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Young Adult Books: Alex Award Winners

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The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition by Caroline Alexander

Read by Bill Wallace

7 hours, 24 minutes

Chronicles the survival of Ernest Shackleton and his crew of twenty-seven men marooned on ice floes off the coast of Antarctica in 1915. Recounts the entrapment and later destruction of their ship, the Endurance, by pack ice and the hardships the men suffered before their rescue in 1916. Bestseller.

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Pure By Julianna Baggott

Read by Khristine Hvam

14 hours, 6 minutes

Nanotechnology bombs leave some survivors fused to whatever is near them. Those who escaped fusing, the Pures, live in isolation from the victims, or Wretches. But when Partridge, one of the Pures, encounters Wretch Pressia, he enlists her help in finding his mother. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Alex Award. 2012.

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Midnight at the Dragon Café by Judy Fong Bates

Read by Erin Jones

8 hours, 32 minutes

1957. Su-Jen "Annie" Chou and her mother leave China to help Su-Jen's elderly father run a restaurant in a small Canadian town. Su-Jen is gradually integrated into the society, while her mother becomes isolated, eventually having an affair that shatters the family. Alex Award. 2005.

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A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah

Read by Dominic Hoffman

7 hours, 58 minutes

The author recalls experiences as a war refugee and as a thirteen-year-old soldier forced to join the Sierra Leone army. Beah describes participation in mass slaughters, his rehabilitation, immigration to America, and involvement with UNICEF. Commercial audiobook. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2007.

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The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake by Aimee Bender

Read by Jill Fox

8 hours, 2 minutes

On her ninth birthday, Rose realizes she can taste her mother's emotions baked into a slice of cake. Eating becomes agonizing for Rose as she uncovers everyone's feelings. But she learns in adulthood to put her ability to good use. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

[Download from BARD: The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB071699

City of Thieves a Novel by David Benioff

Read by Steven Carpenter

7 hours, 46 minutes

Leningrad, 1942. Seventeen-year-old Lev Beniov, a looter, and his cellmate Kolya, a deserter, are reprieved by a Soviet colonel who needs eggs for his daughter's wedding cake. The two leave the besieged city and cross enemy lines, where they encounter death squads and partisans. Violence and strong language. Alex Award. 2008.

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Getting In: a Novel by James Finney Boylan

Read by Gregory Gorton

9 hours, 18 minutes

An extended family piles into a Winnebago for a preadmission tour of New England colleges. Amid their fears of the college interviews, brothers Ben and Lefty continue their sibling rivalry, Chloë decides to cheat on Lefty, and Polo and Allison break up. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

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Flags of our Fathers by James Bradley with Ron Powers

Read by Ted Stoddard

14 hours

Recounts the story of the six young marines who raised the flag at Iwo Jima during fierce combat on the obscure Japanese-held island in 1945. Author Bradley, the son of one of the soldiers, recreates his father's experiences as well as those of the five men who fought beside him. Bestseller. 2000.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB050264

The Sand-Reckoner by Gillian Bradshaw

Read by Graeme Malcolm

10 hours, 24 minutes

During the First Punic War in 264 B.C., young Archimedes, with his slave Marcus, returns home to Syracuse from his mathematical studies in Alexandria when his father becomes ill. He soon enters King Hieron's service as an engineer and devises catapults for defense against the Romans. 2000.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB051943

All Over But the Shoutin' by Rick Bragg

Read by Bob Askey

12 hours, 12 minutes

Autobiography of a Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times journalist. Bragg recalls how he managed to become a human interest reporter, first in Florida and later in New York. He and his two brothers were reared in poverty in rural Alabama by their mother, Margaret, after their alcoholic father left them.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB046142

High Exposure: an Enduring Passion for Everest and Unforgiving Places by David Breashears

Read by Peter Jay Fernandez

11 hours, 30 minutes

Autobiography of American mountaineer and cinematographer who made the IMAX film Everest in 1996. Discusses his motivation and recounts many of his hazardous exploits climbing vertical cliffs and scaling the world's highest peaks. Provides details about his filmmaking expedition on Everest during the notorious blizzard that took nine lives. Bestseller.

[Download from BARD: High Exposure: an Enduring Passion for Everest...](#)

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Year of Wonders a Novel of the Plague by Geraldine Brooks

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

9 hours, 43 minutes

Derbyshire, England; 1666. Anna Frith, an eighteen-year-old widow with two children, is a servant at the rectory. In her account of the plague's arrival and the villagers' difficult choice of quarantine, she shows what can happen to faith and human kindness in times of widespread death and desperation. Some violence. Bestseller. Alex Award. 2001.

[Download from BARD: Year of Wonders a Novel of the Plague](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB054834

Tell the Wolves I'm Home: a Novel by Carol Rifka Brunt

Read by Zoe Scott

13 hours, 38 minutes

It is 1987, and only one person has ever truly understood fourteen-year-old June Elbus--her uncle, the renowned painter Finn Weiss. Shy at school and distant from her older sister, June can only be herself in Finn's company; he is her godfather, confidant, and best friend. So when he dies, far too young, of a mysterious illness her mother can barely speak about, June's world is turned upside down. For high school and adult.

[Download from BARD: Tell the Wolves I'm Home: a Novel](#)

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Upstate by Kalisha Buckhanon

2 volumes of braille

Teenaged Antonio, jailed for his father's murder, corresponds with his girlfriend Natasha in Harlem. Over the years Natasha attends college, Antonio adjusts to prison life, their feelings inevitably change--and the truth about the killing comes out. Strong language and some violence. For senior high and older readers. Alex Award. 2005.

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Ender's Shadow by Orson Scott Card

Read by Bob Askey

14 hours, 57 minutes

Card returns to the beginning of his Ender Quartet with a companion to Ender's Game (DB 22934). Bean, a precocious child resulting from an illegal genetic experiment, is recruited from the streets of Rotterdam and sent to Battle School where he becomes an ally of Ender Wiggin. Some strong language. Bestseller.

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Soulless; Changeless; Blameless by Gail Carriger

Read by Catherine Byers

33 hours, 58 minutes

First three books in a romantic steampunk series. In Soulless, Alexia Tarabotti accidentally kills a vampire, and Lord Maccon--a werewolf--investigates. In Changeless, Alexia's new husband disappears in Scotland. In Blameless, a scandal forces Alexia from her home, and vampires want her dead. Descriptions of sex and some violence. 2014.

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Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier

Read by Lisette Lecat

7 hours, 51 minutes

A fictional account of how the seventeenth-century artist Vermeer came to paint a portrait of a young woman wearing a pearl earring. When sixteen-year-old Griet, a Protestant, becomes a maid in Vermeer's Catholic household, the drudgery of her duties is offset by working in the artist's studio. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1999.

[Download from BARD: Girl with a Pearl Earring](#)

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The Lives of Tao by Wesley Chu

Read by J.P. Linton

13 hours, 24 minutes

When symbiotic alien Tao loses his human host in a mission gone wrong, a lack of options forces him to shift to overweight engineer Roen Tan. Tao convinces Roen to help fight the hostile alien Genjix, but training Roen proves difficult. Violence. Alex Award. 2013.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB078240

River, Cross My Heart by Breena Clarke

Read by Samarra Mbenga

6 hours, 29 minutes

Clara, six, and Johnnie Mae, twelve, are among the many black children of Washington, D.C., in 1925 who swim in the Potomac River because they are not allowed to use the nearby pool. When Clara drowns in the river, Johnnie Mae has difficulty overcoming her sense of responsibility for Clara's death.

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Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

Read by Erik Sandvold

16 hours, 46 minutes

2045. Multibillionaire James Halliday dies, leaving his last will and testament online for the world to see. His massively multiplayer online game OASIS has a hidden feature--an Easter egg--and the person who finds the egg first wins Halliday's fortune. Some strong language. Bestseller. Alex Award. 2011.

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Educating Esmé: Diary of a Teacher's First Year by Esmé Raji Codell

1 volume of braille

Journal entries relate the author's first months in an urban classroom. Esmé recalls her refusal to be intimidated by her Chicago inner-city fifth graders and her determination to make their learning experience unique and enjoyable--despite her own problems with an infuriating school principal. Strong language. 1999.

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Counting Coup: a True Story of Basketball and Honor on the Little Big Horn by Larry Colton

Read by John Polk

12 hours, 1 minute

Sharon LaForge, a Native American from Montana, plays on her high school's basketball team, hoping to win a college scholarship. Explores life on the impoverished Crow Indian Reservation and describes the obstacles that Sharon and her teammates encounter. Some strong language. For senior high and older readers. Alex Award. 2000.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB054740

The Book of Lost Things by John Connolly

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee.

10 hours 3 minutes

England, 1930s. Young David, sad and angry over his mother's death and father's remarriage, is transported to another realm through a gap in a garden wall. To return home, David undertakes a quest to find a king and the Book of Lost Things, and grows up along the way. Some violence. 2006.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB064674

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My Losing Season by Pat Conroy

Read by Steven Carpenter

14 hours, 19 minutes

Author of *The Prince of Tides* (DB 25248) describes his basketball team's mediocre season during his senior year at The Citadel in 1966-1967. Despite an antagonistic coach, Conroy loved being a point guard. He recalls his team's many losses, but remembers the bonds formed among his teammates. Strong language. Bestseller. 2002. Strong language. Bestseller. 2002.

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What Girls Learn: a Novel Karin Cook

Read by Michele Schaeffer

8 hours, 2 minutes

Sisters Tilden and Elizabeth are used to their beautiful, romantic mother, Frances, moving them around Atlanta. When the girls are eleven and twelve, however, Frances relocates the family to her fiancé's Long Island home. The siblings, especially Tilden, have a hard time adjusting to life in a strange place. Then Frances is diagnosed with cancer. Some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers

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Also available on digital cartridge DB046944

Dominicana by Angie Cruz

Read by Angie Cruz and Coral Peña

10 hours, 15 minutes

1965. Fifteen-year-old Ana Cancion has never dreamed of moving to America from the Dominican Republic, but marries Juan Ruiz to give her family the opportunity to do so. Stifled in New York City, she runs away. Juan's brother, Cesar, persuades her to return and provides opportunities for her. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

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Wolf in White Van by John Darnielle

Read by Brian Hemmingsen

6 hours, 25 minutes

Sean Phillips, creator of a text-based role-playing game, must revisit the past he hides from when he is called to account for two players who take the game play into the real world. Sean reflects on the traumatic injury that began his isolation. Some strong language. 2014.

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All the Light We Cannot See: a Novel by Anthony Doerr

Read by Jill Fox

16 hours, 3 minutes

When Paris is invaded by the Nazis, Marie-Laure LeBlanc's father evacuates her to St. Malo to stay with her great-uncle. Blind since the age of six, Marie-Laure must learn the town by the scale model her father has left. Then, the Germans arrive. Violence and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2014.

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The Whistling Season by Ivan Doig

Read by L.J. Ganser

11 hours, 10 minutes

1957. Facing a decision regarding the fate of Montana's educational system, superintendent Paul Milliron recalls the year 1909, when his widowed father hired housekeeper Rose Llewellyn. Rose brought her brother, Morris, who became the teacher at thirteen-year-old Paul's one-room schoolhouse and imparted not only textbook but life lessons. 2006.

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Needles by Andie Dominick

Read by Carol Dines

7 hours, 20 minutes

The author tells of being fascinated with her diabetic older sister's needles--until age nine when she, too, is diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. Her sister helps her deal with taunting classmates, but eventually Dominick realizes the real dangers she and her sister face. Some strong language. 1998.

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Room by Emma Donoghue

Read by Steven Carpenter

9 hours, 8 minutes

Five-year-old Jack describes the locked room he has always lived in with his mother. He stays in the wardrobe when Old Nick visits and brings supplies. Jack watches television but thinks all of it is make believe. Then Jack's mother asks him to help with an escape plan. Bestseller. Alex Award. 2010.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB071989

Eagle Blue: a Team, a Tribe, and a High School Basketball Season in Arctic Alaska by Michael D'Orso

Read by Erik Synnestvedt

12 hours, 21 minutes

Describes the Fort Yukon, Alaska, high school basketball team's 2005 championship season and its importance to this isolated village above the Arctic Circle. Discusses the erosion of Native American hunting and fishing traditions by video games, snowmobiles, and alcoholism. Strong language. For senior high and older readers. Alex Award. 2006.

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Gabriel's Story by David Anthony Durham

Read by Robert Sams

11 hours, 1 minute

A fifteen-year-old African American comes of age on the 1870s frontier. When his widowed mother remarries and takes him from Baltimore to Kansas, Gabriel broods over lost opportunities and resents the hard farm life. He runs off with a band of cowboys, but the journey turns desperate and dangerous. Violence and strong language. 2001.

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The Queen of Blood: Queens of Renthia by Sarah Beth Durst

Read by Erin Jones

13 hours, 12 minutes

The natural world is full of spirits who want to kill, held back only by the power of the Queen and her heirs. When the balance is broken, Daleina, a young girl from the forests, is the world's only hope to control the spirits. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 2016.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB086809

Nickel and Dimed: on (Not) Getting by in America by Barbara Ehrenreich

Read by Colleen Delany

7 hours, 16 minutes

Inspired by welfare reforms, the author explores surviving on less than \$8 per hour as an "unskilled" worker. Traveling across the country, she takes on six jobs and lives anywhere she can afford. Concludes that low-paying jobs without supportive public services are a disgrace to the United States. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2001.

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Peace Like a River by Leif Enger

Read by Bruce Huntley

11 hours, 8 minutes

In early 1960s Minnesota, Davy, seventeen, takes flight from the law after he kills two thugs who have assaulted his girlfriend and menaced his nine-year-old sister. His miracle-worker father, poetry-writing sister Swede, and eleven-year-old Reuben, who tells the tale, set out across the Great Plains to find the boy. 2001.

[Download from BARD: Peace Like a River](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB054212

The Round House by Louise Erdrich

Read by Gregory Maupin

10 hours, 41 minutes

North Dakota, 1988. Thirteen-year-old Joe Coutts's mother Geraldine, a tribal enrollment specialist, is brutally raped at the Ojibwe Round House. Joe and his father, a judge, each search for Geraldine's attacker to bring him to justice.

Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. National Book Award. Bestseller. 2012.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB075641

Lawn Boy by Jonathan Evison

Read by P.J. Ochlan

8 hours, 31 minutes

Recently fired from his job as a lawn boy, Mike Munoz enjoys landscaping but can't seem to get his piece of the American dream. Out of money, with a broken-down truck and family troubles, Mike heads to the library for inspiration. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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The Universe Versus Alex Woods by Gavin Extence

Read by Joe. J. Thomas

10 hours, 5 minutes

Seventeen-year-old Alex Woods has suffered from epilepsy and bullying since he was struck by a meteorite when he was ten. When he takes the rap for damaging his reclusive neighbor Mr. Peterson's greenhouse, Alex and Mr. Peterson bond over the works of Kurt Vonnegut. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Alex Award. 2013.

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Finding Nouf by Zoë Ferraris

Read by Lynn Rodgers

12 hours, 14 minutes

Saudi Arabia. Sixteen-year-old Nouf ash-Shrawi goes missing and is found dead and several weeks pregnant in the desert. Nayir, a Palestinian desert guide hired by her prominent family to discreetly uncover the truth, discovers that at least one of the Shrawis has something to hide.

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Seeing in the Dark: How Backyard Stargazers are Probing Deep Space and Guarding Earth from Interplanetary Peril by Timothy Ferris

Read by Lou Harpenau

17 hours, 48 minutes

Science writer, inspired by a lifetime of stargazing, chronicles the professional-level contributions of amateur astronomers. Emphasizes their vital role in watching the skies for Near Earth Objects, and explains how advances in technology have made astronomy an accessible hobby. Includes charts, observation guides, and tips for the novice. 2002.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB057262

The Eyre Affair: a Novel by Jasper Fforde

Read by Yolande Bavan

12 hours, 32 minutes

In an alternate 1985 England, literature is a mass obsession, time travel is commonplace, and literary characters can be killed. When Jane Eyre is kidnapped, literary detective Thursday Next vows to rescue her. But Thursday may find herself trapped forever inside the pages of the classic novel from which Jane has been abducted. 2001.

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A Boy and His Dog at the End of the World by C.A. Fletcher

Read by C.A. Fletcher

10 hours, 51 minutes

Griz lives on a remote island with his parents in a future where the population and society as a whole have been greatly reduced. When a mysterious thief steals his dog, Griz is determined to track them down. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

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Green by Sam Graham-Felsen

Read by Prentice Onayemi

9 hours, 8 minutes

Boston, 1992. Dave Greenfield, known to all as Green, is one of two white students in his sixth-grade class. As he navigates his new school and the beginning of puberty, he becomes friends with Marlon, a shy black kid. Race and other factors test their friendship. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB090237

The Good Soldiers by David Finkel

Read by Mark Boyett

10 hours, 59 minutes

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist recounts his time with an army infantry battalion, the 2-16, during "the surge," a January 2007 counterinsurgency campaign in Iraq. Chronicles the experiences of Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Kauzlarich and his men as they face firefights, dangerous patrols, death, and injury. Violence and strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

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A Hope More Powerful than the Sea: One Refugee's Incredible Story of Love, Loss, and Survival by Melissa Fleming

Read by Erin Jones

7 hours, 36 minutes

The author shares the story of young Syrian refugee Doaa Al Zamel. She recounts how Doaa and her family left war-torn Syria for Egypt, her relationship with a former Free Syrian Army fighter named Bassem, and Doaa and Bassem's harrowing flight from Egypt across the Mediterranean Sea. Violence. 2017.

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Anansi Boys by Neil Gaiman

Read by Christopher Walker

10 hours, 28 minutes

Fat Charlie considers his father's behavior so embarrassing that even the way he dies in a karaoke bar seems undignified. Then the arrival of a previously unknown brother named Spider, who is so much like their father, turns Charlie's life upside down. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2005.

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Stardust by Neil Gaiman

Read by George Holmes

6 hours, 45 minutes

The town of Wall in rural England borders on a bewitched meadow inhabited by Faeries. At a festival, Dunstan Thorn, of Wall, mates with a Faerie lass and produces a son, Tristran. Years later, Tristran promises his intended to retrieve a fallen star and embarks on an arduous quest. Some violence. 1999.

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At All Costs by John Gilstrap

Read by Brian Conn

16 hours, 8 minutes

When the feds raid the body shop where Jake works, he and his family must flee before the agents realize he's their most-wanted fugitive. Fourteen years ago Jake and Carolyn were falsely accused of detonating a fatal explosion. Violence and strong language. For senior high and older readers. 1998.

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The Regional Office is Under Attack! by Manuel Gonzales

Read by Mike Chamberlain, Susan Hanfield, Natasha Soudek, and Sarah Scott

10 hours, 48 minutes

The headquarters of a secretive superhero organization is attacked by its own rogue operatives. Rose is the skilled assassin who leads the attackers, while Sarah does her best to defend the office as her colleagues die around her. Flashbacks show how both women got where they are. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

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The Hungry Ocean: a Swordboat Captain's Journey by Linda Greenlaw

Read by Mary Woods

7 hours, 24 minutes

The only female swordfishing boat captain describes a harrowing month-long journey to Newfoundland's Grand Banks. Greenlaw recalls her five-man crew and their struggle against the sea aboard the Hannah Boden. Companion to Junger's *The Perfect Storm* (DB 44751), which portrays the fatal journey of a sister ship, the *Andrea Gail*. Strong language. Bestseller.

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The Magicians a Novel by Lev Grossman

Read by Colleen Delany

16 hours, 31 minutes

Bored with life, Quentin Coldwater spends his time reading fantasy and dreaming of the mythical realm of Fillory. But after being transported off the street to the Brakebills College for Magical Pedagogy, Quentin realizes that real sorcery isn't easy. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Alex Award. 2009.

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Water For Elephants by Sara Gruen

Read by Nick Sullivan

12 hours, 44 minutes

1931. Veterinary student Jacob Jankowski's world comes crashing down when his parents die in a car accident. Broke, Jacob joins the circus, falls for Marlena, a married circus star, and cares for animals like Rosie the elephant. Strong language, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller. 2006.

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The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon

Read by Bruce Huntley

6 hours, 9 minutes

Fifteen-year-old Christopher, who exhibits behavioral problems associated with autism, investigates the murder of his neighbor's dog. His severely logical approach leads him down an unexpected path, bringing him face to face with the dissolution of his parent's marriage while providing insight into the workings of his mind. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2002.

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The Lock Artist by Steve Hamilton

Read by MacLeod Andrews

12 hours, 42 minutes

Teenager Michael Smith, who experienced a trauma at age eight that left him mute, has the ability to open any locked door or safe. Blackmailed to work on burglary jobs for a Detroit mobster, Michael struggles to regain his speech--and his life. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex.

Commercial audiobook. Alex Award. 2010.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB070587

Snow in August: a Novel by Pete Hamill

Read by Christopher Hurt

9 hours, 56 minutes

Brooklyn, 1947. Eleven-year-old Irish Catholic Michael Devlin and Rabbi Judah Hirsh, a refugee from Prague, become friends. Michael teaches the rabbi about America and baseball, and Judah teaches the boy Yiddish phrases. When religious prejudice sweeps the community, Michael faces a difficult choice between his neighbors and his principles. Some strong language. Bestseller.

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She Rides Shotgun by Jordan Harper

Read by Andy Pyle

7 hours, 17 minutes

Eleven-year-old Polly is surprised to see her father, Nate, waiting for her after school--he's been in prison for years. Nate killed a connected man before his release, and Polly's mother has just been murdered in retaliation. Now they're after Polly. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2017.

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Girlchild by Tupelo Hassman

Read by Frieda Ford

7 hours, 43 minutes

Rory Dawn Hendrix, the youngest of five kids, lives with her alcoholic mom in a trailer just outside of Reno. Rory has many challenges to face and depends on a tattered Girl Scout book for direction as she tries to be the first in her family to break the mold of high school dropouts, unwed mothers, welfare moms, alcoholics and gamblers. Some violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex.

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Plainsong by Kent Haruf

Read by Jim Zeiger

9 hours, 6 minutes

Life in the small town of Holt, Colorado, includes a high school teacher caring for his two young sons as his wife leaves him. His coworker, later his lover, convinces two old rancher brothers to take in an outcast pregnant student. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1999.

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The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

Read by Richard Hauenstein

11 hours, 52 minutes

An Afghan in California recalls a fateful 1975 day in Kabul that seared his soul at age twelve--the day he won a kite tournament and abandoned a younger companion to rape. That cowardice keeps haunting him during exile in America until the opportunity for atonement arises--back in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan. Violence and some strong language. 2003.

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An Unkindness of Magicians by Kat Howard

Read by Paige O'Malley

9 hours, 14 minutes

When a Turning begins, all the magical houses compete for control. Sydney is a magician with immense power, who escaped the House of Shadows. She enters the Turning, but her real goal is to bring down the entire system. Some violence and some strong language. 2017.

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Genghis Birth of an Empire, a Novel of Genghis Khan by Conn Iggulden

Read by Ken Kliban

15 hours, 58 minutes

Asia, twelfth century. When the clan abandons his family, young Temujin--the future Genghis Khan--fights for survival on the harsh steppe. As Temujin grows into both a fierce warrior and a diplomat, he builds an army to one day conquer his enemies and unite the Mongol tribes. Violence. Alex Award. 2007.

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Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro

Read by Rosalyn Landor

9 hours, 41 minutes

England, 1990s. Kathy H., Ruth, and Tommy attended Hailsham, one of the better academies where human clones bred to be organ donors are sheltered from reality. Now thirty-one, Kathy has been a donor caregiver for eleven years. As her own time to donate nears, Kathy appreciates her privileged upbringing. Commercial audiobook. 2005.

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How Long 'til Black Future Month?: Stories by N. K. Jemisin

Read by Je Nie Fleming, Robin Ray Eller, Ron Butler, Kevin Stillwell et. al.

14 hours, 13 minutes

Short science fiction and fantasy stories examining modern society from the award-winning author. Dragons and spirits haunt New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. A parallel universe observes reality's mistakes. A black mother in the Jim Crow south must save her daughter from the fey. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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Arena: Arena, Book 1 by Holly Jennings

Read by Erin Spencer

11 hours, 59 minutes

Kali Ling competes in weekly televised gaming competitions. When a teammate overdoses, she must try to work with a distracting new teammate. Meanwhile, Kali hopes to bring about changes to the way the Virtual Gaming League operates. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

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Soldier: a Poet's Childhood by June Jordan

Read by Gail Nelson

5 hours, 13 minutes

Poet and activist Jordan's memoir of childhood in Harlem and Brooklyn. Recalls the misalliance of her West Indian immigrant parents and her ambivalence towards her ambitious, abusive father. Uses vivid images and prose poems to recreate feelings about everything from playing cowboys to her first date. Some violence and some strong language. Alex Award. 2000.

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Mister Pip by Lloyd Jones

Read by Margaret Strom

7 hours, 8 minutes

Tom Watts, the lone white man on a war-torn Pacific island, volunteers as schoolmaster and begins reading Charles Dickens's *Great Expectations* to his students. The novel helps thirteen-year-old Matilda escape from the horrors of reality, even when the violence reaches her village. Some violence and some strong language. Alex Award. 2006.

[Download from BARD: Mister Pip](#)

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Mudbound: a Novel by Hillary Jordan

Read by Ellen Ranson

10 hours, 40 minutes

As a family who have moved from the city to a Mississippi cotton farm struggle, the husband's brother returns from World War II along with the eldest son of sharecroppers, now a hero. The unlikely friendship of these two men arouses passions in others and reveals how everyone becomes a player in tragedy, even as they strive for love and honor.

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The Perfect Storm: a True Story of Men Against the Sea by Sebastian Junger

Read by Bill Wallace

8 hours, 17 minutes

Recounts the 1991 loss at sea of the New England fishing boat *Andrea Gail* in the "perfect storm" that resulted from the explosive convergence of several high-energy weather fronts. Depicts a fisherman's harsh life and gives a likely account of the vessel's final hour before sinking. Vividly portrays failed rescue efforts and people drowning. Bestseller.

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The Boy who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope by William Kamkwamba

Read by Jon Huffman

11 hours, 4 minutes

Memoir of Malawi youth William, a school dropout who was inspired by a library book to build the first windmill in his village. Describes growing up on a farm without electricity, surviving famine, recycling scraps into a windmill to generate power, and inspiring others. Alex Award. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB072673

Things We Have in Common by Tasha Kavanagh

Read by Erin Jones

7 hours, 10 minutes

Fifteen-year-old Yasmin, overweight and friendless, is obsessed with fellow classmate Alice. When Yasmin notices a dog-walking man staring at Alice, she decides that he is a pedophile and that she needs to save Alice from him.

Yasmin devises a plan to learn where he lives. Strong language. 2015.

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Just After Sunset by Stephen King

Read by Don Hagen

14 hours, 11 minutes

Thirteen suspenseful short stories. In "The Gingerbread Girl" a grieving woman whose baby has died retreats to the Florida Keys only to encounter a serial killer. In "The Things They Left Behind" a man finds items belonging to his murdered coworkers in his apartment. Violence and strong language.

Bestseller. Alex Award. 2008.

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Last Days of Summer: a Novel by Steve Kluger

Read by John Polk

6 hours, 51 minutes

1940. Twelve-year-old wise guy Joey Margolis, the only Jewish boy in his Brooklyn neighborhood, begins writing letters to the Giants' third baseman, Charlie Banks. Charlie replies, and they correspond about everything from politicians to girlfriends. The two meet and continue their adventures until World War II intervenes. Some strong language.

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Those Who Wish Me Dead by Michael Koryta

Read by Robert Petkoff

10 hours, 32 minutes

When thirteen-year-old Jace Wilson witnesses a brutal murder, he is plunged into a new life, issued a false identity, and hidden in a wilderness skills program for troubled teens. But the plan to keep Jace off the grid while police find the two killers backfires. Violence and strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB078661

Into Thin Air: a Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster by John Krakauer

Read by Roy Avers

8 hours, 57 minutes

A journalist's first-hand report on the ill-fated Mt. Everest expedition of May 1996 in which a freak storm claimed the lives of nine adventurers. Describes the grueling ascent of the climbers, their sense of elation at reaching the peak, and the tragic events that followed. Strong language. Bestseller. 1997.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB044525

Shadow Divers: the True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II by Robert Kurson

Read by Bruce Huntley

13 hours, 12 minutes

Journalist chronicles scuba divers John Chatterton's and Richie Kohler's 1991 discovery of a sunken World War II German U-boat off the New Jersey coast. Describes their perilous six-year search in the 230-foot-deep sunken wreck for clues to identify the submarine and its crew. Strong language. Bestseller. 2004.

[Download from BARD: Shadow Divers: the True Adventure of Two...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB58650

Girl in Translation by Jean Kwok

Read by Elisabeth Rodgers

9 hours, 9 minutes

Eleven-year-old Ah-Kim "Kimberly" Chang and her widowed mother move to New York City before the 1997 Chinese takeover of their native Hong Kong. They live in an unheated apartment and work in Kimberly's aunt's Brooklyn sweatshop. But Kimberly's intelligence earns her a private-school scholarship and hope for the future. Alex Award. 2010.

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The God of Animals a Novel by Aryn Kyle

Read by Mare Trevathan

11 hours, 5 minutes

Colorado. When her older sister elopes, sixth-grader Alice Winston helps care for her mother, who is bedridden by depression, and assists her father in running the family's struggling horse farm. Strong language, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. For senior high and older readers. Alex Award. 2007.

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Crow Lake by Mary Lawson

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

7 hours, 39 minutes

After their parents die, teens Matt and Luke Morrison give up their own university plans to raise two young sisters, Kate and Bo, in the northern Ontario badlands. Twenty years later, Kate, now a professor, returns to resolve past differences at a family reunion. Some strong language. 2002.

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The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game by Michael Lewis

Read by Alexander Strain

11 hours, 21 minutes

Sportswriter analyzes the National Football League's obsession with left tackles, exposes the machinations behind college athletic recruitment, and profiles African American football prodigy Michael Oher. Describes the homeless Memphis teen's adoption by a wealthy Evangelical white family and his development into a star high-school left tackle. Strong language. Bestseller. 2006.

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The Spellman Files by Lisa Lutz

Read by Erin Jones

10 hours, 20 minutes

Twenty-eight-year-old licensed private investigator Izzy Spellman has worked for her parents' PI firm for sixteen years. Fed up with her family's prying ways, Izzy agrees to work one last job--an unsolved missing-person case. Then Izzy's quirky fourteen-year-old sister Rae--who shadows people both recreationally and for the business--disappears. Strong language. 2007.

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The Swallows by Lisa Lutz

Read by Ari Fliakos, Lisa Flanagan, Michael Crouch et. al.

11 hours, 2 minutes

When Alexandra Witt joins the faculty at Stonebridge Academy, she's hoping to put a painful past behind her. Then one of her creative-writing assignments generates some disturbing responses from students. Alex is soon immersed in an investigation of popular students--and their connection to something called the Darkroom. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

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The Night Birds by Thomas Maltman

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

14 hours

Minnesota, 1876. Lonely teenager Asa's aunt Hazel comes to live with his family after a long stay in a mental institution. Asa appreciates her company and stories, which teach him about his German-immigrant relatives, their divide over slavery, and Hazel's bond with a Dakota warrior. Violence. Alex Award. 2007.

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Daughter of the Forest by Juliet Marillier

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

20 hours, 55 minutes

Lord Colum of Sevenwaters has six talented sons--Liam, Diarmid, twins Cormack and Conor, Finbar, and Padriac. But it is his seventh child and only daughter, Sorcha, who can restore his sons to humanity after Colum's new wife, Oonagh, changes them into swans. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2000.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB053155

Down Among the Sticks and Bones by Seanan McGuire

Read by Seanan McGuire

4 hours, 6 minutes

Twin sisters Jacqueline and Jillian are as different as they can be. Jacqueline is the perfect daughter, while Jillian is a tomboy at heart. Betrayed by their parents at the age of twelve, they find a staircase that leads to a magic land filled with dangers. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

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Every Heart a Doorway by Seanan McGuire

Read by Cynthia Hopkins

4 hours, 47 minutes

What happens to children after they return from adventures in magical lands? Sometimes when they cannot cope with the real world, they end up at Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children. Nancy is a new arrival, trying to fit in, when a killer strikes. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

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Middlegame by Seanan McGuire

Read by Amber Benson

17 hours, 5 minutes

Roger is skilled with words, while for his twin, Dodger, it's all about numbers. Roger and Dodger aren't exactly human, though they don't realize it. They aren't exactly gods, either. Not entirely. Not yet. Their alchemist creator has a plan for them. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

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Red, White & Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston

Read by Ramon De Ocampo

12 hours, 18 minutes

Alex Claremont-Diaz, son of the first female US president, considers England's Prince Henry his nemesis. After a confrontation at a royal wedding, the pair have to make nice for the cameras, pretending to be friends. What isn't fake is the growing attraction between them. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

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The Talk Funny Girl a Novel by Roland Merullo

Read by Laura Giannarelli

12 hours, 6 minutes

New Hampshire, 1980s. Marjorie is raised in impoverished isolation by unemployed parents who speak their own dialect and follow a sadistic minister. When Marjorie turns seventeen, her aunt finds her work with a stonemason. Meanwhile, a killer targets teenage girls. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. Alex Award. 2011.

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The Work of Wolves by Kent Meyers

Read by Michele Schaeffer

14 hours. 28 minutes

South Dakota. Cruel landowner Magnus Yarborough hires Carson Fielding to train the Yarborough horses and teach his wife, Rebecca, to ride. But Magnus, suspecting infidelity, takes his anger out on Rebecca's horses. Carson and friends plot to free the animals by stealing them. Some violence and some strong language. 2004.

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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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Black Swan Green by David Mitchell

Read by Kirby Heyborne

13 hours, 7 minutes

In a backwater English town in 1982, thirteen-year-old Jason Taylor endures bullying at school because of his stammer. At home he copes with his parents' bickering and his nasty older sister but still manages to have adventures. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2006.

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The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

13 hours, 11 minutes

At the Circus of Dreams magicians Celia and Marco are pitted against each other in an epic magical battle. Their mentors plan for it to have only one survivor, not foreseeing that Celia and Marco will fall in love. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2011.

[Download from BARD: The Night Circus](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB073783

Breaking Night: a Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard by Liz Murray

Read by Carol Simpson

15 hours, 53 minutes

Breaking Night is slang for staying up through the night until the sun rises. It is also the unforgettable, stunning memoir of Liz Murray who at the age of fifteen found herself on the streets when her family of loving but drug-addicted parents finally unraveled. When her mother died of AIDS, Liz returned to high school while homeless, won a New York Times scholarship and made it into Harvard prevailing against all odds.

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Also available on digital cartridge DBC002533

Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng

Read by Suzanne Duvall

9 hours, 14 minutes

Examines the secrets of the Chinese-American Lee family of Ohio before and immediately after the 1977 drowning death of their middle child--high school sophomore Lydia. History professor James and his wife Marilyn--whose medical school plans were aborted by pregnancies--had high hopes for her. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2014.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB080393

The Time Traveler's Wife: a Novel by Audrey Niffenegger

Read by Annie Wauters

17 hours, 25 minutes

Librarian Henry DeTamble first meets his future wife, Clare, when he is twenty-eight and Clare is twenty--but Clare has actually known Henry since she was six. Henry suffers from Chrono-Impairment, a disorder that catapults him sporadically through time, complicating the couple's enduring love. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2003.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB057102

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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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The Rover by Mel Odom

Read by Anne Flosnik

16 hours, 27 minutes

Humble pint-sized librarian Edgewick Lamplighter is abducted by pirates and taken to a far-off land of wicked goblins and evil wizards. Wick's only hope is to outsmart these creatures using knowledge gained through a lifetime of reading. For junior and senior high readers. 2001.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB056430

The Death of Bees by Lisa O'Donnell

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

6 hours, 42 minutes

Sisters Marnie and Nelly bury their parents in the backyard. Fifteen-year-old Marnie hides their secret from inquisitive adults, hoping to hold them at bay until she turns sixteen and can become her younger sister's legal guardian. Violence, some strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Alex Award. 2012.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB078303

When the Emperor was Divine: a Novel by Julie Otsuka

Read by Kimberly Schraf

3 hours, 58 minutes

The tale of a Japanese American family of four, interned at the start of World War II. After the father's arrest, his ten-year-old daughter, seven-year-old son, and wife are relocated to Utah where they are detained for over three years. For senior high and older readers. Alex Award. 2002.

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The Dive from Clausen's Pier by Ann Packer

Read by Jill Fox

15 hours, 50 minutes

Carrie, raised in Wisconsin and engaged to her high school sweetheart, feels her life is all too predictable. Her fiancé's dive off a pier, leaving him a quadriplegic, precipitates her move to New York City and a lot of soul searching. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2002.

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Truth and Beauty: a Friendship by Ann Patchett

Read by Barbara Caruso

8 hours, 14 minutes

Author reminisces about her long-term friendship with Lucy Grealy, whom she met in college at Sarah Lawrence and who wrote *Autobiography of a Face* (RC 40052) describing her battle with facial cancer. Patchett describes their relationship until Grealy's 2002 death from a heroin overdose. 2004

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In the Heart of the Sea: the Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex by Nathaniel Philbrick

Read by Brian Conn

11 hours, 2 minutes

Relying mainly on the cabin boy's journal discovered in 1960, the author recounts the disastrous 1819 voyage of the whaling ship Essex. He describes the attack of an eighty-five-foot bull sperm whale, and the ensuing starvation, dehydration, and cannibalism that befell the shipwrecked survivors. Bestseller. 2000.

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My Sister's Keeper: a Novel by Jodi Picoult

Read by Erin Jones

10 hours, 50 minutes

When Kate is diagnosed with a rare leukemia her parents create test-tube baby Anna to save her life. After years of medical procedures Anna, now thirteen, is expected to donate a kidney. She files for medical legal emancipation and throws the family into a fundamental moral crisis. 2004.

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American Shaolin Flying Kicks, Buddhist Monks, and the Legend of Iron Crotch: an Odyssey in the New China by Matthew Polly

Read by Christopher Hurt

11 hours, 59 minutes

Travel writer describes the two years he spent studying kung fu at the Shaolin Temple, the birthplace of Zen Buddhism and martial arts. Discusses his 1992 journey to China, where he absorbed the culture and came of age. Some strong language. For senior high and older readers. Alex Award. 2007.

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High School by Sara Quin and Tegan Quin

Read by Tegan Quin and Sara Quin

9 hours, 28 minutes

The authors, identical twin sisters, perform together as the indie rock group Tegan and Sara. From first loves to first songs, they share stories of their high school years in Calgary, Alberta, and the formative experiences that led to musical success and iconic status in the LGBT community. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. 2019.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB097119

Bellweather Rhapsody by Kate Racculia

Read by Jessica Almasy

11 hours, 31 minutes

Fifteen years after there was a murder-suicide in room 712 of the Bellweather, hundreds of high school musicians have gathered at that hotel for a music festival. As a snowstorm approaches, one of the orchestra's stars is found dead--in room 712. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

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The World Made Straight by Ron Rash

Read by Ray Childs

9 hours, 11 minutes

North Carolina. Seventeen-year-old Travis Shelton runs afoul of marijuana grower Carlton Toomey, quits school, and moves in with schoolteacher-turned-drug-dealer Leonard Shuler. Travis takes an interest in Leonard's books about a Civil War massacre, the legacy of which resurfaces in a confrontation with Toomey. Violence and strong language. Alex Award. 2006.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB064714

Stiff: the Curious Lives of Human Cadavers by Mary Roach

Read by Kimberly Schraf

11 hours, 13 minutes

Journalist explores the role of dead bodies in science's "boldest strides and weirdest undertakings" throughout history and the twentieth century. Describes such productive, sometimes bizarre, uses for corpses as testing guillotines, studying plane and car crashes, and experimenting with organ transplants, plastic surgery, and other medical procedures. Bestseller. 2003.

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Antarctica by Kim Stanley Robinson

Read by Dan Bloom

22 hours, 12 minutes

In the near future, when corporations exploit Antarctica's mineral resources, ecological terrorists fight to preserve the wilderness environment. A U.S. senator sends his assistant Wade Norton on a fact-finding mission, but Norton is distracted by the terrorists' cause. Some strong language.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB047890

The Name of the Wind: the Kingkiller Chronicle: Day One by Patrick Rothfuss

Read by Fred Major

26 hours, 53 minutes

A wandering scholar recognizes an innkeeper as the legendary Kvothe and elicits his story. Kvothe reveals his youth in a family of traveling players, struggles as an orphan, entry into a school of magic, and exploits that earned him reputations as a magician, thief, hero, and assassin. Some violence. 2007.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB064855

Bad Monkeys by Matt Ruff

Read by Faith Potts

7 hours, 8 minutes

Jane Charlotte awakens in a psychiatric detention center after murdering a man--a "bad monkey"--for the secret crime-fighting organization she belongs to. Dr. Vale listens to Jane's life story while determining whether she is mentally ill. Some violence and some strong language. Alex Award. 2007.

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True Notebooks by Mark Salzman

Read by John Lescault

10 hours, 11 minutes

Collection of writings by juvenile inmates, compiled by their detention-center teacher, a former victim of violent juvenile crime. Salzman develops an understanding of his students in the justice system and helps them explore their vulnerabilities, fears, and hopes through writing. Strong language, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller. 2003.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB057380

Almost a Woman by Esmeralda Santiago

Read by Suzanne Toren

11 hours, 12 minutes

This coming-of-age memoir continues the account begun in *When I Was Puerto Rican* (DB 38181). Recalls author's difficulties of moving to New York without speaking English, being accepted at the High School for Performing Arts, and having her first love affair--all before reaching age twenty-one. Some descriptions of sex. 1998.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB053924

Lock In by John Scalzi

Read by Amber Benson and Wil Wheaton

20 hours, 57

New FBI agent Chris Shane and his partner must discover who committed a murder: the man who owns the body at the scene or the mind he rented it to. Contains two complete versions of the book; one narrated by Wil Wheaton and the other by Amber Benson. Violence and strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2014. minutes

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Also available on digital cartridge DB079538

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Also available in braille BR022523

Help for the Haunted by John Searles

Read by Abigail Maupin.

13 hours, 39 minutes

February 1989. One snowy night, young Sylvie Mason's parents take her along to meet their estranged daughter Rose at a church. Left alone in the car, Sylvie waits for her parents, who never return. Sylvie tries to discover what went wrong. Some violence and some strong language. Alex Award. 2013.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB078110

Where'd You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple

Read by Margaret Strom

10 hours, 49 minutes

Seattle. Eighth-grader Bee's request for a family trip to Antarctica is the last straw for her mother Bernadette, who has become so socially inept that she hired a virtual assistant in India to handle her life. Just before the trip, Bernadette vanishes. Heartbroken Bee investigates. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2012.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB075351

Caucasia by Danzy Senna

Read by Kristin Allison

13 hours, 56 minutes

1970s. Cole and Birdie Lee, daughters of a black professor and a white revolutionary, live in Boston. Their father takes the darker daughter, Cole, to Brazil. Birdie, left with her radical mother, is soon on the run from the FBI. Living as a white person and confused about race and identity, she desperately misses her sister. Strong language and some descriptions of sex.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB047685

The Thirteenth Tale: a Novel by Diane Setterfield

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

13 hours, 7 minutes

Cambridge antiquarian bookseller Margaret Lea is hired by legendary author Vida Winter to pen her life story before she dies. At Vida's decrepit estate out on the Yorkshire moors, Margaret listens to a family history of ghosts, incest, abandoned babies, and other secrets, but wonders, is it true? Bestseller. 2006.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB063418

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Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan

Read by Andy Pyle

9 hours, 48 minutes

While hunting for a new job, Web designer Clay Jannon wanders across Mr. Penumbra's Twenty-Four-Hour Bookstore, which sits next to a strip joint. Hired for the night shift, Clay is soon drawn into a world of mystery, intrigue, and kooky customers. Alex Award. 2012.

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Brewster a Novel by Mark Slouka

Read by Ray Childs

10 hours, 28 minutes

Brewster, New York; 1969. Best friends Jon and Ray are trying to cope with small-town life and loss. Jon still mourns over the untimely death of his older brother twelve years ago. Ray deals with his abusive father, an ex-cop. Both boys seek freedom. Violence and strong language. Alex Award. 2013.

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The Fall of Rome: a Novel by Martha Southgate

Read by Bruce Huntley

6 hours, 55 minutes

Cultures clash when Rashid Bryson, a black scholarship student, arrives at a prestigious boys' boarding school. African American teacher Jerome Washington and white colleague Jana Hansen become involved with Bryson's education, the racial tension, and each other. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. Alex Award. 2002.

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The Invisible Life of Ivan Isaenko: a Novel by Scott Stambach

Read by Dan Bittner

8 hours, 16 minutes

A lifelong resident of the Mazyr Hospital for Gravely Ill Children, Ivan Isaenko turns everything into a game, manipulating people and events for his amusement. When Polina arrives, however, she challenges Ivan, and the two are soon drawn to each other. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

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Rats: Observations on the History and Habitat of the City's Most Unwanted Inhabitants by Robert Sullivan

Read by James Geagan

9 hours, 50 minutes

In Rats, Robert Sullivan spends a year investigating a rat-infested alley just a few blocks away from Wall Street in this funny, wise, sometimes disgusting but always compulsively readable book which looks deep into the largely unrecorded history of the city and its rats.

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The Dragons of Babel by Michael Swanwick

Read by Kimberly Schraf

13 hours, 38 minutes

On his way to the bustling metropolis of Babel, exiled half-mortal orphan Will befriends founding Esme and confidence man Nat Whilk. There Will becomes the hero of a subterranean army of the city's dispossessed. Sequel to The Iron Dragon's Daughter (RC 39034). Strong language and some violence. 2007.

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Golden Boy by Abigail Tarttelin

Read by James Konicek

13 hours, 12 minutes

Fifteen-year-old Max is the golden boy at school and worshipped at home by his little brother and parents. But when Max, who is intersex, is raped by a childhood friend, his family's world falls apart. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. Alex Award. 2013.

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The Good Thief by Hannah Tinti

Read by Jim Zeiger

10 hours, 30 minutes

New England, 1800s. Ren, a twelve-year-old, one-handed orphan with no memory of his past, is adopted by Benjamin Nab, a con man claiming to be Ren's long-lost brother. As Benjamin introduces Ren to a dark, surreal world of grave robbers and petty thieves, Ren discovers his true parentage. Some violence. Alex Award. 2008.

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Black, White, and Jewish: Autobiography of a Shifting Self by Rebecca Walker

Read by Barbara Pinolini

7 hours, 34 minutes

The daughter of divorced African American author Alice Walker and Jewish civil rights lawyer Mel Leventhal recalls her unhappy childhood. Shuttled between two homes and cultures and feeling neglected, Rebecca turned to drugs and sex for comfort before escaping to Yale University. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2001.

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The Glass Castle: a Memoir by Jeannette Walls

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

9 hours, 29 minutes

Reporter for MSNBC.com looks back on her unsettled life. Describes growing up in a dysfunctional family, which was always on the move. She recalls her father's dream of building a "glass castle," and relates how she and her siblings escaped to make lives of their own. Strong language. 2005.

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The Girl Who Smiled Beads: a Story of War and What Comes After by Clemantine Wamariya and Elizabeth Weil

Read by Robin Miles

9 hours, 2 minutes

The author of this memoir describes fleeing the Rwandan massacre in 1994 and spending the next six years wandering through several African countries in search of safety. She ultimately found asylum in the United States. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward

Read by Erin Jones

8 hours, 15 minutes

Mississippi, August 2005. Young black teenager Esch Batiste--pregnant, hungry, and rejected--helps her widowed father and three brothers prepare for the approaching hurricane. When the storm arrives, the family seeks refuge in the attic. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex.

National Book Award. Alex Award. 2011.

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The Martian: a Novel by Andy Weir

Read by J.P. Linton

12 hours, 45 minutes

Six days after becoming the first man to walk on Mars, astronaut Mark Watney is caught in a windstorm. Though his support crew thinks he died, Mark survived and now faces abandonment, failed machinery, and a hostile environment.

Strong language. Bestseller. 2011.

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The Book of Essie: a Novel by Meghan MacLean Weir

Read by Robbie Daymond, Erin Spencer, and Tara Sands

11 hours, 6 minutes

Seventeen-year-old Esther Ann Hicks, the youngest child of an evangelical preacher, has grown up under the spotlight on her family's reality television show. When she gets pregnant, her mother meets with show producers to figure out how to proceed. Essie has her own plans. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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10th Grade: a Novel by Joseph Weisberg

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High school sophomore Jeremiah Reskin keeps a journal detailing his adventures in his New Jersey hometown and family life with his parents and two sisters. Jeremiah reminisces about the girls he falls for, his soccer team, and his jaunts with the guys. Strong language. For senior high readers. Alex Award. 2002.

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All Systems Red: the Murderbot Diaries by Martha Wells

Read by Kevin R. Free

3 hours, 19 minutes

In a corporate-dominated, spacefaring future, security androids accompany exploratory teams. One team's self-aware droid has hacked itself and now refers to itself as "Murderbot." After a neighboring mission goes dark, Murderbot and its team must investigate. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

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Educated: a Memoir by Tara Westover

Read by Julia Whelan

12 hours, 13 minutes

Memoir exploring the author's path from being raised in a fundamentalist, paranoid Mormon family where she was homeschooled to eventually working her way to graduate degrees at Cambridge and Harvard. Discusses hardships faced by the family, abuse at the hands of a sibling, and more. Some violence, strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

Read by Colson Whitehead and J. D. Jackson

6 hours, 48 minutes

1962. Elwood Curtis lives with his grandmother, works when not in school, and admires Dr. Martin Luther King. But one innocent mistake sees him sentenced to reform school--the Nickel Academy. There he meets Turner, whose skepticism challenges Elwood. Their friendship has repercussions in the sadistic school. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2019.

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To Say Nothing of the Dog, or, How We Found the Bishop's Bird Stump at Last by Connie Willis

Read by David Cutler

18 hours, 19 minutes

In 2057 Lady Schrapnell endows a time-travel project in return for help in rebuilding Coventry Cathedral. The only object she needs for the newly restored building is the bishop's bird stump. Ned Henry is sent back to 1940 to retrieve it before the church burns, but he arrives a few hours too late--which is just the beginning of his problems.

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The Clockwork Dynasty by Daniel H. Wilson

Read by Claire Coffee, and David Giuntoli

10 hours, 48 minutes

Anthropologist June Stefanov uncovers a terrible secret in the workings of a three-hundred-year-old mechanical doll. Then she meets someone who exposes her to a reality she never imagined. In a second storyline set in the 1720s, the tsar's loyal mechanic brings two astonishingly humanlike mechanical beings to life. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

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Robopocalypse a Novel by Daniel H Wilson

Read by Jack Fox

10 hours, 46 minutes

In the near future, artificial intelligence leaps ahead of humans' abilities and can no longer be contained. When a computer program escapes from the lab and initiates random attacks, most people remain unaware until too late--robots have already taken over the world. Violence and strong language. Alex Award. 2011.

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Maisie Dobbs, a Novel by Jacqueline Winspear

Read by Jill Fox

9 hours, 28 minutes

Thirteen-year-old Maisie is lucky to be a maid in the home of a wealthy London suffragette who sees to her education. Maisie becomes a private investigator in 1929 after serving as a nurse during the Great War. Her first case involves a shelter for wounded veterans. 2003.

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Mother, Mother a Novel by Koren Zailckas

Read by Celeste Lawson

11 hours, 46 minutes

Josephine Hurst runs her household with an iron fist. Family members who don't live up to her expectations are cast aside and Josephine focuses her attentions on those who remain. But an incident involving daughter Violet prompts a visit from child protective services. Strong language and some violence. 2013.

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Caring is Creepy: a Novel by David Zimmerman

Read by Theresa Conkin

8 hours, 22 minutes

Fifteen-year-olds Lynn and Dani toy with unsuspecting people on an adult Internet site until Lynn makes the mistake of giving a grown man her real name. Then a series of decisions land Lynn in hot water with a troubled soldier named Logan. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 2012.

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