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Read by Jonathan Davis

16 hours, 10 minutes

Wealthy businessmen and politicians gather at the Camel Club, unaware that their conversations are being monitored. After homeless Oliver Stone witnesses a murder, Secret Service agent Alex Ford interviews him. Ford's subsequent investigation yields information on a potential political assassination. Some violence and some strong language. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2005.

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The Templar Legacy a Novel of Suspense by Steve Berry

Read by Paul Michael

15 hours 41 minutes

Cotton Malone, retired top operative of the U.S. Justice Department, comes to the aid of his former supervisor Stephanie Nelle, who is pursuing the legendary treasure of the Knights Templar. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2006.

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The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown

Read by Jack Fox

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Professor Robert Langdon from Angels and Demons (RC0 51799) investigates the crime scene of the Louvre's murdered curator. Joining him is French cryptologist Sophie Neveu. The clues left behind pit two Catholic societies against each other in search of the Holy Grail. Some violence and some strong language. 2003.

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The Rule of Four by Ian Caldwell

Read by Mark Ashby

12 hours 19 minutes

Princeton seniors Tom Sullivan and Paul Harris unravel the secrets of the Hypnerotomachia Poliphili, a baffling Renaissance text. Using the Rule of Four, they decode a hidden crypt's location and quickly face revelations, bizarre events, and even death. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. Bestseller. 2004.

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Spartan Gold by Clive Cussler

Read by Ray Foushee

11 hours, 37 minutes

Treasure-hunting couple Sam and Remi Fargo discover a World War II-era midget torpedo submarine in a Maryland swamp. Inside the craft they spot one of Napoleon Bonaparte's rare bottles of wine and begin searching for the entire collection--but they are not the only ones interested in finding it. Bestseller. 2009.

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The Name of the Rose by Umberto Eco

Read by Maurice Shroder

18 hours, 29 minutes

A combination of religious heresy and a string of murders in a medieval Italian monastery brings Brother William onto the scene to rout out both the infidels and the perpetrator of the crimes. All of this revolves around secrets hidden in the abbey library, although what the mystery is remains elusive. Bestseller 1983.

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The Geographer's Library by Jon Fasman

Read by Bill Wallace

14 hours, 31 minutes

Small-town Connecticut reporter Paul Tomm is assigned to write the obituary of enigmatic history professor Jaan Pühapev. Researching, Paul uncovers links to occult objects stolen from a twelfth-century royal geographer and learns that neither Jaan's life nor his death were what they seemed. Strong language and some violence. 2005.

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King Solomon's Mines by H. Rider Haggard

Read by Michael Clarke-Laurence

8 hours, 30 minutes

High romance and adventure in the wilds of Central Africa in search of King Solomon's gold.

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The Footprints of God by Greg Iles

Read by Mark Ashby

14 hours, 5 minutes

Dr. David Tennant is working on a government program: building a computer that can think. The scientists begin suffering neurological symptoms, and when a murder occurs David and his psychiatrist, Rachel Weiss, flee. Rachel tries to decipher David's religious visions as the computer takes over. Violence and strong language. 2003.

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The Last Templar by Raymond Khoury

Read by Jim Zeiger

15 hours, 5 minutes

During a showing of Vatican treasures at New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art, horsemen dressed as Knights Templar attack and steal precious artifacts including an encoder. FBI agent Sean Reilly and archaeologist Tess Chaykin investigate while Catholic Church authorities worry about the consequences. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2005.

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The Last Ember by Daniel Levin

Read by Colleen Delany

15 hours, 55 minutes

American lawyer and former classics scholar Jonathan Marcus is summoned to Rome to examine fragments of an ancient stone map. Clues lead Jonathan and his ex-flame Dr. Emili Travia to Jerusalem's Old City, a biblical artifact, and a plot to destroy it. Some violence and some strong language. 2009.

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The Matarese Circle by Robert Ludlum

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

22 hours, 37 minutes

An organization called "The Matarese" is financing terrorist groups around the world. Secret agents Vasili Taleniekov, a Russian, and American Brandon Scofield forget long-standing personal and ideological enmity to track down the leader. Explicit descriptions of sex, violence, and strong language. 1982.

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The Inner Circle by Brad Meltzer

Read by Gregory Gorton

12 hours, 40 minutes

Young Beecher White, an archivist at the National Archives, helps his childhood crush Clementine Kaye search for her long-lost father's identity. In the secure reading room of the U.S. president, Beecher and Clementine stumble upon an artifact that turns Beecher's world on end. Violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 2011.

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Labyrinth by Kate Mosse

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

19 hours, 31 minutes

France, 2005. Alice Tanner finds two skeletons and a labyrinth-engraved ring at an archaeological site. As Alice avoids enemies lured by the discovery, her thirteenth-century Cathar Christian counterpart, Alaïs, safeguards from Crusaders three books containing secrets of the Holy Grail. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. Bestseller. 2005.

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The Eight a Novel by Katherine Neville

Read by Yvonne Fair Tessler

25 hours, 54 minutes

Two women share an adventure spanning three continents and two centuries. Catherine Velis, a computer expert, is sent to Algeria and becomes involved in the search for a jeweled chess set that holds the key to great power. Her story alternates with that of Mireille de Remy, a novice at the Montglane Abbey in the revolution-torn France of 1790, who helped hide the chess pieces for safe keeping. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1988.

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The Codex by Douglas J. Preston

Read by Ted Stoddard

13 hours, 16 minutes

When Tom Broadbent and his brothers discover that their tomb-robbing father has taken his priceless collection of antiquities (including a Mayan codex) and gone into hiding, they search the globe for him. Others soon join the hunt. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2004.

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The Nautical Chart by Arturo Pérez-Reverte

Read by Mark Ashby

Reading time 15 hours, 6 minutes

Spain, 1990s. An antique nautical chart introduces two unlikely partners, Manuel Coy of the Merchant Marine and Tángier Soto of the Madrid Naval Museum. They use the map to search for a sunken, seventeenth-century Jesuit ship and its presumed treasure. Strong language, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller. 2000.

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Sandstorm: a Sigma Force Novel by James Rollins

Read by L.J. Ganser

18 hours, 39 minutes

After someone bombs the British Museum, scientist Safia al-Maaz, archaeologist Omaha Dunn, and benefactor Lady Kara Kensington join Painter Crowe and Sigma Force to find the culprit. In Arabia they search for the legendary city of Ubar and the source of the attack. Violence and strong language. 2004.

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Black Order a Sigma Force Novel by James Rollins

Read by Richard Davidson

17 hours, 26 minutes

Painter Crowe and Grayson Pierce of Sigma Force investigate strange, simultaneous occurrences--a plague in Nepal, a killer beast preying in South Africa, and the purchase of Darwin's Bible in Denmark. They uncover a Nazi experiment involving evolution, quantum physics, and a lost baby. Violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 2006.

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Quest by Richard Sapir

Read by Bob Askey

16 hours, 23 minutes

This thriller is a modern version of the pursuit of the Holy Grail. When Vern Andrews attempts to sell a jewel-studded saltcellar that he acquired during World War II, he has no idea that the curio contains an inner bowl that will launch a tangled and bloody quest. He becomes the first victim, but others soon follow as a psychopathic agent of the British crown tracks the Holy Grail. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

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The Confessor by Daniel Silva

Read by Roy Avers

11 hours, 14 minutes

Israeli spy Gabriel Allon investigates the murder of his colleague Benjamin Stern. Stern was working on documents linking the Catholic Church to the Holocaust. Allon discovers an assassin hired by a conservative church group to keep its archives secret and the new pope silent. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2003.

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Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan

Read by Andy Pyle

9 hours, 48 minutes

While hunting for a new job, Web designer Clay Jannon wanders across Mr. Penumbra's Twenty-Four-Hour Bookstore, which sits next to a strip joint. Hired for the night shift, Clay is soon drawn into a world of mystery, intrigue, and kooky customers. Alex Award. 2012.

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Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Read by Erik Sandvold

7 hours, 38 minutes

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

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Sanctus by Simon Toyne

Read by Jennifer Hubbard

13 hours, 51 minutes

A monk leaps off a mountain after learning the truth held by his secret religious society--and his brethren will stop at nothing to keep the information hidden. Meanwhile, reporter Liv Adamsen searches for answers about her missing brother and makes a shocking discovery. Some violence. 2011.

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Angelology by Danielle Trussoni

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

18 hours, 40 minutes

After receiving a peculiar request to access St. Rose Convent's archives, Sister Evangeline searches for answers on her own. Her discoveries thrust her into an age-old battle between the Society for Angelologists and the half-angel, half-human Nephilim as a catastrophic event nears. Violence. Bestseller. 2010.

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The Prophetess by Barbara Wood

Read by Mary Woods

13 hours, 18 minutes

As the millennium approaches, archaeologist Catherine Alexander discovers six scrolls while searching for the Well of Miriam. After translating the scrolls, she continues her search for the seventh, which will uncover religious revelations that the Catholic Church and other governments want kept secret.

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