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Nobel Prize in Literature

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The Mirror of Lida Sal Tales Based on Mayan Myths and Guatemalan Legends By Miguel Angel Asturias (awarded the Prize in 1967)

Read by Annie Wauters

Reading time 4 hours, 59 minutes

Ten pieces of myth-based fiction by the 1967 Nobel laureate. In the title story, Lida, a young dishwasher for a restaurant, seeks to capture a rich man's love through a local custom. Seeing herself in a full-length mirror proves to be the most difficult requirement.

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Also available on cassette RC047278

Samuel Beckett: the Complete Short Prose, 1929-1989 By Samuel Beckett (awarded the Prize in 1969)

Read by Graeme Malcolm

Reading time 9 hours, 24 minutes

Collection of stories spanning the career of the 1969 Nobel laureate from Ireland. Arranged chronologically, they chart Beckett's philosophical evolution. The introduction by S.E. Gontarski places Beckett's short fiction within the context of the Irish storytelling tradition. 1995.

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The Adventures of Augie March By Saul Bellow (awarded the Prize in 1976)

Read by Roy Avers

Reading time 25 hours, 13 minutes

Nobel Prize-winner Saul Bellow's picaresque novel of Augie March, born to poor Russian Jewish immigrants and growing up in Depression-era Chicago.

Recounts his escapades in the world of wealth, war, and sophisticated women.

2001 introduction by Christopher Hitchens. Explicit descriptions of sex and strong language. Nat'l Book Award. 1949.

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Collected Poems in English By Joseph Brodsky (awarded the Prize in 1987)

Read By Steven Carpenter

Reading time 12 hours, 29 minutes

A collection of all the poems by Brodsky (1940-1996) that appeared in book form in English during his lifetime. Includes mainly translations but also poems composed in English by the Russian-born Nobel Prize winner who served as Poet Laureate of the United States in 1991 and 1992. 2000.

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Also available on cassette RC051984

The Good Earth By Pearl S. Buck (awarded the Prize in 1938)

Read by Kimberly Schraf

Reading time 11 hours, 22 minutes

Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by a winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Describes the rise of Wang Lung, a poor Chinese peasant. The story begins with his wedding day, as he ponders his good fortune that now he will have a woman to take over the chore of lighting the fire to heat the water for his bath. With the help and patience of his new wife, O-lan, Wang Lung becomes a rich landowner. Pulitzer Prize. For high school and older readers.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB037294

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The Stranger By Albert Camus (awarded the Prize in 1957)

Read by Phil Regensdorf Reading time 3 hours, 43 minutes

An existential novel, set in Algiers, about a man who resists any commitment, rendering his life meaningless. He does not react to his mother's death nor to a killing he commits, and he becomes a placid prisoner convicted of murder. His own impending death, however, leads him to some realizations.

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The Tongue Set Free Remembrance of a European Childhood By Elias Canetti (awarded the Prize in 1981)

Read by George Backman Reading time 11 hours, 29 minutes

An account of the 1981 Nobel Prize winner's early life, the events, personalities, and intellectual forces which shaped him as a young man. The shifting environments described range from Bulgaria to Manchester, England, and Switzerland to Vienna.

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The Family of Pascual Duarte By Camilo José Cela

Read by David Palmer Reading time 4 hours, 18 minutes

First published in 1942, this novel is one of the most widely read in Spanish. The story is the fictional history of a peasant who is charged with murder. His brutal crimes are revealed in a narrative--a kind of public confession--that he composes while awaiting execution. Violence competes with touching glimpses of conscience in a tale of stark realism. Descriptions of violence.

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Also available on cassette RC032055

The Birth of Britain By Winston Churchill (awarded the Prize in 1953)
Read by Patrick Horgan Reading time 18 hours, 8 minutes
An account of the British Isles from their pre-historic beginnings, including discussion of many ancient archaeological finds. The British statesman also chronicles the world of the Celts and the coming of Caesar. The birth of Britain
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Diary of a Bad Year By J. M. Coetzee (awarded the Prize in 2003)
Read by John Lescault Reading time 6 hours, 47 minutes
Australia. Aging South African writer JC is penning essays for a forthcoming book in which he and others expound on various contentious subjects. JC hires Anya, his beautiful neighbor who calls him Señor C, as his secretary. Anya's lover Alan grows increasingly jealous and schemes to defraud JC. 2007.
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Also available on digital cartridge DB066425

Lyrics, 1962-2001 By Bob Dylan (awarded the Prize in 2016)
Read by Reading time 10 hours 47 minutes
Compilation of song lyrics from twenty-eight albums by the influential and sometimes cryptic singer-songwriter. Ranges from his first album, Bob Dylan (1962), through 2001's Love and Theft, with some additional material. 2004.
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Selected Short Stories of William Faulkner By William Faulkner (awarded the Prize in 1949)

Read by David Palmer

Reading time 9 hours, 38 minutes

Thirteen short stories (most written in the 1930s) by the Nobel Prize-winning American novelist who died in 1962. In "Barn Burning," a man burns his enemies' barns, and his son tries to warn the victims. "That Evening Sun" recounts the tale of a black laundress who fears her lover after he learns she is pregnant by a white man. In "A Rose for Emily," a woman hides the corpse of her lover in an upstairs room. 1993.

[Download from BARD: Selected Short Stories of William Faulkner](#)

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A Woman Alone & Other Plays By Dario Fo (awarded the Prize in 1997)

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

Reading time 7 hours, 35 minutes

A collection of twenty monologs from the 1997 Nobel Prize-winning playwright and his actress wife. The plays deal with political and sexual themes that are often repressed in traditional Italian society, including rape, the double standard, and trophy wives. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 1991.

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Penguin Island By Anatole France (awarded the Prize in 1921)

Read by Noah Siegel

Reading time 8 hours, 20 minutes

A satirical burlesque of history in which the devil transports Mael, a pious Breton monk, to the North Pole. Blinded by the snow, Mael mistakes penguins for people and preaches to them, eventually baptizing them. The penguins are changed into people by a benevolent God, the island is towed back to the Breton coast, and the ridiculous history of Penguinaia begins.

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Also available on cassette RC030906

The Forsyte Saga By John Galsworthy (awarded the Prize in 1932)

Read by Norman Barrs

Reading time 35 hours, 53 minutes

Portrait of a family in a bygone age beginning with the Victorian era. The saga chronicles the lives of the monied, upper-class Forsytes, whose sense of what is valuable in this world is ever warring with their passions. Some of the engaging characters include Fleur, her father, Soames, and her husband, Michael Mont. Includes "The Man of Property," "Indian Summer of a Forsyte," "In Chancery," "Awakening," and "To Let."

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Also available on cassette RC021183

One Man's Bible a Novel By Xingjian Gao (awarded the Prize in 2000)

Read by Robert Sams

Reading time 15 hours, 9 minutes

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

[Download from BARD: One Man's Bible a Novel](#)

Also available on cassette RC056800

One Hundred Years of Solitude By Gabriel García Márquez (awarded the Prize in 1982)

Read by Peter Gil

Reading time 14 hours, 33 minutes

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

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Also available on cassette RC059490 or RC025181

The Immoralist By André Gide (awarded the Prize in 1947)

Read by George Backman Reading time 4 hours, 15 minutes

Michel, the narrator, explains how his personality and attitudes toward life disintegrated under the influence of a tropical climate and illness. In this psychological study, Gide examines the conflict between self-development and self-sacrifice. The author was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1947.

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Also available on cassette RC015732

Lord of the Flies By William Golding (awarded the Prize in 1983)

Read by Christopher Walker Reading time 7 hours, 18 minutes

With horrifying implications, a group of English boys are wrecked on a desert island and have to establish their own system of government. For senior high and older readers.

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Loot, and Other Stories By Nadine Gordimer (awarded the Prize in 1991)

Read by Mitzi Friedlander Reading time 7 hours, 43 minutes

Ten stories from the Nobel Prize-winning South African author. In the title piece, an earthquake draws back the sea to reveal submerged treasures as unsuspecting looters rush to the spoils. In "Homage," an assassin visits the grave of the man he was paid to kill. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2003.

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Also available on cassette RC065215

The Tin Drum By Günter Grass (awarded the Prize in 1999)

Read by Mark Ashby

Reading time 22 hours, 31 minutes

Mental institution inmate and indomitable drummer Oskar Matzerath, who chose to stop growing at age three, writes his memoirs of Danzig, Germany, during the Nazi regime. Nobel Prize-winner's 1959 novel in a 2009 translation by Breon Mitchell. Violence and descriptions of sex. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB071622

Also available on cassette RC011512

Growth of the Soil By Knut Hamsun (awarded the Prize in 1920)

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

Reading time 13 hours, 44 minutes)

Deep in Norway's unspoiled backcountry, Isak perseveres in building a homestead, nurturing his crops, and raising a family. But the demands of civilization eventually intrude upon--and destroy--his simple way of life. A 2007 translation by Sverre Lyngstad. 1917.

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Also available on cassette RC067499 OR RC012751

Plays By Gerhart Hauptmann (awarded the Prize in 1912)

Read by Annie Wauters

Reading time 10 hours, 34 minutes

Early works by the Nobel Prize-winning German playwright. Contains Before Daybreak: A Social Drama (1889), The Weavers: A Play of the 1840s (1892), and The Beaver Coat: A Thieves' Comedy in Four Acts (1893). The introduction places the dramatist's controversial career in the context of twentieth-century German history. Some violence.

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Also available on cassette RC043116

Beowulf By Seamus Heaney (awarded the Prize in 1995)

Read by Patrick Horgan Reading time 7 hours, 38 minutes

Nobel laureate Heaney presents a bilingual edition of the tenth-century Anglo-Saxon epic, which includes the original poem in Old English along with his new modern English verse translation. The poem chronicles the feats of Scandinavian warrior Beowulf, who battles with monsters and brings wisdom to leadership. Whitbread Award. Bestseller. 2000.

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A Farewell to Arms By Ernest Hemingway (awarded the Prize in 1954)

Read by David Hartley-Margolin Reading time 9 hours, 14 minutes

Romance between American lieutenant Frederic Henry in the ambulance service in Italy during World War I and the English nurse Catherine Barkley, who tends him when he is wounded. When Catherine becomes pregnant, she refuses to marry Frederic. 1929.

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The Glass Bead Game By Hermann Hesse (awarded the Prize in 1946)

Read by David Colacci Reading time 21 hours, 19 minutes

In the twenty-third century, Joseph Knecht gradually ascends to prominence as a Magister Ludi--a master of the game--in his quest to comprehend the essential unity of art, music, science, and spirituality. Culminating work of the 1946 Nobel Prize winner. Commercial audiobook. 1943.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB077056

Also available on cassette RC016088

The Piano Teacher a Novel By Elfriede. Jelinek

Read by Suzanne Toren

Reading time 9 hours, 12 minutes

Erika Kohut, a piano teacher at the Viena Conservatory, is totally devoted to her work. She lives with her mother who is, in turn, obsessively attached to Erika. But underneath Erika's calm exterior boils a sexual passion that she finds difficult to repress. Strong language and descriptions of sex.

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Also available on cassette RC030171

The Days of His Grace a Novel By Eyvind Johnson (awarded the Prize in 1974)

Read by Lester Rawlins

Reading time 11 hours, 39 minutes

Europe during the reign of Charlemagne provides the background for a novel of conflict and tumult. A Lombardy duke revolts unsuccessfully against the emperor, bringing ruin to the duke's followers and neighbors.

[Download from BARD: The Days of His Grace a novel.](#)

Also available on cassette RC009844

Snow Country By Yasunari Kawabata (awarded the Prize in 1968)

Read by David. Hartley-Margolin

Reading time 4 hours 7 minutes

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

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Also available on cassette RC048113

Captains Courageous By Rudyard Kipling (awarded the Prize in 1907)

Read by Harold Parker

Reading 6 hours, 54 minutes

The spoiled son of an American millionaire falls off an ocean liner and is rescued by a Gloucester fishing schooner. Forced to work aboard ship, he begins to develop maturity and responsibility. For children and adults. 1964.

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The Sibyl By Pär Lagerkvist (awarded the Prize in 1951)

Read by John Stratton

Reading time 3 hours, 59 minutes

A man, cursed by God for refusing Him a kindness, consults an outlawed former priestess to discover his fate. Complex allegorical tale of divine love and the contrast between Christian and pagan principles. The author was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1951.

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Also available on cassette RC017764

Desert By J.-M.G. Le Clézio (awarded the Prize in 2008)

Read by Michael Kramer

Reading time 12 hours, 56 minutes

The North African desert's harsh beauty has compelling effects on Nour, a Tuareg boy who, in 1910, flees French colonial troops with his tribe; and, in modern times, on Lalla, a tribal descendant who escapes Morocco for France. 2008 Nobel Prize winner's early novel, published in 1980 in French. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB071848

Alfred and Emily By Doris Lessing (awarded the Prize in 2007)

Read by Laura Giannarelli

Reading time 8 hours, 4 minutes

Nobel Laureate and prolific author of *The Golden Notebook* (RC0 23376) provides a fictional alternate account of her parents' lives. The Great War never happened and Brits Alfred and Emily marry others and have enjoyable careers. The novella is followed by the real account of their war-ravaged marriage. 2008.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB068213

Arrowsmith; Elmer Gantry ; Dodsworth By Sinclair Lewis (awarded the Prize in 1930)

Read by Constance Crawford Reading time 53 hours, 46 minutes
Three early-twentieth-century American classics by Nobel Prize-winning author. In Arrowsmith, an idealistic young doctor is disillusioned by greedy and self-serving colleagues. Elmer Gantry takes aim against the hypocrisy of a tent-show evangelist. In Dodsworth, a retired auto maker's dull marriage comes unglued during a European tour. Pulitzer Prize. 2002.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB056668

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The Dream of the Celt By Mario Vargas Llosa (awarded the Prize in 2010)

Read by Andy Pyle Reading time 16 hour, 22 minutes)
Pentonville Prison, London; 1916. Former British consul Roger Casement awaits punishment for treason. Casement's service to the crown exposing abuses in the Congo and the Amazon is overshadowed by his support of a free Ireland. Translated from Spanish. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 2012.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB076213

Buddenbrooks: the Decline of a Family By Thomas Mann (awarded the Prize in 1929)

Read by Annie Wauters OR Alexander Scourby Reading time 27 hours, 53 minutes

Generational saga of merchant family's decline in nineteenth-century northern Germany. Portrays wealthy bourgeois lifestyle and everyday occurrences through cycles of marriage, birth, divorce, and death. German Nobel laureate's first novel translated by John E. Woods. 1901.

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Red Sorghum a Novel of China By Yan Mo (awarded the Prize in 2012)

Read by Gregory Maupin Reading time 13 hours, 26 minutes

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

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Dora Bruder By Patrick Modiano (awarded the Prize in 2014)

Read by Jon Huffman Reading time 3 hours 40 minutes

Winner of the 2014 Nobel Prize for Literature details his investigation into the life of 15-year-old Dora Bruder, who ran away from a French Catholic boarding school in late 1941 but left no further record until her deportation to Auschwitz nine months later. Translated from French. Nobel Prize. 1999.

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A Mercy By Toni Morrison (awarded the Prize in 1993)

Read by Tonya Baltimore Reading time 5 hours, 32 minutes

Colonial North America, 1680s. An Anglo-Dutch trader reluctantly accepts a young slave girl named Florens as payment for a bad debt. Her mother hopes the transaction will prove a mercy to Florens, but subsequent years in Jacob Vaark's household reveal the harsh reality of being under another's dominion. Some violence. Bestseller. 2008.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB069148

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Also available in braille BR018095

The Appointment a Novel By Herta Muller (awarded the Prize 2009)

Read by Jill Fox

Reading time 7 hours, 17 minutes

A factory worker looking for a way out of Ceausescu's Romania is repeatedly summoned for questioning for sewing marriage proposals into garments bound for Italy. En route to an interrogation, she recalls the horrors of her life. Winner of the 2009 Nobel Prize for Literature. Some strong language. 1997.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB073273

Too Much Happiness: Stories By Alice Munro (awarded the Prize in 2013)

Read by Celeste Lawson

Reading time 10hours, 28minutes

Ten short stories about family and relationships by Canadian author and winner of the 2009 Man Booker International Prize. The title piece imagines the professional and personal life of late-nineteenth-century Russian mathematician Sophia Kovalevsky. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2009.

[Download from BARD: Too Much Happiness: Stories](#)

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The Masque of Africa Glimpses of African Belief By V. S. Naipaul (awarded the Prize in 2001)

Read by Peter Johnson

Reading time 8 hours, 51 minutes

Winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Literature examines religious beliefs during a journey to Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Gabon, and South Africa. Compares conditions to those seen on previous trips and discusses local history and lore. Comments on Christianity, Islam, and indigenous spiritual practices. 2010.

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Selected Poems By Pablo Neruda (awarded the Prize in 1971)

Read by Peter Gil

Reading time 9 hours, 23 minutes

Selections from the major published works of Chile's Nobel laureate, presented in English translation and the original Spanish. Includes pieces from the early Twenty Love Poems (1924), portions of his celebrated The Heights of Macchu Picchu, and poems from the autobiographical Memorial de Isla Negra (1964). 1990.

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Also available on cassette RC053952

The Changeling By Kenzaburo Oe (awarded the Prize in 1994)

Read by Robert Sams

Reading time 12 hours, 55 minutes

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

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Also available on digital cartridge DB073187

The Emperor Jones By Eugene O'Neill (awarded the Prize in 1936)

Read by Earle Hyman

Reading time 1 hour, 52 minutes

A powerful drama about Brutus Jones, self-styled emperor of a West Indian island who flees into the jungle to escape the natives he has cheated.

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Snow By Orhan Pamuk (awarded the Prize in 2006)

Read by Robert Blumenfeld

Reading time 17 hours, 37 minutes

Poet Ka returns to Turkey after years of exile in Germany. While trying to rekindle romance with a childhood friend he investigates the suicide of several religious "head-scarf" girls. Meanwhile a blizzard cuts off the town and a military coup occurs. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. Bestseller. 2002.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB058863

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Doctor Zhivago By Boris Leonidovich Pasternak (awarded the Prize in 1958)

Read by Andy Pyle

Reading time 26 hours, 35 minutes

Poet/physician Yuri Andreevich Zhivago takes his family from Moscow to the Ural Mountains for safety during the Russian Revolution but he is forcibly conscripted. He also falls in love with Lara, a revolutionary's wife. Translation of Boris Pasternak's acclaimed 1955 novel by Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky. 2010.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB075275

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Itinerary an Intellectual Journey By Octavio Paz (awarded the Prize in 1990)

Read by Bill Wallace

Reading time 5 hours, 4 minutes

Final work of the Nobel laureate who died in 1998. These autobiographical essays on politics and history are influenced by such twentieth-century events as the Mexican and Cuban revolutions and the works of writers like Trotsky and Camus. They chart the development of Paz's political philosophy and the dynamism of historical change. 1999.

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The Homecoming a play By Harold Pinter (awarded the Prize in 2005)

Read by John Horton

Reading time 2 hours, 4 minutes

A modern play which exposes the basic drives and personal motivations, as well as the bonds, among the male members of an English household. One of the sons brings his wife for a visit, which becomes the occasion for much psychological warfare. Tony Award.

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The Oil Jar and Other Stories By Luigi Pirandello (awarded the Prize in 1934)
Read by Cyn Delafield Reading time 4 hours, 23 minutes
Eleven short stories written between 1884 and 1917 by the winner of the 1934 Nobel Prize for Literature. In the title piece, a temperamental olive grower nearly explodes when the olive-jar repairman inadvertently traps himself inside the container. But the clever tinker uses the owner's anger to solve the dilemma.
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Also available on cassette RC045668
[Download from BARD as Electronic Braille BR11531](#)
Also available in braille BR011531

Jean-Christophe By Romain Rolland (awarded the Prize in 1915)
Read by Jonathan Farwell Reading time 50 hours, 3 minutes
Inspired by the life of Beethoven, this novel of a musical genius from his early infancy in a small Rhine town illuminates the history of society, art, and ideas in France and Germany. Author awarded Nobel Prize in Literature 1915.
[Download from BARD: Jean-Christophe](#)
Also available on cassette RC015044

A History of Western Philosophy By Bertrand Russell (awarded the Prize in 1950)
Read by Geoffrey Sherman Reading time 35 hours, 55 minutes
Nobel laureate examines philosophy as "an integral part of social and political life," from the rise of Greek civilization, through the era of Catholic dominance to the Renaissance, and into the twentieth century and the emergence of modern philosophy. 1945.
[Download from BARD: A History of Western Philosophy](#)
Also available on cassette RC052158

Death with Interruptions By José Saramago (awarded the Prize in 1998)
Read by Joe Peck Reading time 7 hours, 21 minutes
On January 1 in an unspecified year and country, no one dies. Death goes on strike and social catastrophe follows. After some months Death resumes her work, with the proviso that victims receive advance notification by mail. But then a bachelor cellist evades Death's letter. First published in Portuguese. 2008.
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Nausea By Jean-Paul Sartre (awarded the Prize in 1964)

Read by Sally McQuaid Reading time 8 hours, 19 minutes

The author's first novel, originally published in 1938, is a statement about the alienation of personality and the mystery of being. Sartre presents the first full-length essay on existentialism, the philosophy for which he has since become famous. Offered Nobel Prize for literature in 1964 which he declined.

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Also available on cassette RC015217

Also available in braille BR001054

The Selected Poetry of Jaroslav Seifert By Jaroslav Seifert (awarded the Prize in 1984)

Read by George Guidall-Shapiro Reading time 4 hours, 45 minutes

Starting as a proletarian poet, Seifert became a leader of the Czech avant-garde with its ties to surrealism. Then, under the Nazi occupation, he emerged as Czechoslovakia's unofficial national poet. His main themes are the beauty of women and the Czech people's bitter fate and abiding hope. Seifert was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1984.

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Also available on cassette RC026586

Pygmalion a Romance in Five Acts By Bernard Shaw (awarded the Prize in 1925)

Read by Patrick Horgan Reading time 4 hours, 2 minutes

Professor Henry Higgins, a speech teacher, transforms a Cockney flower girl into an elegant woman with regal bearing, who then falls in love with her mentor.

[Download from BARD: Pygmalion a Romance in Five Acts](#)

Also available on cassette RC025029

And Quiet Flows the Don By Mikhail Aleksandrovich Sholokhov (awarded the Prize in 1965)

Read by Ed Blake

Reading time 20 hours, 47 minutes

Centered around Gregor Melekhov, a young Cossack, this is the story of a Don Cossack village from the Bolshevik Revolution through the First World War and the Civil War between Russia's Red and White armies. Prequel to *The Don Flows Home to the Sea* (RD 14834). Violence and strong language.

[Download from BARD: And Quiet Flows the Don](#)

Also available on cassette RC045866

Also available in braille BR008137

The Teutonic Knights By (awarded the Prize in 1905)

Read by Robert Blumenfeld

Reading time 28 hours, 38 minutes

In this epic by the 1905 Nobel Prize winner for literature, the united peoples of Poland and Lithuania fight against the oppression of the Teutonic Knights, a fifteenth-century Prussian religious and military order. The search for Zbyszko's wife, kidnapped by the Knights, inspires the nation to defend their land and families.

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Also available on cassette RC049021

The Maid Silja the History of the Last Offshoot of an Old Family Tree By

Frans Eemil Sillanpää (awarded the Prize in 1939)

Read by Ed Blake

Reading time 8 hours, 57 minutes

A classic Finnish novel opens with the death of a beautiful young country girl. Her untimely death of consumption is the end of a long chain of events beginning thirty years back with her incapable father's inheritance of a prosperous farm. Nobel Prize in literature, 1939.

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The World About Us a Novel By Claude Simon (awarded the Prize in 1985)

Read by John Horton

Reading time 3 hours 35 minutes

Experimental novel based upon the author's experiences in the French Army in 1940. Dazed soldiers, suffering from nervous exhaustion and holed up in a crumbling building, provide one of the focal points in this montage of images. Another episode includes a couple's walk along a cliff and ends in a graphic seduction scene. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Author awarded 1985 Nobel Prize for Literature

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In My Father's Court By Isaac Bashevis Singer (awarded the Prize in 1978)

Read by Ray Hagen

Reading time 9 hours, 55 minutes

Stories based on Singer's childhood memories of his father's rabbinical court conducted in the family home on Krochmalna Street in Warsaw in the early 1900s. These tales reflect the importance of Jewish law and its interpretation by the rabbi in the Eastern European Jewish community. 1966. 1966.

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In the First Circle (The Restored Text) By Aleksandr Isaevich Solzhenitsyn (awarded the Prize in 1970)

Read by Steven Carpenter

Reading time 30hours, 35 minutes

Moscow, Christmas 1949. Intellectual political prisoners, coerced to identify recorded voices, must either help dictator Joseph Stalin's repressive state or be sent to Siberian labor camps and certain death. Solzhenitsyn-restored text of 1958 original, which he cut in the 1960s to appease Soviet censors. Translated by Harry T. Willetts. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB072598

You Must Set Forth at Dawn a Memoir By Wole Soyinka (awarded the Prize in 1986)

Read by David Cutler

Reading time 24 hours, 9 minutes

Nigerian continues his autobiography begun in *Aké* (RC 47295). Describes the period from the 1950s to 2005 when he was a political activist and playwright in postcolonial Africa. Covers his imprisonment, exile, and 1986 Nobel Prize in Literature. Describes the corruption and turmoil he witnessed in his beloved country. 2006.

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The Grapes of Wrath By John Steinbeck (awarded the Prize in 1962)

Read by John Stratton or Steven Carpenter Reading time 17 hours, 20 minutes

Steinbeck's classic tale of the Joads, who, like many other families during the Great Depression, are driven from their homestead by drought, economic hardship, and the encroachment of large agricultural interests. They leave Oklahoma in search of a better life in California but meet with hardship and injustice. Pulitzer Prize. 1939.

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I Won't Let You Go Selected Poems By Rabindranath Tagore (awarded the Prize in 1913)

English translations of selections by a Bengali poet who in 1913 was the first Indian to receive the Nobel Prize for literature. Expresses elements of his culture and philosophy, and includes an introduction, notes, and a glossary to assist Western readers.

Available in braille BR011370

The Bridal Wreath By Sigrid Undset (awarded the Prize in 1928)

Read by Catherine Byers Reading time 10 hours 44 minutes

In this first volume of a trilogy set in medieval Norway, the winner of the 1928 Nobel Prize for literature tells of Kristin's girlhood and her love for Erlend Nikulausson, a young man of whom her father strongly disapproves. Prequel to The Mistress of Husaby (DB 40413).

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Selected Poems By Derek Walcott (awarded the Prize in 1992)

Read by Joe Peck Reading time 7 hours, 17 minutes

Poems chosen from fifty-year span of Nobel laureate's works, from his first published book In a Green Night: Poems 1948-1960 to his most recent The Prodigal (2004). Many reflect on Walcott's Caribbean heritage and grapple with his conflicted love of home. Introduction by Edward Baugh. 2007.

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Happy Valley By Patrick White (awarded the Prize in 1973)

Read by Jack Fox Reading time 10 hours, 21 minutes

The first novel of Nobel Prize-winning Australian writer Patrick White (1912-1990). Originally published in 1939 and later suppressed by the author, the novel relates the lives of various families living in the Snow Mountain townships of Moorang and Kambala in New South Wales. 2012.

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The Yeats Reader: a Portable Compendium of Poetry, Drama, and Prose

By W. B. Yeats (awarded the Prize in 1923)

Read by Roy Avers Reading time 21 hours, 22 minutes

Although Yeats is known mainly for his poetry, his other writings, which were frequently derived from events in his personal life, were "often a substantial achievement on (their) own terms." Includes major poems written between 1889-1939, eight plays, and a selection of autobiographical and critical writings.

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