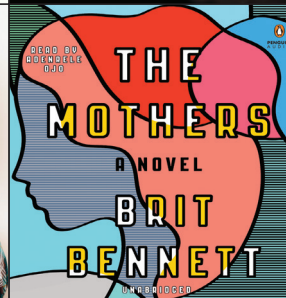
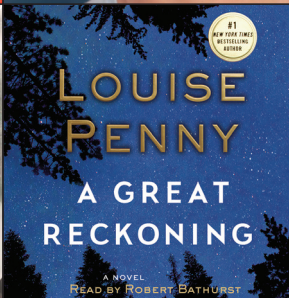
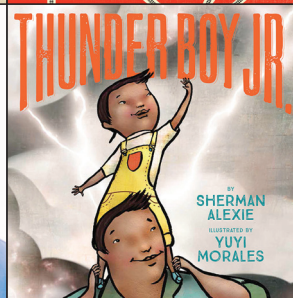
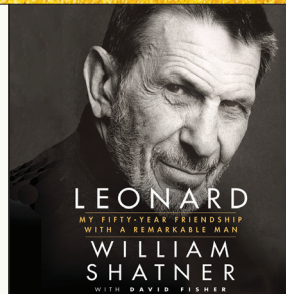
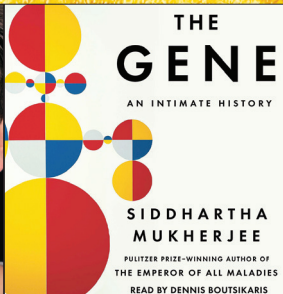
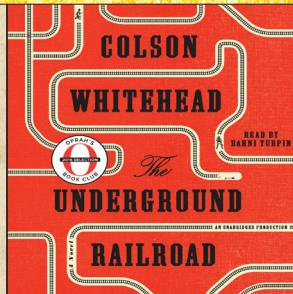
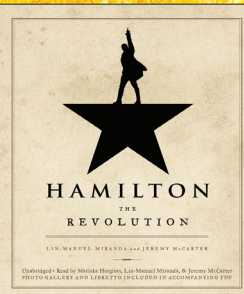


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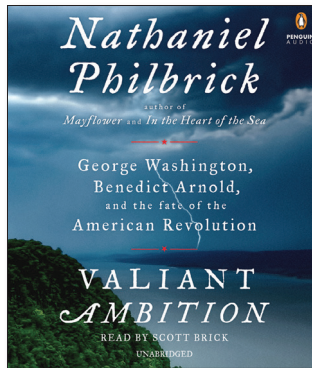
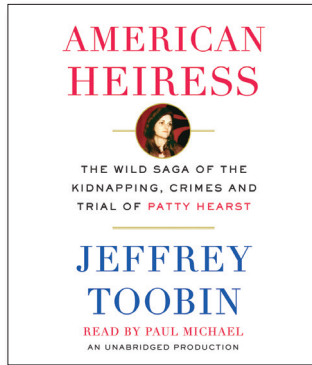


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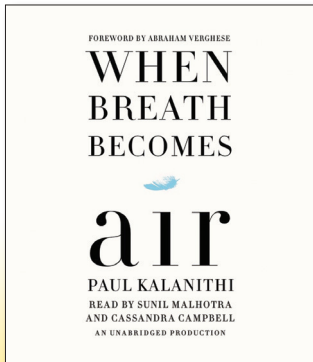
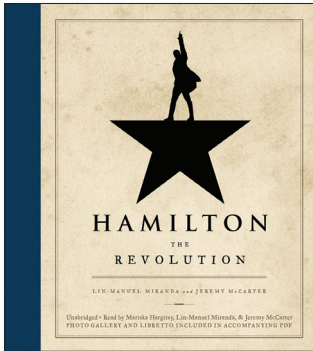
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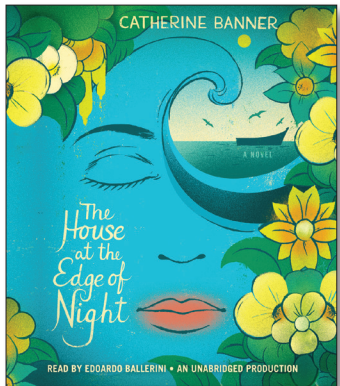
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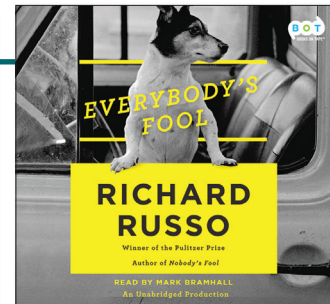
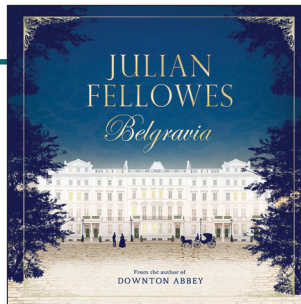
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Edoardo Ballerini video

Edoardo Ballerini on narrating *The House at the Edge of Night*

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BARKSKINS Annie Proulx

Read by Robert Petkoff (Simon & Schuster Audio)

BELGRAVIA Julian Fellowes

Read by Juliet Stevenson (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

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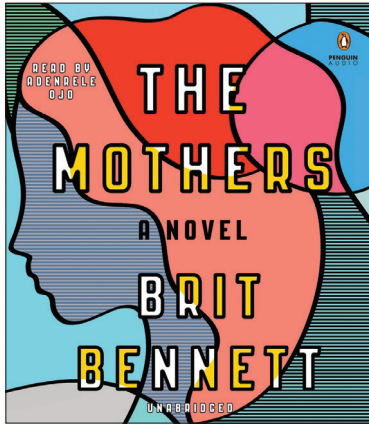
THE HOUSE AT THE EDGE OF NIGHT Catherine Banner

Read by Edoardo Ballerini (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

LAROSE Louise Erdrich

Read by Louise Erdrich (Harper Audio)

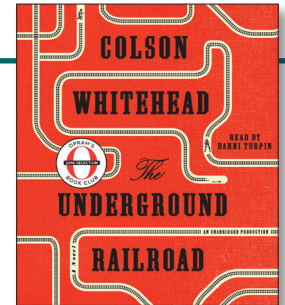
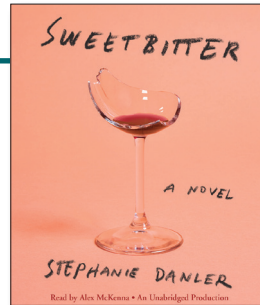
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Fiction

A LITTLE LIFE Hanya Yanagihara
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MISTER MONKEY Francine Prose
Read by Kirby Heyborne, Nan McNamara (Harper Audio)

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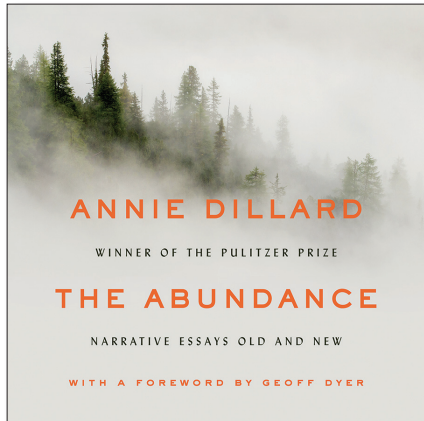
THE NIX Nathan Hill
Read by Ari Fliakos (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

SWEETBITTER Stephanie Danler
Read by Alex McKenna (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

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Read by Caroline Lee (Macmillan Audio)

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD Colson Whitehead
Read by Bahni Turpin (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

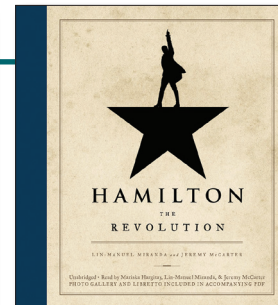
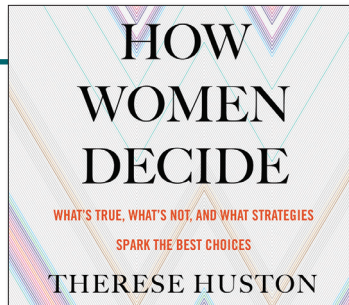
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THE ABUNDANCE Annie Dillard
Read by Susan Ericksen (Brilliance Audio)

THE GENE Siddhartha Mukherjee
Read by Dennis Boutsikaris (Simon & Schuster Audio)

HAMILTON: THE REVOLUTION
Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jeremy McCarter
Read by Mariska Hargitay, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jeremy McCarter
(Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

THE HERO WITH A THOUSAND FACES Joseph Campbell
Read by Arthur Morey, John Lee, Susan Denaker (Brilliance Audio)

THE HOUR OF LAND Terry Tempest Williams
Read by Terry Tempest Williams (Tantor Media)

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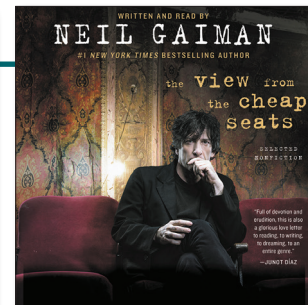
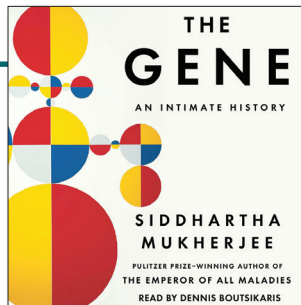
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—Dennis Boutsikaris



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Read by Robert Petkoff (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

LOST SOUND Jeff Porter

Read by Arthur Morey (Blackstone Audio)

OLD AGE Michael Kinsley

Read by Danny Campbell (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

THEN COMES MARRIAGE Roberta Kaplan, Lisa Dickey

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TRIBE Sebastian Junger

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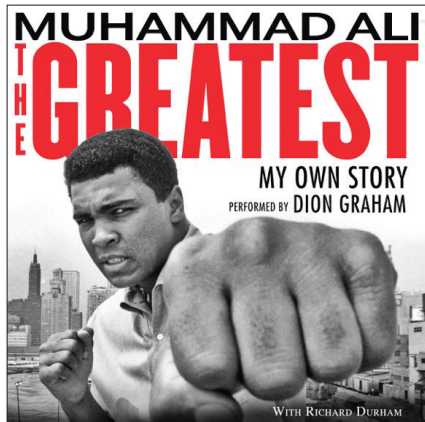
THE VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS Neil Gaiman

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THE YEAR OF VOTING DANGEROUSLY Maureen Dowd

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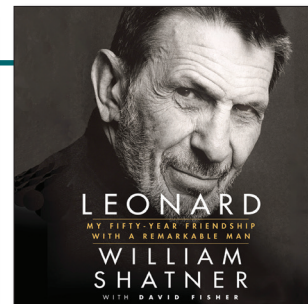
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Memoir

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THE GIRL WITH THE LOWER BACK TATTOO Amy Schumer
Read by Amy Schumer (Simon & Schuster Audio)

THE GREATEST Muhammad Ali
Read by Dion Graham (Graymalkin Media)

LEONARD William Shatner
Read by William Shatner (Macmillan Audio)

A LIFE IN PARTS Bryan Cranston
Read by Bryan Cranston (Simon & Schuster Audio)

THE LIGHTLESS SKY Gulwali Passarlay, Nadene Ghouri
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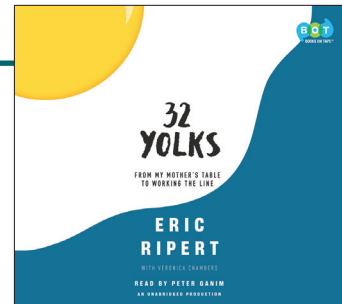
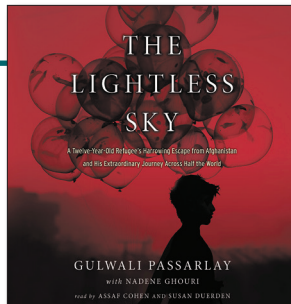
LOVE WARRIOR Glennon Doyle Melton
Read by Glennon Doyle Melton (Macmillan Audio)

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES Joel Grey

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THE PIGEON TUNNEL John le Carré

Read by John le Carré (Penguin Audio/Books on Tape)

SHOE DOG Phil Knight

Read by Norbert Leo Butz (Simon & Schuster Audio)

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Read by Peter Ganim (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

UNITED Cory Booker

Read by Cory Booker (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

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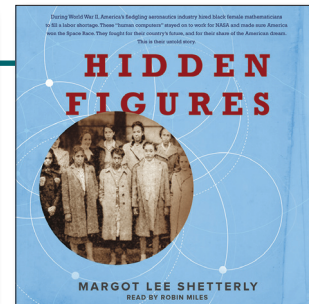
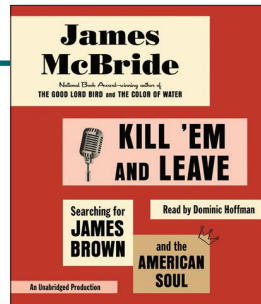
Paul Kalanithi, Abraham Verghese

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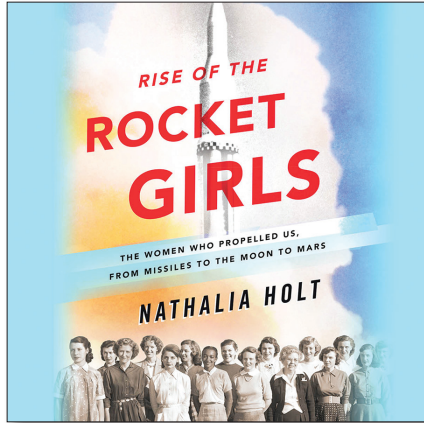
KATRINA: AFTER THE FLOOD Gary Rivlin

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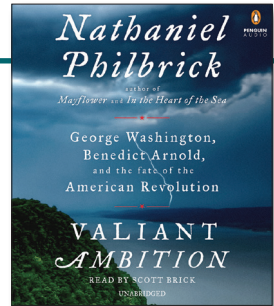
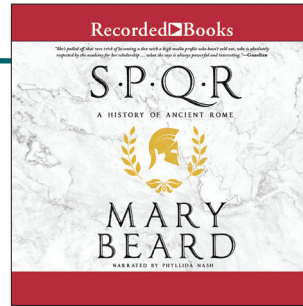
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Erin Bennett on narrating *Rise of the Rocket Girls*

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RISE OF THE ROCKET GIRLS Nathalia Holt

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SPQR Mary Beard

Read by Phyllida Nash (Recorded Books)

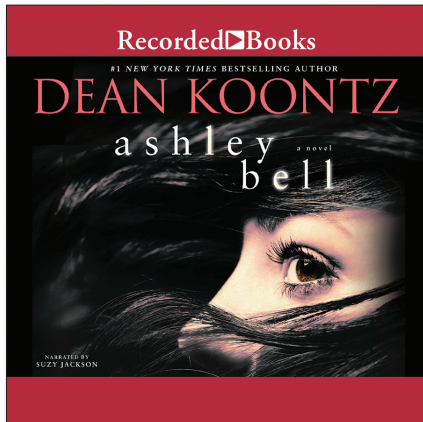
VALIANT AMBITION Nathaniel Philbrick

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THE YEAR OF LEAR James Shapiro

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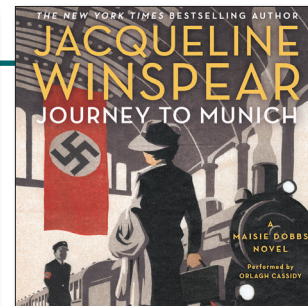
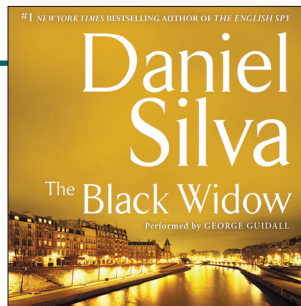
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Read by George Guidall (Harper Audio)

CHARCOAL JOE Walter Mosley
Read by Michael Boatman (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

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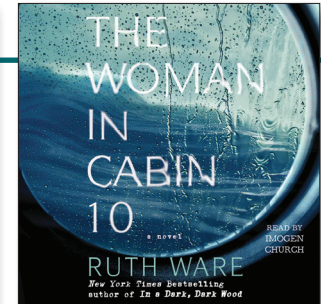
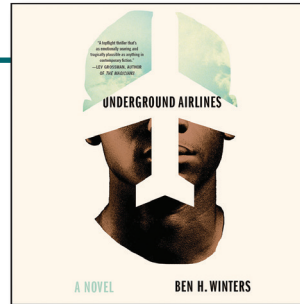
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THE SECOND LIFE OF NICK MASON Steve Hamilton

Read by Ray Porter (Penguin Audio/Books on Tape)

TWISTED RIVER Siobhan MacDonald

Read by Alana Kerr Collins, Sile Bermingham, Gerard Doyle, Tom Taylorson (Blackstone Audio)

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YOU SENT ME A LETTER Lucy Dawson

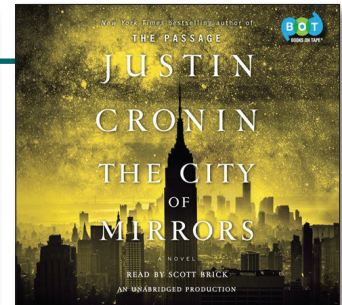
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Science Fiction & Fantasy

AGE OF MYTH Michael J. Sullivan

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ALIEN: OUT OF THE SHADOWS Tim Lebbon, Dirk Maggs

Read by Rutger Hauer, Corey Johnson, Matthew Lewis, and a Full Cast (Audible, Inc.)

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BATTLEFIELD EARTH L. Ron Hubbard

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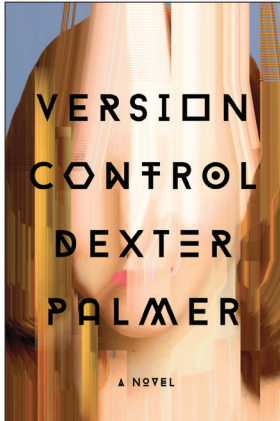
THE CITY OF MIRRORS Justin Cronin

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THE CITY ON THE EDGE OF FOREVER Harlan Ellison

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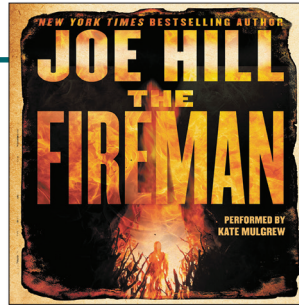
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January LaVoy on narrating *Version Control*

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Read by a Full Cast (GraphicAudio)

THE FIREMAN Joe Hill

Read by Kate Mulgrew (Harper Audio)

GHOST TALKERS Mary Robinette Kowal

Read by Mary Robinette Kowal (Audible, Inc.)

JERUSALEM Alan Moore

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Read by Robin Miles (Hachette Audio)

SERENGETI J.B. Rockwell

Read by Elizabeth Wiley (Tantor Media)

THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF HOPE Claire North

Read by Gillian Burke (Hachette Audio/Blackstone Audio)

VERSION CONTROL Dexter Palmer

Read by January LaVoy (Random House Audio/Books on Tape)

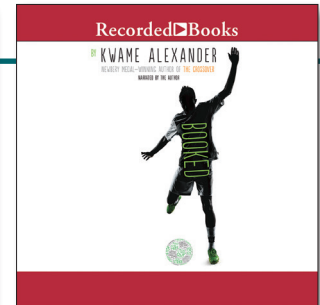
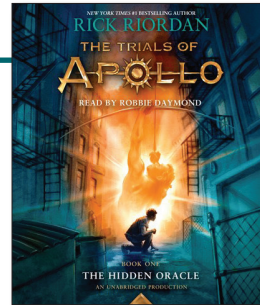
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28 DAYS Charles R. Smith, Jr.

Read by Dion Graham, William Jackson Harper, Zainab Jah, et al. (Live Oak Media)

THE BIG DARK Rodman Philbrick

Read by Michael Crouch (Scholastic Audiobooks)

BOOKED Kwame Alexander

Read by Kwame Alexander (Recorded Books)

GRAYLING’S SONG Karen Cushman

Read by Katherine Kellgren (Recorded Books)

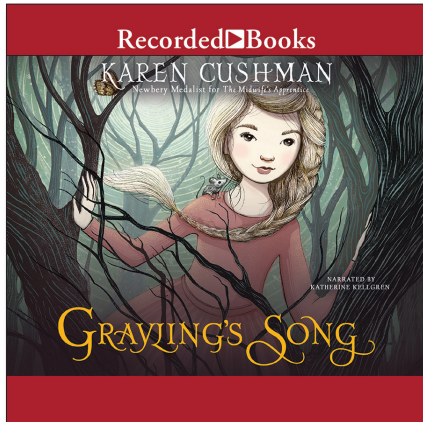
GRIMM’S FAIRY TALES The Brothers Grimm

Read by Jim Dale, Janis Ian, Alfred Molina, et al. (Listening Library)

THE HIDDEN ORACLE Rick Riordan

Read by Robbie Daymond (Listening Library)

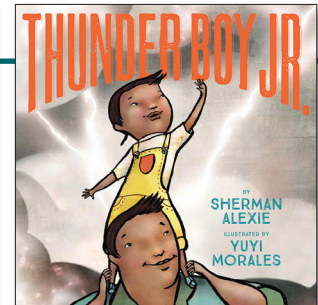
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Read by Ralph Lister (Oasis Audio)

PAX Sara Pennypacker

Read by Michael Curran-Dorsano (Harper Audio)

RAYMIE NIGHTINGALE Kate DiCamillo

Read by Jenna Lamia (Listening Library)

SAVE ME A SEAT Sarah Weeks, Gita Varadarajan

Read by Josh Hurley, Vikas Adam (Scholastic Audiobooks)

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Read by Peter Berkrot (Weston Woods Studios)

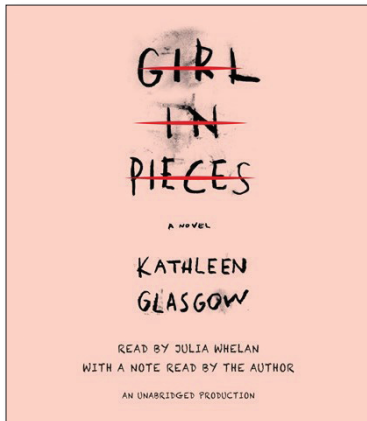
THUNDER BOY JR. Sherman Alexie

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THE WILD ROBOT Peter Brown

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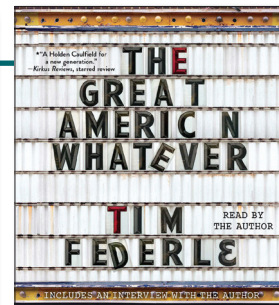
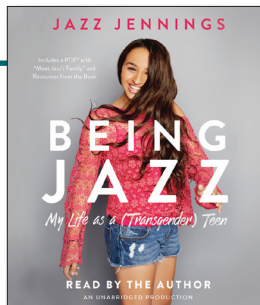
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Julia Whelan video

Julia Whelan on narrating *Girl in Pieces*

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AND I DARKEN Kiersten White

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ANNA AND THE SWALLOW MAN Gavriel Savit

Read by Allan Corduner (Listening Library)

BEING JAZZ Jazz Jennings

Read by Jazz Jennings (Listening Library)

GIRL IN PIECES Kathleen Glasgow

Read by Julia Whelan (Listening Library)

THE GREAT AMERICAN WHATEVER Tim Federle

Read by Tim Federle (Simon & Schuster Audio)

THE LIGHT FANTASTIC Sarah Combs

Read by Lauren Ezzo, Todd Haberkorn (Brilliance Audio)

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Read by Dion Graham (Scholastic Audiobooks)

THE NAZI HUNTERS Neal Bascomb

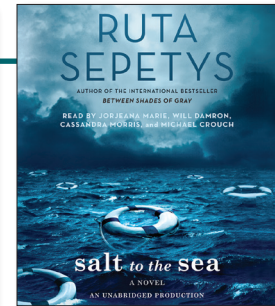
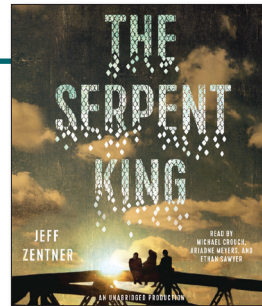
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Young Adult

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RIVERKEEP Martin Stewart

Read by James Cosmo (Listening Library)

SALT TO THE SEA Ruta Sepetys

Read by Jorjeana Marie, Will Damron, Cassandra Morris, Michael Crouch (Listening Library)

THE SERPENT KING Jeff Zentner

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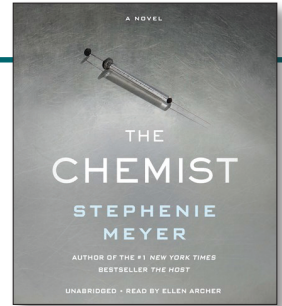
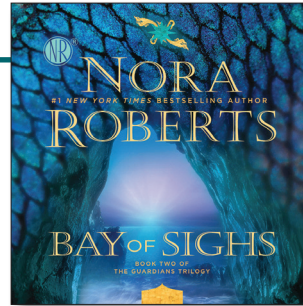
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