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Read-Alikes for the Harry Potter Series

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Flame in the Mist by Renée Ahdieh

Read by Nancy Wu

10 hours, 21 minutes

The daughter of a prominent samurai, Mariko has long known her place. She may be an accomplished alchemist, whose cunning rivals that of her twin brother, Kenshin, but because she is not a boy, her future is predetermined--or perhaps not. Violence, some strong language. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2017.

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Animorphs by K.A. Applegate

The first book is The Invasion

Next books in the series: The Visitor; The Encounter; The Message; The Predator; The Capture;

Read by Andy Pyle

4 hours, 21 minutes

While walking home from the mall, Jake and his friends encounter an Andalite alien who warns them that the parasitic Yeerks are about to invade. The dying extraterrestrial gives them the power to morph into animals, which they use to defend their planet. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1996.

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The School for Good and Evil Trilogy by Soman Chainani

Read by Jill Fox

43 hours, 39 minutes

Trilogy written between 2013 and 2015, featuring friends Sophie and Agatha as they attend a school where they must learn to be a fairy tale heroine or villain. Includes The School for Good and Evil, A World Without Princes, and The Last Ever After. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2015

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Sorcerer to the Crown by Zen Cho

Read by George Holmes

13 hours, 22 minutes

Zacharias Wythe is having a hard time holding on to his office as Sorcerer Royal, not only because he is a former slave, but because the magic of England appears to be waning. His position is even more precarious after he takes a young woman named Prunella as apprentice. 2015

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Artemis Fowl Series by Eoin Colfer

The first book is Artemis Fowl

Nest books in the series: Artemis Fowl the Artic Incident; Artemis Fowl the Eternity Code; Artemis Fowl the Opal Deception; Artemis Fowl the Lost Colony; Artemis Fowl the Time Paradox; Artemis Fowl the Atlantis Complex and more!

Read by: Rick Rohan

6 hours, 15 minutes

Twelve-year-old mastermind Artemis plans to restore his family fortune by obtaining some of the fairies' gold. The first step involves blackmailing an alcoholic fairy to photograph her "Book," containing her race's secrets but written in an ancient tongue. Some violence. For grades 5-8. Bestseller. 2001.

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Ranger's Apprentice Series by John Flanagan

The first book is The Ruins of Gorlan

Next books in the series: Burning Bridge; Icebound Land; Battle for Skandia; Sorcerer of the North; The Siege of Macindaw; Erak's Ransom; Kings of Clomel; Halt's Peril, and more!

Read by Ray Childs

8 hours, 41 minutes

The battleschool rejects Will because of his small size, but ranger Halt recognizes the fifteen-year-old's special skills and chooses Will as his apprentice. What Will doesn't know is that the rangers are the secret protectors of the kingdom, which evil Lord Morgarath is planning to attack. For grades 5-8. 2005.

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Inkworld Trilogy by Cornelia Funke

The first book is Inkheart

Next books in the series: Inkspell; Inkdeath

Read by Annie Wauters.

15 hours, 56 minutes

Twelve-year-old Meggie lives with her father, Mo, a bookbinder. She discovers a terrible secret: nine years ago when Mo read aloud from a book the characters appeared in real life while her mother disappeared into the story. Mo's magic causes still more problems to solve. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2003

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The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Read by Mary Kane

7 hours, 17 minutes

A toddler enters a cemetery pursued by the knife-wielding stranger who just murdered his family. Resident ghosts Mr. and Mrs. Owens protect and adopt the child, naming him Nobody "Bod" Owens. Bod's graveyard upbringing serves him well, but why was his family targeted? For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2008.

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Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Jones

Read by Mary O'Neal

8 hours, 14 minutes

As the eldest of three daughters, Sophie Hatter knows that--according to fairy-tale convention--she's expected to fail first and worst when she sets out to seek her fortune. When the Ingarian countryside is threatened by both the moving castle of Wizard Howl and the schemes of the Witch of the Waste, Sophie finds a kind of courage and determination she's never known before. A magical fantasy for grades 6-9.

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Heroine Complex by Sarah Kuhn

Read by Abigail Maupin

12 hours, 42 minutes

As personal assistant to famous superhero Aveda Jupiter, Evie Tanaka's days consist of trying to keep her demanding boss happy. When Aveda is injured in a demonic attack, Evie is forced to reveal that she too has superpowers. Some violence, some strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2016.

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EarthSea Cycle by Ursula K. Le Guin

The first book is A Wizard of Earthsea

Next books in the series: Tombs of Atuan; The Farthest Shore; Tehanu

Read by Robert Donley

6 hours, 31 minutes

An intricate fantasy about Sparrowhawk, a talented but arrogant student of wizardry. On a rival's dare, Sparrowhawk summons up a shadowy, evil spirit who threatens both the boy's life and the entire world of Earthsea. For grades 6-9.

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Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

4 hours, 41 minutes

Minli, an adventurous girl, lives in a poor Chinese village near Fruitless Mountain. Inspired by her father's stories, Minli sets out to find the Old Man of the Moon to restore the mountain's bounty. Along the way, Minli encounters magical creatures, including a helpful dragon. For grades 3-6. Newbery Honor Book. 2009.

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The Hero and the Crown by Robin McKinley

Read by Laura Giannarelli

8 hours, 53 minutes

With the guidance of a wizard and the help of the blue sword, Aerin fights for the birthright due her as the daughter of both a king and a witchwoman of the mysterious, demon-haunted north. For grades 6-9 and older readers. Newbery Medal. 1985.

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Fablehaven: the Complete Series by Brandon Mull

Read by Kristin Allison

57 hours, 16 minutes

When thirteen-year-old Kendra and her eleven-year-old brother Seth go to stay at their grandparents' estate, they discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures--and that a battle between good and evil is looming. Complete five-book series. For grades 4-7. 2006.

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Also available on digital cartridge 73436

Children of the Red King by Jenny Nimmo

The first book is Midnight for Charlie Bone

Next books in the series: Charlie Bone and the Time Twister; Charlie Bone and the Invisible Boy; Charlie Bone and the Castle of Mirrors; Charlie Bone and the Hidden King and more!

Read by Anne Hancock.

7 hours, 41 minutes

Ten-year-old Charlie's relatives discover that he has magical talents inherited from their ancestor the Red King. They send Charlie to the Bloor's Academy, where he makes new friends and solves a mystery. But a wicked branch of the family uses its powers unwisely. For grades 5-8. 2002.

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The Old Kingdom by Garth Nix

The first book is Sabriel

Next books in the series: Lirael, Abhorsen; Clariel, Goldenhand

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

10 hours, 5 minutes

Sabriel was sent to school outside the Old Kingdom for her safety. Now in her last year of study, she receives her father's necromancy tools, indicating that he is dead. Determined to find his body, Sabriel reenters the Old Kingdom and confronts the evil forces of life and death. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers.

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Akata Witch by Nnedi Okorafor

Read by Addi Brooks

8 hours, 48 minutes

As an American recently transplanted back to her parents' homeland of Nigeria, Sunny struggles to fit in at her school. If being an American with the nickname "akata" -wild animal- wasn't enough, Sunny stands out in more ways than one: she is an albino who can't be in the sun, and she is a prodigy at soccer but can't play outside. When Sunny's life seems everything but "sunny," she discovers that she is a "free agent" with magical powers and is part of a secret world of magic. For grades 4-7

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Shadowshaper by Daniel José Older

Read by Anika Noni Rose

7 hours, 22 minutes

When the murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to change and fade in front of her, Sierra Santiago discovers the members of her Puerto Rican family are powerful shadowshapers that must prepare to battle evil. Commercial audiobook. For junior and senior high and older readers. 2015.

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Inheritance by Christopher Paolini

The first book is Eragon

Next Books in the series: Eldest; Brisingr; Inheritance or the Vault of Souls

Read by Bruce Huntley

16 hours, 14 minutes

Fifteen-year-old Eragon bonds with the baby dragon, Saphira, that hatches from a mysterious blue stone. They train in magic and martial arts and, refusing to serve the evil king, sally forth to encounter warriors, dwarves, and others battling the empire. Some violence. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2003.

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Seafire by Natalie C. Parker

Read by Rebecca Soler.

10 hours, 32 minutes

Caledonia Styx, captain of her own ship, the Mors Navis, and its all-female crew strive to defeat the powerful fleet of Aric Athair, the vicious warlord who has taken their homes and families. Violence and some strong language.

Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2018.

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Circle of Magic by Tamora Pierce

The first book is Sandry's Book

Next books in the series: Tris's Book; Daja's Book; Briar's Book; Will of the Empress.

Read by Ann Hodapp

6 hours, 10 minutes

Sandry wants to weave thread, Daja prefers to work with metal, Trisana has an unusual connection to weather, and Briar communicates with plants. These four outcasts, each with a distinct magical power, are brought together at Winding Circle Temple by Mage Niklaren Goldeye. Prequel to Tris's Book (DB 49334).

For grades 5-8. 1997.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB049333

His Dark Materials by Phillip Pullman

The first book is The Golden Compass

Next books in the series: The Subtle Knife; The Amber Spyglass

Read by Suzanne Toren

12 hours, 3 minutes

A tale set in Victorian England on an alternate Earth. Young Lyra Belacqua and her daemon enjoy an idyllic life among the scholars at Jordan College. Then her friend Roger and other children are abducted by the Gobblers. Venturing north in pursuit, Lyra encounters an alien and sinister world. Violence. For junior and senior high readers.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB044343

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Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan

The first book is The Lightning Thief

Next books in the series: Sea of Monsters; Titan's Curse; Battle of the Labyrinth; Last Olympian

Read by Erik Sandvold

10 hours, 53 minutes

Upstate New York, 2005. Sixth-grader Percy Jackson, the son of Poseidon and a mortal mother, attends a summer camp for demigods. After Percy angers Zeus, his friends Grover, a satyr, and Annabeth, daughter of Athena, join him to resolve the problem. For grades 5-8. 2005.

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Carry On by Rainbow Rowell

Read by Euan Morton

13 hours, 40 minutes

Simon Snow, from Fangirl (DB 77545), returns to Watford School of Magicks, but he has trouble with his magic. To make matters worse, he has a questionable mentor, a romantic breakup, and there's a monster running around wearing his face. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2015.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB085471

Septimus Heap by Angie Sage

The first book is Magyk

Next books in the series: Flyte; Physik; Queste; Syren; Darke; Fyre

Read by Anne Hancock

12 hours, 26 minutes

The night his seventh son is born--dead, according to the midwife--Silas Heap brings home a newborn baby girl, Jenna. She turns out to be a princess in need of protection as villains and wizards abound in this magyk-filled adventure. And is the son, Septimus, really dead? For grades 4-7. 2005.

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Shades of Magic by V. E. Schwab

The first book is A Darker Shade of Magic

Next books in the series: Gathering of Shadows; Conjuring of Light

Read by Jon Huffman.

12 hours, 1 minute

There are four Londons, and Kell is one of the only travelers able to go between the worlds. Enterprising thief Lila lives in Grey London, where magic is nonexistent, and when Kell brings a forbidden magical object from Black London across the worlds, Lila steals it. Some violence. 2015.

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The Light Between Worlds Laura E. Weymouth

Read by Moira Quirk and Fiona Hardingham.

9 hours, 36 minutes

While taking shelter during a bombing raid, the Hapwell siblings are swept into a strange kingdom called the Woodlands before returning years later to post-WWII England. When one of them goes missing, they confront painful truths they've been running from. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2018.

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