 2008.

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Arrowsmith; Elmer Gantry; Dodsworth by Sinclair Lewis

Awarded the Prize in 1930

Read by Constance Crawford

53 hours, 46 minutes

Three early-twentieth-century American classics by Nobel Prize-winning author. In *Arrowsmith*, an idealistic young doctor is disillusioned by greedy and self-serving colleagues. *Elmer Gantry* takes aim against the hypocrisy of a tent-show evangelist. In *Dodsworth*, a retired auto maker's dull marriage comes unglued during a European tour. Pulitzer Prize. 2002.

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The Dream of the Celt by Mario Vargas Llosa

Awarded the Prize in 2010

Read by Andy Pyle

16 hour, 22 minutes

Pentonville Prison, London; 1916. Former British consul Roger Casement awaits punishment for treason. Casement's service to the crown exposing abuses in the Congo and the Amazon is overshadowed by his support of a free Ireland. Translated from Spanish. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 2012.

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Buddenbrooks: the Decline of a Family by Thomas Mann

Awarded the Prize in 1929

Read by Annie Wauters

27 hours, 53 minutes

Generational saga of merchant family's decline in nineteenth-century northern Germany. Portrays wealthy bourgeois lifestyle and everyday occurrences through cycles of marriage, birth, divorce, and death. German Nobel laureate's first novel translated by John E. Woods. 1901.

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Red Sorghum a Novel of China by Yan Mo

Awarded the Prize in 2012

Read by Gregory Maupin

13 hours, 26 minutes

An unnamed Chinese narrator tells the story of his family as they struggle to survive war with Japan and later rule by the Communist Party. Through it all, they work to keep their distillery open. Translated from Chinese. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Nobel Prize. 1988.

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Dora Bruder by Patrick Modiano

Awarded the Prize in 2014

Read by Jon Huffman

3 hours 40 minutes

Winner of the 2014 Nobel Prize for Literature details his investigation into the life of 15-year-old Dora Bruder, who ran away from a French Catholic boarding school in late 1941 but left no further record until her deportation to Auschwitz nine months later. Translated from French. Nobel Prize. 1999.

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A Mercy by Toni Morrison

Awarded the Prize in 1993

Read by Tonya Baltimore

5 hours, 32 minutes

Colonial North America, 1680s. An Anglo-Dutch trader reluctantly accepts a young slave girl named Florens as payment for a bad debt. Her mother hopes the transaction will prove a mercy to Florens, but subsequent years in Jacob Vaark's household reveal the harsh reality of being under another's dominion. Some violence. Bestseller. 2008.

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The Appointment a Novel by Herta Muller

Awarded the Prize 2009

Read by Jill Fox

7 hours, 17 minutes

A factory worker looking for a way out of Ceausescu's Romania is repeatedly summoned for questioning for sewing marriage proposals into garments bound for Italy. En route to an interrogation, she recalls the horrors of her life. Winner of the 2009 Nobel Prize for Literature. Some strong language. 1997.

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Too Much Happiness: Stories by Alice Munro

Awarded the Prize in 2013

Read by Celeste Lawson

10hours, 28minutes

Ten short stories about family and relationships by Canadian author and winner of the 2009 Man Booker International Prize. The title piece imagines the professional and personal life of late-nineteenth-century Russian mathematician Sophia Kovalevsky. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2009.

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The Masque of Africa Glimpses of African Belief by V. S. Naipaul

Awarded the Prize in 2001

Read by Peter Johnson

8 hours, 51 minutes

Winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Literature examines religious beliefs during a journey to Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Gabon, and South Africa. Compares conditions to those seen on previous trips and discusses local history and lore. Comments on Christianity, Islam, and indigenous spiritual practices. 2010.

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Selected Poems by Pablo Neruda

Awarded the Prize in 1971

Read by Peter Gil

9 hours, 23 minutes

Selections from the major published works of Chile's Nobel laureate, presented in English translation and the original Spanish. Includes pieces from the early Twenty Love Poems (1924), portions of his celebrated The Heights of Macchu Picchu, and poems from the autobiographical Memorial de Isla Negra (1964). 1990.

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The Changeling by Kenzaburo Oe

Awarded the Prize in 1994

Read by Robert Sams

12 hours, 55 minutes

As writer Kogito Choko listens to a tape recording made by his brother-in-law, famous filmmaker Goro Hanawa, he learns Goro has committed suicide. This propels Kogito into an obsessive examination of their complicated friendship. Autobiographical fiction by 1994 Nobel Prize winner, translated from Japanese. 2010.

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The Emperor Jones by Eugene O'Neill

Awarded the Prize in 1936

Read by Earle Hyman

1 hour, 52 minutes

A powerful drama about Brutus Jones, self-styled emperor of a West Indian island who flees into the jungle to escape the natives he has cheated.

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Snow by Orhan Pamuk

Awarded the Prize in 2006

Read by Robert Blumenfeld

17 hours, 37 minutes

Poet Ka returns to Turkey after years of exile in Germany. While trying to rekindle romance with a childhood friend he investigates the suicide of several religious "head-scarf" girls. Meanwhile a blizzard cuts off the town and a military coup occurs. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. Bestseller. 2002.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB058863

Doctor Zhivago by Boris Leonidovich Pasternak

Awarded the Prize in 1958

Read by Andy Pyle

26 hours, 35 minutes

Poet/physician Yuri Andreevich Zhivago takes his family from Moscow to the Ural Mountains for safety during the Russian Revolution but he is forcibly conscripted. He also falls in love with Lara, a revolutionary's wife. Translation of Boris Pasternak's acclaimed 1955 novel by Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky. 2010.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB075275

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Itinerary an Intellectual Journey by Octavio Paz

Awarded the Prize in 1990

Read by Bill Wallace

5 hours, 4 minutes

Final work of the Nobel laureate who died in 1998. These autobiographical essays on politics and history are influenced by such twentieth-century events as the Mexican and Cuban revolutions and the works of writers like Trotsky and Camus. They chart the development of Paz's political philosophy and the dynamism of historical change. 1999.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB063158

The Homecoming a Play by Harold Pinter

Awarded the Prize in 2005

Read by John Horton

2 hours, 4 minutes

A modern play which exposes the basic drives and personal motivations, as well as the bonds, among the male members of an English household. One of the sons brings his wife for a visit, which becomes the occasion for much psychological warfare. Tony Award.

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The Oil Jar and Other Stories by Luigi Pirandello

Awarded the Prize in 1934

Read by Cyn Delafield

4 hours, 23 minutes

Eleven short stories written between 1884 and 1917 by the winner of the 1934 Nobel Prize for Literature. In the title piece, a temperamental olive grower nearly explodes when the olive-jar repairman inadvertently traps himself inside the container. But the clever tinker uses the owner's anger to solve the dilemma.

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Jean-Christophe by Romain Rolland

Awarded the Prize in 1915

Read by Jonathan Farwell

50 hours, 3 minutes

Inspired by the life of Beethoven, this novel of a musical genius from his early infancy in a small Rhine town illuminates the history of society, art, and ideas in France and Germany. Author awarded Nobel Prize in Literature 1915.

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A History of Western Philosophy by Bertrand Russell

Awarded the Prize in 1950

Read by Geoffrey Sherman

35 hours, 55 minutes

Nobel laureate examines philosophy as "an integral part of social and political life," from the rise of Greek civilization, through the era of Catholic dominance to the Renaissance, and into the twentieth century and the emergence of modern philosophy. 1945.

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Death with Interruptions by José Saramago

Awarded the Prize in 1998

Read by Joe Peck

7 hours, 21 minutes

On January 1 in an unspecified year and country, no one dies. Death goes on strike and social catastrophe follows. After some months Death resumes her work, with the proviso that victims receive advance notification by mail. But then a bachelor cellist evades Death's letter. First published in Portuguese. 2008.

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Nausea by Jean-Paul Sartre

Awarded the Prize in 1964

Read by Sally McQuaid

8 hours, 19 minutes

The author's first novel, originally published in 1938, is a statement about the alienation of personality and the mystery of being. Sartre presents the first full-length essay on existentialism, the philosophy for which he has since become famous. Offered Nobel Prize for literature in 1964 which he declined.

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The Selected Poetry of Jaroslav Seifert by Jaroslav Seifert

Awarded the Prize in 1984

Read by George Guidall-Shapiro

4 hours, 45 minutes

Starting as a proletarian poet, Seifert became a leader of the Czech avant-garde with its ties to surrealism. Then, under the Nazi occupation, he emerged as Czechoslovakia's unofficial national poet. His main themes are the beauty of women and the Czech people's bitter fate and abiding hope. Seifert was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1984.

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Pygmalion a Romance in Five Acts by Bernard Shaw

Awarded the Prize in 1925

Read by Patrick Horgan

4 hours, 2 minutes

Professor Henry Higgins, a speech teacher, transforms a Cockney flower girl into an elegant woman with regal bearing, who then falls in love with her mentor.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB025029

And Quiet Flows the Don by Mikhail Aleksandrovich Sholokhov

Awarded the Prize in 1965

Read by Ed Blake

20 hours, 47 minutes

Centered around Gregor Melekhov, a young Cossack, this is the story of a Don Cossack village from the Bolshevik Revolution through the First World War and the Civil War between Russia's Red and White armies. Prequel to The Don Flows Home to the Sea (RD 14834). Violence and strong language.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB045866

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The Teutonic Knights by Henryk Sienkiewicz

Awarded the Prize in 1905

Read by Robert Blumenfeld

28 hours, 38 minutes

In this epic by the 1905 Nobel Prize winner for literature, the united peoples of Poland and Lithuania fight against the oppression of the Teutonic Knights, a fifteenth-century Prussian religious and military order. The search for Zbyszko's wife, kidnapped by the Knights, inspires the nation to defend their land and families.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB049021

The Maid Silja the History of the Last Offshoot of an Old Family Tree by Frans Eemil Sillanpää

Awarded the Prize in 1939

Read by Ed Blake

8 hours, 57 minutes

A classic Finnish novel opens with the death of a beautiful young country girl. Her untimely death of consumption is the end of a long chain of events beginning thirty years back with her incapable father's inheritance of a prosperous farm. Nobel Prize in literature, 1939.

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The World About Us a Novel by Claude Simon

Awarded the Prize in 1985

Read by John Horton

3 hours 35 minutes

Experimental novel based upon the author's experiences in the French Army in 1940. Dazed soldiers, suffering from nervous exhaustion and holed up in a crumbling building, provide one of the focal points in this montage of images. Another episode includes a couple's walk along a cliff and ends in a graphic seduction scene. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Author awarded 1985 Nobel Prize for Literature

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In My Father's Court by Isaac Bashevis Singer

Awarded the Prize in 1978

Read by Ray Hagen

9 hours, 55 minutes

Stories based on Singer's childhood memories of his father's rabbinical court conducted in the family home on Krochmalna Street in Warsaw in the early 1900s. These tales reflect the importance of Jewish law and its interpretation by the rabbi in the Eastern European Jewish community. 1966. 1966.

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In the First Circle (The Restored Text) by Aleksandr Isaevich Solzhenitsyn

Awarded the Prize in 1970

Read by Steven Carpenter

30hours, 35 minutes

Moscow, Christmas 1949. Intellectual political prisoners, coerced to identify recorded voices, must either help dictator Joseph Stalin's repressive state or be sent to Siberian labor camps and certain death. Solzhenitsyn-restored text of 1958 original, which he cut in the 1960s to appease Soviet censors. Translated by Harry T. Willetts. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB072598

You Must Set Forth at Dawn a Memoir by Wole Soyinka

Awarded the Prize in 1986

Read by David Cutler

24 hours, 9 minutes

Nigerian continues his autobiography begun in Aké (RC 47295). Describes the period from the 1950s to 2005 when he was a political activist and playwright in postcolonial Africa. Covers his imprisonment, exile, and 1986 Nobel Prize in Literature. Describes the corruption and turmoil he witnessed in his beloved country. 2006.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB062900

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Awarded the Prize in 1962

Read by John Stratton or Steven Carpenter

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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Also available on digital cartridge DB068308

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I Won't Let You Go Selected Poems by Rabindranath Tagore

Awarded the Prize in 1913

1 volume of braille

English translations of selections by a Bengali poet who in 1913 was the first Indian to receive the Nobel Prize for literature. Expresses elements of his culture and philosophy, and includes an introduction, notes, and a glossary to assist Western readers.

Available in braille BR011370

Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead by Olga Tokarczuk

Awarded the Prize in 2018

Read by Beata Pozniak

11 hours, 41 minutes

Living in a remote Polish village, Janina has developed a reputation as a crank and recluse. When a neighbor turns up dead and other bodies are discovered in strange circumstances, Janina inserts herself into the investigation. Translated from the 2009 Polish edition. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB096156

The Bridal Wreath by Sigrid Undset

Awarded the Prize in 1928

Read by Catherine Byers

10 hours 44 minutes

In this first volume of a trilogy set in medieval Norway, the winner of the 1928 Nobel Prize for literature tells of Kristin's girlhood and her love for Erlend Nikulausson, a young man of whom her father strongly disapproves. Prequel to The Mistress of Husaby (DB 40413).

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Also available on digital cartridge DB040412

Selected Poems by Derek Walcott

Awarded the Prize in 1992

Read by Joe Peck

7 hours, 17 minutes

Poems chosen from fifty-year span of Nobel laureate's works, from his first published book *In a Green Night: Poems 1948-1960* to his most recent *The Prodigal* (2004). Many reflect on Walcott's Caribbean heritage and grapple with his conflicted love of home. Introduction by Edward Baugh. 2007.

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Happy Valley by Patrick White

Awarded the Prize in 1973

Read by Jack Fox

10 hours, 21 minutes

The first novel of Nobel Prize-winning Australian writer Patrick White (1912-1990). Originally published in 1939 and later suppressed by the author, the novel relates the lives of various families living in the Snow Mountain townships of Moorang and Kambala in New South Wales. 2012.

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The Yeats Reader: a Portable Compendium of Poetry, Drama, and Prose by W. B. Yeats

Awarded the Prize in 1923

Read by Roy Avers

21 hours, 22 minutes

Although Yeats is known mainly for his poetry, his other writings, which were frequently derived from events in his personal life, were "often a substantial achievement on (their) own terms." Includes major poems written between 1889-1939, eight plays, and a selection of autobiographical and critical writings.

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