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### Award Winners: National Book Award in Fiction, Nonfiction, and Poetry

The National Book Award was founded in 1950 and is awarded to the best in American literature in the adult categories of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Translated literature was also added in the last few years. This list provides all winners available from the library from the last 20+ years and then a selection of past winners. Some annotations have been edited for brevity. To order any of these titles, contact the library by email, phone, mail, in person, or order through our [online catalog](#). Most titles can be [downloaded from BARD](#).

#### 2024 Winners

##### **James a Novel by Percival Everett**

Read by Dominic. Hoffman

7 hours, 53 minutes

"James, a retelling of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, both harrowing and ferociously funny, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view. When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he decides to hide on nearby Jackson Island until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father, and recently returned to town. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and too-often-unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond."--Provided by publisher. -- Violence and strong language.

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## **Soldiers and Kings: Survival and Hope in the World of Human Smuggling by Jason De León**

Read by Jason De León

10 hours, 1 minute

"An intimate and one-of-a-kind look at the world of human smuggling in Latin America, by a MacArthur "genius" grant winner and anthropologist Political instability, poverty, climate change, and the insatiable appetite for cheap labor all fuel clandestine movement across borders. Yet media and politicians have always characterized smugglers-or coyotes, or guides, as they are often known by the migrants who hire their services-using tired tropes and stereotypes, as boogie men and violent warlords. In an effort to better understand this essential yet extralegal billion dollar global industry, internationally recognized anthropologist and expert Jason De León embedded with a group of smugglers moving migrants across Mexico over the course of seven years. It is a heart-wrenching and intimate narrative that revolves around the life and death of one coyote, Chino, who falls in love and tries to leave smuggling behind. "-- Provided by publisher. -- Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

[Download from BARD: Soldiers and Kings Survival and Hope in the...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB120057

## **2023 Winners**

### **Blackouts a Novel by Justin Torres**

Read by Ozzie Rodriguez

7 hours, 2 minutes

"Out in the desert in a place called the Palace, a young man tends to a dying soul, someone he once knew briefly but who has haunted the edges of his life: Juan Gay. Playful raconteur, child lost and found and lost, guardian of the institutionalized, Juan has a project to pass along, one built around a true artifact of a book-- Sex Variants: A Study of Homosexual Patterns--and its devastating history. As Juan waits for his end, he and the narrator recount for each other moments of joy and oblivion; they resurrect loves, lives, mothers, fathers, minor heroes. In telling their own stories and the story of the book, they resist the ravages of memory and time."-- Provided by publisher. --Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

[Download from BARD: Blackouts a novel](#)

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## **The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History by Ned Blackhawk**

Read by Mark Ashby

20 hours, 2 minutes

"The most enduring feature of U.S. history is the presence of Native Americans, yet most histories focus on Europeans and their descendants. Indigenous history is essential to understanding the evolution of modern America. Ned Blackhawk interweaves five centuries of Native and non-Native histories, from Spanish colonial exploration to the rise of Native American self-determination in the late twentieth century." -- Provided by publisher. Some strong language.

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## **The Words that Remain a Novel by Stênio Gardel**

Read by André Santana

3 hours, 58 minutes

"A letter has beckoned to Raimundo since he received it over fifty years ago from his youthful passion, handsome Cícero. But having grown up in an impoverished area of Brazil where the demands of manual labor thwarted his becoming literate, Raimundo has long been unable to read. As young men, he and Cícero fell in love, only to have Raimundo's father brutally beat his son when he discovered their affair. Even after Raimundo succeeds in making a life for himself in the big city, he continues to be haunted by this secret missive full of longing from the distant past. Now at age seventy-one, he at last acquires a true education and the ability to access the letter."--Back cover. -- Translated from the 2021 Portuguese edition. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

[Download from BARD: The Words that Remain a Novel](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB121558

## **2022 Winners**

### **The Rabbit Hutch by Tess Gunty**

Read by Tess Gunty

11 hours, 55 minutes

"The automobile industry has abandoned Vacca Vale, Indiana, leaving the residents behind, too. In a run-down apartment building on the edge of town, commonly known as the Rabbit Hutch, a number of people now reside quietly, looking for ways to live in a dying city. Now all Blandine wants is an escape, a true bodily escape like the mystics describe in the books she reads." -- Provided by publisher. --Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

[Download from BARD: The Rabbit Hutch](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB109788

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Also available in braille BR024629

### **South to America: a Journey Below the Mason-Dixon to Understand the Soul of a Nation by Imani Perry**

Read by Imani Perry

16 hours, 35 minutes

"We all think we know the South. Even those who have never lived there can rattle off a list of signifiers: the Civil War, Gone with the Wind, the Ku Klux Klan, plantations, football, Jim Crow, slavery. But the idiosyncrasies, dispositions, and habits of the region are stranger and more complex than much of the country tends to acknowledge. In South to America, Imani Perry shows that the meaning of American is inextricably linked with the South, and that our understanding of its history and culture is the key to understanding the nation as a whole. This is the story of a Black woman and native Alabaman returning to the region she has always called home and considering it with fresh eyes." -- Provided by publisher. -- Strong language.

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Also available in braille BR025213

## **Seven Empty Houses by Samanta Schweblin**

Read by Yareli Arizmendi

3 hours, 30 minutes

"The seven houses in these seven stories are strange. A person is missing, or a truth, or memory; some rooms are enticing, some unmoored, others empty. But in Samanta Schweblin's tense, visionary tales, something always creeps back inside: a ghost, a fight, trespassers, a list of things to do before you die, a child's first encounter with darkness or the fallibility of parents. In each story, twists and turns will unnerve and surprise." -- Provided by publisher. -- Unrated.

Commercial audiobook.

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## **2021 Winners**

### **Hell of a Book: or the Altogether Factual, Wholly Bona Fide Story of a Big Dreams, Hard Luck, American-Made Mad Kid by Jason Mott**

Read by Ronald Peet

9 hours, 42 minutes

A Black author sets out on a cross-country publicity tour to promote his bestselling novel. His story is intertwined with Soot, a young Black boy living in a rural town in the recent past, and The Kid, a possibly imaginary child who appears to the author on his tour. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

[Download from BARD: Hell of a Book or the Altogether Factual...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB104515

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### **All That She Carried: the Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake by Tiya Miles**

Read by Janina Edwards

9 hours, 31 minutes

A historian traces the life of a simple cotton bag passed down through three generations of Black women. She describes the role the bag played in each of their lives, reflecting on the experiences of slavery and uncertain freedom that so many women faced. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

[Download from BARD: All that She Carried the Journey of Ashley's...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB106173

## **Winter in Sokcho by Éliisa Shua Dusapin**

Read by Kristin Allison

2 hours, 11 minutes

It's winter in Sokcho, a tourist town on the border between South and North Korea. A young French Korean woman works as a receptionist in a tired guesthouse. One evening, an unexpected guest arrives: a French cartoonist determined to find inspiration in this desolate landscape. Translated from the original 2016 French edition. 2020.

[Download from BARD: Winter in Sokcho](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB105840

## **2020 Winners**

### **Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu**

Read by Joel De la Fuente

4 hours, 23 minutes

Every day, actor Willis Wu heads to the Chinatown restaurant where they are perpetually filming a police procedural TV show. He feels like he plays a bit role even in his own life, but dreams of one day having a chance at something more. Some violence and some strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

[Download from BARD: Interior Chinatown](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB098416

[Download from BARD as Electronic Braille BR23494](#)

Also available in braille BR023494

### **Tokyo Ueno Station by Miri Yū**

Read by Johnny Heller

4 hours

Kazu is dead. Born in Fukushima in 1933, his life is tied by a series of coincidences to the Imperial family. But his life story is also marked by bad luck, and now, in death, he is unable to rest, doomed to haunt the park near Ueno Station in Tokyo. Strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

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## **The Dead are Arising: the life of Malcolm X by Les Payne**

Read by Dion Graham

18 hours, 9 minutes

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist recounts the life of Malcolm X, drawing on interviews he conducted with those who knew him--siblings, friends, cellmates, Nation of Islam figures, FBI agents, cops, and political leaders. He traces Malcolm's life from his birth until his Harlem assassination, including his exploits as a petty criminal, his religious awakening, and more. Some violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

[Download from BARD: The Dead are Arising: the Life of Malcolm X](#)

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## **2019 Winners**

### **Trust Exercise by Susan Choi**

Read by Suehyla El-Attar et. al.

10 hours

In the 1980s, David and Sarah are both students at a competitive performing arts high school. Their passionate relationship is noticed by the school's charismatic acting teacher, Mr. Kingsley. Years later, Sarah publishes a novel about that time in her life, calling into question what really happened. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

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Also available in braille BR022996

### **The Yellow House by Sarah M. Broom**

Read by Bahni Turpin

14 hours, 21 minutes

The author relates a century of her family and their collective relationship with a home in a neglected area of New Orleans, even after Hurricane Katrina wiped it off the map. Discusses pride, familial love, and issues of class, race, and internalized shame. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

[Download from BARD: The Yellow House](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB098086



## **2018 Winners**

### **The Friend by Sigrid Nunez**

Read by Hillary Huber

6 hours, 1 minute

A writing professor is mourning the suicide of her best friend and mentor, a famous author. She takes responsibility for Apollo, her friend's huge Great Dane, finding in the dog someone to share her immense grief. Some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

[Download from BARD: The Friend](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB090286

### **The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke by Jeffrey C. Stewart**

Read by Bob Moore

48 hours, 52 minutes

Biography of the man lauded as the father of the Harlem Renaissance. Describes his education, career as a Howard University professor, extensive travels, role in culture, and identity as a gay man. Draws on primary sources and interviews with those who knew him. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. National Book Award. 2018.

[Download from BARD: The New Negro the Life of Alain Locke](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB095528

## **2017 Winners**

### **Sing, Unburied, Sing a Novel by Jesmyn Ward**

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

9 hours, 7 minutes

Thirteen-year-old Jojo has been raised by his grandparents, as his black mother, Leonie, is a drug addict and his white father, Michael, is in prison. When Michael is released, Leonie packs Jojo and his baby sister in the car for a nightmarish road trip. Violence and strong language. 2017.

[Download from BARD: Sing, Unburied, Sing a Novel](#)

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## **The Future is History How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia by Masha Gessen**

Read by Masha Gessen

16 hours, 48 minutes

Russian journalist and biographer examines the issues her native country has recently faced. Follows four different individuals born at the promised dawn of democracy, and charts the effects of the new autocracy on their lives as the old Soviet order reemerged. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB089395

### **2016 Winners:**

## **The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead**

Read by Bahni Turpin

10 hours, 45 minutes

Cora, a third-generation slave, flees the plantation where she lives. She escapes with a man who claims to know how to get to the Underground Railroad. Once there, she discovers it is an actual railroad, and every stop shows her moments of horror and joy. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

[Download from BARD: The Underground Railroad](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB085212

## **Stamped From the Beginning the Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi**

Read by Bob Moore

20 hours, 37 minutes

A historian traces the history of anti-black racist ideas throughout American history by focusing on five notable intellectuals: Cotton Mather, Thomas Jefferson, William Lloyd Garrison, W. E. B. DuBois, and Angela Davis. Analyzes the insidious impact of racist ideas on government policies. Some strong language. 2016.

[Download from BARD: Stamped from the Beginning the Definitive...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB089293

## **2015 Winners**

### **Fortune Smiles by Adam Johnson**

Read by Greg Chun

8 hours, 20 minutes

A collection of short stories from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Orphan Master's Son* (DB 74282). A man searches for his son's mother. A computer programmer finds comfort in a digital copy of the recently assassinated president. A former Stasi agent ponders his past. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

[Download from BARD: Fortune Smiles](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB082453

### **Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates**

Read by Ta-Nehisi Coates

3 hours, 37 minutes

Columnist and editor for the *Atlantic Monthly* examines the history of contentious race relations in America. He reflects on the ways racial inequality plays out in his personal past and in the twenty-first century, and imagines the world his teenage son may inherit. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2015.

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Also available in braille BR021183

## **2014 Winners**

### **Redeployment by Phil Klay**

Read by Chuck Young

8 hours, 23 minutes

Twelve stories about soldiers at war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the personal wars they fight reintegrating into society at home. In the title story, a soldier who had to shoot dogs on the battlefield must readjust to life in suburban America. Violence. Nat'l Book Award. 2014.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB078988

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Also available in braille BR020602

**Age of Ambition Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China by Evan Osnos**

Read by George Backman

16 hours, 43 minutes

Journalist uses his experiences living in China between 2005 and 2013 to examine the state of the country--especially that of individuals. Features stories of a soldier who defected to China from Taiwan, a scholar who began an influential dating service, and subversive artist Ai Weiwei. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Pulitzer finalist. Nat'l Book Award. 2014.

[Download from BARD: Age of Ambition Chasing Fortune, Truth, and...](#)

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**2013 Winners**

**The Good Lord Bird by James McBride**

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

12 hours, 39 minutes

1856. Henry "Onion" Shackleford is a ten-year-old slave when abolitionist John Brown rolls into town. Henry's father is killed in a scuffle and John Brown takes in Henry, believing him to be "Henrietta." Living as a girl, Henry bears witness to Brown's reign of terror. Violence and strong language. Nat'l Book Award. 2013.

[Download from BARD: The Good Lord Bird](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB077431

**The Unwinding an Inner History of the New America by George Packer**

Read by Robert Sams

18 hours, 53 minutes

Writer for the New Yorker chronicles what he describes as the unraveling of America through the eyes of diverse citizens, including a factory worker in the Rust Belt, a son of tobacco farmers in the South, a Silicon Valley billionaire, and a Washington, D.C., insider. Nat'l Book Award. Bestseller. 2013.

[Download from BARD: The Unwinding an Inner History of the New...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB077210

## **2012 Winners**

### **The Round House by Louise Erdrich**

Read by Gregory Maupin

10 hours, 41 minutes

North Dakota, 1988. Thirteen-year-old Joe Coutts's mother Geraldine, a tribal enrollment specialist, is brutally raped at the Ojibwe Round House. Joe and his father, a judge, each search for Geraldine's attacker to bring him to justice. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. National Book Award. Bestseller. 2012.

[Download from BARD: The Round House](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB075641

### **Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo**

Read by Catherine Byers

9 hours, 23 minutes

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer's 2007-2011 observations of the inhabitants of Annawadi, a slum surrounding the luxury hotels at the Mumbai, India, airport. Portrays the lives of disadvantaged families who battle hunger and disease and describes India's political and religious tensions and police corruption. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. Nat'l Book Award. 2012.

[Download from BARD: Behind the Beautiful Forevers](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB074457

### **Bewilderment New Poems and Translations by David Ferry**

Read by Jim Zeiger

2 hours, 16 minutes

English professor and winner of the 2000 Library of Congress Bobbitt Prize for Poetry compiles translations of others' verse and his own original poems. Themes include reflections on readings, the seasons, and the power of a storm from a child's perspective. Nat'l Book Award. 2012.

[Download from BARD: Bewilderment New Poems and Translations](#)

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## **2011 Winners**

### **Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward**

Read by Erin Jones

8 hours, 15 minutes

Mississippi, August 2005. Young black teenager Esch Batiste--pregnant, hungry, and rejected--helps her widowed father and three brothers prepare for the approaching hurricane. When the storm arrives, the family seeks refuge in the attic. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Nat'l Book Award. Alex Award. 2011.

[Download from BARD: Salvage the Bones](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB074033

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Also available in braille BR019453

### **The Swerve: How the World Became Modern by Stephen Greenblatt**

Read by Lou Harpenau

11 hours, 31 minutes

Harvard humanities professor, author of *Will in the World* (DB 59294), reconstructs the life of Poggio Bracciolini, a Renaissance book hunter who rediscovered the lost poem *On the Nature of Things* (DB 37721) by Lucretius. Emphasizes the importance of Bracciolini's find and its impact on Western culture. Nat'l Book Award. Pulitzer Prize. Bestseller. 2011.

[Download from BARD: The Swerve: How the World Became Modern](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB073856

## **2010 Winners**

### **Lord of Misrule by Jaimy Gordon**

Read by Jack Fox

8 hours, 9 minutes

West Virginia, 1970. Deadbeat Tommy Hansel brings four horses to Indian Mound Downs intending to run them in cheap races, win big, and then leave town. Meanwhile, Tommy's girlfriend meets the local eccentrics and gangsters. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. Nat'l Book Award. Bestseller. 2010.

[Download from BARD: Lord of Misrule](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB072235

### **Just Kids by Patti Smith**

Read by Mare Trevathan

7 hours, 46 minutes

Singer/songwriter's memoir of her relationship with photographer Robert Mapplethorpe (1946-1989). Smith (born 1946) reminisces about their 1967 meeting in New York City, where they lived together at the Hotel Chelsea, started their artistic careers, and befriended other creative types. Some strong language. Bestseller. Nat'l Book Award. 2010.

[Download from BARD: Just Kids](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB070750

### **2009 Winners**

#### **Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann**

Read by Steven Carpenter

12 hours, 13 minutes

New York City, 1974. Disparate residents--including Philippe Petit, who performs an illegal high-wire walk between the Twin Towers; the judge who hears Petit's case; and a grieving mother--encounter death, love, and salvation. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. Nat'l Book Award. 2009.

[Download from BARD: Let the Great World Spin](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB070450

#### **The First Tycoon the Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt by T. J. Stiles**

Read by Robert Sams

34 hours, 8 minutes

Chronicles the life of Cornelius Vanderbilt (1794-1877) in the context of America's transition from an agricultural society to an industrial economy. Highlights Vanderbilt's rise from boatman to railroad entrepreneur, his efforts to promote national reconciliation with the postbellum South, and his family life. Nat'l Book Award. Pulitzer Prize. 2009.

[Download from BARD: The First Tycoon the Epic Life of Cornelius...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB070495

## **2008 Winners**

### **Shadow Country a New Rendering of the Watson Legend by Peter Matthiessen**

Read by Roy Avers

38 hours, 21 minutes

Reimagines the mythic life of E.J. Watson, a sugarcane planter in the turn-of-the-twentieth-century Florida Everglades, who was despised and shot to pieces by his neighbors. Watson's favorite son becomes obsessed with his killing, and Watson's own memoir concludes this account. Strong language. Nat'l Book Award. 2008.

[Download from BARD: Shadow Country a New Rendering of the...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB067860

### **The Hemingses of Monticello an American Family by Annette Gordon-Reed**

Read by Bob Moore

32 hours, 12 minutes

African American professor chronicles four generations of the mixed-race Hemings family of Virginia in the context of slavery. Begins with Elizabeth (1735-1807), the daughter of a white man and a slave. Discusses Elizabeth's children, including Sally Hemings--Thomas Jefferson's mistress and his late wife's half sister. Nat'l Book Award. Pulitzer Prize. 2008.

[Download from BARD: The Hemingses of Monticello an American Family](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB067564

## **2007 Winners**

### **Tree of Smoke by Denis Johnson**

Read by Steven Carpenter

20 hours, 27 minutes

William "Skip" Sands joins the CIA and works for his uncle, the legendary "Colonel," in Vietnam. Bill and James Houston are American enlistees, widowed Canadian Kathy Jones nurses casualties, and Vietnamese Trung becomes a communist spy. War changes all of them. Violence and strong language. Nat'l Book Award. Bestseller. 2007.

[Download from BARD: Tree of Smoke](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB065444



**Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA by Tim Weiner**

Read by Mark Ashby

24 hours, 30 minutes

Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter investigates sixty years of the Central Intelligence Agency. Uses archival documents and interviews to illustrate that the agency's mission of gathering intelligence has faltered due to blunders, structural flaws, and philosophical conflicts. Posits that national security is jeopardized by the CIA's disarray. Nat'l Book Award. Bestseller. 2007.

[Download from BARD: Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB071592

**Time and Materials: Poems, 1997-2005 by Robert Hass**

Read by John Lescault

2 hours, 14 minutes

The former poet laureate presents a collection of poems in a variety of styles on a broad array of contemporary topics. In "State of the Planet" Hass laments our abuse of nature. In "Bush's War" he deplores the inhumanity of all war. Nat'l Book Award. 2007.

[Download from BARD: Time and Materials: Poems, 1997-2005](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB066784

**2006 Winners**

**The Echo Maker by Richard Powers**

Read by Christopher Hurt

18 hours, 3 minutes

Twenty-seven-year-old Nebraskan Mark Schluter flips his truck one night and suffers a head injury that makes his loved ones unrecognizable to him. His sister Karin enlists neurologist Gerald Weber to help Mark. As Mark searches for an accident witness, Gerald begins to fall apart. Strong language. Nat'l Book Award. 2006.

[Download from BARD: The Echo Maker](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB064523

## **The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl by Timothy Egan**

3 braille volumes

Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times reporter recounts the experiences of homesteaders who remained on their land during the 1930s dust storms that ravaged the southern Great Plains. Examines both human and ecological aspects of the disaster and the effects on survivors' daily lives, health, and communities. Nat'l Book Award. 2006.

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### **2005 Winner**

#### **The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion**

Read by Anne Hancock

5 hours, 26 minutes

Writer reflects on her emotional response to the unexpected death of her husband, John Gregory Dunne, after a visit to their comatose daughter. Discusses the shock of suddenly facing a crisis, the memory of their time together as a family, and the meaning of marriage. Nat'l Book Award. Bestseller. 2005.

[Download from BARD: The Year of Magical Thinking](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB061740

### **2004 Winners**

#### **The News from Paraguay a Novel By Lily Tuck**

Read by Laura Giannarelli

9 hours, 23 minutes

Paris, 1854. Francisco Lopez, Paraguay's future dictator, falls in love with Irish courtesan Ella Lynch. Following him to South America, Ella embraces her lover's doomed imperialistic dreams, but remains a stranger in a foreign land. Some explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. Nat'l Book Award. 2004.

[Download from BARD: The News from Paraguay a Novel](#)

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**Arc of Justice a Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age by Kevin Boyle**

Read by Lou Harpenau

16 hours, 22 minutes

Historian Boyle uses the 1925 case of African American doctor Ossian Sweet, who shot a white man while defending his house against a racist mob, to explore race relations in jazz-era America. Portrays the sensationalized murder trial and Clarence Darrow's legal tactics. Strong language. Nat'l Book Award. 2004.

[Download from BARD: Arc of Justice a Sage of Race, Civil Rights...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB059602

**Door in the Mountain New and Collected Poems, 1965-2003 by Jean Valentine**

Read by Jill Fox

5 hours, 12 minutes

Gathers all of Valentine's previously published work together with more than seventy new poems. Her subjects include mysticism and experience, personal turmoil, and political unrest. Strong language. Nat'l Book Award. 2004.

[Download from BARD: Door in the Mountain New and Collected Poems...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB059592

**2003 Winners**

**The Great Fire by Shirley Hazzard**

Read by Steven Crossley

11 hours, 25 minutes

1947. Thirty-two-year-old British major Aldred Leith comes from China to Occupied Japan to report on Hiroshima conditions. Postwar loneliness haunts him and his friend Peter Exley, who saved his life in battle. Leith falls in love with teenaged Australian Helen Driscoll, who is also struggling to recover from personal trauma. Nat'l Book Award. 2003.

[Download from BARD: The Great Fire](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB057098

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**Waiting for Snow in Havana Confessions of a Cuban Boy by Carlos M. N. Eire**

Read by Mark Ashby

14 hours, 48 minutes

A Yale historian recalls his privileged childhood in Cuba, where his eccentric father was a Havana judge. Author describes living through the revolution, losing everything, and escaping with his brother in 1962 to exile in Miami. Some violence and some strong language. Nat'l Book Award. 2003.

[Download from BARD: Waiting for Snow in Havana Confessions of...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB057745

**2002 Winners**

**Three Junes by Julia Glass**

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

15 hours, 46 minutes

The Scottish McLeods--father and three sons--grapple with family ties and love relationships in the summers of 1989, 1995, and 1999. Widowed Paul, traveling in Greece, reappraises the past in his bereavement; a son in Manhattan finds an outlet for repressed feelings; and his brothers learn accommodation. Some strong language. Nat'l Book Award. 2002.

[Download from BARD: Three Junes](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB055525

**Master of the Senate the Years of Lyndon Johnson by Robert A. Caro**

Read by Bill Wallace

62 hours, 9 minutes

The third volume of a biographical study of the thirty-sixth president, following The Path to Power (DB 18676) and Means of Ascent (DB 30837). Explains how Johnson, elected to the Senate in 1949, mastered the legislative system and maneuvered himself into the vice-presidency in 1960. Some strong language. Bestseller. Pulitzer Prize. Nat'l Book Award. 2002.

[Download from BARD: Master of the Senate the Years of Lyndon...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB054174

### **In the Next Galaxy by Ruth Stone**

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

1 hours, 58 minutes

Eighth collection from award-winning Virginia native born in 1915. In nearly one hundred poems, Stone provides an unsentimental personal glimpse of her life--from coping with her husband's suicide and the realities of her own aging to everyday observations of the world around her. Some strong language. Nat'l Book Award. 2002.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB057465

### **2001 Winners**

#### **The Corrections by Jonathan Franzen**

Read by Christopher Walker

20 hours, 41 minutes

Because her husband, Alfred, has Parkinson's disease, elderly midwestern housewife Enid Lambert seeks to gather her grown children for one last Christmas together. But unhappily married banker Gary, recently fired professor Chip, and bisexual chef Denise have other ideas. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Nat'l Book Award. 2001.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB053073

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#### **The Noonday Demon an Atlas of Depression by Andrew Solomon**

Read by Roy Avers

25 hours, 5 minutes

Examines the mental illness depression from cultural, personal, and scientific viewpoints. Explores medical treatments and alternatives, addiction, suicide, and related topics refracted through the author's own experiences and the struggles of fellow sufferers whom he interviewed. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 2001.

[Download from BARD: The Noonday Demon an Atlas of Depression](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB053027

## **2000 Winners**

### **In America a Novel by Susan Sontag**

Read by Michele Schaeffer

14 hours, 3 minutes

In the opening chapter numbered "Zero," the unnamed protagonist--speaking for the author--chooses the characters for the novel. The remainder of the book revolves around the decision of Polish actress Maryna Zalezowska to leave the stage in 1876 and move to California with her husband and entourage.

Bestseller. Nat'l Book Award. 2000.

[Download from BARD: In America a Novel](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB049825

### **In the Heart of the Sea the Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex by Nathaniel Philbrick**

Read by Brian Conn

11 hours, 2 minutes

Relying mainly on the cabin boy's journal discovered in 1960, the author recounts the disastrous 1819 voyage of the whaling ship Essex. He describes the attack of an eighty-five-foot bull sperm whale, and the ensuing starvation, dehydration, and cannibalism that befell the shipwrecked survivors. Bestseller.

Nat'l Book Award. Alex Award. 2000.

[Download from BARD: In the Hearty of the Sea the Tragedy of the...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB050271

### **Blessing the Boats New and Selected Poems, 1988-2000 by Lucille Clifton**

Read by Cyn Delafield

1 hour, 14 minutes

A collection of poetry about the human condition personalized through the voice of an African American woman. She shares observations about lynching, race, being female, menstruation, illness, celebrations, and the puzzles of existence.

Some strong language. Nat'l Book Award. 2000.

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Available on digital cartridge DB052339

## **1999 Winners**

### **Waiting by Ha Jinn**

Read by Nick Sullivan

8 hours, 46 minutes

In 1960s China, Manna Wu falls in love with married doctor Lin Kong. His tradition-bound wife Shuyu refuses to divorce him, but if Lin can forbear through eighteen years of separation, the court will dissolve the marriage. National Book Award. 1999.

[Download from BARD: Waiting](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB049107

### **Embracing Defeat Japan in the Wake of World War II by John W. Dower**

Read by Ralph Lowenstein

27 hours, 18 minutes

In this companion to *War without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War* (RC 25306) the author chronicles life in Japan during the American occupation, as seen through the eyes of the defeated. Focuses on social and cultural developments as an entire people had to start over. National Book Award, Pulitzer Prize. 1999.

[Download from BARD: Embracing Defeat Japan in the Wake of World...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB049484

### **Vice: New and Selected Poems by Ai**

2 braille volumes

Fifty-eight selections from five books published between 1973 and 1993 and eighteen new poems. In dramatic monologs, the speakers explore terror, desperation, and other raw emotions on topics such as abortion, beatings, child and wife abuse, politics, and race. Nat'l Book Award. 1999.

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Also available in braille BR012756



## **1998 Winners**

### **Charming Billy by Alice McDermott**

Read by Annie Wauters

8 hours, 32 minutes

Billy Lynch's family and friends join his widow in a Bronx pub for his wake. At one end of the long table, the discussion turns to the story surrounding a much-younger Billy's love for an Irish woman, whose long-ago death possibly drove Billy to his own death by alcohol. Bestseller. Nat'l Book Award.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB046014

### **Slaves in the Family by Edward Ball**

Read by Robert Sams

22 hours, 47 minutes

A history of a South Carolina homestead from 1698 to 1865, told through interviews with descendants of plantation slaves. Inspired by a family reunion to learn about the past, the author traveled across the United States and to Africa. Among the timeworn recollections are portrayals of slaves and slaveholders working side by side over generations. Bestseller.

[Download from BARD: Slaves in the Family](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB046018

### **This Time New and Selected Poems by Gerald Stern**

Read by Fred Major

5 hours, 32 minutes

In the tradition of Walt Whitman, a poet describes his impressions formed during lengthy perambulations. In "Here I Am Walking" he meditates as he strolls along New Jersey beaches, taking only simple fare, savoring the seashore, and musing on his past life and lost dreams. 1998. Nat'l Book Award.

[Download from BARD: This Time New and Selected Poems](#)

Available on digital cartridge DB049884

## **1997 Winners**

### **Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier**

Read by Robert Sams

18 hours, 19 minutes

A wounded Confederate soldier leaves the war on an arduous trek to his mountain home and the woman he aims to marry. Meanwhile, his intended struggles to work her deceased father's hardscrabble farm. Depicts hardship, peril, and courage in the wartime South. Strong language and violence.

Bestseller. Nat'l Book Award.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB044762

### **American Sphinx the Character of Thomas Jefferson by Joseph J. Ellis**

Read by Bob Moore

14 hours, 53 minutes

A portrait of the drafter of the Declaration of Independence, third president, and enduring American icon. Traces his life through five major periods, including his service as diplomat and president. Limns Jefferson as a diverse character whose ideals and behavior were sometimes at odds. Nat'l Book Award.

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Also available on cassette digital cartridge DB044729

### **Effort at Speech: New and Selected Poems by William Meredith**

2 braille volumes

Meredith presents selections from his eight previously published collections spanning 1944 to 1987 and twelve new poems. Michael Collier explains in the introduction that the title Effort at Speech is more than apt because in 1983 a stroke left Meredith with expressive aphasia--a struggle for speech. Nat'l Book Award.

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## **1996 Winners**

### **Ship Fever and Other Stories by Andrea Barrett**

Read by Carole Jordan Stewart

8 hours, 38 minutes

Collection of eight short stories, many taking place in the historical past and within the context of scientific inquiry and discovery. The title piece, a novella set during Ireland's Great Famine, describes the existential adventure of a young Canadian doctor who tends to Irish immigrants suffering from typhus while he tries to impress the woman he loves.

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### **An American Requiem God, My Father, and the War that Came Between Us by James Carroll**

2 volumes of braille

Memoir by a former priest and Vietnam war resister of his conflict with his father, a general in the military, during the 1960s. Recounts the events, struggles of conscience, and decisions that would divide his family and alter their lives forever. Nat'l Book Award.

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Also available in braille BR010880

### **Scrambled Eggs & Whiskey: Poems, 1991-1995 by Hayden Carruth**

1 volume of braille

Poems, variously depicting passion, war, nature, political power, tragedy, and love in one's later years. One such work, "Auburn Poem," voices a father's poignant lament to his wife over their daughter's fatal cancer. Strong language. Nat'l Book Award.

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## **1995 Winners**

### **Sabbath's Theater by Philip Roth**

Read by Richard Davidson

17 hours, 48 minutes

Sixty-four-year-old Mickey Sabbath is a former puppeteer known for his rather lewd performances, which were perhaps his way of masking the suffering he endured after the disappearance of his first wife and the deaths of his mother and older brother. Now the cancer death of his long-time mistress, Drenka Balich, has undone him further, and Mickey is on a journey toward suicide. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB042376

### **The Haunted Land Facing Europe's Ghosts After Communism by Tina Rosenberg**

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

19 hours, 25 minutes

A survey of issues faced by new democracies of eastern Europe as they address the impact of crime under communist rule. The author discusses such incidents as an East German border guard's shooting of Berlin Wall escapees, a Czech dissident's apparent collaboration with the Soviets, and General Jaruzelski's use of martial law in Poland in 1981. National Book Award.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB045311

### **Passing Through the Later Poems, New and Selected by Stanley Kunitz**

Read by Jim Zeiger

2 hours, 37 minutes

Poems written since 1971 are collected here in honor of the Pulitzer Prize-winning author's ninetieth birthday. Works draw on his life experience, "telling the stories of the soul," which is how he describes poetry in the preface. Nat'l Book Award.

[Download from BARD: Passing Through the Later Poems, New and...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB042433

## **1994 Winners**

### **A Frolic of His Own by William Gaddis**

Read by Bruce Huntley

20 hours, 15 minutes

Satire on Americans' penchant for taking one another to court. Oscar Crease, a college professor and author of a play about his grandfather's role in the Civil War, sues a Hollywood producer who pirates the play and makes it into a blockbuster movie. More lawsuits follow. Throughout the novel-- written mainly in dialog--Oscar, his family, his friends, and his lawyers talk at each other until finally an old judge lays down the law. Some strong language.

[Download from BARD: A Frolic of His Own](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB041223

### **How We Die Reflections on Life's Final Chapter by Sherwin B. Nuland**

Read by Ed Blake

11 hours, 56 minutes

In hopes of removing mystery from dying and making it less frightening a Yale medical professor explains the biological and clinical aspects of death. He describes six causes of death he asserts to be representative of universal processes, portrays patients, and muses about care and dignity. The examples are heart attack, Alzheimer's disease, murder, AIDS, cancer, and old age. Bestseller. Nat'l Book Award. 1993.

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Also available in braille BR009461

### **Worshipful Company of Fletchers Poems by James Tate**

Read by Arnie Warren

1 hour, 28 minutes

Prosaic images, such as "the cushions on the wicker couch need mending," form a backdrop for a poem about children telling ghost stories. Sometimes Tate weaves such ordinary objects as gumwrappers, liberty dimes, and Indian-head pennies into his poems. And as he focuses on the creative process, he is amused by thoughts of others solemnly organizing his personal things. Winner of the National Book Award.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB039944

## **1993 Winners**

### **The Shipping News by E. Annie Proulx**

Read by Christopher Hurt

11 hours, 49 minutes

National Book Award-winner by the author of Postcards (DB 35489). The story centers around Quoye, a lowly newspaper reporter. When his wife, Petal Bear, runs off with another man and gets killed, Quoye's aunt convinces the distraught man to move with his two daughters to an abandoned family home in Newfoundland. Quoye goes to work for a sleazy paper covering the shipping news and learns to fit right in. Strong language. Pulitzer Prize. Nat'l Book Award.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB037883

[Download from BARD as Electronic Braille BR09612](#)

Also available in braille BR009612

### **United States Essays: 1952-1992 by Gore Vidal**

Read by Rick Foucheux

56 hours, 15 minutes

Selected literary, political, and personal essays published over forty years. The title refers to Vidal's assessment of the state of the art of writing, the state of the union, and the state of his opinions about life in general. Nothing is immune. Not even the bestseller list can escape his observations, and his work has appeared on it more than once. He writes about sex and the American public and a myriad of topics in between.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB035938

### **Garbage by A. R. Ammons**

Read by Barrett Whitener

1 hour, 57 minutes

National Book Award-winning book-length poem in which the author uses garbage as an emblem for all kinds of refuse. Ammons often personalizes his confrontation and ponders the power of poetry to make a difference in dealing with waste. He divides his extended meditation into eighteen sections, each division a "catch-your-breath moment" before his argument continues.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB038297

## **1992 Winners**

### **All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy**

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

10 hours, 3 minutes

Texas 1949. John Grady Cole, sixteen, is on the threshold of adulthood when his world turns upside down. His grandfather has died, and his mother has no desire to keep the 18,000-acre ranch, which is the only home and way of life John knows. With a friend he sets out for Mexico and finds work on another ranch. But John falls for the owner's daughter and finds himself in jail. Strong language and violence. Bestseller. Nat'l Book Award. 1992.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB034043

### **Becoming a Man Half a Life Story by Paul Monette**

Read by Ray Hagen

11 hours, 7 minutes

Author of Borrowed Time: An AIDS Memoir (RC 41663) explains in this sequel how he wasted years of his life before he came out of the closet. Monette's self-portrait depicts his resentment of the duplicity in his life, his struggle to come to terms with his homosexuality, and the relief he felt once he met Roger, his longtime companion. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Nat'l Book Award.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB041664

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### **New and Selected Poems by Mary Oliver**

Read by Suzanne Toren

2 hours, 37 minutes

The author of the 1984 Pulitzer Prize-winning American Primitive (RC 21493) was honored with the National Book Award for this volume containing poems written over nearly three decades. Oliver's poems frequently question how to love this world. Although most pay tribute to nature, some investigate human existence, expressing the need to experience life so that one does not "end up simply having visited this world." Nat'l Book Award.

[Download from BARD: New and Selected Poems](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB035781



## **1991 Winners**

### **Mating by Norman Rush**

Read by Suzanne Toren

19 hours, 11 minutes

The unnamed female narrator is a thirty-two-year-old American anthropology student in Africa who abandons her failing research to search for the perfect mate. She finds him in Nelson Denoon, creator of a desert utopia for destitute African women. Her mating ritual successfully evolves into intellectual and physical intercourse, but is brought to a standstill by an abrupt change in Denoon. Explicit descriptions of sex.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB033619

### **Freedom: Freedom in the Making of Western Culture, v. 1 by Orlando Patterson**

Read by Ralph Lowenstein

21 hours, 26 minutes

A sociologist explores the history of the concept of freedom, which has become the single most valued principle in the Western world. He suggests that the roots of freedom are found in slavery in the ancient world. As he develops the paths of these roots, he distinguishes between personal, civic, and sovereign freedoms, and focuses on the status of women, foreigners, and prisoners of war.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB034101

### **What Work is Poems by Philip Levine**

Read by Gillian Wilson

1 hours, 45 minutes

This volume won the 1991 Los Angeles Times Book Award for poetry. It is a collection celebrating the American worker, in which Levine explores the inner life of unsung heroes in unglamorous surroundings doing thankless jobs. He sees them living "at the borders of dreams," sustained by thoughts that "the day was ending," and examining "the faces on the bus, some going to work and some coming back."

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Also available on digital cartridgeDB

## **1990 Winners**

### **Middle Passage by Charles Richard Johnson**

Read by Reginald Metcalf

6 hours, 36 minutes

The year is 1830. Rutherford Calhoun, a witty, well-educated freed slave eking out a living as a petty thief in New Orleans, hops aboard a square-rigger to evade the prim Boston teacher who wants to marry him. But the "Republic" turns out to be a slave clipper bound for Africa. Calhoun hates himself for acting as henchman to the ship's captain, a dwarfish tyrant. Before the crew can mutiny, African captives stage a revolt. Nat'l Book Award.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB032593

[Download from BARD as Electronic Braille BR09054](#)

Also available in braille BR009054

### **The House of Morgan an American Banking Dynasty and the Rise of Modern Finance by Ron Chernow**

Read by Lou Harpenau

32 hours, 53 minutes

A look at the most powerful family of banks in America, and the influence they have had on Western economy from the late eighteenth century through the late 1980s, with emphasis on the twentieth century. The author discusses the firms that comprise the House of Morgan, the bank's dealings with governments and individuals, and prominent family members. Nat'l Book Award.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB031305

## **1983 Winner**

### **The Color Purple by Alice Walker**

Read by Tracy Mickens-Hundley

8 hours, 51 minutes

Follows two black sisters--Nettie, a missionary, and Celie, raped by her father and married to a cruel man. Nettie's letters do not reach Celie, and Celie's shame is so great that she writes only to God. Anniversary edition includes Walker's 1992 preface. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Pulitzer Prize. 1982.

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Also available in braille BR012265

## **1980 Winner**

### **Sophie's Choice by William Styron**

Read by Ed Blake

23 hours, 55 minutes

Stingo moves into a cheap Brooklyn rooming house where he meets unstable Nathan and his gorgeous lover Sophie, a Polish Catholic who somehow survived the Holocaust. Stingo, who feels unrequited love for Sophie, becomes her confidant as she faces the horrors of her past, especially the years she worked for the Commandant of Auschwitz. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1979. Nat'l Book Award.

[Download from BARD: Sophie's Choice](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB013812

[Download from BARD as Electronic Braille BR18694](#)

Also available in braille BR018694

## **1979 Winners**

### **Going After Cacciato a Novel by Tim O'Brien**

Read by George Guidall-Shapiro

10 hours, 34 minutes

A tough yet lyric novel relates the saga of an American soldier in Vietnam who goes AWOL and heads for Paris with the rest of his squad pursuing him. Strong language.

[Download from BARD: Going After Cacciato a Novel](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB014424

[Download from BARD as Electronic Braille BR12371](#)

Also available in braille BR012371

### **Mirabell, Books of Number by James Ingram Merrill**

Read By Jonathan Farwell

Mystical, long narrative poem in ten parts that explores the theme of human evolution. Merrill covers such topics as primates, pyramids, Stonehenge, Homer, Einstein, DNA molecules, laser lights, and black holes. Nat'l Book Award.

[Download from BARD: Mirabell, Books of Number](#)

Available on digital cartridge DB015746

## **1976 Winner**

### **Self-Portrait in a Convex Mirror Poems by John Ashbery**

1 volume of braille

Thirty-six contemporary poems reflecting originality, inner depth, and vision. Pulitzer Prize. Nat'l Book Award.

Available in braille BR003211

## **1974 Winners**

### **Gravity's Rainbow by Thomas Pynchon**

Read by George Guidall-Shapiro

34 hours, 22 minutes

A demanding novel of comic, terrifying incidents that traces the odyssey of the anti-hero, an American lieutenant stationed in London during World War II.

Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Nat'l Book Award.

[Download from BARD: Gravity's Rainbow](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB023792

### **Diving into the Wreck Poems, 1971-1972 by Adrienne Cecile Rich**

Read by Anne Chodoff

56 minutes

The poet describes these eloquent poems as exploring her woman's selfhood and the theme of sexuality: wounds, identity, and politics. Some of these poems appeared in "The Nation", "The New York Review of Books", "Partisan Review", and "Ramparts"

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Available on digital cartridge DB008641

## **1970 Winner**

### **The Complete Poems, 1927-1979 by Anne Bishop**

Read by Laura Giannarelli

5 hours, 14 minutes

The life's work of the American poet. Includes A Cold Spring, Questions of Travel, Geography III, the Pulitzer Prize-winning North and South, uncollected poems, translations, four poems published after her death, and some poems never published. Two poems in Poems Written in Youth first appeared in a school magazine, and her last poem was published posthumously by the New Yorker. Nat'l Book Award.

[Download from BARD: The Complete Poems, 1927-1979](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB036371

### **1967 Winner**

#### **The Fixer by Bernard Malamud**

Read by George Guidall-Shapiro

10 hours, 4 minutes

Based on an actual court case involving the attempt of Russian authorities to discredit Judaism by accusing one Jew of a ritual murder. The book describes the dehumanizing abuse and torture endured by an innocent man awaiting trial.

Nat'l Book Award. Pulitzer Prize.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB017078

Also available in braille BR004979

### **1966 Winner**

#### **The Collected Stories of Katherine Anne Porter by Katherine Anne Porter**

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

21 hours, 32 minutes

This volume brings together all three previous collections of the author's short stories: Flowering Judas; Pale Horse, Pale Rider; and The Leaning Tower and Other Stories, as well as the individual "The Leaning Tower," "The Downward Path to Wisdom," "A Day's Work," and "Holiday," which are collected here for the first time. Nat'l Book Award. Pulitzer Prize.

[Download from BARD: The Collected Stories of Katherine Anne Porter](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB041186

### **1965 Winner**

#### **Herzog by Saul Bellow**

Read by Ray Hagen

14 hours, 6 minutes

Told partially in interior monologues, the story of a modern Jew--earnest, immature, clumsy, thoughtful, and forgiving. He has met only failure in two marriages, an academic career, and his search for meaning. Strong language. Explicit descriptions of sex. Nat'l Book Award.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB022553

Also available in braille BR000207

## **1955 Winners**

### **A Fable by William Faulkner**

Read by Ted Stoddard

18 hours, 39 minutes

In rhetoric that denounces war, the novel presents a parallel between the false armistice in France in 1918 and the Passion Week. A French corporal and his twelve followers bring action at the front to a standstill as they spread the gospel of the brotherhood of humankind. Pulitzer Prize 1955. Nat'l Book Award.

[Download from BARD: A Fable](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB042248

Also available in braille BR000551

### **Collected Poems by Wallace Stevens**

Read by Lester Rawlins

11 hours, 18 minutes

A volume of richly imaginative rhymes and an unmistakable individuality that won the Pulitzer Prize for the poet in 1955. Nat'l Book Award.

[Download from BARD: Collected Poems](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB009504

## **1950 Winner**

### **Paterson by William Carlos Williams**

Read by Gordon Gould

10 hours, 22 minutes

First published in separate volumes between 1946 and 1958, this edition gathers the five books that comprise Williams's magnum opus. The title refers to a city in New Jersey. And the epic poem, composed of fragments of lyrics, prose, narrative, and letters, is an extended metaphor for the mind of modern humanity. Similarly, the Passaic River and its central feature, the Passaic Falls depict the course of the poet's life. Nat'l Book Award.

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