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1.1 HOW TO SEARCH FOR E-AUDIOBOOK

KEYWORD SEARCH

Step 1: Enter the keywords in the search box e.g. author, title, reader or ISBN.

Step 2: Click “Search”.

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Step 1: “Highlight Content” is shown below the navigator bar, click “LISTEN NOW” if the title is interested.

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Step 2: “BESTSELLERS” is shown below the navigator bar.

Step 3: Click “VIEW ALL” and browse a list of e-audiobooks.

Step 4: Click “  ” to choose the interface.

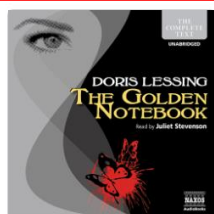
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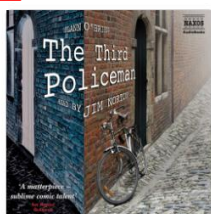
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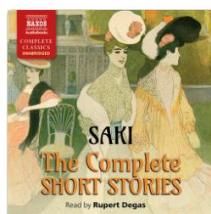
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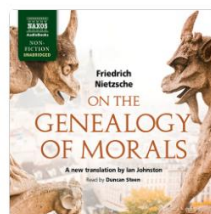
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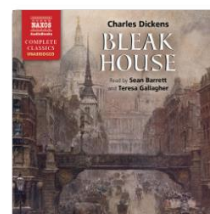
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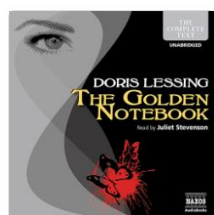
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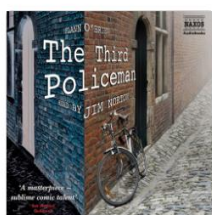
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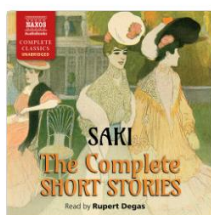
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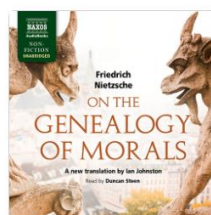
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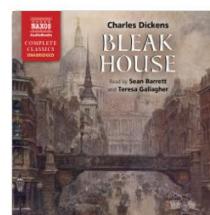
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(Unabridged)
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BROWN JR., B.: Bass by Ear: Play That Funky Music (A Bass Lesson on the Style of Wild Cherry)
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BROWN JR., B.: Bass by Ear: Sneakin' Sally (A Bass Lesson on the Style of Robert Palmer)
(Unabridged)
9798200558421

BROWN JR., B.: Bass by Ear: The Complete Series (Boxed Set 1) (Unabridged)
9798200094608

COLLIER, J.L.: Rich and Famous

DASS, R. / COHEN, S. / LSD

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FAWKES, R.: The History of Opera

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BAI, Juyi: Poems (The Poetry of Tang Dynasty)

CEN, Sen: Poems (The Poetry of Tang Dynasty)

CHAO, Buzhi: Poems (The Poetry of Song Dynasty)

CHAO, Chongzhi: Immortal at River (The Poetry of Song Dynasty)

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The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire has always maintained its initial appeal to both the general public and scholars of subsequent ages. The sheer scale of the subject is daunting, encompassing a millennium and a half of history, covering not merely the Western Roman Empire from the days of the early emperors to its extinction in AD 476, but also the Eastern (Byzantine) Empire, which lasted for another thousand years until it was vanquished by the Turks in 1453. But Gibbon's style, part historical scholar, part sensational storyteller, part historical fact and part literature, is enticing, and the sheer honesty of the man, who, writing in the age of reason, endeavours to be scrupulously impartial in his presentation, endears him to the reader. It is meticulously planned, and charts the fall and rise of Western mankind from the dust of the Empire into the modern nations of Europe.

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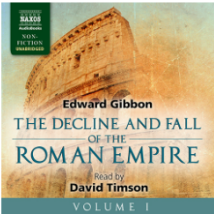
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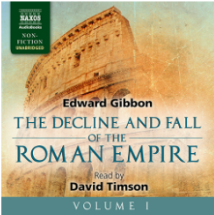
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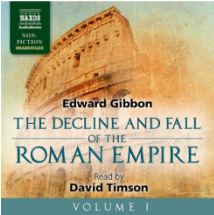
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