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### Young Adult Fiction: Action, Adventure and Intrigue

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#### **City of the Beasts by Isabel Allende**

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

8 hours, 45 minutes

Fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold accompanies his journalist grandmother on an expedition to search for the legendary Yeti of the Amazon, known as "The Beast." Alexander and his new friend Nadia begin a magical adventure in the mysterious, impenetrable jungle. For senior high and older readers. 2002.

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#### **The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin by Josh Berk**

Read by Chuck Young

5 hours, 54 minutes

Will Halpin is both fat and deaf--the perfect target for bullies as he mainstreams in a Pennsylvania high school. But when a popular football player is found dead at the bottom of a coal mine during a field trip, Will figures out who pushed him. For grades 6-9. 2010.

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**White Cat: The Curse Workers, Book 1 by Holly Black**

Read by Brian Conn

7 hours, 54 minutes

Cassel Sharpe discovers that his older brothers used their curse-working skills to have him carry out their criminal schemes--and then they stole his memories. But Cassel figures out a way to turn his brothers' evil machinations against them. Some violence. For senior high readers. 2010.

[Download from BARD: White Cat: The Curse Workers, Book 1](#)

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**The Name of This Book Is Secret; If You're Reading This, It's Too Late ; This Book Is Not Good For You ; This Isn't What It Looks Like ; You Have To Stop this by Pseudonymous Bosch**

Read by Andy Pyle

38 hours, 49 minutes

Five books in a series. Eleven-year-old friends Cass and Max-Ernest solve mysteries involving a dead magician, a magic museum, and a mummy. In This Isn't What It Looks Like Cass gets stuck in the past and Max-Ernest races to save her before it is too late. For grades 4-7. 2007.

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**The Reader by Traci Chee**

Read by Kim Mai Guest

12 hours, 33 minutes

Set in a world where reading is unheard of, Sefia makes use of a mysterious object to track down those who kidnapped her aunt Nin and to find out what really happened the night her father was murdered. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2016.

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### **Shelter a Mickey Bolitar Novel by Harlan Coben**

Read by Nick Podehl

7 hours, 15 minutes

Mickey Bolitar begins his sophomore year at a new high school and gets a girlfriend named Ashley. When Ashley suddenly disappears, Mickey uncovers an underworld and learns the truth about his father. Some violence. For senior high and older readers. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

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### **The Reluctant Assassin W.A.R.P. by Eoin Colfer**

Read by George Holmes

9 hours, 57 minutes

Albert Garrick, an illusionist and assassin in Victorian England, and his apprentice Riley travel through time to modern London. Riley teams up with seventeen-year-old Chevie, a quasi-FBI agent, to stop Garrick's nefarious plans. Some violence and some strong language. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2013.

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### **The Maze Runner by James Dashner**

Read by Gary Tipton

10 hours, 33 minutes

A teenage boy wakes up in an elevator remembering nothing but his name, Thomas. He soon meets a group of boys who welcome him to the Glade--and the unsolved puzzle of the Maze. The next day a girl arrives with an unexpected message. Some violence. For grades 6-9. 2009.

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### **Playing for the Devil's Fire by Phillippe Diederich**

Read by Ozzie Rodriguez

8 hours, 15 minutes

Thirteen-year-old Boli lives in a small town near Mexico City, a landscape destroyed by drug crime. When his parents leave town and are not heard from, Boli hopes to inspire a luchador to help him find them. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For junior and senior high and older readers. 2016.

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### **Little Brother by Cory Doctorow**

Read by Erik Sandvold

12 hours, 37 minutes

After a terrorist attack on San Francisco's Bay Bridge, the Department of Homeland Security detains high school senior Marcus and his friends without cause. When Marcus is released, he lashes out at the authorities by hacking into the city's universal electronic surveillance system. For senior high and older readers. 2008.

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### **On the Edge of Gone By Corinne Duyvis**

Read by Mare Trevathan

10 hours, 24 minutes

In 2035, a comet hits Earth, and life on our planet struggles to survive the event. Sixteen-year-old Denise, who is autistic, tries to find her missing sister and also help her neglectful, undependable mother as the disasters begin. Some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2016.

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### **The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke**

Read by David Cutler

9 hours, 33 minutes

Orphan brothers Prosper, age twelve, and Bo (Boniface), age five, have run away from their cruel aunt and uncle in Hamburg to Venice--their mother's favorite city. They join a band of urchins led by a mysterious Thief Lord who steals to support them. And then the complications begin. For grades 5-8. 2000.

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### **Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein**

Read by Patrick Downer

5 hours, 56 minutes

Twelve-year-old Kyle and his friends enter a contest to win a Friday-night lock-in at the new public library created by an eccentric game maker. Little do they know that the winners will have to work together to solve puzzles in order to escape. For grades 4-7. Agatha Award. 2013

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### **Paper Towns by John Green**

Read by Dan John Miller

8 hours

During senior year, Margo, the girl next door, entices Quentin into a night of mischief--and she then disappears. Quentin and classmates Radar, Ben, and Lacey follow the clues Margo left while they worry about her state of mind. Strong language. For senior high readers. Edgar Award. Commercial audiobook. 2008.

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### **Football Genius by Tim Green**

Read by Gary Tipton

4 hours, 55 minutes

Sixth-grader Troy can predict football plays before they occur and wants to use this ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons. But first he has to convince the team to take him seriously. For grades 5-8. 2007.

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### **Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer by John Grisham**

Read by Brian Conn

5 hours, 5 minutes

Both kids and adults ask eighth grader Theo for legal advice because he knows the court system so well. But when his friend Julio approaches Theo about a possible surprise witness for an ongoing murder trial--the biggest in Strattenburg's history--it's Theo's turn to seek counsel. For grades 5-8. 2010.

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### **Satch & Me a Baseball Card Adventure by Dan Gutman**

Read by Erik Sandvold

4 hours, 21 minutes

Using vintage baseball cards to travel through time, Stosh and his coach Flip Valentini return to 1942 with a radar gun to determine whether Satchel Paige was the fastest pitcher ever. They learn that Satch was fast at a lot of things. For grades 4-7. 2006.

[Download from BARD: Satch & Me a Baseball Card Adventure](#)

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### **Found the Missing by Margaret Peterson Haddix**

Read by Jack Fox

5 hours, 55 minutes

Seventh-grader Jonah knows that he was adopted. But when he and his friend Chip receive mysterious letters, they learn that they and thirty-four other babies were found on an airplane with no adults on board--a possible time-travel experiment. Now opposing forces want to capture them. For grades 5-8. 2008.

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### **Scat by Carl Hiaasen**

Read by Michael Kramer

9 hours, 14 minutes

Florida. While her biology class is on a field trip to the Black Vine Swamp, Mrs. Starch goes missing during a mysterious wildfire. Believing the class bully Smoke is involved, Nick and his friend Marta investigate and encounter some unusual people and a panther. For grades 5-8. 2009.

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### **Bloody Horowitz by Anthony Horowitz**

Read by Michael Russotto

8 hours, 14 minutes

Fourteen tales of the macabre. In "The Man Who Killed Darren Shan" a would-be writer's jealousy leads him to commit a not-so-perfect crime. In "Robo-Nanny" a robot left in charge of two young boys malfunctions--with horrifying results. For grades 5-8. 2010.

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### **Shipwreck Island by Gordon Korman**

Read by Holter Graham

2 hours, 34 minutes

Six troubled kids who were sent out to sea for a character-building experience are shipwrecked on a desert island. The adults are gone, and the quest for survival begins. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2001.

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### **Death Cloud Sherlock Holmes, the Legend Begins by Andy Lane**

Read by Joe Peck

8 hours, 5 minutes

When fourteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes stays with his eccentric uncle and aunt during a break from the Deepdene School for Boys, he encounters his first murder mystery. Two men appear to have died from the plague, but Holmes believes otherwise. For junior and senior high and older readers. 2010.

[Download from BARD: Death cloud Sherlock Holmes the Legend Begins](#)

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### **The Call of the Wild by Jack London**

Read by L.J. Ganser

3 hours, 36 minutes

Buck, a St. Bernard mix, is stolen and trained to be a sled dog in the Alaskan gold fields. Abused by both men and dogs, Buck learns to fight ruthlessly until he finds a master, John Thornton, whom he loves and respects. For senior high and older readers. 1903.

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Also available in braille BR12582



## **The Battle of the Red Hot Pepper Weenies and Other Warped and Creepy Tales by David Lubar**

Read by Julian Thompson

4 hours, 34 minutes

Thirty-five short stories on bizarre subjects ranging from the stinky consequences of boys using a turkey call in the woods to a new girl's reaction to a mood ring. In the title piece, a Mexican boy and a Texan challenge each other to a hot-pepper-eating contest. For grades 6-9. 2009.

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## **Game Changers by Mike Lupica**

Read by Mark Delgado

4 hours, 31 minutes

What eleven-year-old Ben McBain wants most is to be the quarterback for his football team. But teammate Shawn O'Brien has been groomed by his dad, a former NFL player, to look and act the part--and Shawn's dad is the coach. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 2012.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB076470

## **I Hunt Killers by Barry Lyga**

Read by Jeremy Gage.

10 hours 47 minutes

Jazz Dent, son of a serial killer, worries that he too is a sociopath. When a body is found in Jazz's hometown of Lobo's Nod, Jazz uses what he learned from his father and hunts for the culprit. Violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2012.

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Also available in braille BR020068

### **Stalking Jack the Ripper by Kerri Maniscalco**

Read by Nicola Barber

9 hours, 28 minutes

In Victorian-era London, privileged seventeen-year-old Audrey Rose leads a secret life studying the practice of forensic medicine. She finds herself embroiled in the investigation of a gruesome serial killer. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2016.

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### **The Outliers by Kimberly McCreight**

Read by Cynthia Farrell

10 hours 42 minutes

When her best friend Cassie goes missing and then sends a cryptic note pleading for help, Wylie sneaks off to find her, with the help of Jasper, Cassie's boyfriend. What they discover is beyond their imaginations. Violence and strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2016.

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### **One of Us Is Lying by Karen M. McManus**

Read by Robbie Daymond, MacLeod Andrews, Kim Mai Guest et. al.

10 hours, 46 minutes

When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students during detention, the four--all subjects of an upcoming post--become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case. Some violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2017.

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### **Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers**

Read by L. J. Ganser

7 hours, 11 minutes

Iraq, 2003. Robin "Birdy" Perry joins the army after high school and becomes involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Birdy writes about his experiences to his uncle Richie, a Vietnam War veteran, from Fallen Angels (RC 29775, BR 17796). Violence and strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2008.

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Also available in braille BR017795

### **A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness**

Read by Jason Isaacs

4 hours

Thirteen-year-old Conor is tormented by his mother's impending death, a school bully, and recurring nightmares. But one night a monster comes to Conor, tells him three tales, and instructs Conor to tell the fourth--and scariest--of all the tales. For junior and senior high and older readers. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

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### **The Call by Peadar Ó Guilin**

Read by Amy Shiels

7 hours, 27 minutes

Every teenager in Ireland dreads the one day that they will be subjected to "the call," which whisks them away to battle monsters. With limited mobility due to polio, Nessa Doherty trains to survive and is determined to return alive. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2016.

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### **The Dangerous Days of Daniel X by James Patterson**

Read by Brian Hemmingsen

4 hours, 9 minutes

Fifteen-year-old orphan Daniel has followed in his parents' footsteps as the Alien Hunter, secretly tracking down and exterminating dangerous aliens that roam the planet. But when Daniel faces Ergent Seth, the fates of Earth and another world hang in the balance. For senior high and older readers. 2008.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB067523

### **Brian's Hunt by Gary Paulsen**

Read by Gary Tipton

2 hours, 14 minutes

When sixteen-year-old Brian from Hatchet (RC 30535, BR 11525) returns to the wilderness two years after his plane crash he finds a wounded dog and the bodies of a Cree couple killed by a rogue bear. Tracking the animal, Brian is pursued as its prey. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2003.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB057823

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Also available in braille BR015296

### **The Living by Matt de la Peña**

Read by Joe Peck

7 hours 45 minutes

Shy works on a cruise liner to make a bit of extra money to help out his family back in Otay Mesa, north of the Mexican border. But then, an epic earthquake changes everything. Some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2013.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB078224

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## **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling**

Read by Erik Sandvold

8 hours, 55 minutes

On Harry Potter's eleventh birthday, he learns that he is more than an unwanted orphan. The Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry recruits him because he has inherent magical abilities. As he purchases his school supplies--robes, wand, and messenger owl--Harry looks forward to attending his new boarding school. For grades 4-7. Bestseller.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB047260

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## **The Prince of Mist by Carlos Ruiz Zafón**

Read by Steven Carpenter

4 hours, 18 minutes

After young Max and his family move into a house on the Spanish coast, strange occurrences point to a ghost and a diabolical spirit, the Prince of Mist, who is intent on collecting past debts. First publication in 1993 in Spanish. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2010.

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## **Holes by Louis Sachar**

Read by Phil Regensdorf

5 hours 19 minutes

Stanley Yelnats IV finds himself in a detention center for possessing stolen property that he didn't take. While digging holes under the summer Texas sun, he sees a fellow inmate running away--and follows him. Legends, loyalty, and buried treasure are revealed as Stanley learns to survive. For grades 5-8.

Newbery Medal. Nat'l Book Award. 1998.

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### **The Rithmatist by Brandon Sanderson**

Read by Mark Delgado

9 hours, 52 minutes

Rithmatists use magic to bring chalk drawings--called chalklings--to life to do battle with the wild chalklings that threaten the land. When Rithmatist students begin to mysteriously disappear, generalist student Joel, his friend Melody, and a professor at Armedius Academy try to find them. For senior high and older readers. 2013.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB076769

### **Uncaged the Singular Menace by John Sandford**

Read by Tara Sands

11 hours, 45 minutes

After an animal-rights action at a research lab goes horribly wrong, hacker Odin's life is in danger. His younger sister Shay must find a way to help him before the researchers at Singular Corp can silence him. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2014.

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### **Guys Write for Guys Read by Jon Scieszka**

Read by Don Hagen

7 hours

A selection of writings by boys' favorite authors--Avi, Chris Crutcher, Dan Gutman, Stephen King, William Sleator--about being a boy. Scieszka, who took these pieces from his Guys Read web site, describes them as "funny, action-packed, sad, goofy, gross, touching, stupid, true, and all very short." For grades 6-9. 2005.

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### **The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick**

Read by Jeff Woodman

2 hours, 53 minutes

Paris, 1931. Orphaned Hugo survives inside a train station's walls, keeping the clocks running and stealing food and toys. His secrets--including a notebook of drawings and a mechanical man--are jeopardized when he becomes ensnared with a toy seller and his goddaughter Isabelle. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. Caldecott Medal. 2007.

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### **Man Made Boy by Jon Skovron**

Read by Robert Sams

10 hours, 28 minutes

Tired of being sheltered from humans, seventeen-year-old Boy, son of Frankenstein's monster and the Bride of Frankenstein, runs away from his Times Square theater home and embarks on a wild cross-country road trip. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 2013.

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### **Spontaneous by Aaron Starmer**

Read by Alex McKenna

9 hours, 41 minutes

When teens begin to spontaneously combust in a suburban New Jersey high school, no one knows who will be next. The students begin to live their lives as if any moment might be their last. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2016.

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### **Murder is Bad Manners a Wells & Wong Mystery by Robin Stevens**

Read by Lise Bruneau

5 hours, 51 minutes

At an English boarding school in the 1930s, crime-solving friends Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells struggle to find an exciting mystery to investigate. Then Hazel discovers the dead body of Miss Bell, the science teacher. For grades 5-8. 2014.

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### **The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trent Lee Stewart**

Read by Don Hagen

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children--Kate, Sticky, Reynie, and Constance Contraire--are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. For grades 4-7. 2007.

13 hours, 40 minutes

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### **The Water Wars by Cameron Stracher**

Read by Erin Jones

5 hours, 32 minutes

After the great empires fall to drought and war, any drinkable water is precious. That makes teenaged Kai's gift for locating underground water valuable. When Kai is kidnapped, his young friends Will and Vera set out to rescue him. For grades 6-9. 2011.

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**Ask the Dark by Harry Turner**

Read by Lincoln Hoppe

6 hours, 41 minutes

Former juvenile delinquent Billy Zeets notices the strange disappearances of teenage boys in his neighborhood. A high cash reward tempts him to start an investigation into the murders, but he also catches the notice of the serial killer. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2015.

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**Breaking Stalin's Nose by Eugene Yelchin**

Read by Ken Kliban

1 hours, 51 minutes

In the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union, ten-year-old Sasha idolizes his father, a devoted Communist. But when the police take his dad away and leave Sasha homeless, he is forced to examine his own perceptions, values, and beliefs. For grades 5-8. Newbery Honor. 2011.

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