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### **Americanah** By Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Read by Erin Jones

Reading time 18 hours, 29 minutes

After studying in the United States for thirteen years, Ifemelu, a Nigerian woman who blogs about race, returns home to Lagos. She has endured enough cultural issues and misses her first love. But the Nigerians label her an "Americanah." Some strong language. 2013.

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### **The White Tiger a Novel** By Aravind Adiga

Read by John Horton

Reading time 7 hours, 37 minutes

Bangalore, India. Over the course of seven days, Balram Halwai, a rickshaw-puller's son, writes to visiting Chinese premier Jiabao about his transformation from chauffeur to entrepreneur. Balram--sought for police questioning about a brutal murder--embodies the tumultuousness of modern India. Some violence and some strong language. Man Booker Prize. Bestseller. 2008.

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**Say You're One of Them** Uwem Akpan

Read by Lisette Lecat

Reading time 13 hours, 48 minutes

Five tales about children struggling to survive in war-torn Africa. In "Fattening for Gabon" siblings whose parents have AIDS go to live with an uncle who tries to sell them into slavery. The Caine Prize finalist "My Parents' Bedroom" describes the Rwandan genocide. Violence and some descriptions of sex. 2008.

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**The House of the Spirits** By Isabel Allende

Read by Merwin Smith

Reading time 16 hours, 20 minutes

Symbolic family saga by the niece of Chile's assassinated President Salvador Allende. Concerns the union of gentle, clairvoyant Clara del Valle and autocratic, violent Esteban Trueba, patron of a huge hacienda whose peasants he controls with tyranny. Through three generations of vividly portrayed characters, a strong, compassionate picture of an unnamed but identifiable country emerges. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Book club main selection.

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**2666** By Roberto Bolaño

Read by Ken Kliban

Reading time 41 hours, 38 minutes

Three scholars travel to the Mexican border town of Santa Teresa searching for German writer Benno von Archimboldi. Professor Amalfitano and his daughter Rosa also move there, and African American reporter Oscar Fate arrives to cover a boxing match. Meanwhile dozens of women are murdered. Some strong language. Nat'l Bk. Critics Circle. Bestseller. 2008.

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**We Need New Names a Novel** By NoViolet Bulawayo

Read by Jill Fox

Reading time 8 hours, 18 minutes

Ten-year-old Darling Nkala is sent to Michigan to escape the violence and hunger in Zimbabwe. Over the years Darling attends school and struggles to adjust to the alien culture. But her family are illegal immigrants and they miss their homeland. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2013.

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**Elizabeth Costello** By J.M. Coetzee

Read by Patricia Kilgarriff

Reading time 8 hours, 36 minutes

At sixty-six, distinguished Australian author Elizabeth Costello travels the world making acceptance speeches for literary prizes and reflecting on her life and beliefs. She considers her roles as mother, sister, lover, and writer and discusses such concepts as animal rights, evil, Eros, and humanism. Some descriptions of sex. 2003.

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**Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress** By Sijie Dai

Read by Frank Coffee

Reading time 4 hours, 42 minutes

Two privileged teenage boys are sent to a remote village for reeducation during China's Cultural Revolution. When they procure a supply of French books, they read novels to a pretty but uneducated seamstress, with surprising results. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2001.

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**The Artist of Disappearance Three Novellas** By Anita Desai

Read by Laura Giannarelli

Reading time 5 hours, 25 minutes

Three stories set in modern India. In the title piece a young man returns to his family's Himalayan home to live as a hermit. But his solitude is threatened when a documentary film crew discovers the beautiful hidden garden he has created. 2011.

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**The Inheritance of Loss** By Kiran Desai

Read by Yolande Bavan

Reading time 13 hours, 23 minutes

Himalayas, 1986. Retired judge Jemubhai Patel lives with his cook and sixteen-year-old granddaughter, Sai. An Indian-Nepalese insurgency makes Jemubhai confront his past and interrupts Sai's romance with her Nepali tutor. Meanwhile, the cook worries about his son in America. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. Booker Prize. 2006.

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**The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao** by Junot Díaz

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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**Like Water for Chocolate: A Novel in Monthly Installments, with Recipes, Romances, and Home Remedies** By Laura Esquivel

Read by Laura Giannarelli

Reading time 5 hours, 34 minutes

When Pedro asks Mama Elena for the hand of her youngest daughter, Tita, he is offered her sister instead. By family tradition, Tita is to remain unmarried to care for her mother. Tita, a magical cook, shares recipes that, seasoned by her emotions, have an extraordinary impact on the events that follow her mother's decision. Descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1992.

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**Destiny and Desire a Novel** By Carlos Fuentes

Read by Gregory Maupin                      Reading time 15 hours, 29 minutes

The severed head of Josué Nadal relates his life story as it washes away in the Pacific Ocean. Josué and his friend Jericó enter commerce and politics in contemporary Mexico City and share an unexpected bond. Translated from Spanish. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2011.

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**Sea of Poppies** By Amitav Ghosh

Read by Phil Gigante                      Reading time 18 hours, 18 minutes

1838. With the opium trade as a backdrop, the ship Ibis leaves British India bound for Mauritius and carrying a diverse crew and passengers, including a Bengali widow, a French orphan, a deposed raja, and an American freedman. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. Man Booker Finalist. 2008.

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**And the Mountains Echoed** By Khaled Hosseini

Read by Jon Huffman                      Reading time 14 hours, 33 minutes

Afghanistan, 1952. Ten-year-old Abdullah cares for and protects his three-year-old sister Pari. Their father remarries and the world around them changes, but Pari remains Abdullah's focus--even after she is given up for adoption to another family. Bestseller. 2013.

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**A Good Fall** By Ha Jin

Read by David Hartley-Margolin    Reading time 7 hours, 44 minutes  
Twelve tales about Chinese immigrant experiences in America. In "Temporary Love" Lina and Panbin cohabit for practical reasons but discover that it brings emotional complications. In the title piece, a young Buddhist monk's suicide attempt becomes sweet revenge against an unscrupulous temple master. 2009.

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**The Feast of the Goat** By Mario Vargas Llosa

Read by Annie Wauters    Reading time 18 hours, 9 minutes  
Urania Cabral, returning to the Dominican Republic where her father is terminally ill, recalls her youth during the brutal dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo. Called "the Goat" for his depravity with women, Trujillo was the reason for her forty-year estrangement from her father. Strong language and some violence. 2000.

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**One Hundred Years of Solitude** By Gabriel García Márquez

Read by Peter Gil    Reading time 14 hours, 33 minutes  
1820s to 1920s. Latin American epic tale follows seven generations of the Buendía family through triumphs and disasters that parallel the fortunes and misfortunes of their utopian town, Macondo. By the Colombian Nobel Prize-winning author. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1967.

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**Pearl of China a novel** By Anchee Min

Read by Theresa Conkin

Reading time 9 hours, 37 minutes

Fictional account of Pearl Buck (1892-1973), author of *The Good Earth* (DB037294). Young Willow Yee befriends Pearl, a missionary's daughter, in remote China. Willow's love and jealousy grow as Willow later suffers during the Mao revolution but remains loyal to her foreign friend, now a Nobel laureate. 2010.

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**Red Sorghum a Novel of China** By Yan Mo

Read by Gregory Maupin

Reading time 13 hours, 26 minutes

An unnamed Chinese narrator tells the story of his family as they struggle to survive war with Japan and later rule by the Communist Party. Through it all, they work to keep their distillery open. Translated from Chinese. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Nobel Prize. 1988.

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**1Q84** By Haruki Murakami

Read by Alison Hiroto

Reading time 46 hours, 26 minutes

Tokyo, 1984. Aomame enters a parallel world with two moons. Her friend Tengo ghostwrites a novella about this world that Aomame calls 1Q84--where the Q stands for a question mark. Originally published in Japanese in 2009 and 2010. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

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**The Changeling** By Kenzaburo Oe

Read by Robert Sams

Reading time 12 hours, 55 minutes

As writer Kogito Choko listens to a tape recording made by his brother-in-law, famous filmmaker Goro Hanawa, he learns Goro has committed suicide. This propels Kogito into an obsessive examination of their complicated friendship. Autobiographical fiction by 1994 Nobel Prize winner, translated from Japanese. 2010.

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**Cry, the Beloved Country** By Alan Paton

Read by David Toney OR Patrick Horgan

Reading time 9 hours, 43

minutes

The classic story of Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo's search for his delinquent son, Absalom, in 1940s Johannesburg, South Africa. Kumalo's experiences are set against a background of a land and people who struggle not only with overwhelming racial injustice but also with disintegration of their tribal culture and traditional family bonds. 1948.

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**The God of Small Things** By Arundhati Roy

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

Reading time 11 hours, 17 minutes

A story of class struggle, family crisis, and coming of age in Kerala, India. Born to prosperity, twins Estha and Rahel are isolated from the squalor and political unrest around them. The events of a single day in 1969 alter their lives and relationships forever. Descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

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**Midnight's Children** By Salman Rushdie

Read by Patrick Horgan

Reading time 22 hours, 19 minutes

Satirical epic tale of Saleem Sinai, who is born at the stroke of midnight, August 15, 1947--the instant of the birth of the new independent state of India. From that moment, his life is magically entwined with India's fate as a nation. Includes a 2006 introduction by the author. 1981.

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**Slumdog Millionaire a Novel** By Vikas Swarup

Read by Mark Ashby

Reading time 9 hours, 57 minutes

Mumbai, India. Uneducated waiter Ram Mohammad Thomas wins a billion rupees on a quiz show but is accused of cheating and thrown into jail. In flashback-accounts to his lawyer, Ram explains his past adventures supplied him the winning answers. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2005.

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