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Dayton Literary Peace Prize Award Winners

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2015 Fiction Winner: The Great Glass Sea by Josh Weil

Read by Alec Volz

Reading time 20 hours, 11 minutes

Russia, the near future. A folkloric tale of twin brothers, Yarik and Dima, both part of the workforce of the world's largest greenhouse, the Oranzheria. After an encounter with the Oranzheria's owner, Yarik begins the climb up the promotion ladder, while Dima dreams of another future. Dayton Literary Peace Prize. Strong language. 2014.

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2015 Nonfiction Winner: Just Mercy a Story of Justice and Redemption by

Bryan Stevenson

Read by Bryan Stevenson

Reading time 11 hours, 6 minutes

Attorney and law professor discusses founding the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need. Describes one of his first cases--defending Walter McMillian, a young man sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. Dayton Literary Peace Prize. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

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2013 Fiction 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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Also available on digital cartridge DB074282

2013 Nonfiction Winner: Far From the Tree Parents, Children, and the Search for Identity By Andrew Solomon,

Read by Jake Williams

Reading time 47 hours, 34 minutes

Author of The Noonday Demon (DB 53027) explores the ways families with children who are profoundly different from their parents redefine themselves. Uses anecdotal evidence to illustrate their responsibilities and struggles dealing with such issues as deafness, autism, schizophrenia, transsexualism, criminality, and more. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2012.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB075884

2012 Nonfiction Winner: To End All Wars a Story of Loyalty and Rebellion, 1914-1918 By Adam Hochschild

Read by Jake Williams

Reading time 18 hours, 28 minutes

Award-winning historian examines the pro- and anti-war movements in Great Britain before and during World War I. Portrays social reformers, suffragettes, conscientious objectors, and other pacifists who aligned against military and political leaders and the general public. Highlights the carnage that followed. Some violence. 2011.

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2011 Fiction Winner: The Surrendered by Chang-rae Lee

Read by Madelyn Buzzard Reading time 17 hours, 3 minutes

1986. New York antiques dealer June, who has terminal cancer, enlists Korean War veteran Hector, the long-absent father of their son Nicholas, to help locate Nicholas in Italy. Hector and June--having met in an orphanage during the war--are both deeply emotionally scarred. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2010.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB071710

2010 Nonfiction Winner: Zeitoun By Dave Eggers

Read by Steven Carpenter Reading time 8 hours, 47 minutes

Describes the experiences of the owner of a New Orleans house-painting business during the 2005 Katrina hurricane and flood. Recounts the fleeing of Syrian American Zeitoun's wife and children, Zeitoun's decision to stay and help neighbors and clients, and his consequently inexplicable imprisonment and inability to contact family. Bestseller. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB069795

2009 Fiction winner: Peace a Novel by Richard Bausch

Read by Christopher Hurt Reading time 4 hours, 27 minutes

Italy, World War II. Three American soldiers undertake a dangerous assignment to locate retreating Germans. Corporal Robert Marson hires an elderly local to lead them over rough terrain, but as the men succumb to fear, they grow increasingly uncertain of their mission--and their guide. Strong language and some violence. 2008.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB068090

2008 Fiction 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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Also available on cassette RC065402

2008 Nonfiction Winner: Brother, I'm Dying by Edwidge Danticat
Read by Robin Miles Reading time 7 hours, 54 minutes
Author recalls her childhood in Haiti where she was raised by her uncle Joseph, a minister. Describes their volatile Port-au-Prince neighborhood and her uncle's treatment at the hands of a pro-Aristide mob and U.S. Customs officials. Some violence and some strong language. Nat'l Book Award Finalist. 2007.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB066074

2006 Fiction Winner: A Changed Man a Novel by Francine Prose
Read by David Hartley-Margolin Reading time 15 hours, 38 minutes
Neo-Nazi Vincent Nolan walks into the World Brotherhood Watch headquarters intending to help them work for human rights. Meyer Maslow, the foundation's head and a Holocaust survivor, is skeptical of Vincent's sincerity. As Vincent transforms his life, he also changes those around him. Some strong language. 2005.

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