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I. Fiction / Literature

Title: **2001, a space odyssey.**
Author: Clarke, Arthur Charles / Read by Hill, Dick
Publisher: Grand Haven, MI : Brilliance Audio, 2000.
Call Number: Y 823 CLA
Notes: Unabridged audio / 6 sound discs
Description: Scientists discover a monolith, which is buried on the moon for at least 3 million years. A manned spacecraft, the *Discovery*, is sent to investigate the mystery. However, before they can reach their destination, things begin to go wrong.

Title: **Around the world in eighty days.**
Author: Verne, Jules / Read by Cosham, Ralph
Publisher: Falls Church, VA : Sound Room Publishers, 2001.
Call Number: Y 843 VER
Notes: Unabridged audio / 6 sound discs
Description: Phileas Fogg accepts a challenge to circle the globe with unprecedented speed. With the help of his trusted servant, Fogg hurries off around the world while encountering numerous obstacles and adventures along the way.

Title: **Artemis Fowl : the Arctic incident.**
Author: Colfer, Eoin / Read by Parker, Nathaniel
Publisher: New York, NY : Listening Library, 2004.
Call Number: Y 823 COL
Notes: Unabridged audio / 5 sound discs
Description: One day Artemis, a brilliant teenager, receives a plea from his kidnapped father. He asks help from the fairies in order to rescue his father. In return he assists the fairies in preventing a revolt.

Title: **The circuit : stories from the life of a migrant child.**
Author: Jimenez, Francisco / Read by Vargas, Adrian
Publisher: Northport, ME : Audio Bookshelf, 2001.
Call Number: Y 823 JIM
Notes: Unabridged audio / 3 sound discs
Description: Jimenez portrays an immigrant child's view of leaving Mexico for California to pursue a better life in the late 1940s.



Title: **The dark portal.**
Author: Jarvis, Robin / Read by Kendall, Roe
Publisher: Ashland, OR : Blackstone Audiobooks, 2000.
Call Number: Y 823 JAR
Notes: Unabridged audio / 7 sound discs
Description: Every mouse in the old house knows that mice cannot enter the Grill, the entrance of sewers where the evil rats live. However, Audrey, a brave mouse, ignores her danger and decides to fight against the rat god named Jupiter, in order to rescue her father from the Grill.

Title: **Fahrenheit 451.**
Author: Bradbury, Ray / Read by Bradbury, Ray
Publisher: [New York?] : Harper Audio, 2001.
Call Number: Y 823 BRA
Notes: Unabridged audio / 6 sound discs
Description: Guy Montag is a book-burning fireman in a knowledge-forbidden society. One day he meets Clarisse, who tells him the beauty of books and knowledge. Following the disappearance of Clarisse, Montag decides to make some changes.

Title: **Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets.**
Author: Rowling, J. K. / Read by Dale, Jim
Publisher: New York, NY : Random House Publishing, 1999.
Call Number: Y 823 ROW
Notes: Unabridged audio / 8 sound discs
Description: Harry Potter receives a warning from a strange creature that he will get into trouble if he returns to Hogwarts School. After school starts, some students in Hogwarts really turn into stone and Harry becomes a prime suspect.

Title: **Heidi.**
Author: Spyri, Johanna / Read by Ward, Johanna
Publisher: Ashland, OR : Blackstone Audiobooks, 1994.
Call Number: Y 823 SPY
Notes: Unabridged audio / 7 sound discs
Description: A Five-year-old orphan, Heidi, comes to live with her grandfather in the Swiss Alps. However, Heidi's aunt takes her to live in the city with a strange family who wants to find a friend for their disabled daughter. Heidi is getting homesick as she misses her grandfather deeply.



Title: **Life of Pi.**
Author: Martel, Yann / Read by Woodman, Jeff
Publisher: Minneapolis, MN : HighBridge Company, 2002.
Call Number: Y 823 MAR
Notes: Unabridged audio / 9 sound discs
Description: Pi grows up as the son of a zookeeper. En route with his family from their home in India to Canada, their ship sinks, and Pi finds himself alone on a lifeboat with a hyena, a tiger, an orangutan and a zebra.

Title: **Little women.**
Author: Alcott, Louisa M. / Read by Ross, Liza
Publisher: [S.l.] : Naxos Audiobooks, 2000.
Call Number: Y 823 ALC
Notes: Abridged audio / 3 sound discs
Description: This is a heartwarming story happened in New England during the Civil War. Lovely Meg, boyish Jo, gentle Beth and spoiled Amy experience poverty, love and something more. They all struggle to withstand the challenges of time.

Title: **Lord of the flies.**
Author: Golding, William / Read by Pigott-Smith, Tim
Publisher: London : Penguin Books : Faber and Faber, 1999.
Call Number: Y 823 GOL
Notes: Abridged audio / 3 sound discs
Description: A group of English schoolboys are plane-wrecked and are forced to live on a deserted island. At first they cooperate with each other for survival. As time passes by, the situation turns into disorder.

Title: **The lord of the rings.**
Author: Tolkien, J. R. R. / Performed by full cast
Publisher: St. Paul, MN : HighBridge Company, 2001.
Call Number: Y 823 TOL
Notes: 9 sound discs
Description: A magical ring is found in the Goblin's cave. A hobbit is responsible for throwing it into the cracks of Mount Doom so that the evil cannot get it. He encounters a lot of difficulties before achieving the goal.



Title: **Macbeth.**
Author: Shakespeare, William / Read by various performers
Publisher: London : BBC Worldwide, 2000.
Call Number: Y 822.33 SHA
Notes: A BBC Radio 3 full-cast production / 2 sound discs
Description: A Scottish general, Macbeth, murders his king, Duncan, to get the throne. After murdering Duncan, his life and the whole of Scotland are filled with fear. Challenges come from other noblemen and within his conscience. Finally, he gains the crown, but loses love, friendship and his life.

Title: **The misfits.**
Author: Howe, James / Read by Murphy, Spencer
Publisher: Syracuse, NY : Full Cast Audio, 2002.
Call Number: Y 823 HOW
Notes: Unabridged audio / 4 sound discs
Description: Bobby, Joe, Addie and Skeeze decide to form a political party for the student council election. Their aim is to stop the practice of name calling in their school. The four misfits are going to challenge their fellow classmates, teachers and principal.

Title: **The mouse and his child.**
Author: Hoban, Russell / Read by Dufres, William
Publisher: Northport, ME : Audio Bookshelf, 2003.
Call Number: Y 823 HOB
Notes: Unabridged audio / 5 sound discs
Description: A tale of a wind-up pair of toy mice, a father and son, who seek independence from the toy store.

Title: **Of mice and men.**
Author: Steinbeck, John / Read by Sinise, Gary
Publisher: London : Penguin Books, 2000.
Call Number: Y 823 STE
Notes: Unabridged audio / 3 sound discs
Description: A tragic story of two migrant laborers, George Milton and Lennie Small, who dream of owning a small farm.



Title: **The phantom of the opera.**
Author: Leroux, Gaston / Read by Nicholas, Jeremy and Yapp, Peter
Publisher: [Germany?] : Naxos AudioBooks, 1997.
Call Number: Y 843 LER
Notes: Abridged audio / 2 sound discs
Description: Erik, the Phantom, hides himself in the opera house and entices with his angelic voice the beautiful opera singer Christina. A dramatic search starts after she is kidnapped. People search not just her, but also the truth about her strange kidnapper.

Title: **Pride and prejudice.**
Author: Austen, Jane / Read by May, Nadia
Publisher: Ashland, OR : Blackstone Audiobooks, 1989.
Call Number: Y 823 AUS
Notes: Unabridged audio / 11 sound discs
Description: Elizabeth Bennet is one of the five daughters of Mrs. Bennet who wants her daughters to marry wealthy men. Darcy has a crush on Elizabeth but the characters of their own are the obstacles to the romance.

Title: **The second summer of the sisterhood.**
Author: Brashares, Ann / Read by Goethals, Angela
Publisher: New York, NY : Imagination Studio, 2003.
Call Number: Y 823 BRA
Notes: Abridged audio / 2 sound discs
Description: The four girls, Carmen, Bridget, Tibby and Lena spend the 16th summer of their lives enchanted by a magical pair of pants.

Title: **Seedfolks.**
Author: Fleischman, Paul / Read by multiple voices
Publisher: Northport, ME : Audio Bookshelf, 2003.
Call Number: Y 823 FLE
Notes: Unabridged audio / 2 sound discs
Description: Thirteen individuals turn a vacant lot into an urban garden. The first one is a Vietnamese girl who plants beans to mourn for his father. One by one, the neighbors use the garden to achieve their own goals.



Title: **The subtle knife.**
Author: Pullman, Philip / Read by various performers
Publisher: England : BBC Spoken Word, 2003.
Call Number: Y 823 PUL
Notes: A BBC Radio 4 full-cast dramatization / 2 sound discs
Description: Will Parry looks for his father who has been missing for a decade. Will discovers the "Window in the Air" which leads him to another world. He meets Lyra who joins him to search for his father. On the way they get a powerful subtle knife, which has incredible power.

Title: **The time machine.**
Author: Wells, H.G. / Read by Cox, Brian
Publisher: London : Penguin Books, 2000.
Call Number: Y 823 WEL
Notes: Unabridged audio / 3 sound discs
Description: A Time Traveller embarks on an astonishing journey into the future where humanity is divided into two classes: the vegetarian Eloi and the carnivorous Morlocks.

Title: **Twelfth night.**
Author: Shakespeare, William / Read by various performers
Publisher: London : BBC Worldwide, 1999.
Call Number: Y 822.33 SHA
Notes: A BBC Radio 3 full-cast production / 2 sound discs
Description: Orsino, the Duke of Illyria, expresses his deep love for the Countess Olivia, who has refused his love for long time. Meanwhile, Viola disguises herself as a man and takes the name of Cesario. Orsino takes Viola in the Duke's service and asked her to woo Olivia. Ironically, Cesario falls in love with the Duke, and Olivia falls in love with Cesario.

Title: **Water wings.**
Author: Gleitzman, Morris / Read by Fahey, Mary-Anne
Publisher: Melbourne, Australia : Bolinda Audio, 2003.
Call Number: Y 823 GLE
Notes: Unabridged audio / 2 sound discs
Description: Pearl always wants a grandma. With the help of her best friend Winston, she gets one. After meeting her Gran, she is surprised to find out this Gran is different from what she thinks. It is a warm, witty and wacky story between Pearl and her Gran.



Title:

The wind in the willows.

Author:

Grahame, Kenneth / Read by Jarvis, Martin

Publisher:

[Germany?] : Naxos AudioBooks, 2002.

Call Number:

Y 823 GRA

Notes:

Abridged audio / 3 sound discs

Description:

A classic tale of four human-like animals, Mole, Ratty, Badger and Toad which undergo a series of adventures in the English countryside.





II. Non Fiction

Title: **The 7 habits of highly effective teens.**
Author: Covey, Sean / Read by Covey, Sean
Publisher: Salt Lake City, UT : Franklin Covey, 2000.
Call Number: Y 301.431 COV
Notes: 2 sound discs
Description: This audio book contains real-life stories about teens from all over the world. By applying “the principle of the 7 habits” to teens, Sean Covey provides guidelines to help teens build friendships, achieve their goals, get along with their parents, enhance self-image and much more.

Title: **Anne Frank’s story.**
Author: Lee, Carol Ann / Read by Rosenblat, Barbara
Publisher: Ashland, OR : Blackstone Audiobooks, 2003.
Call Number: Y 940.5315296 FRA
Notes: Unabridged audio / 2 sound discs
Description: This is the biography of Anne Frank, from her early childhood, her two years in hiding from the Nazis to her imprisonment and eventual death in the concentration camp.

Title: **Chicken soup for the teenage soul III : more stories of life, love and learning.**
Author: Canfield J., Hansen M.V., Kirberger K. /
Read by McCaddon, Wanda
Publisher: [S.l.] : Health Communications, 2000.
Call Number: Y 301.431 CHI
Notes: Abridged audio / 1 sound disc
Description: This is a guidebook for teenagers to deal with the pressure arisen from daily life or the tragedies that make them feel frustrated. The stories illustrated in the book are contributed by young writers.

Title: **Fierce conversations.**
Author: Scott, Susan / Read by Scott, Susan
Publisher: New York, NY : Simon & Schuster, 2002.
Call Number: Y 174 SCO
Notes: Abridged audio / 5 sound discs
Description: Susan Scott teaches readers how to achieve success and improve interpersonal skills by mastering the art of conversation. In this guide, she illustrates the principles of effective conversation with a series of practical exercises and tools.



Title: **Frederic Chopin.**
Author: Siepmann, Jeremy / Read by Siepmann, Jeremy with Lesser, Anton
Publisher: [S.I.] : HNH International, 2001.
Call Number: Y 780.92 SIE
Notes: 4 sound discs
Description: Jeremy Siepmann reveals the life and music of Chopin, a revolutionary composer and pianist in considerable detail with many musical examples.

Title: **Getting to yes.**
Author: Fisher, Roger / Read by Guyer, Murphy
Publisher: New York, NY : Simon & Schuster, 2003.
Call Number: Y 150.13 FIS
Notes: Unabridged audio / 6 sound discs
Description: 'Getting to Yes' is a straightforward and universally applicable method for negotiating personal and professional disputes without getting angry. It offers a concise strategy for coming to mutually acceptable agreements in every sort of conflict.

Title: **The great fire.**
Author: Murphy, Jim / Read by Mali, Taylor
Publisher: Northport, ME : Audio Bookshelf, 2003.
Call Number: Y 977.311 MUR
Notes: Unabridged audio / 2 sound discs
Description: This audiobook is an excellent resource on the Chicago fire of 1871. The author outlines the spread of the fire and illustrates how the fire sweeps across the city through the eyes of several survivors.

Title: **The life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.**
Author: Keenlyside, Perry / Read by Anthony, N., Rhys, P., De Souza, E., Timson, D., Patrick, A.
Publisher: [S.I.] : Naxos AudioBooks, 1997.
Call Number: Y 780.92 KEE
Notes: Unabridged audio / 3 sound discs
Description: This is the story of a gifted musical genius. It tells of Mozart's extraordinary childhood traveling the courts of Europe, and of how his fortunes declines until his early death and his lasting resting place in a pauper's grave.



Title: **The next generation leader.**
Author: Stanley, Andy / Read by Madeoy, Mike
Publisher: Sisters, OR : Multnomah Publishers, 2003.
Call Number: Y 253 STA
Notes: 3 sound discs
Description: The author, a pastor of a ministry, in a leadership sermon distills his wisdom into five core principles, i.e. competence, courage, clarity, coaching and character, and provides the mentors with guidance in becoming great leaders.

Title: **The one minute apology.**
Author: Blanchard, Kenneth H., McBride, Margret /
Read by Tsoutsouvas, Sam
Publisher: New York, NY : Harper Collins Publishers, 2003.
Call Number: Y 137 BLA
Notes: Unabridged audio / 2 sound discs
Description: The authors have created a simple parable, designed to demonstrate the essential management secret – the apology. They teach readers how to accept responsibility for their errors and deal with the cause of the damage while maintaining a genuine sense of integrity.

Title: **The Pact.**
Author: Davis, S., Jenkins, G., Hunt, R., Page, L.F. /
Read by the authors
Publisher: St. Paul, MN : HighBridge Company, 2002.
Call Number: Y 920 PAC
Notes: Unabridged audio / 6 sound discs
Description: Three young men, Sampson, George and Rameck grow up in broken homes and live in crime-ridden area of New Jersey. One day they make a pact to become a doctor and to stick together through the challenges they would face toward that goal.

Title: **The privilege of youth: a teenager's story of longing for acceptance and friendship.**
Author: Pelzer, David J. / Read by Charles, J.
Publisher: Grand Haven, MI : Brilliance Audio, 2004.
Call Number: Y 362.74092 PEL
Notes: Unabridged audio / 6 sound discs
Description: This book charts the crucial turning point in Dave Pelzer's life. It recalls his experience of bullying at school and the friends in the neighborhood who help him through it all.



Title: **Secrets of the vine for the teens.**
Author: Wilkinson, Bruce / Read by Hill, Matt
Publisher: Sisters, OR : Multnomah Publishers, 2003.
Call Number: Y 248.8 WIL
Notes: Unabridged audio / 2 sound discs
Description: Dr Wilkinson demonstrates in this audio book how Jesus is the vine of life, discusses four levels of “fruit bearing” and reveals to young people the secrets to the truly abundant life.

Title: **Seven pillars of wisdom.**
Author: Lawrence, T. E. / Read by Norton, Jim
Publisher: [S.l.] : Naxos AudioBooks, 1994.
Call Number: Y 940.415 LAW
Notes: 3 sound discs
Description: Lawrence is one of the 20th century’s most fascinating figure. This is his epic account of the First World War as it fights in the deserts of the Middle East by the Arab tribes in revolt against the Ottoman Empire.

Title: **A short history of nearly everything.**
Author: Bryson, Bill / Read by Bryson, Bill
Publisher: New York, NY : Random House Audio, 2003.
Call Number: Y 500 BRY
Notes: Unabridged audio / 5 sound discs
Description: Bryson takes readers on a scientific odyssey from the Big Bang to the rise of civilization. He describes the history behind scientific discovery from the components of the atom to the size of the universe to the age of the Earth. He reminds us how incredible existence is.