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# The Wrath and the Dawn by Renee Ahdieh

Read by Ariana Delawari

10 hours, 40 minutes

In this reimagining of The Arabian Nights, Shahrzad plans to avenge the death of her dearest friend by volunteering to marry the murderous boy-king of Khorasan. But she discovers not all is as it seems within the palace. Some violence and some strong language. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2015.

[Download from BARD: The Wrath and the Dawn](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.81926)

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# Zorro By Isabel Allende

Read by Laura Giannarelli

15 hours, 34 minutes

Retelling of the legend of Zorro. In the early 1800s, Diego de la Vega leaves Southern California and travels to Napoleonic Spain for his formal education. There he joins an underground resistance movement and, disguised as Zorro, fights for the oppressed. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. Bestseller. 2005.

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# Hag-Seed by Margaret Atwood

Read by R.H. Thomson

8 hours, 14 minutes

A reimagining of William Shakespeare’s The Tempest (DB 35683). Theater artistic director Felix lives in a backwoods hovel, plotting retribution for the treachery that ruined his career. Haunted by thoughts of his dead daughter, Miranda, he uses a local prison theater group to exact his revenge. Some strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

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The Penelopiad by Margaret Atwood

Read by Tracy Mickens-Hundley

4 hours, 4 minutes

Penelope is in Hades recalling the events of her life in this contemporary retelling of the ancient Greek tale of the faithful wife of Odysseus and her twelve hanged maids. 2005.

[Download from BARD: The Penelopiad](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.63014)

Also available on digital cartridge DB063014

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# Longbourn by Jo Baker

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

13 hours, 52 minutes

Regency England. In this reimagined tale of the Bennet family, from Pride and Prejudice (DB 50549), the joys and crises of the servants take center stage. The world of orphaned housemaid Sarah changes when a new footman is hired. 2013.

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The Mists of Avalon by Marion Zimmer Bradley

Read by Jill Ferris

42 hours, 22 minutes

Epic retelling of the legend of King Arthur through the lives, the visions, and the perceptions of the women. The conflict between Christian Camelot and pagan Avalon offers a vivid interpretation of such events as the fathering of Arthur, the enchantment of Merlin, and the quest for the Grail. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1982.

[Download from BARD: The Mists of Avalon](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.18687)

Also available on digital cartridge DB018687

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Going Bovine by Libba Bray

Read by Gregory Gorton

13 hours, 49 minutes

After sixteen-year-old Cameron Smith is diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob, aka mad cow, disease, he sets off in search of a cure with a death-obsessed, video-gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital. Strong language. For senior high and older readers. Printz Award. 2009.

[Download from BARD: Going Bovine](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.72565)

Also available on digital cartridge DB072565

# March by Geraldine Brooks

Read by Gregory Gorton

10 hours, 34 minutes

Reverend March, the husband and father from Louisa May Alcott's Little Women (RC 58830) leaves Connecticut to become an army chaplain during the Civil War. An assignment to teach freed slaves on a plantation changes March's view of humanity while hardship hurts his family. Strong language and some violence. Pulitzer Prize. 2005.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB064617

# New Boy by Tracy Chevalier

Read by Prentice Onayemi

5 hours, 25 minutes

In this retelling of Othello (DB 35241), Osei, the son of a Ghanaian diplomat, enters the sixth grade in Washington, D. C. He befriends Dee, a white girl, but schoolyard bully Ian works to derail the budding relationship. Some violence and some strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

[Download from BARD: New Boy](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.89304)

Also available on digital cartridge DB089304

# Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi

Read by Soneela Nankani

10 hours, 26 minutes

While spending her autumn break at home, in the Museum of Ancient Indian Art and Culture, Aru tries to impress her visiting classmates and claims the museum’s Lamp of Bharata is cursed. Then she accidentally frees an ancient demon. Commercial audiobook. For grades 3-6. 2018.

[Download from BARD: Aru Shah and the End of Time](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.90413)

Also available on digital cartridge DB090413

# The Star Touched Queen by Roshani Chokshi

Read by Priya Ayyar

9 hours, 24 minutes

Princess Maya’s arranged marriage turns out much better than she expected, but her husband’s magic and her curiosity may threaten more than her life. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2016.

[Download from BARD: The Star Touched Queen](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.84702)

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# Forest of a Thousand Lanterns by Julie C. Dao

Read by Kim Mai Guest

13 hours, 25 minutes

Destined to become the Empress of Feng Lu, eighteen-year-old Xifeng doesn’t know if the price for greatness is too high and worth leaving her peasant life behind. To succeed, Xifeng would need to embrace the darkness within. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2017.

[Download from BARD: Forest of a Thousand Lanterns](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.89540)

Also available on digital cartridge DB089540

# A Wolf at the Door and Other Retold Fairy Tales by Ellen Datlow

Read by Stephanie Willis

3 hours, 52 minutes

Editors Datlow and Windling collect stories from thirteen award-winning authors. These stories revisit classic tales with a look at what happens after "happily ever after," or from the perspective of a different character, or with new twists introduced. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2001.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB081712

# The Einstein Intersection by Samuel R. Delany

Read by Joe Wilson

5 hours, 32 minutes

An alien race has settled among the leftover artifacts of humanity. One alien, Lo Lobey, faces trouble assimilating the mythology of Earth. Nevertheless, he presses on in the search for his lost love, Friza. 1967

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# Brightly Burning by Alexa Donne

Read by Pilar Witherspoon

11 hours,31 minutes

After a supervolcano renders Earth uninhabitable, humans live on massive ships that orbit the planet. As one orphan teen searches for a better life and spaceship, she uncovers a government conspiracy. A reimagining of Jane Eyre (DB 47868). Some violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2018.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB091433

# Grendel by John Gardner

Read by Roy Avers

4 hours, 43 minutes

The author has rendered an allegorical, satiric retelling of the Old English Beowulf from the point of view of the monster, Grendel, devourer of men. Grendel perceives the ambition, fear, art, hope, and loneliness of the human condition.

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Pride and Prejudice and Zombies the Classic Regency Romance -- Now with Ultraviolent Zombie Mayhem by Seth Grahame-Smith

Read by Colleen Delany

10 hours, 48 minutes

Elizabeth captures Mr. Darcy's attention as she decapitates a throng of the undead during a country ball. Smitten with her warrior abilities, Mr. Darcy verbally spars with Elizabeth and fights his growing attraction and admiration for her as they attempt to eliminate the rotting corpses infesting England. Violence. Bestseller. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB069090

Splintered a Novel by A.G. Howard

Read by Jill. Fox

12 hours, 22 minutes

A descendant of the inspiration for Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, sixteen-year-old Alyssa Gardner fears she is mentally ill like her mother until she finds that Wonderland is real. If she passes a series of tests to fix Alice's mistakes, she may save her family from their curse. For senior high readers. 2013.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB079333

# Ayesha at Last by Uzma Jalaluddin

Read by Roshni Shukla

11 hours, 13 minutes

In this twenty-first-century Muslim retelling of Pride and Prejudice (DB 50549), Ayesha is lonely but does not want an arranged marriage. She meets Khalid, who is smart and handsome, but also conservative and judgmental. Ayesha is torn when Khalid becomes engaged to her flighty young cousin. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB095458

# More to the Story by Hena Khan

Read by Priya Ayyar

4 hours 57 minutes

As features editor of her school newspaper, thirteen-year-old Jameela wants to impress her father by writing a spectacular story about the new student, but a misunderstanding and family illness complicate matters. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2019.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB097327

# Unmarriageable: a Novel by Soniah Kamal

Read by Soniah Kamal

10 hours, 54 minutes

A retelling of Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice (DB 50549) set in modern-day Pakistan. Alys Binat comes from a family that has suffered a reversal of fortune and has an abundance of daughters. She has sworn to never marry, until she meets Mr. Darsee at a wedding. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

[Download from BARD: Unmarriageable: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.93544)

Also available on digital cartridge DB093544

Lavinia by Ursula K Le Guin

Read by Jill Fox

10 hours, 3 minutes

Ancient Italy. King Latinus's daughter Lavinia, from Virgil's The Aeneid (RC 64204), is pressured to marry Turnus despite prophecies that she will wed a foreigner and cause a war. When Trojan ships arrive bearing hero Aeneas, Lavinia discovers true love--and her destiny. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2008.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB067310

Hyde a Novel by Daniel G. Levine

Read by Alec Volz

16 hours, 39 minutes

Accused of heinous crimes, Mr. Hyde attempts to prove his innocence and casts doubt on Dr. Jekyll's character. Includes Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Violence and descriptions of sex. 2014.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB078992

# The Flight of Gemma Hardy: a Novel by Margot Livesey

Read by Susan Stern

16 hours, 14 minutes

The story of a young woman’s struggle to take charge of her own future. Set in early 1960’s Scotland, this is a tale of determination and spirit that will fascinate readers of Gothic and modern literature with lyrical prose, robust characters, and abundant compassion.

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Also available on digital cartridge DBC005473

# Ash by Malinda Lo

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

6 hours, 51 minutes

Retelling of Cinderella. The death of her father leaves Ash at the mercy of her cruel stepmother. Seeking temporary refuge in the woods, Ash falls in love with the royal huntress Kaisa. But the dangerous fairy Sidhean has a prior claim on Ash. For senior high and older readers. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB072494

Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West : Wicked Years, Book 1 by Gregory Maguire

Read by Celeste Lawson

17 hours, 55 minutes

Traces the life of the witch Elphaba from the Wizard of Oz (RC 51047), both before and after Dorothy arrives. After attending a university with her roommate Glinda, Elphaba learns that a despotic Wizard is threatening animal rights in Oz. Some explicit descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 1995.

[Download from BARD: Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.55810)

Also available on digital cartridge DB055810

Emma a Modern Retelling by Alexander McCall Smith

Read by Jim Zeiger

12 hours, 41 minutes

McCall Smith's modern retelling of Jane Austen's Emma (DB 23490) updates the story of well-meaning meddler Emma Woodhouse, her protégé Harriet Smith, and handsome neighbor George Knightley in the age of cell phones and social media. 2014

[Download from BARD: Emma a Modern Retelling](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.81464)

Also available on digital cartridge DB081464

# A Blade so Black by L.L. McKinney

Read by Jeanette Illidge

11 hours, 20 minutes

Alice battles monstrous creatures in the dark dream realm known as Wonderland with magic weapons and hardcore fighting skills. When Alice’s mentor is poisoned, she has to travel deep into Wonderland to find a cure. Violence and strong language. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2018.

[Download from BARD: A Blade so Black](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.97020)

Also available on digital cartridge DB097020

Cinder the Lunar Chronicles by Marissa Meyer

Read by Mare Trevathan

9 hours, 20 minutes

Cinder, a teen cyborg and the best mechanic in New Beijing, labors to support her stepmother--and owner--Adri and Adri's two daughters. But after Cinder's only human friend, her stepsister Peony, is infected with the plague letumosis, Adri volunteers Cinder's body for plague research. For senior high and older readers. 2012.

[Download from BARD: Cinder the Lunar Chronicles](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.75631)

Also available on digital cartridge DB075631

# Circe by Madeline Miller

Read by Perdita Weeks

12 hours, 11 minutes

Circe grows up in the court of her father, the sun god Helios. Despised by her parents and others, she falls in love with a mortal who shuns her. When she takes revenge, she is banished. Those who wish her and others harm are transformed into pigs. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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Also available in braille BR022648

Fool by Christopher Moore

Read by Gary Tipton

8 hours, 38 minutes

In this comedic retelling of Shakespeare's tragedy King Lear, set in thirteenth-century Britain, Pocket the fool comes to the aid of the king's daughter Cordelia. The orphaned clown learns his father's identity and becomes an avenger for ghosts and witches. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2009.

[Download from BARD: Fool](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.69209)

Also available on digital cartridge DB069209

# Macbeth by Jo Nesbø

Read by Euan Morton

17 hours, 30 minutes

1970s. In a run-down industrial town, the police force, under idealistic and visionary chief Duncan, struggles with an incessant drug problem. One of the two drug lords--master of manipulation Hecate--is steadily, insidiously manipulating Inspector Macbeth, the head of SWAT, who is already susceptible to violent and paranoid tendencies. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB090796

# Spinning Silver: a Novel by Naomi Novik

Read by Lisa Flanagan

17 hours, 58 minutes

When her moneylender father can no longer collect his debts, Miryem takes over and earns a reputation of being able to turn silver into gold. This draws the attention of the icy Staryk people, whose king sets her an impossible task. Luckily she finds some unexpected allies. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB091647

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Also available in braille BR022418

# A Study in Honor by Claire O’Dell

Read by Lisa Renee Pitts

11 hours, 14 minutes

Dr. Janet Watson struggles after being honorably discharged from the military, until she meets covert agent Sara Holmes, who offers her a place to stay. When Watson discovers that soldiers have been dying under mysterious circumstances, the two join forces to investigate. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB095770

Boy, Snow, Bird by Helen Oyeyemi

Read by Mary Kane

8 hours

1950s. A woman named Boy Novak flees Manhattan for suburban Massachusetts. There, she falls in love and marries Arturo Whitman, father to six-year-old Snow. When Boy and Arturo's own daughter, Bird, is born, it is revealed that Arturo and Snow are African Americans passing for white. Some violence. 2014.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB078650

Dorothy Must Die by D. M. Paige

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

12 hours, 8 minutes

After a Kansas twister sends Amy and her pet rat Star into a nightmarish version of Oz, she is recruited by the Revolutionary Order of the Wicked to assassinate a sadistic power-hungry Dorothy. Violence and strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2014.

[Download from BARD: Dorothy Must Die](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.78853)

Also available on digital cartridge DB078853

Re Jane: a Novel by Patricia Park

Read by Diana Bang

13 hours, 31 minutes

In this modern retelling of Jane Eyre, Jane Re is a Korean-American orphan living in Queens. She wants to escape her confined life working in her uncle's market and takes a job as an au pair for a Brooklyn family, attracting the attention of the father. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB081639

For Darkness Shows the Stars by Diana Peterfreund

Read by Mary Kane

8 hours, 46 minutes

A botched genetic experiment creates two classes--the poorer Post-Reductionists and the noble Luddites. Elliot North covertly tries to provide for the Posts on her family estate and falls for Kai, a forbidden boy. But her father stands in her way. For senior high and older readers. 2012.

[Download from BARD: For Darkness Shows the Stars](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.75483)

Also available on digital cartridge DB075483

The Wind Done Gone by Alice Randall

Read by Jill Fox

6 hours, 3 minutes

Characters from Gone with the Wind (DB 33082, BR 11427) are recreated in a novel that examines plantation life and nineteenth-century southern society through the eyes of a biracial woman. Cynara resents her privileged, legitimate, white half-sister, but during Reconstruction she comes into her own as an independent woman. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2001.

[Download from BARD: The Wind Done Gone](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.52453)

Also available on digital cartridge DB052453

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Also available in braille BR013501

Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

Read by Suzanne Toren

4 hours, 46 minutes

Fascinated with the character of Bertha, the madwoman in "Jane Eyre" (DB 47868), Jean Rhys has imagined her as a carefree girl and an attractive young woman in the days before she came to England. Rhys creates a romantic, colorful, and thought-provoking past for this enigmatic woman.

[Download from BARD: Wide Sargasso Sea](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.23148)

Also available on digital cartridge DB023148

# Frankenstein in Baghdad: a Novel by Ahmed Saadawi

Read by Edoardo Ballerini and Kaleo Griffith

8 hours, 3 minutes

In US-occupied Baghdad, scavenger Hadi stitches together found human body parts as a message to the government that the dead need proper burial. After the corpse disappears, however, a string of murders occurs, and witnesses report a monster who cannot be killed. Translated from the original 2013 Arabic edition. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

[Download from BARD: Frankenstein in Baghdad: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.90221)

Also available on digital cartridge DB090221

The Innocents by Francesca Segal

Read by Kristin Allison

8 hours, 56 minutes

London. Adam Newman is engaged to his longtime girlfriend Rachel Gilbert and works at her father's firm. When Rachel's cousin Ellie returns from New York, Adam is drawn to her and her scandalous reputation. But Adam's tight-knit Jewish community impedes his infatuation. Some strong language. 2012.

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The Madman's Daughter Trilogy by Megan Shepherd

Read by Colleen Delany

31 hours, 29 minutes

Trilogy written between 2013 and 2015 features Dr. Moreau's daughter, Juliet, and the discoveries she makes on her father's remote island. In The Madman's Daughter, Juliet witnesses the horrors of her father's experiments. Includes Her Dark Curiosity and A Cold Legacy. Inspired by H.G. Wells's classic The Island of Dr. Moreau (DB 50527). Some violence. For senior high and older readers. 2015.

[Download from BARD: The Madman's Daughter Trilogy](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.80539)

Also available on digital cartridge DB080539

# Eligible by Curtis Sittenfeld

Read by Cassandra Campbell

13 hours, 23 minutes

Contemporary retelling of Pride and Prejudice (DB 50549) that moves the action to Cincinnati. Sisters Liz and Jane return from New York to help with their ill father. Liz has been having an affair with married man John Wick, when she meets handsome neurosurgeon Fitzwilliam Darcy. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

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A Thousand Acres by Jane Smiley

Read by Pam Ward

12 hours, 6 minutes

Larry Cook owns a thousand acres of Iowa farmland that is unmortgaged and some of the richest soil around. At a party given in celebration of the return of Jess Clark, a local man, after an absence of thirteen years, Cook announces that he is retiring and dividing the land among his three daughters. But the gift soon begins to tear the family apart, and secrets, long hidden, begin to surface. Some strong language. Pulitzer Prize.

[Download from BARD: A Thousand Acres](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.33926)

Also available on digital cartridge DB033926

Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead by Tom Stoppard

Read by Gary Telles

3 hours, 15 minutes

One-time schoolfriends of Shakespeare's Hamlet are recreated in this contemporary drama of wit. The underlying theme is nihilistic, and the action alternates between Hamlet's Denmark and a modern world of resounding emptiness.

[Download from BARD: Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.40760)

Also available on digital cartridge DB040760

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# Sense & Sensibility by Joanna Trollope

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

10 hours, 30 minutes

In a modern-day version of Jane Austen's classic tale, illegitimate sisters Elinor and Marianne Dashwood have different temperaments and approaches to life. After losing their home to their half brother, the sisters move to Devon with their mother and younger sibling and fall for inappropriate men. 2013.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB078017

# Vinegar Girl: a Novel by Anne Tyler

Read by Kirsten Potter

5 hours, 59 minutes

A modern take on Shakespeare’s The Taming of the Shrew (DB 35793). Prickly Kate Battista looks after her father and pretty younger sister, Bunny, while working in a preschool. Her father wants her to marry his lab assistant, Pyotr, to keep him from being deported. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB084781

Brazil by John Updike

Read by Kimberly Schraf

8 hours, 22 minutes

A variation on a famous legend in which Tristao is an uneducated black youth who meets Isabel, a convent-trained blond girl, on the beach in Rio. Convinced their fate is to be together, the young lovers marry and run away. Isabel's diplomat father brings her home and sends her to college. Reunited two years later, the couple embarks on a life of passion that leads to tragedy. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB038064

Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters by Ben H Winters

Read by Katherine Kellgren

11 hours, 1 minutes

After being evicted upon their father's death, Elinor and Marianne Dashwood are sent to an island full of savage creatures and dark secrets. Elinor falls in love with Edward Ferrars while Marianne is courted by a man-monster. Violence. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

[Download from BARD: Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.69427)

Also available on digital cartridge DB069427

# The Gap of Time: a Novel by Jeanette Winterson

Read by Mark Bazeley, Ben Onwukwe, and Penelope Robbins

7 hours, 4 minutes

In this modern interpretation of Shakespeare’s play A Winter’s Tale (DB 35685), King Leontes becomes Leo, the London money manager. His belief that his wife is sleeping with his best friend, Xeno, leads Leo to send his newborn daughter away to America. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

[Download from BARD: The Gap of Time: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.82753)

Also available on digital cartridge DB082753

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle a Novel by David Wroblewski

Read by Steven Carpenter Reading time 17 hours, 34 minutes

Wisconsin, 1970s. Gar and Trudy Sawtelle raise an intuitive and intelligent dog breed on their farm. One dog, Almondine, can communicate with the Sawtelle's mute son Edgar. After Gar's brother arrives, Gar dies and fourteen-year-old Edgar flees into the forest with three of the dogs. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2008.

[Download from BARD: The Story of Edgar Sawtelle a novel](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.66656)

Also available on digital cartridge DB066656

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Also available in braille BR017799

# Pride by Ibi Zoboi

Read by Elizabeth Acevedo

6 hours, 10 minutes

Zuri Benitez has pride for Brooklyn and her family’s ethnic roots. When the wealthy Darcy family moves in across the street, Zuri wants nothing to do with them, even as her older sister, Janae, starts to fall for the charming Ainsley. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2018.

[Download from BARD: Pride](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.93056)

Also available on digital cartridge DB093056