Weird West

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# Dead Man's Hand an Anthology of the Weird West by John Joseph Adams

Read by Joe Wilson

18 hours

Twenty-three weird wild-west tales, featuring an American frontier populated by gunslingers, rattlesnakes, outlaws, zombies, aliens, time-travelers, and a steampunk bordello. Includes works by Orson Scott Card, Jonathan Maberry, Seanan McGuire, Beth Revis, Walter Jon Williams, and more. Some violence and some strong language. 2014.

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# Red Country by Joe Abercrombie

Read by Erin Jones

18 hours, 28 minutes

Shy South's world is rocked when her brother and sister are kidnapped from their farm while Shy and her stepfather Lamb are in town bartering for goods. Shy and Lamb's pasts come to haunt them as they take to the trail to find the children. Violence and strong language. 2012.

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# The Six-Gun Tarot by R.S. Belcher

Read by Patrick Downer

15 hours, 57 minutes

1869. On the run from his past in the Nevada desert, fifteen-year-old Jim Negrey is rescued and taken to the town of Golgotha. But when a dark menace threatens, Jim discovers that while he can outrun his past, he may not live to see the future. Violence. 2013.

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# Wake of Vultures by Lila Bowen

Read by Robin Miles

10 hours, 49 minutes

In the Wild West, half-Native American, half-African American teenager Nettie Lonesome was raised by foster parents, who treated her as a slave. An attack opens Nettie’s eyes to the magic in the world around her, and she must now find her own role in that world. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

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# The Hawkline Monster a Gothic Western by Richard Brautigan

1 volume of braille

Magic Child, a 15-year-old Indian girl, wanders into the wrong whorehouse looking for the right men to kill the monster that lives in the ice caves under the basement of Miss Hawkline's house. An experimental novel. Strong language.

 Also available in braille BR002732

# Seventh Son by Orson Scott Card

Read by John Polk

8 hours, 50 minutes

Fantasy set in an early nineteenth-century alternate-world America. Alvin Miller is the seventh son of an Appalachian family and as such, carries great magic within himself. But, someone, or something, does not seem to want him to grow up.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB027233

# In the Valley of the Sun a Novel by Andy Davidson

Read by Joe Wilson

12 hours, 12 minutes

West Texas, 1980. Travis Stillwell had already killed multiple women when a vampire named Rue changed him. While he struggles with his new appetites and befriends a motel owner and her son, a Texas Ranger hunts Travis for his past crimes. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2017.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB090852

# Portlandtown a Tale of the Oregon Wyldes by Rob DeBorde

Read by Jack Fox

10 hours, 4 minutes

Joseph Wylde takes in his father-in-law, a retired U.S. marshal who once stopped an outlaw called the Hanged Man. But when someone reads from the Hanged Man's book of curses and awakens an evil force, the Wyldes must battle an army of the undead. Strong language and some violence. 2012.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB075792

# Silver on the Road by Laura Anne Gilman

Read by Jill Fox

14 hours. 51 minutes

Isobel has a big decision to make on her sixteenth birthday: work for the Devil or leave the only life she’s ever known. Her work as the Devil’s Left Hand is to ensure justice in his Territory, but Izzy needs a mentor. Some violence and some strong language. 2015.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB083792

# An Easy Death by Charlaine Harris

Read by Eva Kaminsky

9 hours, 50 minutes

Gunnie Lizbeth Rose is hired by two Russian sorcerers to be their local guide through East Texas in a version of America that collapsed after FDR’s assassination in the 1930s. They are looking for the daughter of a dead sorcerer, who the Russians believe will save their emperor-in-exile. Violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB093009

# The Native Star by M.K. Hobson

Read by Mare Trevathan

12 hours, 59 minutes

America, 1876. When the town witch Emily Edwards attempts a love spell as a means of financial security, things go horribly wrong. Before she can fix her mess, an enchanted object forces Emily and her escort, warlock Dreadnought Stanton, to flee for their lives. Some violence. 2010.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB073945

# The Gunslinger by Stephen King

Read by Mark Delgado

7 hours, 46 minutes

Revised and expanded edition of the 1982 first volume of the Dark Tower series, in which the gunslinger travels through time seeking vengeance for the death of his father and the dishonoring of his mother. Introduction and foreword by the author. Descriptions of sex, violence, and strong language. 2003.

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The Haunted Mesa by Louis L'Amour

Read by Bob Askey

11 hours, 16 minutes

Combines a contemporary western with a tale of the supernatural. When a nationally prominent inventor, Erik Hokart, disappears while building a home atop No Man's Mesa in the Southwest, his friend, Mike Raglan, receives a plaintive plea for help in the form of a diary. Raglan's investigation leads to the mysterious disappearance centuries ago of a tribe of cliff dwellers. Bestseller 1987.

 [Download from BARD: The Haunted Mesa](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.26016)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB026016

# The Buntline Special: a Weird West Tale by Mike Resnick

Read by Doug Ramsdell.

9 hours, 40 minutes

In an alternate American frontier that contains magic, Wyatt Earp and his brothers are hired to protect a government agent named Thomas Alva Edison seeking a scientific counter to magic. Before long, however, battle lines are drawn, and the undead have come to fight. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 2010

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Blood Riders by Michael P. Spradlin

Read by Jason Griffith

10 hours, 50 minutes

Kansas, 1880. Captain Jonas Hollister is in prison for claiming that his military troop was attacked by vicious creatures. But after a group of Colorado miners is slain in a similar fashion, detective Allan Pinkerton orders Hollister's release and hires him to hunt down the bloodthirsty monsters. Some violence. 2012.

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# Vermilion: the Adventures of Lou Merriwether, Psychopomp by Molly Tanzer

Read by Mare Trevathan

13 hours, 33 minutes

Lou Merriwether is a psychopomp operating in San Francisco in the Old West. Her ability to speak to the dead is needed when a group of Chinese immigrants disappears after seeking work on the railroads. Their families want Lou to investigate. Some violence and some strong language. 2015.

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# Frontier Magic Trilogy by Patricia C. Wrede

Read by Mary Kane

26 hours, 18 minutes

Trilogy written between 2009 and 2012 includes Thirteenth Child, Across the Great Barrier, and The Far West. In Thirteenth Child, eighteen-year-old Eff must get over believing she is bad luck and accept her extraordinary powers to combat magical creatures that threaten frontier settlements. For senior high and older readers. 2012.

 [Download from BARD: Frontier Magic Trilogy](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.80537)

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