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## **Pulitzer Prize Winners: Fiction Books**

The Pulitzer Prize is a prestigious award honoring the best in literary fiction by an American author. The Pulitzer Prize for fiction has been awarded since 1917 although the category was previously called “novel”. This bibliography provides a chronological list of all the Pulitzer Prize fiction/novel winners held by the library, starting with the most current winner. Books that appear to be “download only” can typically be ordered on digital book if you call and request that title. To order any of these titles, contact the library by email, phone, mail, in person, or order through our [online catalog](#). Select titles can be [downloaded from BARD](#).

### **2015 Winner: All the Light We Cannot See a Novel** By Anthony Doerr

Read by Jill Fox

Reading time 16 hours, 3 minutes

When Paris is invaded by the Nazis, Marie-Laure LeBlanc's father evacuates her to St. Malo to stay with her great-uncle. Blind since the age of six, Marie-Laure must learn the town by the scale model her father has left. Then, the Germans arrive. Violence and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Pulitzer Prize winner. 2014.

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### **2014 Winner: The Goldfinch** By Donna Tartt

Read by David Pittu

Reading time 32 hours, 26 minutes

At the age of thirteen, Theo Decker survives an accident that kills his mother. Abandoned by his father, Theo is raised by wealthy family friends. His one connection to his mother--a painting--draws Theo into New York City's underground art world as he grows older. Some strong language and some violence. Commercial audiobook. Pulitzer Prize. 2013.

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**2013 Winner: The Orphan Master's Son a Novel** By Adam Johnson

Read by Mark Delgado

Reading time 17 hours, 26 minutes

North Korea. Pak Jun Do spends his childhood on an orphan slave-labor crew-- even though his father runs the orphanage. Later he is placed on kidnap duty, snatching Japanese citizens whose skills are needed. Over time, his assignments grow increasingly dangerous. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Pulitzer Prize Winner Fiction 2013. 2012.

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**2012 No Award**

**2011 Winner: A Visit from the Goon Squad** by Jennifer Egan

Read by Erin Jones

Reading time 8 hours, 26 minutes

The members of a fictional 1980s San Francisco punk band, along with their groupies, enjoy temporary fame and settle into middle age. Sasha, a secretary and kleptomaniac, and her music-producer boss Bennie Salazar, the former bass player, self-destruct before seeking redemption. Strong language and some violence. Pulitzer Prize. 2010.

[Download from BARD: A Visit from the Goon Squad](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB71810

**2010 Winner: Tinkers** by Paul Harding

Read by Barry Bernson

Reading time 5 hours

As clock restorer George Washington Crosby lies dying in his Massachusetts home, he hallucinates and channels his late father Howard. A tinker and mystic, Howard worked as a traveling peddler to keep his epilepsy a secret. Pulitzer Prize. Bestseller. 2009.

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**2009 Winner: Olive Kitteridge** by Elizabeth Strout

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 10 hours, 1 minute

Thirteen stories set in a small community on the Maine coast are linked by the presence of Olive Kitteridge, retired teacher and pharmacist's wife. In "Tulips" Olive struggles in the aftermath of her husband's stroke and with their son's response to his father's nursing-home confinement. Some strong language. Pulitzer Prize. 2008.

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**2008 Winner: The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao** by Junot Diaz

Read by Barry Bernson Reading time 9 hours, 33 minutes

New Jersey. Overweight Dominican American Oscar works as a substitute teacher and dreams about being a famous writer. Oscar grew up with his rebellious sister Lola and beautiful mother, but the ancient curse of fukú haunts their lives--until he decides to do something about it. Violence and strong language. Pulitzer Prize. Bestseller. 2007.

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**2007 Winner: The Road** by Cormac McCarthy

Read by Michael Kramer Reading time 6 hours, 12 minutes

A father and his young son journey south after the destruction of the civilized world. Their survival kit consists of a few blankets, a pistol, a cart of scavenged food, and their love for each other. Their values are tested by occasional encounters with other desperate survivors. Bestseller. Pulitzer Prize. 2006.

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**2006 Winner: March** by Geraldine Brooks

Read by Gregory Gorton

Reading time 10 hours, 34 minutes

Reverend March, the husband and father from Louisa May Alcott's Little Women (RC 58830) leaves Connecticut to become an army chaplain during the Civil War. An assignment to teach freed slaves on a plantation changes March's view of humanity while hardship hurts his family. Strong language and some violence. Pulitzer Prize. 2005.

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**2005 Winner: Gilead** by Marilynne Robinson

Read by Roy Avers

Reading time 9 hours, 22 minutes

1950s. Dying seventy-six-year-old Gilead, Iowa, minister John Ames writes a parting letter to his young son. John reflects on the tensions between his pacifist father and militant abolitionist grandfather (both preachers), the death of his first wife and child, the gospel, a friend's transgressions, and life's eternal mystery. Pulitzer Prize. Bestseller. 2004.

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**2004 Winner: The Known World** by Edward P. Jones

Read by Chuck Young

Reading time 13 hours, 50 minutes

Manchester County, Virginia; 1855. At his death Henry Townsend, a thirty-one-year-old former slave who maintains a relationship with his owner William Robbins, owns more than thirty slaves himself and fifty acres of land. But now his plantation begins to fall apart as slaves betray one another. Bestseller. Pulitzer Prize. 2003.

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**2003 Winner: Middlesex** by Jeffrey Eugenides

Read by Erik Sandvold

Reading time 24 hours, 21 minutes

At forty-one, hermaphrodite Cal Stephanides examines the rare genetic mutation that has caused his gender to change since his birth as a girl in 1960. He describes his teenage revelations, his Greek grandparents' guilty secret, and his coming-of-age in Detroit. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. Pulitzer Prize. 2002.

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**2002 Winner: Empire Falls** by Richard Russo

Read by Christopher Walker

Reading time 19 hours, 22 minutes

Empire Falls, Maine, was once a thriving town with three mills. But the owners, the Whitings, have allowed their vast holdings to become decrepit real estate. Miles Roby, who runs the Empire Grill for Mrs. Whiting, recounts the tale of this dying town with bemused regret. Some strong language. Bestseller. Pulitzer Prize. 2001.

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**2001 Winner: The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay** by Michael

Chabon

Read by Jim Zeiger

Reading time 26 hours

1939. An eighteen-year-old artist and magician flees Czechoslovakia for his cousin's New York home. With their love of legend and fantasy, the boys launch a superhero comic-book series. The golden age of comic art is at hand, but so are the horrors of global war. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. Pulitzer Prize. 2000.

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Also available on cassette RC050950

**2000 Winner: Interpreter of Maladies** by Jhumpa Lahiri

Read by Annie Wauters

Reading time 6 hours, 35 minutes

Nine tales of brief encounters with lasting effects, set in India and America. Each emphasizes cultural transition and loss. In the title piece, while American-born Mr. and Mrs. Das and their three young children are tourists in India, Mrs. Das confides a disquieting secret to their guide. Pulitzer Prize. Bestseller. 1999.

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Also available on cassette RC050087

**1999 Winner: The Hours** by Michael Cunningham

Read by Faith Potts

Reading time 6 hours, 6 minutes

The spirit of Virginia Woolf permeates the lives of several American readers as evidenced in this trio of tales about the author Woolf, a New Yorker planning a party to honor a writer, and a young mother reading Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway. Some strong language. Bestseller.

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Also available on cassette RC047310

**1998 Winner: American Pastoral** by Philip Roth

Read by Chuck Benson

Reading time 16 hours, 15 minutes

After military service in World War II, handsome, athletic "Swede" Levov weds Miss New Jersey, takes over the family business, and moves to the posh suburbs. His dream life unravels in the late 1960s, when daughter Meredith joins an antiwar terrorist group bent on undermining all that Swede lives for. Strong language. Pulitzer Prize.

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Also available on cassette RC45488

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**1997 Winner: Martin Dressler: The Tale of an American Dreamer** by Steven Millhauser

Read by Dick Jenkins

Reading time 7 hours, 59 minutes

From a boy working in his father's New York City cigar shop in the late 1800s, Martin Dressler rises to the pinnacle of entrepreneurial success during the early 1900s. His vision leads him to build the Grand Cosmo, the ultimate hotel, retail center, and theme park. Only later does he realize that "he had dreamed the wrong dream." Pulitzer Prize.

[Download from BARD: Martin Dressler the Tale of an American Dreamer](#)

Also available on cassette RC43648

**1996 Winner: Independence Day** by Richard Ford

Read by Jamie Horton

Reading time 20 hours, 11 minutes

Seven years ago Frank Bascombe, Sportswriter (RC 37166), got divorced, yet he is still in his "existence period." Perhaps things will change this Fourth of July weekend. After a brief trip to see his longtime girlfriend, who may take him into a "permanent period," Frank plans to take his son, Paul, fifteen and recently arrested for shoplifting, to visit several sports halls of fame. But fate steps in along the way. Strong language. Bestseller. Pulitzer Prize.

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Also available on cassette RC44192

**1995 Winner: The Stone Diaries** by Carol Shields

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

Reading time 10 hours, 53 minutes

A fictional biography about the life of Daisy Stone Goodwill--a life that begins on the Canadian prairies, moves south to the American Midwest, and ends in Florida. Daisy's tale is the story of an ordinary woman, resigned to her lot, but aware that her internal views don't quite match what those around her assume. Her diary records the facts, but her heart feels real joy and sadness. Some strong language. Pulitzer Prize.

[Download from BARD: The Stone Diaries](#)

Also available on cassette RC039129

**1994 Winner: The Shipping News** by E. Annie Proulx

Read by Christopher Hurt

Reading time 11 hours, 49 minutes

National Book Award-winner by the author of Postcards (DB 35489). The story centers around Quoye, a lowly newspaper reporter. When his wife, Petal Bear, runs off with another man and gets killed, Quoye's aunt convinces the distraught man to move with his two daughters to an abandoned family home in Newfoundland. Quoye goes to work for a sleazy paper covering the shipping news and learns to fit right in. Strong language. Pulitzer Prize. Nat'l Book Award.

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Also available on cassette RC037883

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**1993 Winner: A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain by** Robert Olen Butler

Read by Mary Kane

Reading time 9 hours, 10 minutes

A Vietnam War translator, Butler remains close to a community of Vietnamese immigrants near New Orleans. The immigrants are the subject of fifteen short stories in which characters narrate tales set in their adopted and their native lands. In the title story, a weary old man prepares his family for his death and imagines himself talking to Ho Chi Minh. By the author of *The Alleys of Eden* (RC 18902). Bestseller. Pulitzer Prize. 1992.

[Download from BARD: A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain](#)

Also available on cassette RC036356

**1992 Winner: A Thousand Acres** by Jane Smiley

Read by Pam Ward

Reading time 12 hours, 6 minutes

Larry Cook owns a thousand acres of Iowa farmland that is unmortgaged and some of the richest soil around. At a party given in celebration of the return of Jess Clark, a local man, after an absence of thirteen years, Cook announces that he is retiring and dividing the land among his three daughters. But the gift soon begins to tear the family apart, and secrets, long hidden, begin to surface. Some strong language. Pulitzer Prize.

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Also available on cassette RC033926

**1991 Winner: Rabbit at Rest (available in) Rabbit Angstrom: A Tetralogy ; Rabbit Run ; Rabbit Redux ; Rabbit is Rich ; Rabbit at Rest** By John Updike

Read by Fred Major

Reading time 65 hours 5 minutes

Four novels published between 1960 and 1990, two of which won the Pulitzer Prize. Stories chronicle the midlife misadventures of Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom as he faces family strife and unsolved issues of sex and death. Includes 1995 introduction by the author. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

[Download from BARD: Rabbit Angstrom: A Tetralogy ; Rabbit Run...](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB063882

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[Download Rabbit at Rest from BARD as Electronic Braille BR16872](#)

Rabbit at Rest is available in braille BR016872 or BR008271

**1990 Winner: The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love** by Oscar Hijuelos

Read by George Backman                      Reading time 14 hours, 43 minutes

It's a hot summer night and Cesar Castillo, in the Hotel Splendour at 125th and Lenox on New York's upper west side, pours himself another drink and remembers his life thirty years ago. He and his brother Nestor had fled Batista's Cuba and formed "The Mambo Kings," a jazz group playing the clubs of Harlem. Now Cesar is dying and drinking and mourning the loss of his youth, past loves, and his brother. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Pulitzer Prize. 1989.

[Download from BARD: The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love](#)

Also available on cassette RC030259

**1989 Winner: Breathing Lessons** by Anne Tyler

Read by Pam Ward                              Reading time 10 hours, 1 minute

As Maggie and Ira Moran travel from Baltimore to a funeral in Pennsylvania, they reflect upon their lives, the lives of their children, and their hopes for the future. An amusing and perceptive account of marriage and contemporary middle-class American life. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Pulitzer Prize. 1988.

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**1988 Winner: Beloved** by Toni Morrison

Read by Yvonne Fair Tessler              Reading time 11 hours, 31 minutes

Related in kaleidoscopic fashion and set in rural Ohio during the period immediately following the Civil War, this chronicle of slavery and its aftermath traces the life of Sethe, a former slave. Sethe has a secret in her past so horrific that it has alienated the community, driven off her two sons, isolated her surviving daughter, and threatened her new, loving relationship with Paul D., also a former slave. Bestseller. Pulitzer Prize. 1987. Some violence.

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Also available on cassette RC026026

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**1984 Winner: Ironweed** by William Kennedy

Read by Ralph Bell

Reading time 8 hours, 5 minutes

Compassionate, tough-minded novel concerns aging Francis Phelan, a former mechanic, major-league third baseman, lush, and murderer, who is now back in Albany after twenty-two years on the lam. Set during the Depression, the supporting cast includes crooks, bums, cons, gamblers, and working stiffs. Sequel to: "Billy Phelan's Greatest Game." Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. National Book Critics Award. Pulitzer Prize. 1983.

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Also available on cassette RC020612

**1983 Winner: The Color Purple By** Alice Walker

Read by Tracy Mickens-Hundley Reading time 8 hours, 51 minutes

Follows two black sisters--Nettie, a missionary, and Celie, raped by her father and married to a cruel man. Nettie's letters do not reach Celie, and Celie's shame is so great that she writes only to God. Anniversary edition includes Walker's 1992 preface. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Pulitzer Prize. 1982.

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Also available in braille BR012265

**1982 Winner: Rabbit Is Rich (Available in) Rabbit Angstrom: A Tetralogy ; Rabbit Run ; Rabbit Redux ; Rabbit is Rich ; Rabbit at Rest** By John Updike

Read by Fred Major

Reading time 65 hours 5 minutes

Four novels published between 1960 and 1990, two of which won the Pulitzer Prize. Stories chronicle the midlife misadventures of Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom as he faces family strife and unsolved issues of sex and death. Includes 1995 introduction by the author. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB063882

Also available on cassette RC063882

[Download Rabbit is Rich from BARD as Electronic Braille BR16731](#)

Rabbit is Rich is available in braille BR016731

**1981 Winner: A Confederacy of Dunces** by John Kennedy Toole

Read by Bruce Huntley

Reading time 12 hours, 35 minutes

Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about slovenly, obese Ignatius Reilly, who is forced to seek employment in New Orleans after his tipsy mother has a car accident. Reilly, a medievalist who hates everything modern, runs through a succession of jobs in which he wreaks havoc. Some strong language. Pulitzer Prize. 1980.

[Download from BARD: A Confederacy of Dunces](#)

Also available on cassette RC050482

**1980 Winner: The Executioner's Song** by Norman Mailer

Read by Merwin Smith

Reading time 35 hours, 43 minutes

True-life novel meticulously details the events of a haunting nine-month period. An obscure criminal, Gary M. Gilmore, who is sentenced to die for two murders, rejects any attempts at reprieve and becomes the first man executed in America in more than a decade. Mailer scrupulously presents the evidence in the case and its outcome. Strong language. Bestseller. Pulitzer Prize.

[Download from BARD: The Execution's Song](#)

Also available on cassette RC013985

**1979 Winner: The Stories of John Cheever** by John Cheever

Read by Jack Fox

Reading time 31 hours, 8 minutes

Sixty-one tales about marriage, suburbia, the middle class, Manhattan, families, theology, and decency. Cheever's preface describes them: "stories of a long-lost world...when you heard the Benny Goodman quartets from a radio in the corner stationery store...when almost everybody wore a hat." Some strong language. Pulitzer Prize. Nat'l Book Award. 1947.

[Download from BARD: The Stories of John Cheever](#)

Also available on cassette RC065170

**1978 Winner: Elbow Room** by James Alan McPherson

Read by Earle Hyman

Collection of twelve versatile short stories involve a young urban black who delights in country music, the partners in an interracial marriage, and the jealousy of lovers. Some strong language. Pulitzer Prize.

Available on cassette RC016996

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Also available in braille BR012600

## **1977 No Award**

### **1976 Winner: Humboldt's Gift** by Saul Bellow

Read by Richard Davidson      Reading time 20 hours, 13 minutes  
Novel about what American writers are really like. Bellow explores the relationship between a poet, Von Humboldt Fleisher, who enjoyed a brief glimpse of fame, and a young friend, Charlie Citrine, a playwright and biographer whose star is rising. Strong language. The author is a winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature. Bestseller. Pulitzer Prize. 1975.

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Also available on cassette RC041046

Also available in braille BR002936

### **1975 Winner: The Killer Angels** by Michael Shaara

Read by Michael Kramer      Reading time 13 hours, 16 minutes  
This fictionalized version of the battle of Gettysburg portrays many actual participants, such as Generals Lee, Longstreet, and Meade, as well as fictionalized characters, such as Col. Joshua Chamberlain, whose vivid rhetoric inspires his men. Sequel to Jeff Shaara's Gods and Generals (DB 43292). Some strong language. Pulitzer Prize.

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Also available on cassette RC045457

## **1974 No Award**

### **1973 Winner: The Optimist's Daughter** by Eudora Welty

Read by Laura Giannarelli      Reading time 4 hours, 26 minutes  
Laurel Hand, a middle-aged widow since World War II, returns home to a small Mississippi town after the death of her beloved father, a judge. There she confronts her past to gain a better understanding of herself and her parents. Pulitzer Prize, 1973.

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Also available on cassette RC031668

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**1972 Winner: Angle of Repose** by Wallace Stegner

Read by Roy Avers

Reading time 21 hours, 16 minutes

Historian Lyman Ward, immobilized by illness and deserted by his wife, has retired to his ancestral California cabin to research his family's past. The loveless marriage of his grandparents--a cultivated eastern artist and a pragmatic mining engineer--mirrors the troubled expansion of the American West. Some strong language. Pulitzer Prize. 1971.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB054215

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Also available in braille BR018718

**1971 No Award**

**1970 Winner: Collected Stories** by Jean Stafford

Read by Laura Giannarelli

A collection of short stories centering on the individual and his or her relation to time and place, frequently set during the cocktail hour and the dinner party afterward. Pulitzer prize 1969.

Available on cassette RC025833

**1969 Winner: House Made of Dawn** by N. Scott Momaday

Read by Jerry Fordyce

Reading time 6 hours, 38 minutes

A Kiowa Indian poet and scholar traces the experience of an unassimilated Indian who cannot adjust to the white world or identify with the dying culture of the American Indian. Pulitzer Prize.

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**1968 Winner: The Confessions of Nat Turner** by William Styron

Read by Bob Askey

Reading time 16 hours, 41 minutes

A fictionalized first-person account of the 1831 Virginia slave rebellion. Nat Turner, instigator of the bloody revolt, begins the story with his capture. As Nat dictates his statement to the jailers, he turns to a childhood spent under a master who promised freedom. Circumstances change and Nat's suppression and betrayal prompt the planned uprising. Pulitzer Prize. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex.

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**1967 Winner: The Fixer** by Bernard Malamud

Read by George Guidall-Shapiro Reading time 10 hours, 4 minutes

Based on an actual court case involving the attempt of Russian authorities to discredit Judaism by accusing one Jew of a ritual murder. The book describes the dehumanizing abuse and torture endured by an innocent man awaiting trial. Nat'l Book Award. Pulitzer Prize.

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Also available on cassette RC017078

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**1966 Winner: The Collected Stories of Katherine Anne Porter** by Katherine

Anne Porter

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

Reading time 21 hours, 32 minutes

This volume brings together all three previous collections of the author's short stories: Flowering Judas; Pale Horse, Pale Rider; and The Leaning Tower and Other Stories, as well as the individual "The Leaning Tower," "The Downward Path to Wisdom," "A Day's Work," and "Holiday," which are collected here for the first time. Nat'l Book Award. Pulitzer Prize.

[Download from BARD: The Collected Stories of Katherine Anne Porter](#)

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**1965 Winner: The Keepers of The House** by Shirley Ann Grau

Read by Faith Potts

Reading time 10 hours, 32 minutes

William Howland married his African American housekeeper after his first wife died. But he didn't announce his marriage in his Southern town and sent his mixed-race children away to school. Now as Howland's legacy is revealed, his granddaughter faces society's wrath as his only surviving white heir. Pulitzer Prize.

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**1964 No Award**

**1963 Winner: The Reivers a Reminiscence** by William Faulkner

Read by Randy Means

Reading time 8 hours, 53 minutes

On a summer day in 1905, young Lucius Priest is persuaded by Boon Hogganbeck to "borrow" his grandfather's car and make a trip to Memphis. Ned McCaslin, an old black man, stows away and the three are off on a heroic odyssey which ends at a bordello. Pulitzer Prize, 1963. 1962.

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**1962 Winner: The Edge of Sadness** by Edwin O'Connor

Read by Bill Smith

A glimpse into the family-centered world of a decaying Irish-Catholic parish as seen by its priest. An insightful skeptic, he discloses much about his own life as he talks of his long connection with patriarch Charlie Carmody and his family. Pulitzer Prize.

Available on cassette RC021316

**1961 Winner: To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee

Read by Mare Trevathan                      Reading time 10 hours, 12 minutes

Scout Finch is an outspoken and literate six-year-old tomboy when she begins her tale of growing up in a small Alabama town with her brother Jem and her attorney father Atticus. The children's intense curiosity about a reclusive neighbor is eclipsed by Atticus's attempt to defend a black man against charges of raping a white woman. Pulitzer Prize winner. For high school and older readers.

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**1960 Winner: Advise and Consent** by Allen Drury

Read by Roy Avers                              Reading time 29 hours, 46 minutes

Political machinations and personal conflict are activated when the Senate must decide whether to confirm the president's nominee for secretary of state. Most are in favor of the nominee, but a senator from the South has reservations. Pulitzer Prize.

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Also available on cassette RC38799

**1959 Winner: The Travels of Jaimie McPheeters** by Robert Lewis Taylor

Read by David Palmer                      Reading time 19 hours, 1 minute

In 1849 Dr. Sardius McPheeters decides to escape his debts and his genteel wife's disapproval by heading for California to strike it rich mining gold.

Fourteen-year-old Jaimie is allowed a year off from school to accompany his father. But almost at once the hapless doctor must write to his wife that Jaimie is lost and possible dead. In fact, Jaimie is captured by murderers in the first of his many adventures. Some violence. Pulitzer Prize winner.

[Download from BARD: The Travels of Jaimie McPheeters](#)

Also available on cassette RC037773

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**1958 Winner: A Death In The Family** by James Agee

Read by Terence Aselford                      Reading time 11 hours, 18 minutes

A modern classic about the impact of tragedy on a close-knit family in Knoxville, Tennessee, in the early twentieth century. The story begins a few hours before the death of Jay Follet and ends on the day of his funeral. Strong language.

Pulitzer Prize.

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Also available on cassette RC055669

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Also available in braille BR011893

**1957 No Award**

**1956 Winner: Andersonville** by MacKinlay Kantor

Read by Roy Avers                                      Reading time 36 hours, 37 minutes

Brooding, vivid chronicle of man's tragic inhumanity to man, based on events taking place in and around Georgia's Andersonville prison during the Civil War. The prison has been built on the land of humane planter Ira Claffey; together with his daughter he witness the misery, despair, heartache, and brutality of a wartime prison. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex.

Pulitzer Prize 1955.

[Download from BARD: Andersonville](#)

Also available on cassette RC025241

**1955 Winner: A Fable** by William Faulkner

Read by Ted Stoddard                                      Reading time 18 hours, 39 minutes

In rhetoric that denounces war, the novel presents a parallel between the false armistice in France in 1918 and the Passion Week. A French corporal and his twelve followers bring action at the front to a standstill as they spread the gospel of the brotherhood of humankind. Pulitzer Prize 1955. Nat'l Book Award.

[Download from BARD: A Fable](#)

Also available on cassette RC42248

Also available in braille BR000551

## **1954 No Award**

### **1953 Winner: The Old Man and the Sea** by Ernest Hemingway

Read by Alexander Scourby      Reading time 2 hours, 23 minutes  
Classic tale of the old Cuban fisherman Santiago and his days-long struggle with a magnificent marlin on open water in a frail skiff. Digital restoration of Alexander Scourby's analog recording for the American Foundation for the Blind. Pulitzer Prize. 1952.

[Download from BARD: The Old Man and the Sea](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB072116

Also available on cassette RC053792

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Also available in braille BR010599

### **1952 Winner: The Caine Mutiny** By Herman Wouk

Read by Ed Blake      Reading time 20 hours, 19 minutes  
During World War II, the crew of the Caine mutinies against Captain Queeg, accusing him of incompetence. The novel reaches its climax during the court-martial when they must prove their charges. Pulitzer Prize.

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### **1951 Winner: The Town** by Conrad Richter

Read by Gordon Gould      Reading time 13 hours, 9 minutes  
Pulitzer Prize-winning sequel to The Fields (DB 38654) and conclusion of The Awakening Land trilogy. Pioneer Sayward Wheeler and her husband move from the old log cabin in the Ohio wilderness into a mansion, and one at a time each of their children moves out.

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Also available on cassette RC038655

**1950 Winner: The Way West** by A. B. Guthrie

Read by Jack Fox.

Reading time 11 hours, 39 minutes

1840s. Dick Summers has been to Oregon before, but now that his wife has died he decides to return. He will guide a group of men and women from Missouri on the difficult journey along the Oregon Trail. Sequel to The Big Sky (RC 37502, BR 14920). Pulitzer Prize. 1949.

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**1949 Winner: Guard of Honor** by James Gould Cozzens

Read by Hal Tenny

Reading time 26 hours

A novel about the tragic events and unfortunate people of a huge air base in Florida in 1943. Conflicts of authority, personality, and race occur, but loyalty to the service is the prevailing force. Strong language. Pulitzer Prize.

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Also available on cassette RC012926

**1948 Winner: Tales of the South Pacific** by James A. Michener

Read by Roy Avers

Reading time 15 hours, 16 minutes

Nineteen World War II tales that won the Pulitzer Prize. They describe the strain and the boredom, the careful planning and heroic action, the color and beauty of the islands, and all that made up life during the critical days of the war in the Pacific. Strong language. Pulitzer Prize.

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**1947 Winner: All the King's Men** by Robert Penn Warren

Read by Steven Carpenter

Reading time 20 hours, 57 minutes

Restored edition, reconstructed from the author's original typescript, recreates the world of a corrupt southern politician of the 1920s and 1930s. Country boy Willie (Stark) Talos rises to become governor of his state only to be brought down by his personal failings. 2001 editorial afterword by Noel Polk. Strong language. Pulitzer Prize. 1946.

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## **1946 No Award**

### **1945 Winner: A Bell for Adano** by John Hersey

Read by John MacDonald

Reading time 7 hours, 47 minutes

A novel about Americans in Italy at the end of World War II. An Italian-American major tries to rebuild an occupied town on democratic principles and runs into red tape and prejudice. Some strong language. Pulitzer Prize 1945.

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Also available on cassette RC022769

Also available in braille BR006191

## **1941 No Award**

### **1940 Winner: The Grapes of Wrath** By John Steinbeck

Read by 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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Also available on digital cartridge DB068308

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### **1939 Winner: The Yearling** by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Read by Jill Ferris

Reading time 14 hours, 13 minutes

Classic story about the Baxter family, who make a precarious living on a backwoods farm in northern Florida. Their young son, Jody, tames an orphaned fawn. When the deer begins to eat the family corn, Jody is ordered to shoot him. Pulitzer Prize. For grades 5-8 and older readers.

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Also available on cassette RC033466

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**1938 Winner: The Late George Apley** by John Phillips Marquand

Read by Alan Hewitt

A satire on the well-to-do class of proper Bostonians who once considered themselves the self-appointed guardians of America's social and intellectual destiny. Pulitzer Prize.

Available on cassette RC012087

**1937 Winner: Gone with the Wind** By Margaret Mitchell

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

Reading time 42 hours, 45 minutes

A romantic Civil War epic in which Scarlett O' Hara, a forceful and ruthless heroine, and Rhett Butler, a war profiteer, play out their tempestuous love affair against the background of the war-torn South. Pulitzer Prize. .

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Also available on digital cartridge DB033082

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**1936 Winner: Honey in the Horn** by H. L. Davis

Read by Robert Donley

Reading time 15 hours, 42 minutes

A story of Oregon in the homesteading period at the beginning of the century features memorable characters, a wide range of country, and a restless, lusty life. Some strong language. Pulitzer Prize.

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Also available on cassette RC012123

**1935 Winner: Now in November** by Josephine Winslow Johnson

Read by Michael McCullough

The poetic story of a doomed and struggling farm family pitted against the harsh yet beautiful realities of nature, the demands of work, and the tragedy of a gifted daughter who triggers off a round of catastrophes. Some strong language.

Pulitzer Prize

Available on cassette RC012403

**1934 Winner: Lamb in His Bosom** by Caroline Miller

Read by Virginia Cromer

Chronicle of hardworking people on a Georgia farm just before the Civil War. Told with a quiet dignity and humor relates the story of a courageous young woman from girlhood to old age. Pulitzer Prize.

Available on cassette RC012620

**1933 Winner: The Store** by T. S. Stribling

Read by Ilona Dulaski

Reading time 18 hours, 13 minutes

Chronicle of an Alabama family headed by Colonel Miltiades Vaiden, a southern gentleman who fought at Shiloh and was a Klan member during Reconstruction. The story depicts the ending of the old South and the beginning of the new. Sequel to The Forge (DB 43658). Strong language. 1933 Pulitzer Prize winner.

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Also available on cassette RC043211

**1932 Winner: 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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**1930 Winner: Laughing Boy** by Oliver Lafarge

Read by Roy Avers

A Pulitzer Prize-winning novel set in the Navajo Southwest of 1915. In telling the haunting story of the young lovers, Laughing Boy and Slim Girl, the author depicts the lives of the Indians from his experiences as an anthropologist. Pulitzer Prize. Some violence and some strong language. For high school and older readers.

Available on cassette RC033829

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**1929 Winner: Scarlet Sister Mary** by Julia Peterkin

Read by Eugenia Rawls

A slender, high-spirited black girl of fifteen marries the wildest young slave on the plantation and is deserted within a year. She maintains her cheerfulness as she fills her house with a new child year after year. Pulitzer Prize Award 1929.

Available on cassette RC014880

**1928 Winner: The Bridge of San Luis Rey** by Thornton Wilder

Read by David Palmer

Reading time 3 hours, 27 minutes

First published in 1927 and winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1928. This novel surveys the lives of five Peruvian travelers, victims of the collapse of a famous Incan bridge in 1714. Franciscan Brother Juniper, witness to the tragedy, weaves a story revealing how these people came together on the bridge at that final moment. Was it fate or was it an act of God? 1955.

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**1926 Winner: Arrowsmith; Elmer Gantry ; Dodsworth** By Sinclair Lewis

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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**1925 Winner: So Big** by Edna Ferber

Read by Jill Ferris

Reading time 10 hours, 42 minutes

A farm woman's indomitable spirit and quick response to beauty are unquenched by years of hardship-- all for the sake of her son. Pulitzer Prize. Originally published in 1924.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB044189

Also available on cassette RC044189

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Also available in braille BR011869

**1924 Winner: The Able McLaughlins** by Margaret Wilson

Read by Jeremy Gage

After serving in the Civil War, Wully McLaughlin returns to his midwest home and his beloved Chirstie McNair, who has become pregnant against her will. Wully accosts the culprit and banishes him from the town. Wully marries Chirstie and assumes paternity, but the child's father is not yet out of their lives. Pulitzer Prize.

Available on cassette RC045247

**1923 Winner: One of Ours** by Willa Cather

Read by Jill Ferris

Reading time 13 hours, 5 minutes

After a year at the state university, a young man unsuccessfully tries to bring culture to his Nebraska town in this turn-of-the-century novel. Bound to both the soil and a religion he feels is shallow, he finds World War I an escape. Pulitzer Prize.

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Also available on cassette RC027930

**1922 Winner: Alice Adams** by Booth Tarkington

Read by Martha Harmon. Pardee Reading time 8 hours, 59 minutes

Alice, a socially ambitious girl from a midwestern lower-middle-class family, hopes to find a rich husband. She makes up stories that lead her family to suffer scandals and push her further from her goal. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1922.

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Also available on cassette RC047570

**1921 Winner: The Age of Innocence** by Edith Wharton

Read by Kimberly Schraf

Reading time 13 hours, 56 minutes

New York, 1870s. Newland Archer anticipates a safe, conventional future with his socially impeccable fiancée, May Welland, until the arrival of May's exotic cousin, Countess Ellen Olenska. Archer finds himself torn between his attraction to Ellen and his security in a bland, but proper, marriage to May. Pulitzer Prize. 1920.

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Also available on cassette RC065343

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Also available in braille BR012711

**1920 No Award**

**1919 Winner: The Magnificent Ambersons** by Booth Tarkington

Read by Jim Zeiger

Reading time 11 hours, 11 minutes

In the nineteenth century Major Amberson made a fortune, and his family became the most prominent in their midwestern town. When industrialization transforms the town into a city, the major's only grandson, arrogant George Amberson Minafer, cannot adjust to the change; his only ambition is to be a yachtsman. Pulitzer Prize.

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**1917 No Award**