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The Inheritance By Tamera Alexander

Read by Gabriella Cavallero Reading time 11 hours, 25 minutes
1877. McKenna "Kenny" Ashford and her troublesome teenage brother leave Missouri to join their cousin Janie in Copper Creek, Colorado. Then Janie dies, leaving Kenny her bankrupt ranch and five-year-old daughter. Kenny doesn't need any more complications--but widowed marshal Wyatt Caradon falls in love with her. Rita Award. 2009.

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He Married a Doctor By Faith Baldwin

Read by Rosemary Schwartzel Reading time 9 hours, 2 minutes
Romantic story of a doctor torn between the responsibilities of her medical career and the demands of her marriage. At first her husband seems to understand how important medicine is to her, but later he is tempted by the charms of another woman, who is prepared to devote all her time to him. 1972.

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A Cousin's Promise: Indiana Cousins Book 1 By Wanda E. Brunstetter

Read by Michael McCullough Reading time 8 hours, 6 minutes

Wayne Lambright loses his leg in a car accident during a weekend getaway from his Indiana Amish community. Afraid his injuries will prevent him from being a good husband, Wayne breaks his engagement to Loraine Miller. Loraine hopes to reconcile, but the return of her ex-boyfriend complicates her feelings. 2009.

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Against the Tide By Elizabeth Camden

Read by Kristin Allison Reading time 9 hours, 24 minutes

Boston, 1891. Lydia Pallas works as a translator for the Navy Yard. When Lieutenant Alexander Banebridge requires Lydia's skills for a case, she becomes his assistant. As Lydia is drawn deeper into Bane's mission to end the opium trade, a relationship develops between them. RITA Award, Christy Award. 2012.

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The Bargain Bride A New Camfield Novel of Love By Barbara Cartland

Read by Ilona Dulaski Reading time 3 hours, 51 minutes

David, the Earl of Blakeney, has lost all of his money. Blake Hall is in ruins, and the creditors are arriving on the morrow to demand he sell everything that is left to pay his debts. With Blake Hall to be sold, what is to become of David and his sister, Lady Aleda? Then, along with the creditors, comes Doran Winton, who makes an offer David and Aleda cannot refuse.

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The Captive Heart By Dale W. Cramer

Read by Ray Childs Reading time 12 hours, 3 minutes

1920s. After leaving Ohio for Mexico in Paradise Valley (DB 74303), the Amish Bender family settles down. When bandits attack Aaron and kidnap his teenage sister Rachel, Amishman Jake Weaver and hired hand Domingo pursue the gang. Meanwhile, Miriam loves Domingo but doesn't want her family to shun her. 2012.

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Ice Palace By Edna Ferber

Read by Peter Johnson Reading time 14 hours, 1 minutes

In Baranof, halfway up the Alaskan coast, a young girl of Norwegian and Eskimo ancestry is reared by two devoted grandfathers, pioneers of the new land. A young Seattle politician and a part-Eskimo pilot vie for her affections. 1958.

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On Mystic Lake By Kristin Hannah

Read by Anne Hancock Reading time 12 hours, 8 minutes

Their teenage daughter has just left for a school term in London when Blake informs Annie he wants a divorce. Seeking solace, Annie heads home to Mystic, Washington. There she meets an old friend, a recent widower, and his young daughter. Soon all three are rebuilding their lives--for a while. Some strong language.

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Promised to Me: Coming to America By Robin Lee Hatcher

Read by Laura Giannarelli Reading time 8 hours, 19 minutes

1908. Karola Breit leaves Germany for Idaho after waiting eleven years for her beloved, farmer Jakob Hirsch, to send for her. Karola wants romance--but when she arrives she discovers that Jakob is widowed and has three children who need a mother. 2003.

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God's Gift By Dee Henderson

Read by Don Feldheim

Reading time 7 hours, 31 minutes

Missionary James Graham returns home on medical leave with a debilitating illness and meets Rachel Ashcroft, the woman who sent him care packages in Africa. Rachel, a money manager and aspiring novelist, recently lost her fiancé. Before committing to love, James and Rachel must first confront their individual pain. 1998.

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Arabella By Georgette Heyer

Read by J. Michael McCullough

Reading time 11 hours, 36 minutes

Arabella, the oldest of Reverend Henry Tallant's four pretty daughters, is sent to stay with her godmother Lady Bridlington in London and find a husband. Arabella impetuously pretends to be an heiress when she meets wealthy dandy Robert Beaumaris. 1949.

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Catch of the Day By Kristan Higgins

Read by Margaret Strom

Reading time 11 hours, 28 minutes

Maine. Thirty-two-year-old Maggie Beaumont, who has been single since her high school boyfriend dumped her, keeps busy by running a diner, volunteering, and helping with her twin sister's family. Maggie doesn't notice her brother's colleague, lobsterman Malone, although Malone is acutely aware of her. Some strong language. Rita Award. 2007.

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Blue Ruin by Grace Livingston Hill

Read by Annie Wauters

Reading time 9 hours, 19 minutes

As Dana Whipple and Lynette Brooke plan their lives together, it becomes increasingly clear that overbearing Dana hopes to mold Lynette into a perfect, obedient preacher's wife. When Dana becomes smitten with a sophisticated New Yorker, Lynette's family sends her to Europe, where she too, meets a captivating stranger. 1928.

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If I Had You By Lynn Kurland

Read by Kristin Allison

Reading time 12 hours, 17 minutes

England, 1225. Anne of Fenwyck returns to her childhood home of Artane and her foster brother Robin, whom she secretly loves. He, too, has feelings but won't admit them. When someone tries to hurt Anne, who walks with a limp, overly protective Robin makes a mess of things. 2000.

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The Fiddler by Beverly Lewis

Read by Anne Hancock

Reading time (8 hours, 14 minutes)

When her car gets a flat tire, classical violin prodigy Amelia is rescued by Michael, a young Amish man. Amelia, who secretly fiddles in a country band, stays at Hickory Hollow, Pennsylvania, for a few days before returning to the English world. But she misses the simple life. 2012.

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The Parting by Beverly Lewis

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

Reading time 8 hours, 16 minutes

Nellie Mae Fisher, still struggling with guilt and grief over her younger sister's death, dreams of marrying handsome Caleb Yoder. But some people in their Pennsylvania Amish community don't want them together--including Caleb's father. Rebellion against Old Order ways threatens to tear them, and their church, apart. 2007.

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A Key to Many Doors By Emilie Baker Loring

Read by Bets Thompson Reading time 6 hours, 38 minutes

Almost resigned to her life as a spinster nurse, Nancy impulsively proposes to diplomat artist Peter Gerad. Trapped in a 'marriage of convenience,' she realizes that she is falling in love with him. 1967.

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Heart of Texas Volume 1 By Debbie Macomber

Read by Madelyn Buzzard Reading time 12 hours, 31 minutes

Two tales of romance set in Promise, Texas. In Lonesome Cowboy, Savannah Weston falls in love with ranch hand Laredo Smith. In Texas Two-Step, feed store owner Ellie Frasier develops feelings for rancher Glen Patterson. 2007.

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Edge of Honor By Gilbert Morris

Read by Mark Ashby Reading time 11 hours

New York, 1865. Quent Larabee, studying to be a doctor, is conscripted into the army. Unable to find peace after accidentally killing a Confederate soldier, Quent moves to Arkansas where he plans to help the widow and her children. Yet in solving one problem he creates another. Christy Award. 2000.

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When Tomorrow Comes By Janette Oke

Read by Janis Gray Reading time 8 hours, 25 minutes

As World War II escalates, dilemmas face adopted siblings Christine and Henry Delaney. Henry, a Mountie, prepares to marry, and Christine relies on faith to navigate the uncertainties of work and love and to decide about a return to northern Canada. Sequel to Beyond the Gathering Storm (DB 57470). 2001.

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How to Bake a Perfect Life By Barbara O'Neal

Read by Dale Allen

Reading time 11 hours, 30 minutes

Bakery owner Ramona Gallagher of Colorado Springs is struggling financially. When her daughter Sofia's husband is wounded in Afghanistan and Sofia leaves for Germany to tend to him, Ramona takes in her thirteen-year-old step-granddaughter and falls in love with a long-lost friend. Includes recipes. Rita Award. 2011.

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Heavens to Betsy By Beth Pattilo

Read by Margaret Strom

Reading time 8 hours, 49 minutes

Beautiful and single, the Reverend Betsy Blessing of Nashville tends to her flock while contemplating leaving the ministry. Betsy discovers she feels more than friendship for her former divinity school classmate David, but she refuses to marry a fellow minister--even if he is perfect for her. Rita Award. 2005.

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A Daughter's Inheritance: The Broadmoor Legacy By Tracie Peterson

Read by Theresa Conkin

Reading time 11 hours, 26 minutes

Rochester, New York; 1897. Orphaned Fannie inherits a share of her grandfather's fortune, but her jealous uncle is appointed her guardian until she turns eighteen. He conspires to steal her money--and thwart her love for Michael, the family's boatkeeper--but Fannie's faith in God sees her through. 2008.

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Finding Stefanie By Susan Mary Warren

Read by Theresa Conkin

Reading time 10 hours, 55 minutes

Rancher Stefanie Noble and the residents of Phillips, Montana, deal with disruption in their town. Movie star Lincoln Cash--who is hiding his multiple sclerosis--plans a film festival. And three runaway siblings accidentally burn down Cash's newly purchased ranch house. Meanwhile, someone is plotting more serious trouble. Rita Award. 2008.

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Lakeside Cottage by Susan Wiggs

Read by Kristin Allison

Reading time 9 hours, 30 minutes

Unemployed journalist Kate Livingston and her nine-year-old son are spending the summer at her family's Washington state cottage. Nearby, military medic J.D. Harris seeks refuge from the press after saving the president's life. The two meet and fall in love despite obstacles. Some strong language. Rita Award. 2005.

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