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#### **Little Women by Louisa May Alcott**

Read by Laura Giannarelli

21 hours, 35 minutes

Recounts the lives of the four March sisters--quick-tempered Jo, who is restless for freedom; Beth, who loves her home and family; Meg who longs for pretty clothes; and self-absorbed Amy. Includes 1989 introduction by Elaine Showalter. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1868.

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#### **Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt**

Read by Anne Hancock

3 hours, 14 minutes

Winnie Foster is ten when she meets seventeen-year-old Jesse Tuck in the woods and learns that his family hasn't aged in eighty-seven years since drinking from a secret spring. She is mighty tempted to drink that water too. For grades 4-7. 1975.

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**Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie**

Read by Conrad Feininger

4 hours, 15 minutes

Siblings Wendy, John, and Michael fly to Never-Never-Land with Peter, the boy who refuses to grow up. Unabridged version of original. For grades 5-8. 1911.

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**The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by Frank L. Baum**

Read by Colleen Delany

4 hours, 13 minutes

When a cyclone blows Dorothy and her dog Toto from their Kansas home to the magical Land of Oz, Dorothy meets the Munchkins and witches. With her new companions the Scarecrow, Tin Woodman, and the Cowardly Lion, Dorothy travels to the Emerald City to petition the Wizard. For grades 4-7. 1899.

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**Paddington's Storybook by Michael Bond**

Read by Flo Gibson

3 hours, 27 minutes

Ten popular chapters from earlier books about the little bear from darkest Peru who loves marmalade. Paddington's creator selected these stories to celebrate Paddington's twenty-fifth anniversary. For grades 3-6 and older readers.

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### **Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink**

Read by Catherine Byers

4 hours, 51 minutes

Life is difficult for the Woodlawn family after they leave New England for the Wisconsin frontier in the 1860s, but 11-year-old Caddie loves the challenge of adjusting to pioneer life and making friends with the nearby Indians. For grades 4-7. Newbery Award winner.

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### **A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett**

Read by Laura Giannarelli

6 hours, 30 minutes

In this Victorian story, Sara Crewe is brought from India by her captain father to attend Miss Minchin's boarding school. She has everything that a princess could desire until a dramatic change takes place in her life. For grades 4-7. 1981.

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### **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and, Through the Looking Glass, and What Alice Found There by Lewis Carroll**

Read by Yvonne Fair Tessler

6 hours, 11 minutes

Extraordinary things happen when a little girl falls down a rabbit hole and encounters the White Rabbit, the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter, and other unusual characters. Alice's second adventure takes her to a land with a peculiar back-to-front order in which everything is reversed. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1865.

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### **Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis**

Read by Chuck Young

5 hours, 19 minutes

During the Great Depression, ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy, runs away from his latest (bad) foster home in Flint, Michigan. He sets out for Grand Rapids in search of the man he believes to be his father--renowned bandleader Herman E. Calloway. For grades 4-7. Coretta Scott King and Newbery awards. 1999.

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### **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl**

Read by John Polk

3 hours, 24 minutes

Charlie Bucket's tour of Mr. Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory sends him on adventures beyond his wildest dreams. For grades 4-7. 1964.

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### **Matilda by Roald Dahl**

Read by Jennifer Mendenhall

4 hours, 18 minutes

Matilda is an adorable four-year-old genius totally unappreciated by her crass, dishonest, used-car salesman father, and her blowsy, bingo-playing mother. Neither her parents nor her older brother, Michael, can understand why anyone would rather read a book than watch TV! Matilda's life is made bearable by her chance discovery of the public library and dear Mrs. Phelps, the librarian. For grades 3-6.

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### **Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo**

Read by Ann Hodapp

2 hours, 5 minutes

Ten-year-old India Opal and her preacher dad move to a new town in Florida during the summer. Opal is lonely until she adopts a big stray dog she names Winn-Dixie. The two soon make friends with the local librarian, the pet store manager, and a nearly-blind elderly neighbor. For grades 3-6. 2000.

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### **A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens**

Read by Clark Niederjohn

3 hours, 28 minutes

Classic nineteenth-century Christmas story set in England describes the conversion of grasping old miser Ebenezer Scrooge when he is visited by ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future.

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### **The Tower Treasure by Franklin W. Dixon**

Read by John Stratton

3 hours, 19 minutes

The theft of their best friend's jalopy and a threatening phone call launch the Hardy boys on a mystery full of danger and excitement. For grades 3-6.

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### **Cimarron by Edna Ferber**

Read by Janis Gray

12 hours, 9 minutes

Oklahoma during the great land rush of 1889 is the background for the story of Yancey Cravat, dreamer, adventurer, and gunman, and his wife Sabra, who makes herself into a sturdy pioneer woman and eventually a member of Congress. For high school and older readers. 1930.

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### **Harriet, the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh**

Read by Susan McInerney

7 hours, 2 minutes

Harriet M. Welsch, eleven, is a spy. She has her own sleuthing outfit and her special secret notebook in which she records observations--sometimes good and sometimes bad--about all of her friends. When members of her sixth-grade class discover the book, Harriet must find a way to get out of trouble. For grades 5-8.

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### **Three Tales of my Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett**

Read by Gregory Ricks

2 hours, 22 minutes

Nine-year-old Elmer rescues Boris, a baby flying dragon, from the ferocious animals holding him prisoner on Wild Island. The grateful Boris promises to fly Elmer back home, but Boris needs Elmer's help again before rejoining his dragon family. Tales originally published in 1949-1951. For grades 3-6.

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### **Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George**

Read by Catherine Byers

3 hours, 34 minutes

Julie, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl, runs away rather than agree to an arranged marriage. Lost and starving on the barren tundra, she makes friends with a pack of wolves who save her life. For grades 5-8. Newbery Medal. 1972.

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### **Old Yeller by Fred Gipson**

Read by Jack Fox

3 hours, 11 minutes

1860s Texas. Fourteen-year-old Travis at first resents the big, yellow stray dog that hangs around his home, but he comes to love and depend on him. With his father away on a cattle drive, Travis is the man of the house and looks to Old Yeller for help and protection. For grades 5-8.

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### **Redwall by Brian Jacques**

Read by David Palmer

11 hours, 28 minutes

Fantasy about a community of mice defending their monastery against marauding rats led by the evil Cluny the Scourge. Matthias defers his peaceful ideals to follow his calling as successor to the renowned Martin, who long ago saved the monastery. With the help of old Methuselah, Matthias seeks to unravel a key riddle and recover Martin's lost scabbard and sword. For grades 5-8.

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### **The Secret of the Old Clock by Carolyn Keene**

Read by Kristin Allison

3 hours, 32 minutes

When Nancy Drew witnesses a near-accident on a country road, she becomes involved with a missing will and the theft of some valuable silver pieces. For grades 3-6. 1930.

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### **The Jungle Book: The Mowgli Stories by Rudyard Kipling**

Read by Anne Flosnik

7 hours, 56 minutes

Eight stories about the adventures of Mowgli, a boy reared by a pack of wolves in a jungle in India. Presented in Kipling's preferred arrangement. Includes a ninth non-Mowgli tale "Rikki-tikki-tavi," about a valiant mongoose. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1894.

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### **To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee**

Read by Mare Trevathan

10 hours, 12 minutes

Scout Finch is an outspoken and literate six-year-old tomboy when she begins her tale of growing up in a small Alabama town with her brother Jem and her attorney father Atticus. The children's intense curiosity about a reclusive neighbor is eclipsed by Atticus's attempt to defend a black man against charges of raping a white woman. Pulitzer Prize winner. For high school and older readers.

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### **Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren**

Read by Jill Fox or Sally Darling

2 hours, 49 minutes

Escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey--but without any parents--at the edge of a Swedish village. Tiina Nunnally's 2007 translation. For grades 3-6. 1945.

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### **In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord**

Read by Patricia Beaudry

3 hours, 3 minutes

A young Chinese girl, "Shirley Temple Wong," comes to live in the United States in 1947. She has a difficult time making friends in her Brooklyn neighborhood until she discovers baseball and the Brooklyn Dodgers. For grades 4-6.

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### **The Giver by Lois Lowry**

Read by June Carter

5 hours, 1 minute

Jonas lives in a utopia: there is no hunger, no disease, no fear; the elderly are tenderly cared for, and every child has attentive parents. The society is uniformly run. Jonas eagerly awaits the Ceremony of Twelve, when twelve-year-olds receive assignments for their lifelong professions. He is selected to be the new Receiver of Memories. As such he learns of misery and pain, but also of joy and love. For grades 6-9 and older readers. Newbery Medal.

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**The World of Pooh the Complete Winnie-the-Pooh and The House at Pooh Corner by A. A. Milne**

Read by Yvonne Fair Tessler

6 hours, 12 minutes

The classic adventures and misadventures of Christopher Robin, Winnie-the-Pooh, a winsome bear of little brain, and their friends Piglet, Tigger, Eeyore, Kanga, and Roo. For grades 3-6 and older readers.

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**Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery**

Read by Barbara Rappaport

11 hours, 15 minutes

Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm in Canada. There she proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her. Complete and unabridged text. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1908.

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**Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien**

Read by Flo Gibson

5 hours, 18 minutes

A widowed mother mouse with housing problems seeks the help of a colony of rats. She discovers that the rats, who are super-intelligent laboratory specimens, have developed a highly sophisticated civilization which includes computers. For grades 4-7. 1972 Newbery Award. 1971.

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### **Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell**

Read by Gillian Green

4 hours, 10 minutes

When her Native American tribe leaves a California coastal island, Karana remains behind with her younger brother. After his death, she survives for eighteen years finding comfort, beauty, and at times joy in her solitude. For grades 6-9. Newbery Medal. 1960.

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### **Hatchet by Gary Paulsen**

Read by Gary Tipton

4 hours, 17 minutes

Brian, thirteen and troubled by his parent's divorce, is flying in a single-engine plane to visit his father. As Brian is the only passenger, the pilot casually shows him how to fly the plane. When the pilot has a heart attack and dies, Brian must take control. After the plane crashes in the Canadian wilderness, Brian has only the hatchet attached to his belt to help him survive. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1987.

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### **The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings**

Read by Jill Ferris

14 hours, 13 minutes

Classic story about the Baxter family, who make a precarious living on a backwoods farm in northern Florida. Their young son, Jody, tames an orphaned fawn. When the deer begins to eat the family corn, Jody is ordered to shoot him. Pulitzer Prize. For grades 5-8 and older readers.

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### **The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry**

Read by James DeLotel

1 hours, 56 minutes

The narrator's plane is forced down in the African desert, where he meets the little prince from Asteroid B-612, who freely shares his experiences with the fascinated pilot. For grades 3-6. 1943.

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### **Black Beauty by Anna Sewell**

Read by Robert Sams

5 hours, 51 minutes

Black Beauty, a fine stallion, tells of his suffering as he is sold from one cruel master to another. This book was written to dramatize the abuse of horses in nineteenth-century England. Some violence. For grades 4-7. .

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### **Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli**

Read by John Polk

4 hours, 14 minutes

Part tall tale and part realistic fiction, this novel weaves together issues of homelessness, racial prejudice, and illiteracy. Orphaned at three, Jeffrey Magee, after eight unhappy years with relatives, takes off running one day. A year later he ends up 200 miles away in Two Mills, a highly segregated community. Magee, who is white, lives alternately with blacks and whites, proving the shared humanity of both. For grades 5-8. Newbery Medal.

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## **Heidi by Johanna Spyri**

Read by Jill Ferris

8 hours, 50 minutes

Heidi loves her old grandfather and their simple life high in the Swiss Alps. When she is sent to the city to be a companion to the ailing Klara, Heidi almost dies from homesickness. For grades 4-7. 1945.

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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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## **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain**

Read by Terence Aselford

7 hours, 21 minutes

The escapades and high jinks of schoolboy Tom Sawyer, who lives with his Aunt Polly in a small Missouri town on the Mississippi River. Tom angles for the affections of Becky Thatcher, runs away with Huck Finn and Joe Harper, and tells the truth when it matters. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1876.

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### **The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner**

Read by Miriam Wagner

2 hours, 24 minutes

Four orphaned children--Jessie, Henry, Violet, and Benny Alden--run away and live in an abandoned boxcar until they are found by their grandfather, Henry James Alden, who turns out to be a kind man. Sixtieth-anniversary edition. For grades 3-6. 1942.

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### **Charlotte's Web by E.B. White**

Read by Alexander Scourby

3 hours, 10 minutes

Fern, a young girl with a unique understanding of animals, shares a special friendship with her uncle's pig and Charlotte, a wise spider who weaves encouraging words in her web. Digital restoration of Alexander Scourby's original 1960 analog recording for the American Foundation for the Blind. For grades 3-6. 1952.

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### **Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder**

Read by Laura Giannarelli

3 hours, 28 minutes

Wisconsin, 1871. The Ingalls family experiences pioneer life in a little log house, miles from any settlement. They feel safe and secure despite blizzards, wolves, and the loneliness of the big woods. Prequel to Little House on the Prairie (RC 50922). For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1932.

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### **The Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop**

Read by John Stratton

3 hours, 35 minutes

William is sad when Mrs. Phillips, the housekeeper, leaves. She entrusts him with a special gift of a miniature castle complete with drawbridge and a silver knight. William soon discovers that the castle is enchanted and contains a magical land of wizards and dragons. For grades 4-6.

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### **The Swiss Family Robinson by Johann David Wyss**

Read by Hal Tenny

11 hours, 13 minutes

When they are shipwrecked on a desert island, a Swiss clergyman, his wife, and four boys use their ingenuity to overcome all dangers and to make a happy home. For grades 5-8.

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