

MP3s REVIEW

1984 by Richard Brown. Orwell's tale of an all-powerful, malicious government monitoring every movement of its citizens is a forceful, astonishing work. "Brown's stern, didactic rendering...successfully captures Orwell's hard bitten cynicism."

9/11 Commission Report by the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks. This is the final report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States. Includes the events of 9/11, a history of terrorism, and recommendations to improve security.

The American Experience: A collection of Great American Stories by Washington Irving, Stephan Crane, Mark Twain, et al. With energy and wisdom, these 10 classic stories tell the American Experience. Includes Irving's *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, Crane's *The Red Badge of Courage*, Twain's *the Notorious Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*, Poe's *The Man of the Crowd*, Henry's *the Gift of the Magi*, Jewett's *Miss Tempy's Watchers*, Chopin's *Desiree's Baby*, London's *The call of the Wild*, Wharton's *the Other Two*, and Fitzgerald's *Bernice Bobs her hair*.

Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne. When the precise Phileas P. Fogg travels around the world on a wager, he finds mystery, romance, terror, and love.

The autobiography of Benjamin Franklin by Benjamin Franklin is written as a letter to his son-then the governor of New Jersey-it is an account of his life from childhood until his first mission to England in 1757. In addition to the key role he played in early American history, this busy man invented the Franklin stove, bifocals, and lightning rods; formed a circulating library and fire department; and founded the University of Pennsylvania.

A Beautiful Mind by Sylvia Nasar is a powerful and dramatic biography of John Forbes Nash, Jr. It illustrates the life of a mathematical genius whose career was cut short by schizophrenia and who, after three decades of devastating mental illness, miraculously recovered and was honored with a Nobel Prize. This book is a feat of biographical writing and also a look at the extraordinary, fragile nature of genius, and a moving story of the worlds of mathematics and the tragedy of madness.

The Big Fifty by Johnny D. Boggs. In 1872, young Cody McIlvain has a romantic view of adventure. But when marauding Comanches kidnap him, he realizes reality is different from dime novels.

Blue Smoke by Nora Roberts Two men are after arson investigator Reena Hale: a man she might love, and a man who stalks her with taunting phone calls and horrifying crimes. And she steps into the worst inferno she has ever faced. "Bean delivers the goods with a cadence that matches the suspense."

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley Cloning, feel-good drugs, anti-aging programs-this compelling classic raises ethical issues that are still quite pertinent. As one man fights for freedom, dignity, and love in an increasingly technological world, another who is “uncivilized” throws utopia into chaos.

The Castle by Franz Kafka The great writer’s final novel is considered by many to be one of the greatest of the century. It’s the enigmatic, haunting tale of a man known only as K, and his relentless, unavailing struggle with an inscrutable authority in order to gain access to the Castle.

The Count of Monte Cristo by **Alexandre Dumas** Dumas! His very name conjures up heroism, drama, and spectacle. Dashing young Edmund is betrayed by his enemies and thrown in a secret dungeon. The story of his captivity, miraculous escape, and carefully wrought revenge is a dramatic tale of mystery and intrigue.

Crusader by Max Brand Harry Camden’s fists catapult him from the wilderness into the boxing ring. Finally, unable to tolerate “civilization,” he steals the untamable stallion Crusader.

The Enemy at Home by Dinesh D’Souza He blames the Twin Towers terrorist attack on cultural left, claiming that it fosters a decadent and depraved American culture that angers and repulses other societies-especially traditional and religious ones. In addition, the left promotes an anti-American attitude that blames America for all the problems of the world.

Eye of the Wolf by Margaret Coel Thrilling new addition to Coel’s New York Times’ Father John O’Malley and Vicky Holden Wind River mysteries.

The Flight of the Phoenix by Elleston Trevor. When a sandstorm forces a cargo plane to crash-land in the Libyan Desert only 12 men and a monkey survive. Their lives are doomed, unless they can build a new aircraft from the wreckage.

The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand This stimulating ideological masterpiece has stood the test of time. Meet Howard Roark, a brilliant young architect embattled by an architectural community that despises him and a woman who loves him so much she must destroy him

Frankenstein by Mary W. Shelley This masterwork is both a warning against abusing science, and a morality tale about the cruelty of society. More than a horror story, it is a meditation on the nature of God, man, and prejudice.

Gone with the wind by Margaret Mitchell. This is a fiction novel about a rebellious young Southern belle in Georgia and her experiences with family, lovers, and friends, during the Civil War, 1861-1865.

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald is a classic story about a young man by the name of Jay Gatsby who loved a beautiful and spoiled young lady by the name of Daisy Buchanan, than loses her to a wealthy man. He becomes mysteriously wealthy and will try anything to win her back.

The Great Escape by Paul Brickhill is a true story of American and British Air Force officers in a WWII prison camp who tunneled their way to freedom. With crude homemade tools they sank shafts, built underground railroads, forged passports, and tailored German uniforms. For more than a year the operation demanded the concentrated devotion and vigilance of 600 men. “One of the great true stories of the war, and one of the greatest escape narratives of all time.”

H.M.S Surprise by Patrick O’Brian. This is the third in the series of Aubrey Maturin adventures. This tale is set among the exotic sights and smells of India. Captain Aubrey pits his wits and seamanship against a powerful enemy. But somewhere in the Indian Ocean lie the ships sent by Napoleon to attack the China Fleet.

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte This unconventional 19th-century love story is one of the most memorable ever written. One of the finest novels in English literature, its social, religious, and feminist insights provoked controversy when first published. Plain-looking, intelligent Jane was a new kind of fictional heroine, while gruff, reserved Rochester was a far cry from the typical hero.

Jeeves in the Morning by P.G. Wodehouse. Your favorite butler, Jeeves, returns. Climb into a hammock with a tall, iced drink and listen to “a daffy little story which will lower your blood pressure, aid digestion, and promote euphoria...it’s a ray of pale English sunshine into a gray world.”

Key of Valor by Nora Roberts The final test in the Key Trilogy goes to Zoë McCourt. She had the courage to raise her young son alone. But she needs courage to face a foe determined to stop her from finding third key, even destroying everything and everyone she loves. “Ericksen breaths life into the characters...[Her] authentic Irish accent adds a lyrical lilt to the story.”

Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson. Thrilled to a classic tale of romance and high adventure. David’s miserly uncle has him kidnapped and sold into slavery to keep him from collecting his inheritance. This amazing odyssey will appeal to adventurous spirits of all ages.

King James Version Audiobible narrated by Andrew A. O. Zorsky. This is the complete Old and New Testaments. It is of the highest quality with each disc individually marked for quick reference. The quality of the narration is pristine, impeccable and easily understood.

Manchurian Candidate by Richard Condon This is a Cold War chiller and is known for one of the greatest of all times. Sgt. Raymond Shaw is the perfect assassin and a time bomb controlled by the Communists. It can't happen here... or can it?

Master and Commander by Patrick O'Brian. First in the series established the friendship between Captain Aubrey and Stephen Maturin, ship's surgeon and intelligence agent, against the backdrop of the Napoleonic wars.

Meet me at the Morgue by Ross McDonald. Nothing surprises Howard Cross. He wishes it did, but he's seen too much. Investigating the mess that began with a kidnapping and results in four murders, he digs deep into the L.A. underworld.

Miracles by C.S. Lewis. The famous intellectual ponders the possibility and probability of the miraculous.

Move On: 50 ways to love your country by MoveOn.org. Fell powerless or confused? This book enhanced with 200+ links answers the question citizens are asking: "What can I do?" The flourishing online group MoveOn.org is a model for political activism, takes its message offline in this inspiring collection. Specially enhanced with action tips and links to relevant websites.

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass. This is an inspiring true story of a slave who became one of the most effective African-American leaders.

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens A dramatic atmosphere of mystery and pervasive evil threatens Oliver, the orphan born into a world of workhouses and poverty. Unforgettable characters such as the Artful dodger and Fagin live again in this luminous reading by Miriam Margolyes. This is Dickens' first and best-loved novel.

The Phantom of the Opera by Gaston Leroux is an enduring novel with the basis for the musical that has thrilled audiences for over a century. A mysterious presence has invaded the Paris Opera, bullying the manager and entralling a beautiful young primadonna.

Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan is one the most powerful dramas of Christian faith ever written, this captivating allegory of man's religious journey in search of salvation follows the pilgrim as he travels an obstacle-filled road to the Celestial City. It is also an enormously influential 17th-century classic universally known for its simplicity, vigor, and beauty of language.

The Pirate Hunter by Richard Zacks Captain Kidd was no career cutthroat; he was a successful sea captain who was hired to chase pirates.

Post Captain by Patrick O'Brian. In 1803, Napoleon plunges Europe into war. Jack Aubrey, taking refuge in France from his creditors, is interned. But he escapes from

France, from debtors' prison, from a possible mutiny-and pursues his quarry straight into the mouth of a French-held harbor. This is the second adventure in the popular Master and Commander series.

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen. Elizabeth Bennet is the second eldest of five daughters whom Mrs. Bennet is anxious to marry off. She has vitality, vivacity and wit, and hastily dismisses Mr. Darcy, who changes his manners so that she will change her mind.

Prime Time by Sandra Brown is about a TV reporter Andrea Malone who travels to Texas to interview aging war hero General Ratill. But his handsome son, Lyon, is afraid that Andrea will exploit his father in order to uncover the secret that caused the general to go into seclusion. Seasoned narrator Joyce Bean perfectly captures, not only Lyon's seductive Texas drawl, but also Andrea's educated, career-minded tones. Bean carefully modulates her voice to reflect the ever-present romantic tension between Lyon and Andrea, as their relationship endures its highs and lows. Bean's ability to capture the tenor of the 1980s, as sexism battles feminism, truly brings this narration to life.

The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne This is a classic tale of shame, hypocrisy, and courage. Accused of adultery, ostracized by her Puritan community, Hester Prynne is abandoned by both her lover and her husband. This novel rightly deserves its stature as the first great novel written by an American, the novel that announced American literature equal to any in the world.

Seven Classic plays include Medea, Tempest, Imaginary Invalid, Camille, Enemy of the People, Arms and the Man, and Uncle Vanya.

Seven Up by Janet Evanovich. A Stephanie Plum Novel that involves you in a smorgasbord of murder, kidnapping, and extortion.

Shadows of Yesterday by Sandra Brown. It was a chance meeting, but it changed everything. Alone on a Texas highway, young widow of eight months, Leigh is terrified and in labor. But Chad, handsome and secretive, appears and helps her deliver her first child. Now Leigh must make a life-altering decision: choose between a safe life alone and risk heartbreak with Chad.

Sherlock Holmes and the Hapsburg by Alan Vanneman. Holmes and Watson are up to their high collars in high finance and murder. The path that leads to the solution is blocked by a most cunning, ruthless, and elusive foe. who trails them from Baker Street to Constantinople.

Sole Survivor by Ruthanne Lum McCunn. This is a true account of 133 days adrift.

The Story of Philosophy by Will James Durant. Volume 1 includes the life-enhancing wisdom and optimism from Plato to Voltaire and the French Enlightenment. Volume 2 includes Kant to William James and the American Pragmatists.

The Story of My Life by Helen Keller. This famous blind and deaf woman tells her story, from age seven to 22. She graduated from Radcliffe, wrote 13 books and became a spokesperson for the disabled.

The Tarnished Eye by Judith Guest. This is a gripping novel of suspense that explores the fragile dynamics of family in the aftermath of tragedy.

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe. An American novel with political impact that was immense and its emotional influence was immeasurable. The story is about a slave woman whose child is to be sold escapes North via the Underground Railroad. Another slave, Uncle Tom, is sold downriver and endures the whips of Simon Legree's overseers.

Warlock: a novel of ancient Egypt by Wilbur Smith. This is a mystical, intriguing tale of magic. It is a novel of ancient warfare and adventure, two factions battle for control of Egypt. After the queen dies, Taita retreats to the desert; arming himself with extraordinary powers, he becomes a warlock. He uses his powers to save the dynasty of Lostris from evil.

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte. This is the tumultuous story of love turning on itself and of the violence and misery that result from thwarted passion. It is of immense power, filled with the raw beauty of the moors and a deep compassion for the conflicting destinies of men and women. The story of stubborn Cathy and wild as the wind and Heathcliff has been a favorite since 1848.