



Adventure: Novels About Epidemics and Superbugs

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Zombie Apocalypse! By Peter Atkins

Read by Joe Peck

Reading time 13 hours, 46 minutes

Stories, told in the form of various eyewitness accounts, describe the reemergence of an ancient plague that turns its victims into flesh-hungry ghouls. After the disease ravages the United Kingdom, it spreads worldwide. Violence and strong language. 2010.

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Year of Wonders a Novel of the Plague By Geraldine Brooks

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 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.

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The Plague By Albert Camus

Read by Gordon Gould

Reading time 9 hours, 25 minutes

Set in a coastal city in Algeria during the bubonic plague, this novel examines the impact of the catastrophe on a group of people, symbolizing mankind's struggle against ignorance and fear.

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The Andromeda Strain By Michael Crichton

Read by Chuck Benson

Reading time 7 hours, 47 minutes

After an unmanned space probe lands in a small town in Arizona, most of the residents die mysteriously. Four scientists try to discover the nature of the microorganism that has contaminated the satellite while the president ponders atomic destruction to save the rest of the country. 1969.

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The Strain By Guillermo del Toro

Read by Roy Avers

Reading time 14 hours, 34 minutes

The CDC's Dr. Eph Goodweather investigates a ghostly scene on the JFK tarmac: a recently landed Boeing 777 sits with all systems dead, shades down, and no signs of life. An awakened vampire virus greater and more horrific than imaginable rapidly spreads through the night. Violence and strong language. 2009.

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The Stand the Complete and Uncut Edition By Stephen King

Read by Bruce Huntley

Reading time 46 hours, 37 minutes

An experimental virus called superflu hits the world--rapidly wiping out the whole of civilization except for the few who are immune. Expansion of novel originally published in 1978. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 1990.

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Fools' Experiments By Edward M. Lerner

Read by Joe Peck

Reading time 13 hours

Computer scientist Doug Carey invents a new prosthetic arm, linking the peripheral nervous system to a computer. But when his creation mixed with an intelligent supervirus results in fatal chaos throughout the Internet, Doug must find a way to stop it before the death toll rises. Strong language. 2008.

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Apocalypse Cow By Michael Logan

Read by Gregory Gorton

Reading time 10 hours, 11 minutes

When a single infected cow slips off into the British woods and escapes the extermination of its zombie herd, it launches an animal epidemic unlike any other. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. 2012.

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Streams of Babel By Carol Plum-Ucci

Read by Michael Scherer

Reading time 10 hours, 40 minutes

A bioterrorist attack in New Jersey leaves teens Cora, Owen, Scott, and Rain desperately ill. Meanwhile, young computer hackers Tyler and Shahzad uncover a plot to infect America's water supply. The two assist the government in tracking the extremists. Strong language. For senior high readers. 2008.

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The Judas Strain: a Sigma Force Novel By James Rollins

Read by L.J. Ganser

Reading time 17 hours, 24 minutes

Gray Pierce, last seen in Black Order (RC 62904), and his Sigma Force covert organization battle a deadly plague that's about to destroy mankind. Pierce joins forces with a female assassin to find a cure by following in the footsteps of explorer Marco Polo. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2007.

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Also available on cassette RC065365

Blindness By Jose Saramago

Read by Terence Aselford

Reading time 11 hours, 38 minutes

Written by the Nobel Prize- winning Portuguese author. Without cause people are suddenly becoming blind. A doctor's wife is spared but pretends she is blind to remain with her husband. Quarantined by the government in an abandoned mental hospital, the blinded citizens create a reign of terror. Some strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex.

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Earth Abides By George Rippey Steward

Read by Jonathan Davis

Reading time 15 hours, 7 minutes

A plague sweeps the globe, wiping out most of the human race. California intellectual loner Isherwood, who has immunity to the disease, and Em, a woman, survive. But can their descendants restore modern civilization? Some violence. International Fantasy Award. Commercial audiobook. 1949.

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Rise Again a Zombie Thriller By Ben Tripp

Read by Jill Fox

Reading time 16 hours, 19 minutes

When Kelley, the sister of Iraq war veteran and sheriff Danielle "Danny" Adelman, runs away, Danny plans to retrieve her. But a plague that reanimates the dead sends refugees fleeing to their little town of Forest Peak, forcing Danny to stay and protect their home. Violence and strong language. 2010.

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Doomsday Book By Connie Willis

Read by Robert Blumenfeld Reading time 20 hours, 48 minutes

Kivrin, a young, twenty-first-century history student, travels back in time on assignment to fourteenth-century Oxford. But something goes wrong, and she is stranded in the Middle Ages right at the outbreak of the bubonic plague. As her modern mentor struggles to rescue her, Kivrin must come to terms with life and death in an age of superstition, fear, and suffering. Winner of the 1992 Nebula award.

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