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Vampires: The Classics and Contemporaries

All things vampire, from Stoker's original to moderns like Anne Rice, vampire-fueled apocalypse books, comedies and satires, vampire detectives, romance and young adult books from Stephenie Meyer and P.C. Cast, and everything in between. 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](#).

By Blood We Live By John Joseph Adams

Read by Kristen Allison

Reading time 23 hours, 59 minutes

Compilation of thirty-six short stories about traditional vampire myths and erotic, dark fairy tales. Includes works by Kevin J. Anderson, Kelley Armstrong, Neil Gaiman, Joe Hill, Stephen King, Brian Lumley, Anne Rice, Robert J. Sawyer, and others. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 2009.

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Let Me In By John Ajvide Lindqvist

Read by Alec Volz

Reading time 18 hours, 41 minutes

Sweden, 1981. While a boy's murder in Vällingby interests young, bullied Oskar Eriksson, he reluctantly becomes fascinated with the strange new girl who smells like rotting flesh. First published in Swedish in 2004. Basis for a motion picture. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2007.

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Eighth Grade Bites: The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod By Heather Brewer

Read by Mike Stefanelli

Reading time 4 hours, 19 minutes

Thirteen-year-old vampire Vladimir Tod barely manages to appear human at his junior high school. Between fighting urges for blood, keeping a low profile despite strange powers, and being raised by his aunt, Vlad has enough to handle--even before a vampire hunter targets him. For junior and senior high readers. 2007.

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Lost Souls By Poppy Z Brite

Read by Gregory Gorton

Reading time 12 hours 44 minutes

An alienated teenager, adopted as a foundling, runs away in search of his own people. He is taken up by a trio of vampires--one of whom is his real father--who are looking for another of their kind, and the boy is drawn into their ways. In a small town in the South, this band encounters the object of their quest, a troubled young woman, and a psychic rock musician, who may save the boy from his fate. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex.

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Also available on cassette RC038026

Fledgling by Octavia E. Butler

Read by Elisabeth Rodgers

Reading time 10 hours, 55 minutes

Shori Matthews, a juvenile vampire who resembles a young girl, awakens injured and with amnesia. Drawn to a burned-out enclave, she learns her identity as the sole survivor of a massacre and sets out after the killers. Some explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2005.

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Also available on cassette RC062744

The Morganville Vampires. Volumes 1-2 By Rachel Caine

Read by Mary Kane

Reading time 31 hours, 14 minutes

Books one through four in two volumes, written between 2006 and 2008, featuring a small Texas college town filled with undead coeds. Includes Glass Houses, The Dead Girls' Dance, Midnight Alley, and Feast of Fools. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 2008.

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Marked the House of Night Novel By P.C. Cast

Read by Mary Kane Reading time 8 hours, 54 minutes

Zoey is struggling in high school when she is marked by a Tracker to become a vampire. Zoey's Grandma Redbird enrolls her in another school, the House of Night, where Zoey learns new rules and uncovers a sinister plot. Strong language. For senior high readers. 2007.

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The Passage by Justin Cronin

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 34 hours, 39 minutes

Six-year-old orphan Amy Harper Bellafonte becomes humanity's last hope after the North American populace is decimated by a terrifying viral infection--the product of a secret military experiment housed in a remote compound in the Colorado mountains. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2010.

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Teeth Vampire Tales By Ellen Datlow

Read by Nicola Daval Reading time 12 hours, 37 minutes

Nineteen stories of teenagers and vampires. In Ellen Kushner's "History" a college student asks her evasive, centuries-old vampire lover for stories about the past. Also includes works by Holly Black and Neil Gaiman. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 2011.

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Blue Bloods By Melissa de la Cruz

Read by Colleen Delany Reading time 7 hours, 22 minutes

Fifteen-year-old Schuyler Van Alen, an outsider at her prestigious Manhattan school, discovers that she and some other teens are Blue Bloods--vampires who are continually being reincarnated. Danger arrives when a rival group of vampires begins murdering the Blue Bloods. For senior high readers. 2006.

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The Vampire Files Volume 1 By P. N. Elrod

Read by Gregory Gorton

Reading time 19 hours, 38 minutes

Three novels featuring undead journalist-turned-private investigator Jack Fleming in 1930s Chicago. In Bloodlist Jack must solve his own murder. Also includes Lifeblood and Bloodcircle. Violence and some strong language. 1990.

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Night Huntress Series. Books 1-4 By Jeaniene Frost

Read by Jill Fox

Reading time 42 hours, 11 minutes

Books one through four, written between 2007 and 2009. Half-vampire Cat Crawfield teams up with vampire bounty hunter Bones. Includes Halfway to the Grave, One Foot in the Grave, At Grave's End, and Destined for an Early Grave. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2009.

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Seize the Night New Tales of Vampiric Terror By Christopher Golden

Read by Michael Scherer

Reading time 17 hours

Twenty stories about vampires. These range from subtle horror to outright terror, with contributors such as Kelley Armstrong, Charlaine Harris, Brian Keene, and Seanan McGuire. John Ajvide Lindqvist contributes "What Kept You So Long?," about a bored vampire who picks up a hitchhiker. Violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2015.

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Mr. Darcy, Vampyre By Amanda Grange

Read by Elizabeth Jasicki

Reading time 10 hours, 24 minutes

Newlyweds Darcy and Elizabeth set off on their honeymoon, but Elizabeth doubts Darcy's love for her when he fails to consummate the marriage. His nightly disappearances and other strange behaviors raise more questions in her mind. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

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Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Hunter By Seth Grahame-Smith

Read by Roy Avers Reading time 10 hours, 32 minutes

A store clerk in the remote town of Rhinebeck, New York, is given the long-lost journal of Abraham Lincoln with instructions to write a manuscript. But the new volumes narrate Lincoln's previously unknown path in life, as one of the greatest vampire hunters. Violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

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Vampire Empire: The Greyfriar, Book 1 By Clay Griffith

Read by Erik Sandvold Reading time 12 hours, 50 minutes

2020. In the Great Killing of 1870, vampires conquered the north, causing humans to flee to the tropics and the British Empire to rebuild itself as the Empire Equatoria. While on a goodwill tour in the north, Princess Adele, the empire's heir, is ambushed by a vampire clan. Violence. 2010.

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Dead Until Dark By Charlaine Harris

Read by Kristin Allison Reading time 8 hours, 45 minutes

While telepathic waitress Sookie Stackhouse serves tables at Merlotte's bar in Bon Temps, Louisiana, she meets handsome vampire Bill. But when a rowdy vampire gang moves into town and murders remain unsolved, Sookie's attraction to Bill puts her in danger. Violence, explicit descriptions of sex, and some strong language. Bestseller. 2001.

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Blood Born By Linda Howard

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 14 hours, 15 minutes

Vampire Luca Ambrus, an agent of the Council, uncovers a rogue vampire conspiracy to subjugate the mortal world. As a conduit--a human who can channel ancestral warriors--Chloe Fallon is one of the rebels' targets. Luca rescues her and falls in love. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2010.

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'Salem's Lot By Stephen King

Read by Steven Carpenter

Reading time 18 hours, 10 minutes

Updated edition of King's 1975 novel about Jerusalem's Lot, a small Maine town where the residents turn into vampires. Features previously unpublished material including deleted and alternate scenes, two short stories, and an introduction by the author. Some explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2005.

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The Silver Kiss By Annette Curtis Klause

Read by David Palmer

Reading time 5 hours, 3 minutes

One evening as Zoe, seventeen, is brooding over her mother's imminent death from cancer, her father's lack of support, and her best friend's move, she meets Simon, a startlingly handsome and compelling young man. As their friendship blossoms, Simon reveals that he is a vampire out to kill his vampire brother for the gruesome murder of their mother. Some violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 1990.

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Also available on cassette RC033499

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The Historian By Elizabeth Kostova

Read by Anne Hancock

Reading time 26 hours, 38 minutes

1972. A young American woman living with her father in Amsterdam discovers an ancient book and a cache of faded letters in his library. Pursuing family mysteries leads her to seek the truth behind the Dracula legend of Vlad the Impaler. Some violence. Bestseller. 2005.

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Also available on cassette RC060713

Vwars a Chronicle of Vampire Wars By Jonathan Maberry

Read by Alec Volz

Reading time 18 hours, 5 minutes

When a virus causes the return of vampires, society breaks down. Chapters by Maberry, Gregory Frost, James A. Monroe, John Everson, Keith R.A. DeCandido, Nancy Holder, Steve Nicholson, and Yvonne Navarro chronicle the supernatural's reemergence around the world. Introduction by Dacre Stoker. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. 2012.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB075096

I Am Legend By Richard Matheson

Read by Gary Telles

Reading time 10 hours, 55 minutes

The title story of this collection of horror stories is the basis for the movie Night of the Living Dead. Robert Neville is the last human being on Earth. Everyone else is now a vampire--and wants his blood. Some violence and some strong language.

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Also available on cassette RC047903

Sunshine By Robin McKinley

Read by Catherine Byers

Reading time 17 hours, 15 minutes

A gang of vampires led by evil Beauregard abduct baker Rae "Sunshine" Seddon. Using her magic powers, Sunshine escapes along with vampire and fellow captive Constantine--Beauregard's archenemy. Human special forces recruit Sunshine to hunt bloodsuckers while she secretly aids Constantine in a plot to overthrow Beauregard. Some violence. 2003.

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Vampire Academy By Richelle Mead

Read by Julie-Ann Elliot

Reading time 9 hours, 31 minutes

After two years in hiding, seniors Rose and Lissa are dragged back to St. Vladimir's Academy. Vampire princess Lissa must learn to control her magic, while Rose's impetuous behavior hinders her status as Lissa's guardian. Violence, descriptions of sex, and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2007.

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Twilight By Stephenie Meyer

Read by Anne Hancock

Reading time 14 hours

After seventeen-year-old Bella moves in with her dad in Washington state she falls in love with high school senior Edward Cullen. Bella discovers that Edward and his adoptive clan are vampires. Though they feast on wildlife rather than humans, Bella is still in danger. For senior high readers. 2005.

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Bite Me: A Love Story By Christopher Moore

Read by Erin Jones

Reading time 6 hours, 40 minutes

San Francisco. Abigail Von Normal, who wants to be undead, serves vampires Countess Jody and Lord Flood as a minion. When Chet, a huge, shaved vampire cat, runs amok and creates hordes of blood-sucking kitties, the humans must save the city. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2010.

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Thirst Number 1: The Last Vampire, Black Blood, and Red Dice By

Christopher Pike

Read by Mary Kane

Reading time 13 hours, 24 minutes

Three novels featuring Alisa Perne, a five-thousand-year-old vampire. In *The Last Vampire* beautiful Alisa enrolls in high school and hunts a stranger named Slim, who has hired a private detective to investigate and expose her secrets to the world. Violence. For senior high and older readers. 1995.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB071026

Interview with the Vampire By Anne Rice

Read by Nick Sullivan

Reading time 15 hours, 2 minutes

Frightening world of vampires as told to a young boy who tapes the story on cassette. Follows the fortunes of Louis, a gentle vampire; Lestat, a vengeful and bloodthirsty vampire; and Claudia, a little demon with the face of a doll. 1976.

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Also available on cassette RC061222

Morrigan's Cross By Nora Roberts

Read by Don Feldheim

Reading time 12 hours, 51 minutes

Ireland, 1128. Morrigan, the goddess of battle, helps sorcerer Hoyt battle Lilith, a vampire who has destroyed Hoyt's twin brother, Cian. Hoyt travels to modern-day New York to enlist the help of witch Glenna Ward. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller. 2006.

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Also available on cassette RC063473

Vampires in the Lemon Grove By Karen Russell

Read by Erik Sandvold

Reading time 10 hours, 15 minutes

Collection of eight tales from the author of *Swamplandia!* (DB 72823) that explore magical interpretations of everyday occasions. In the title story Clyde, a vampire, reminisces about his early years as he watches over a tourist spot and befriends a lemonade vendor. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller. 2013.

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Dracula By Bram Stoker

Read by John C. Reed

Reading time 17 hours, 3 minutes

A tale of vampires set in the late 19th century. Jonathan Harker, an English solicitor, visits Count Dracula in his Transylvania castle to transact some business, and soon learns that Dracula is not the ordinary man he appears, but a monster. His horror increases when Dracula moves to England. 1897.

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Also available on cassette RC031689

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Dracula the Un-Dead By Dacre Stoker

Read by David Cutler

Reading time 15 hours, 21 minutes

1912. Jonathan and Mina Harker's son, Quincey, chooses to pursue an acting career. After meeting director Bram Stoker, Quincey discovers that his parents and their associates kept deadly secrets--and that another vampire, Countess Elizabeth Bathory, has emerged. Sequel, by Bram Stoker's great-grandnephew, to *Dracula* (RC 31689, BR 8277). Violence and some strong language. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB071036

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Also available in braille BR018866

The Awakening and The Struggle: The Vampire Diaries By L.J. Smith

Read by James Konicek

Reading time 11 hours, 36 minutes

First two novels in the Vampire Diaries series and the basis for the 2009 television show. In The Awakening brother vampires Stefan and Damon vie for the attention of Elena Gilbert. In The Struggle Elena's relationship with Stefan intensifies. For senior high readers. 1991.

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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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Also available on digital cartridge DB069500

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The Fifth House of the Heart a novel By Ben Tripp

Read by Gregory Gorton

Reading time 12 hours, 19 minutes

None of his colleagues in the antiques collecting world knows Asmodeus "Sax" Saxon-Tang's secret of success: he robs vampires. When a vampire trying to rebuild her looted collection targets the elderly Sax, he's a dead man if he can't find and kill her first. Violence and some strong language. 2015.

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A Dangerous Climate a Novel of the Count Saint-Germain By Chelsea

Quinn Yarbro

Read by Fred Major

Reading time 13 hours, 35 minutes

1700s. Benevolent vampire Saint-Germain assumes the identity of a missing Hungarian diplomat and accompanies the man's wife to Russia, where they join Peter the Great's court. While spying for Poland and concealing his true nature, Saint-Germain aids the czar's efforts to modernize St. Petersburg. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2008.

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