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#### **Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

Read by Erin Jones

18 hours, 29 minutes

After studying in the United States for thirteen years, Ifemelu, a Nigerian woman who blogs about race, returns home to Lagos. She has endured enough cultural issues and misses her first love. But the Nigerians label her an "Americanah." Some strong language. 2013.

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#### **The White Tiger a Novel by Aravind Adiga**

Read by John Horton

7 hours, 37 minutes

Bangalore, India. Over the course of seven days, Balram Halwai, a rickshaw-puller's son, writes to visiting Chinese premier Jiabao about his transformation from chauffeur to entrepreneur. Balram--sought for police questioning about a brutal murder--embodies the tumultuousness of modern India. Some violence and some strong language. Man Booker Prize. Bestseller. 2008.

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### **Say You're One of Them by Uwem Akpan**

Read by Lisette Lecat

13 hours, 48 minutes

Five tales about children struggling to survive in war-torn Africa. In "Fattening for Gabon" siblings whose parents have AIDS go to live with an uncle who tries to sell them into slavery. The Caine Prize finalist "My Parents' Bedroom" describes the Rwandan genocide. Violence and some descriptions of sex. 2008.

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### **The House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende**

Read by Merwin Smith

16 hours, 20 minutes

Symbolic family saga by the niece of Chile's assassinated President Salvador Allende. Concerns the union of gentle, clairvoyant Clara del Valle and autocratic, violent Esteban Trueba, patron of a huge hacienda whose peasants he controls with tyranny. Through three generations of vividly portrayed characters, a strong, compassionate picture of an unnamed but identifiable country emerges. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Book club main selection.

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### **2666 by Roberto Bolaño**

Read by Ken Kliban

41 hours, 38 minutes

Three scholars travel to the Mexican border town of Santa Teresa searching for German writer Benno von Archimboldi. Professor Amalfitano and his daughter Rosa also move there, and African American reporter Oscar Fate arrives to cover a boxing match. Meanwhile dozens of women are murdered. Some strong language. Nat'l Bk. Critics Circle. Bestseller. 2008.

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### **We Need New Names a Novel by NoViolet Bulawayo**

Read by Jill Fox

8 hours, 18 minutes

Ten-year-old Darling Nkala is sent to Michigan to escape the violence and hunger in Zimbabwe. Over the years Darling attends school and struggles to adjust to the alien culture. But her family are illegal immigrants and they miss their homeland. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2013.

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### **Elizabeth Costello by J.M. Coetzee**

Read by Patricia Kilgarriff

8 hours, 36 minutes

At sixty-six, distinguished Australian author Elizabeth Costello travels the world making acceptance speeches for literary prizes and reflecting on her life and beliefs. She considers her roles as mother, sister, lover, and writer and discusses such concepts as animal rights, evil, Eros, and humanism. Some descriptions of sex. 2003.

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### **Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Sijie Dai**

Read by Frank Coffee

4 hours, 42 minutes

Two privileged teenage boys are sent to a remote village for reeducation during China's Cultural Revolution. When they procure a supply of French books, they read novels to a pretty but uneducated seamstress, with surprising results. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2001.

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### **The Artist of Disappearance Three Novellas by Anita Desai**

Read by Laura Giannarelli

5 hours, 25 minutes

Three stories set in modern India. In the title piece a young man returns to his family's Himalayan home to live as a hermit. But his solitude is threatened when a documentary film crew discovers the beautiful hidden garden he has created. 2011.

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### **The Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai**

Read by Yolande Bavan

13 hours, 23 minutes

Himalayas, 1986. Retired judge Jemubhai Patel lives with his cook and sixteen-year-old granddaughter, Sai. An Indian-Nepalese insurgency makes Jemubhai confront his past and interrupts Sai's romance with her Nepali tutor. Meanwhile, the cook worries about his son in America. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. Booker Prize. 2006.

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### **The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Díaz**

Read by Barry Bernson

9 hours, 33 minutes

New Jersey. Overweight Dominican American Oscar works as a substitute teacher and dreams about being a famous writer. Oscar grew up with his rebellious sister Lola and beautiful mother, but the ancient curse of fukú haunts their lives--until he decides to do something about it. Violence and strong language. Pulitzer Prize. Bestseller. 2007.

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**Like Water for Chocolate: A Novel in Monthly Installments, with Recipes, Romances, and Home Remedies by Laura Esquivel**

Read by Laura Giannarelli

5 hours, 34 minutes

When Pedro asks Mama Elena for the hand of her youngest daughter, Tita, he is offered her sister instead. By family tradition, Tita is to remain unmarried to care for her mother. Tita, a magical cook, shares recipes that, seasoned by her emotions, have an extraordinary impact on the events that follow her mother's decision. Descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1992.

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**Destiny and Desire a Novel by Carlos Fuentes**

Read by Gregory Maupin

15 hours, 29 minutes

The severed head of Josué Nadal relates his life story as it washes away in the Pacific Ocean. Josué and his friend Jericó enter commerce and politics in contemporary Mexico City and share an unexpected bond. Translated from Spanish. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2011.

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**One Man's Bible a Novel by Xingjian Gao**

Read by Robert Sams

15 hours, 9 minutes

Nobel Prize-winning expatriate's fictionalized autobiographical account of life during China's Cultural Revolution. A dissident artist and intellectual revisits memories of labor-reform school, several love affairs, and the political turmoil of Mao's brutal Communist regime. Some explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 1999.

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### **Sea of Poppies by Amitav Ghosh**

Read by Phil Gigante

18 hours, 18 minutes

1838. With the opium trade as a backdrop, the ship Ibis leaves British India bound for Mauritius and carrying a diverse crew and passengers, including a Bengali widow, a French orphan, a deposed raja, and an American freedman. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. Man Booker Finalist. 2008.

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### **Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi**

Read by Dominic Hoffman

13 hours, 13 minutes

In the 1700s, half sisters Esi and Effia are born in Ghana without knowing each other. Effia marries a wealthy Englishman, while Esi is imprisoned in the dungeon of the castle where Effia lives, before she is shipped to America and sold into slavery. Their descendants witness history. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

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### **And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini**

Read by Jon Huffman

14 hours, 33 minutes

Afghanistan, 1952. Ten-year-old Abdullah cares for and protects his three-year-old sister Pari. Their father remarries and the world around them changes, but Pari remains Abdullah's focus--even after she is given up for adoption to another family. Bestseller. 2013.

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### **Beasts of No Nation: a Novel by Uzodinma Iweala**

Read by Erik Sandvold

4 hours, 29 minutes

Schoolboy Agu is forced to join guerrilla fighters when civil war erupts in his West African nation. In the company of other child soldiers, he becomes disassociated from his comfortable family home and abruptly accustomed to brutality and killing as he seeks to please his commandant. Violence. 2005.

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### **A Good Fall by Ha Jin**

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

7 hours, 44 minutes

Twelve tales about Chinese immigrant experiences in America. In "Temporary Love" Lina and Panbin cohabit for practical reasons but discover that it brings emotional complications. In the title piece, a young Buddhist monk's suicide attempt becomes sweet revenge against an unscrupulous temple master. 2009.

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### **The Vegetarian by Han Kang**

Read by Janet Song and Stephen Park.

5 hours, 16 minutes

After blood-soaked images begin to haunt her, Yeong-hye renounces eating meat, despite living in a society where this is considered subversive behavior. Meanwhile, scandal, abuse, and estrangement send Yeong-hye careening away from her former self. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

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### **Snow Country by Yasunari Kawabata**

Read by David. Hartley-Margolin

4 hours 7 minutes

Shimamura, a man of leisure, meets a geisha at a snowy lodge in the western mountains of Japan. They know their love is futile, but he returns each year to spend time with her. The author is the winner of the Nobel Prize in literature in 1968.

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### **An Excess Male a Novel by Maggie Shen King**

Read by Bill Quinn

13 hours, 51 minutes

By 2030, China is overrun with single men as a result of the One Child Policy. Wei-guo steadfastly believes that he will find love, despite the odds. After saving enough for a dowry, Wei-guo is able to enter matchmaking talks to become a third husband. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2017.

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### **The Lowland: a Novel by Jhumpa Lahiri**

Read by Andy Pyle

13 hours, 55 minutes

Brothers Udayan and Subhash grow up on the outskirts of Calcutta. In the 1960s Udayan falls in with a radical movement and helps plot revolution. Subhash disapproves, but begins a new life in America--until he's called back home. Some violence and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2013.

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## **The Feast of the Goat by Mario Vargas Llosa**

Read by Annie Wauters

18 hours, 9 minutes

Urania Cabral, returning to the Dominican Republic where her father is terminally ill, recalls her youth during the brutal dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo. Called "the Goat" for his depravity with women, Trujillo was the reason for her forty-year estrangement from her father. Strong language and some violence. 2000.

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## **One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez**

Read by Peter Gil

14 hours, 33 minutes

1820s to 1920s. Latin American epic tale follows seven generations of the Buendía family through triumphs and disasters that parallel the fortunes and misfortunes of their utopian town, Macondo. By the Colombian Nobel Prize-winning author. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1967.

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## **Pearl of China a Novel by Anchee Min**

Read by Theresa Conkin

9 hours, 37 minutes

Fictional account of Pearl Buck (1892-1973), author of The Good Earth (DB037294). Young Willow Yee befriends Pearl, a missionary's daughter, in remote China. Willow's love and jealousy grow as Willow later suffers during the Mao revolution but remains loyal to her foreign friend, now a Nobel laureate. 2010.

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### **Red Sorghum a Novel of China by Yan Mo**

Read by Gregory Maupin

13 hours, 26 minutes

An unnamed Chinese narrator tells the story of his family as they struggle to survive war with Japan and later rule by the Communist Party. Through it all, they work to keep their distillery open. Translated from Chinese. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Nobel Prize. 1988.

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### **1Q84 by Haruki Murakami**

Read by Alison Hiroto

46 hours, 26 minutes

Tokyo, 1984. Aomame enters a parallel world with two moons. Her friend Tengo ghostwrites a novella about this world that Aomame calls 1Q84--where the Q stands for a question mark. Originally published in Japanese in 2009 and 2010. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

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### **Convenience Store Woman by Sayaka Murata**

Read by Nancy Wu

3 hours, 24 minutes

Thirty-six-year-old Keiko Furukura has worked at the Smile Mart convenience store half her life, enjoying the predictable work governed by strict adherence to the employee manual. When a cynical young man joins the staff, he upsets the status quo. Originally published in Japanese in 2016. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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### **The Fishermen a Novel by Chigozie Obioma**

Read by Chukwudi Iwuji

9 hours, 53 minutes

In 1990, four Nigerian brothers skip school and go fishing while their strict father goes out of town for work. At the river, they meet a local madman, who tells them one of the boys is destined to be killed by his brother. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. 2015.

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### **The Changeling by Kenzaburo Oe**

Read by Robert Sams

12 hours, 55 minutes

As writer Kogito Choko listens to a tape recording made by his brother-in-law, famous filmmaker Goro Hanawa, he learns Goro has committed suicide. This propels Kogito into an obsessive examination of their complicated friendship. Autobiographical fiction by 1994 Nobel Prize winner, translated from Japanese. 2010.

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### **Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton**

Read by David Toney

9 hours, 43 minutes

The classic story of Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo's search for his delinquent son, Absalom, in 1940s Johannesburg, South Africa. Kumalo's experiences are set against a background of a land and people who struggle not only with overwhelming racial injustice but also with disintegration of their tribal culture and traditional family bonds. 1948.

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### **The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy**

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

11 hours, 17 minutes

A story of class struggle, family crisis, and coming of age in Kerala, India. Born to prosperity, twins Estha and Rahel are isolated from the squalor and political unrest around them. The events of a single day in 1969 alter their lives and relationships forever. Descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

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### **Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie**

Read by Patrick Horgan

22 hours, 19 minutes

Satirical epic tale of Saleem Sinai, who is born at the stroke of midnight, August 15, 1947--the instant of the birth of the new independent state of India. From that moment, his life is magically entwined with India's fate as a nation. Includes a 2006 introduction by the author. 1981.

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### **Slumdog Millionaire a Novel by Vikas Swarup**

Read by Mark Ashby

9 hours, 57 minutes

Mumbai, India. Uneducated waiter Ram Mohammad Thomas wins a billion rupees on a quiz show but is accused of cheating and thrown into jail. In flashback-accounts to his lawyer, Ram explains his past adventures supplied him the winning answers. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2005.

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## **The Water Museum Stories by Luis Alberto Urrea**

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hours, 24 minutes

Thirteen contemporary short stories from Mexican-American author Urrea, best known for his historical sagas. The stories, most set in the Southwest, reflect both sides of the author's heritage, often tackling serious issues such as culture clash with dark humor. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

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