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# An Unnecessary Woman by Rabih Alameddine

Read by J. Michael McCullough.

10 hours, 36 minutes

Beirut. Seventy-two-year-old Aaliya spends her days translating books from English and French into Arabic for her private amusement. Divorced, childless, and godless in the eyes of society, she is shunned. She reflects on the literature that has touched her life and helped her survive the Lebanese Civil War. 2013.

 [Download from BARD: An Unnecessary Woman](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.78325)

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# The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende

Read by Anne Hancock

9 hours, 13 minutes

San Francisco, 2010. A young Moldovan worker, Irina Bazili, encounters Alma Belasco in the Lark House nursing home. Irina uncovers the story of Alma's hidden relationship with Ichimei, the son of her family's gardener, which spanned nearly seventy years. Bestseller. 2015.

 [Download from BARD: The Japanese Lover](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.84043)

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# The Robber Bride by Margaret Atwood

Read by Mary Woods

18 hours, 16 minutes

Set in Toronto. At the center of the story is Zenia, who reappears years after she was supposedly killed in Beirut. Shocked by this turn of events are Charis, Roz, and Tony--three women who appear to have little in common, other than that each was once one of Zenia's victims. Their individual tales reveal how Zenia betrayed them, stealing their men, their money, and their self-respect. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

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# Britt-Marie Was Here: a Novel by Fredrik Backman

Read by Nona Pipes

11 hours, 31 minutes

At the age of sixty-three, Britt-Marie has left her cheating husband. Socially awkward and aggressively neat, Britt-Marie gets a job as the caretaker of a recreation center in the small Swedish town of Borg, where she is put in charge of the town’s losing soccer team. Translated from the 2014 Swedish edition. 2014

 [Download from BARD: Britt-Marie Was Here: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.85014)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB085014

# Gin and Daggers: a Murder, She Wrote Mystery by Donald Bain

Read by Margaret Strom

9 hours, 6 minutes

Jessica Fletcher heads to London to deliver the keynote address at the International Society of Mystery Writers. She pays a visit to her friend and fellow mystery writer Marjorie Ainsworth. But unfortunately, while Jessica is at Ainsworth Manor Marjorie is murdered--and Jessica becomes the main suspect. 2000.

 [Download from BARD: Gin and Daggers: a Murder, She Wrote Mystery](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.60616)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB060616

# Ladybug Farm. Books 1-3 by Donna Ball

Read by Cecelia Riddett

28 hours, 13 minutes

Three novels written in 2009-2010. In A Year on Ladybug Farm, three friends decide that since their families are grown, they will leave the suburbs and buy a dilapidated house in the Shenandoah Valley together. Also includes At Home on Ladybug Farm and Love Letters from Ladybug Farm. Some strong language. 2010.

 [Download from BARD: Ladybug Farm. Books 1-3](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.94208)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB094208

# The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

8 hours, 50 minutes

Middle-aged widow Renee Michel, a closet intellectual, works as a concierge for a small luxury apartment building in Paris. Twelve-year-old tenant Paloma realizes the absurdity of life and plans on suicide. But when Kakuro Ozu moves in, he befriends and transforms them both. Translated from the French. Bestseller. 2008.

 [Download from BARD: The Elegance of the Hedgehog](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.68224)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB068224

# 13 Clues for Miss Marple by Agatha Christie

Read by Patricia Kilgarriff

7 hours, 34 minutes

Thirteen short mystery stories featuring the indomitable elderly English sleuth Miss Marple. Includes "Tape-Measure Murder," "Strange Jest," "Sanctuary," "Greenshaw’s Folly," "The Case of the Perfect Maid," "The Blue Geranium," "The Companion," "The Four Suspects," "The Bloodstained Pavement," "The Herb of Death," and others. 1966

 [Download from BARD: 13 Clues for Miss Marple](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.62025)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB062025

# The Last Romantics by Tara Conklin

Read by Cassandra Campbell

12 hours, 16 minutes

The Skinner siblings forged a deep bond when their father died and their mother fell into a paralyzing depression. Years later, another tragedy forces them to question the choices they have made and what, exactly, they will do for love. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

 [Download from BARD: The Last Romantics](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.94836)

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# This is Your Life, Harriet Chance! a Novel by Jonathan Evison

Read by Suzanne Duvall

7 hours, 17 minutes

When recently widowed seventy-eight-year-old Harriet Chance wins an Alaskan cruise in a charity auction her husband entered before he died, she decides to go. Conversations with her husband’s ghost reveal secrets that cause Harriet to reevaluate her life. Some strong language. 2015.

 [Download from BARD: This is your life, Harriet Chance! a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.83245)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB083245

# Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle-Stop Café by Fannie Flagg

Read by Pam Ward

9 hours, 37 minutes

Story centers on a cafe in the railroad town of Whistle Stop, Alabama, and on Idgie and Ruth, the two women who run the cafe. There are numerous real-life, minor characters in this tale that ranges from Whistle Stop to Valdosta, Georgia, Birmingham, and Chicago, and swings back and forth in time from the pre-Depression era to the present. The core of this novel is the unusual love affair between Idgie and Ruth. Some strong language. .1987.

[Download from BARD: Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle-Stop Cafe](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.26698)

Also available on digital cartridge DB026698

# Still Alice: a Novel by Lisa Genova

Read by Annie Wauters

8 hours, 6 minutes

As she turns fifty and begins experiencing odd lapses of memory, Harvard psychology professor Alice Howland gets the life-altering diagnosis of early-onset Alzheimer’s disease. Her lecturing and traveling for work, and her relationships with her scientist husband and grown children, morph along with the disease. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2007.

 [Download from BARD: Still Alice: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.68429)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB068429

# Murder on a Girls’ Night Out by Anne George

Read by Ruth Ann Phimister

7 hours, 31 minutes

Retired Alabama schoolteacher Patricia Anne Hollowell has a mystery to solve when, shortly after her flamboyant sister Mary Alice buys a country-and-western bar, the previous owner is found dead in a wishing well. Commercial audiobook. 1996.

 [Download from BARD: Murder on a Girls’ Night Out](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.76848)

 Also available in digital cartridge DB076848

# The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax by Dorothy Gilman

Read by Suzanne Toren

6 hours, 58 minutes

Bored and depressed after her husband’s death, Mrs. Pollifax decides to take her doctor’s advice and do something enjoyable. Since she has always wanted to be a spy, Mrs. Pollifax heads to Washington, D.C., to apply to the CIA. She admits that she is quite prepared to offer up her life on assignment. As luck would have it, there is a pressing need for a tourist-type to smuggle a document out of Mexico. Some strong language and some violence.

 [Download from BARD: The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.38703)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB038703

 Also available in braille BR000253

# Goodbye, She Lied: an Esbeth Walters Mystery by Russ Hall

Read by Jim Porter.

6 hours, 45 minutes

Esbeth Walters, a reluctant amateur detective in her seventies, must face one of her greatest fears--rest homes--when she goes after con artists who fleece the residents of them. Some strong language and some violence.

 [Download from BARD: Goodbye, She Lied: an Esbeth Walters Mystery](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/dbc.14400)

 Also available on digital cartridge DBC014400

# The Silent Wife: a Novel by A.S.A. Harrison

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

9 hours, 5 minutes

For twenty years, forty-five-year-old therapist Jodi has had a comfortable live-in relationship with philandering Todd, a successful developer. But Todd’s girlfriend becomes pregnant--and demands marriage. When Jodi learns that Todd plans to leave her--and take their condo--she plots revenge. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2013.

 [Download from BARD: The Silent Wife: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.77153)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB077153

# Our Souls at Night: a Novel by Kent Haruf

Read by Mark Bramhall

3 hours, 30 minutes

Seventy-year-old widow Addie Moore asks her neighbor Louis Waters to spend the nights with her in her bed to help with the loneliness they both feel. As the two talk in the night they become close, but they become the subject of gossip in their small town. Some strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2015

 [Download from BARD: Our Souls at Night: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.81799)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB081799

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 Also available in braille BR020976

# Celine: a Novel by Peter Heller

Read by Kimberly Farr

11 hours, 22 minutes

Working out of her apartment at the base of the Brooklyn Bridge, Celine has made a career of tracking down missing persons, and she has a better record at it than the FBI. But when a young woman asks Celine to find her father, a world of mystery and sorrow opens up. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

 [Download from BARD: Celine: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.87944)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB087944

# Etta and Otto and Russell and James by Emma Hooper

Read by Kimberly Schraf

8 hours, 45 minutes

Octogenarian Etta has never seen the ocean, so one day she leaves her Saskatchewan home intending to walk all the way to the Atlantic. Her husband is left behind, writing Etta letters he never sends and making papier-mâché animals, while neighbor Russell sets off after her. Some strong language. 2015.

 [Download from BARD: Etta and Otto and Russell and James](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.81286)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB081286

# The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg

Read by Maria Johnson

11 hours, 27 minutes

Martha Andersson may be seventy-nine years old and live in a retirement home but still has plenty of life in her years. Fed up with the rules and overcooked vegetables, Martha and her four closest friends set out to regain their independence and to make money they turn to white collar crime. What starts out as a simple robbery turns to an unsolvable heist at the National Museum, forcing the group to stay one walker length ahead of the authorities.

 [Download from BARD: The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/dbc.06241)

 Also available on digital cartridge DBC006241

# Bring On the Blessings by Beverly Jenkins

Read by Faith Potts

9 hours, 36 minutes

After her marriage of thirty years dissolves, former social worker Bernadine Edwards uses her millions to buy the bankrupt town of Henry Adams, Kansas--first settled by freed slaves. Bernadine becomes determined to create a safe haven for foster children and teens. Some strong language. 2009.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB069107

# Broken for You by Stephanie Kallos

Read by Rachel Glass

15 hours, 3 minutes

Elderly Margaret Hughes lives alone in her Seattle mansion, surrounded by priceless antiques and the ghosts of the past. When Margaret discovers she has a malignant brain tumor, she decides to take in a boarder for company. Wanda Schultz, a heartbroken stage manager from New York, takes the room in Margaret’s house. Together, the two women forge a friendship and face the dark secrets of their respective pasts. Bestseller.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DBC000223

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# A Piece of the World: a Novel by Christina Baker Kline

Read by Mare Trevathan

7 hours, 16 minutes

Christina Olson, whose legs are weakened by a childhood illness, lives most of her life in her family home. There, she is burdened by her family history, until she is visited by painter Andrew Wyeth. As Andrew becomes entwined with her family, Christina reflects on her world. Bestseller. 2017.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB087630

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 Also available in braille BR021873

# Getting Old is Murder by Rita Lakin

Read by Cecelia Riddett

7 hours, 47 minutes

Seventy-five-year-old Gladdy Gold, a retired New York librarian, lives in the Lanai Gardens apartment complex in Fort Lauderdale. Gladdy is suspicious when one of her elderly neighbors dies, but the death of her best friend Francie sends heartbroken Gladdy into sleuth mode to find the murderer. Some strong language. 2005.

 [Download from BARD: Getting Old is Murder](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.74779)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB074779

# The Secrets of Flight by Maggie Leffler

Read by Carolyn Light Bell

8 hours, 31 minutes

Estranged from her family since just after World War II, Mary Browning has spent her entire adult life hiding from her past. Now eighty-seven years old and a widow, she is still haunted by secrets and fading memories of the family she left behind. Her one outlet is the writing group she’s presided over for a decade, though she’s never written a word herself. When a new member walks in--a fifteen-year-old girl who reminds her so much of her beloved sister Sarah--Mary is certain fate delivered Elyse Strickler to her for a reason. Unrated.

 [Download from BARD: The Secrets of Flight](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/dbc.16590)

 Also available on digital cartridge DBC016590

Love, Again a Novel by Doris Lessing

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

14 hours, 21 minutes

Widowed sixty-five-year-old writer Sarah Durham unexpectedly experiences the sensations of falling in love while working on a theater production. Attracted to younger men in the group, Sarah enjoys the feelings of desire that she thought were gone at her age and examines what love means.

 [Download from BARD: Love, Again a Novel](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.48974)

 Also available on cassette DB048974

# Women in Sunlight: a Novel by Frances Mayes

Read by Kimberly Farr

16 hours, 56 minutes

Americans Julia, Camille, and Susan meet on a tour of a retirement village in North Carolina and decide impulsively to rent a house together in Tuscany for a year. Fellow American Kit helps introduce them to the pleasures and new opportunities of life in Italy. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

 [Download from BARD: Women in Sunlight: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.90656)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB090656

# I Almost Forgot About You: a Novel by Terry McMillan

Read by Terry McMillan.

11 hours, 14 minutes

Georgia Young is bored with her life. At fifty-four, after two failed marriages, she thought she was done with love, when a chance encounter sends her to find all the men she had loved in her life to tell them what they meant to her. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

 [Download from BARD: I Almost Forgot About You: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.84792)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB084792

# The Ladies of Covington Send Their Love by Joan Medlicott

Read by Terry Hayes Sales

13 hours, 13 minutes

Three widowed roommates leave their Pennsylvania boardinghouse for the North Carolina mountains to look at a dilapidated farmhouse one of them has inherited. Against the wishes of their children and landlady, the women move in and soon find their lives dramatically changed--for the better. 2000.

 [Download from BARD: The Ladies of Covington Send Their Love](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.51224)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB051224

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 Also available in braille BR013230

# The Distinguished Guest by Sue Miller

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

9 hours, 47 minutes

Activist author Lily Maynard, in her eighties, is in failing health and must live with her son's family until she moves into a retirement community. Her acclaimed memoirs have brought her notoriety but also revealed her family's pain, which they must now face. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

 [Download from BARD: The Distinguished Guest](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.42771)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB042771

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 Also available in braille BR011713

# The Banyan Tree a Novel by Christopher Nolan

Read by Jill Ferris

15 hours, 3 minutes

Lonely Minnie O’Brien tends her farm in Ireland after the death of her beloved husband. She reminisces about her life and marriage while her three grown children struggle elsewhere with their own problems--a miserable marriage, alcoholism, and unemployment. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1999.

 [Download from BARD: The Banyan Tree a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.62228)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB062228

# Emily, Alone by Stewart O’Nan

Read by Amy Peters

11 hours, 5 minutes

In this finely observed and moving sequel to the bestselling Wish You Were Here, a recently widowed Pittsburgh grandmother struggles with her new independence but also discovers hidden strengths and unexpected opportunities.

 [Download from BARD: Emily, Alone](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/dbc.00729)

 Also available on digital cartridge DBC000729

# State of Wonder by Ann Patchett

Read by Erin Jones

11 hours, 23 minutes

Vogel Pharmaceutical sends pharmacologist Marina Singh to Amazonian Brazil to locate elusive employee Dr. Annick Swenson, who was once Singh’s professor. While investigating the status of Swenson’s fertility-drug research, Singh also hopes to uncover the fate of colleague Anders Eckman, whom Swenson reported dead. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2011.

 [Download from BARD: State of Wonder](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.73464)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB073464

# The Shell Seekers by Rosamunde Pilcher

Read by Yvonne Fair Tessler

24 hours, 15 minutes

An oil painting entitled "The Shell Seekers" is the unifying thread of this saga of a modern English family. The narrative, a series of vignettes that shift back and forth in time, centers on the lives of the principal characters in the family. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1987.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB026987

# Quartet in Autumn by Barbara Pym

Read by Patricia Beaudry

5 hours, 46 minutes

Novel explores the lives of four elderly people working in the same London office and provides portraits of these lonely, oddly special, and brave people on the verge of compulsory retirement as they reflect upon their unfortunate situation and make awkward attempts to reach out to one another.

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# Alternate Side: a Novel by Anna Quindlen

Read by Carol Dines

8 hours, 48 minutes

Nora and Charlie Nolan have a comfortable life on an affluent block in Manhattan. Simmering tensions among the Nolans and the various other residents bubble over, however, after a neighbor beats the local handyman with a golf club. Some violence and some strong language. 2018.

 [Download from BARD: Alternate Side: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.90771)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB090771

# Still Life with Bread Crumbs: a Novel by Anna Quindlen

Read by Jill Fox

7 hours, 21 minutes

Sixty-year-old Manhattan photographer Rebecca Winter, once renowned for her work with everyday objects, is now broke and moves to a cabin in upstate New York. Rebecca refills her coffers by photographing items found in nature and regains peace by flirting with roofer Jim Bates and adopting a dog. Bestseller. 2014.

 [Download from BARD: Still Life with Bread Crumbs: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.78255)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB078255

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# The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo: a Novel by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Read by Laura Giannarelli

13 hours, 21 minutes

Reclusive film legend Evelyn Hugo decides to tell her life story to lowly magazine feature writer Monique Grant, to the consternation of many--including Monique. As Evelyn recounts her life as a sexy starlet in Hollywood, Monique begins to understand herself better. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2017.

 [Download from BARD: The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.88665)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB088665

# Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk: a Novel by Kathleen Rooney

Read by Xe Sands

8 hours, 53 minutes

New Year’s Eve, 1984. At eighty-five years old, Lillian Boxfish walks through Manhattan, visiting some of her favorite spots. She thinks back on her career, when she was briefly the most successful woman in advertising in America--a career she left behind for marriage, motherhood, divorce, and a breakdown. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

 [Download from BARD: Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.86852)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB086852

# Bead on Trouble by Barbara Burnett Smith

Read by Pat Coleman

11 hours, 5 minutes

Meet Kitzi Camden, former stateswoman. When she retired, Kitzi dreamed of doing what she loves best-- beading. She certainly didn’t plan to try her hand at amateur sleuthing. But lately, trouble seems to find her wherever she goes-- even deep into the woods. When a young beader is killed at a beading retreat, Kitzi is faced with almost as many suspects as there are beads in her bag.

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Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

10 hours, 1 minute

Thirteen stories set in a small community on the Maine coast are linked by the presence of Olive Kitteridge, retired teacher and pharmacist's wife. In "Tulips" Olive struggles in the aftermath of her husband's stroke and with their son's response to his father's nursing-home confinement. Some strong language. Pulitzer Prize. 2008.

 [Download from BARD: Olive Kitteridge](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.67392)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB067392

# Clock Dance: a Novel by Anne Tyler

Read by Kimberly Farr

9 hours, 14 minutes

Sixty-one-year-old Willa Drake receives a startling phone call from a stranger. Without fully understanding why, she flies across the country to Baltimore to look after a young woman she’s never met, her nine-year-old daughter, and their dog. This impulsive decision leads Willa into uncharted territory. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

 [Download from BARD: Clock Dance: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.91358)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB091358

# The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim

Read by Jennifer Mendenhall

8 hours, 50 minutes

On a rainy February day in London, Mrs. Lotty Wilkins notices an ad in the Times for a small medieval Italian castle on the shores of the Mediterranean to be let for the month of April. A seed is planted in her mind, and soon she, along with three other women, find themselves on a holiday in Italy that will ultimately affect the lives of each one.

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Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood a Novel by Rebecca Wells

Read by Kimberly Schraf

14 hours, 53 minutes

At forty, Sidda Walker is a famous theater director whose life spirals downward after a New York Times interview implies that her mother, Vivi, was a child abuser. Vivi immediately disowns Sidda, but the Ya-Yas, Vivi's longtime friends, intervene. Sequel to Little Altars Everywhere (RC 36350). Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

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# Grey Mask by Patricia Wentworth

Read by Diana Bishop

7 hours, 35 minutes

Charles Moray--who has come home to England to collect his inheritance--overhears a conspiracy to commit a fearsome crime and contacts governess-turned-detective Miss Silver to investigate. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 1928.

 [Download from BARD: Grey Mask](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.78927)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB078927

# Out to Pasture: But Not Over the Hill by Effie Leland Wilder

Read by Mimi Bederman

3 hours, 55 minutes

Like herself, eighty-five-year-old Wilder’s protagonist, Hattie, is in a home for the elderly. After fourteen months there, Hattie is compelled to jot down the often amusing and sometimes sad situations she and her neighbors get into. She uses these notes to help convince an old college friend, whose name is almost to "the top of the list," that the home is a good place to live.

 [Download from BARD: Out to Pasture: But Not Over the Hill](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.41559)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB041559

# Amy Falls Down: a Novel by Jincy Willett

Read by Amy McFadden

10 hours, 35 minutes

Aging novelist Amy Gallup is content--if not exactly happy--with the hermit-like existence she and her dog Alphonse lead. On New Year’s Eve, Amy goes out to plant a tree and falls down. This seemingly simple mishap sets off events that open up possibilities in her life. Some strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

 [Download from BARD: Amy Falls Down: a Novel](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.77324)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB077324

# The One-in-a-Million Boy by Monica Wood

Read by Jon Huffman

12 hours, 30 minutes

When his eleven-year-old son dies, Quinn Porter’s ex-wife ropes him into assisting 104-year-old Ona Vitkus to complete the Boy Scout badge their son had been working on. As he gets to know Ona, Quinn also comes to better understand the son he barely spent time with. Some strong language. 2016.

 [Download from BARD: The One-in-a-Million Boy](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.87020)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB087020

# The Leisure Seeker by Michael Zadoorian

Read by Mitzi Friedlander.

8 hours

Refusing further cancer treatment, Ella takes a nostalgic cross-country trip on Route 66 with her husband John in their old RV. Although suffering from Alzheimer’s and in his eighties, John is still a good driver, as long as Ella is there to navigate. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 2009.

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