

**UNITED STATES HISTORICAL FICTION
TEXAS TALKING BOOK PROGRAM**

Title: ALL OTHER NIGHTS

Author: HORN, DARA

Original Date: 2009

New Orleans, 1861. Nineteen-year-old Union spy Jacob Rappaport is sent during Passover to kill his uncle—who is planning to assassinate Lincoln. His next mission is to marry Eugenia Levy, a Virginia Jewish businessman's daughter who happens to be a Confederate agent. But Jacob doesn't plan on falling in love. 2009.

DB 69243

Title: AVIATOR'S WIFE

Author: BENJAMIN, MELANIE, 1962-

Original Date: 2013

1927. In this fictionalized biography Anne Morrow, daughter of the ambassador to Mexico, meets the dashing Colonel Charles Lindbergh while visiting her family in Mexico City during the Christmas holidays. Soon Anne and Charles are married and living a glamorous life. Then, their son Charlie is kidnapped and murdered. 2013.

DB 76448

Title: BARTENDER'S TALE

Author: DOIG, IVAN

Original Date: 2012

Rural Montana, 1960. Twelve-year-old Rusty lives with his single father Tom, a bartender, at their saloon. Then a woman from Tom's past—and her suspiciously familiar-looking daughter—come to town bringing changes. Meanwhile, Rusty and new girl Zoe connect in ways he didn't expect. Some strong language. 2012.

DB 75428

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Title: BROOKLYN

Author: TOIBIN, COLM, 1955-

Original Date: 2009

1950s. Young Eilis Lacey emigrates from Enniscorthy, Ireland, to Brooklyn, New York, encouraged by her family and with a priest's help. Eilis is lonely and homesick but takes night courses, meets an Italian boy, and adjusts to American life—until a tragedy occurs back home. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2009.

BR 18385 DB 69470

Title: BUDDHA IN THE ATTIC

Author: OTSUKA, JULIE, 1962-

Original Date: 2011

In the early 1900s a group of Japanese women, mainly daughters of Buddhist farmers, sail to San Francisco as mail-order brides. Most discover a life of hard labor and prejudice. Their children grow up American—but then come the World War II internment camps. Bestseller. 2011.

DB 73858

Title: CALEB'S CROSSING

Author: BROOKS, GERALDINE

Original Date: 2011

Bethia Mayfield secretly befriends Caleb, a Martha's Vineyard Wampanoag Indian. After smallpox kills Caleb's family, Bethia's minister father takes him in to be educated. Bethia follows Caleb and her brother Makepeace to Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1660 as an indentured servant while the boys prepare to attend Harvard College. Bestseller. 2011.

DB 73473

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Title: CLARA AND MR. TIFFANY

Author: VREELAND, SUSAN

Original Date: 2011

New York City; 1892 to 1908. After her husband dies, young Clara Driscoll returns to work for Louis Tiffany and suggests a new product—lampshades made with leaded glass. Clara, who lives in a boarding house for artists, puts love aside because Mr. Tiffany doesn't employ married women. Bestseller. 2011.

DB 72445

Title: COLD MOUNTAIN

Author: FRAZIER, CHARLES

Original Date: 1997

A wounded Confederate soldier leaves the war on an arduous trek to his mountain home and the woman he aims to marry. Meanwhile, his intended struggles to work her deceased father's hardscrabble farm. Depicts hardship, peril, and courage in the wartime South. Bestseller. Strong language and violence.

DB 44762 LB 04561

Title: ENEMY WOMEN

Author: JILES, PAULETTE, 1943-

Original Date: 2002

As the Civil War sweeps through Missouri in 1864, Adair Colley turns eighteen witnessing Union militia atrocities. Arrested as an enemy collaborator, Adair suffers the indignities of wartime prison while having an unexpected romance with Union major William Neumann, her interrogator. Some strong language. 2002.

BR 14191 DB 54327

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Title: EPITAPH: A NOVEL OF THE O.K. CORRAL

Author: RUSSELL, MARY DORIA, 1950-

Original Date: 2015

Fictional account of the lives of the people involved in the shootout at the O.K. Corral, both before and after the event. Wyatt Earp's wife, Josephine, is determined to make her husband a man of legend and cares little about presenting the true account. Some violence. 2015.

DB 81157

Title: FEVER

Author: KEANE, MARY BETH

Original Date: 2013

New York City, 1907. Cook Mary Mallon—the infamous Typhoid Mary of history—is arrested and taken to a hospital for evaluation. She is accused of spreading the disease to twenty-three people, resulting in three deaths. Mary reflects on immigrating to America, why she continued to work, and her incarceration. 2013.

DB 78203

Title: FOUR FREEDOMS

Author: CROWLEY, JOHN

Original Date: 2009

1940s. An airplane factory moves to Oklahoma and recruits women and undrafted males to join the war effort. One disabled employee, Prosper Olander, has affairs with multiple coworkers, all of whom struggle to build lives in a rapidly changing era. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2009.

DB 72267

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Title: GIVEN DAY

Author: LEHANE, DENNIS

Original Date: 2008

Boston, early twentieth century. Policeman Danny Coughlin goes undercover to infiltrate Bolsheviks and anarchists who are recruiting immigrants and workers to cause civil strife. Soon Danny sympathizes with their plight, befriending his family's Irish maid and an African American fugitive. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2008.

DB 68066

Title: GOOD THIEF

Author: TINTI, HANNAH

Original Date: 2008

New England, 1800s. Ren, a twelve-year-old, one-handed orphan with no memory of his past, is adopted by Benjamin Nab, a con man claiming to be Ren's long-lost brother. As Benjamin introduces Ren to a dark, surreal world of grave robbers and petty thieves, Ren discovers his true parentage. Some violence. 2008.

DB 68250

Title: GOLDEN AGE: A NOVEL

Author: SMILEY, JANE

Original Date: 2015

The saga of the Langdon family concludes. [Follows Some Luck (DB 79659) and Early Warning (DB 81494).] The focus lies with the children of patriarch Frank Langdon, now spread across the country and dealing in their own ways with the events of 1987-2019, years of financial boom and devastating bust for the family. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

DB 8276

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Title: THE HELP

Author: STOCKETT, KATHRYN

Original Date: 2009

Jackson, Mississippi; 1962-1964. College grad and fledgling writer Eugenia “Skeeter” Phelan searches for a book-worthy project. At the urging of an editor, Skeeter interviews African American maids Aibileen and Minny about their relationships with their employers. Violating integration laws, the three women question their lives. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2009.

BR 19132 DB 6888 LB 06740

Title: HOMER AND LANGLEY

Author: DOCTOROW, E. L., 1931-

Original Date: 2009

Homer Collyer, the blind brother, and his older brother Langley, a WWI mustard-gas victim, become recluses in their Fifth Avenue brownstone, hoarding newspapers and collecting odd things—a model T Ford, typewriters, and surplus Army supplies—until they become imprisoned by their vast accumulations. Bestseller. 2009.

BR 18489 DB 69642

Title: I’LL BE SEEING YOU

Author: HAYES, SUZANNE

Original Date: 2013

1943. Twenty-three-year-old Glory Whitehall and forty-one-year-old Rita Vincenzo are brought together through a 4-H pen-pal program. Glory lives in Massachusetts and Rita in Iowa. For the next three years, the letters they exchange bolster them through the tribulations of the World War II home front. 2013.

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Title: IMPEACHMENT OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Author: CARTER, STEPHEN L., 1954-

Original Date: 2012

In this alternate history of Abraham Lincoln, the president survives the assassination attempt only to be faced with charges that his conduct during the Civil War violated the U.S. Constitution. Young law clerk Abigail Canner, a black woman, assists the defense. Some violence and some strong language. 2012.

DB 75564

Title: INVENTION OF WINGS

Author: KIDD, SUE MONK

Original Date: 2014

Charleston, 1803. Eleven-year-old Sarah Grimke is given a ten-year-old slave girl named Handful as a gift. They become close friends and are both punished when Handful learns to read. Sarah grows up to become an abolitionist, and Handful retains her independent spirit. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 2014.

DB 78079

Title: JOHNNY ONE-EYE: A TALE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Author: CHARYN, JEROME

Original Date: 2008

Revolutionary War-era Manhattan. Teenage double agent John Stocking, a.k.a. Johnny One-Eye, befriends officers on both sides of the war, including George Washington and British general Sir William Howe. Johnny is in love with Clara, a biracial prostitute at the bordello where he was raised, who shares in his adventures. 2008.

DB 67918

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Title: KILLER ANGELS

Author: SHAARA, MICHAEL

Original Date: 1974

This fictionalized version of the Battle of Gettysburg portrays many actual participants, such as Generals Lee, Longstreet, and Meade, as well as fictionalized characters such as Col. Joshua Chamberlain, whose vivid rhetoric inspires his men. Sequel to Jeff Shaara's Gods and Generals (DB 43292.) Pulitzer Prize 1975. This book inspired the movie "Gettysburg." Some strong language. 1974.

DB 45457 LB 06674

Title: KITCHEN HOUSE

Author: GRISSOM, KATHLEEN

Original Date: 2010

1791. The Pyke family takes in orphaned Lavinia McCarten as an indentured servant. She is placed in the kitchen house under the care of Belle, Captain Pyke's illegitimate daughter. Over the years, Lavinia's bonds with the Pykes and their slaves grow and change. Some violence. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2010.

DB 75504

Title: LAST RUNAWAY

Author: CHEVALIER, TRACY

Original Date: 2013

1850. Quaker Honor Bright accompanies her sister Grace from England to Ohio, where Grace will marry her fiancé. Grace dies before they reach the town of Faithwell, but Honor decides to stay. There, she becomes involved in the Underground Railroad and wrestles with her conscience. Some violence. 2013.

DB 78186

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Title: LILA

Author: ROBINSON, MARILYNNE

Original Date: 2014

Lila, from Gilead (DB 59561), finds herself on the porch of a quiet church in Gilead, Iowa. A drifter from a young age, she is disconcerted when she is taken in by, and eventually marries, the preacher, John Ames. She considers what she will tell the son she has. Bestseller. 2014.

BR 20575, DB 79899

Title: MAN WITH THE GOLDEN ARM, A NOVEL

Author: ALGREN, NELSON, 1909-1981

Original Date: 1949

Realistic story of an ex-veteran and card dealer and his sordid existence with a hopeless, confused cast of characters in Chicago's underworld. Strong language. National Book Award

DB 51436

Title: MERCY

Author: MORRISON, TONI

Original Date: 2008

Colonial North America, 1680s. An Anglo-Dutch trader reluctantly accepts a young slave girl named Florens as payment for a bad debt. Her mother hopes the transaction will prove a mercy to Florens, but subsequent years in Jacob Vaark's household reveal the harsh reality of being under another's dominion. Some violence. Bestseller. 2008.

BR 18095 DB 69148

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Title: MIDDLE PASSAGE

Author: JOHNSON, CHARLES RICHARD, 1948-

Original Date: 1990

In 1830, Rutherford Calhoun, a witty, well-educated freed slave eking out a living as a petty thief in New Orleans, hops aboard a square-rigger to evade the prim Boston teacher who wants to marry him. But the Republic turns out to be a slave clipper bound for Africa. Calhoun hates himself for acting as henchman to the ship's captain, a dwarfish tyrant. Before the crew can mutiny, African captives stage a revolt. National Book Award.

BR 09054 DB 32593

Title: MOON OF BITTER COLD

Author: CHIAVENTONE, FREDERICK J., 1951-

Original Date: 2002

A novelization of the frontier conflict known as Red Cloud's War (1866-1868). Red Cloud—a controversial figure in Lakota history—watches as settlers and soldiers flood the West. To drive them back the warrior forges an alliance between the Cheyenne, Arapaho, and his own people—an unprecedented act of resistance. Some violence. Wrangler Award. 2002.

DB 59067

Title: MY NAME IS FALON: ONE WOMAN'S SAGA FROM SCOTLAND TO THE TEXAS
Frontier

Author: WIESE, KIM

Original Date: 2009

1820s-1830s. Forced to flee Scotland, young Ellen "Falon" Carson and her family settle in Texas, where they struggle to adjust to their new homeland. Falon eventually marries but finds her livelihood threatened by a looming war with Mexico. 2009.

DB 71898

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Title: NECESSARY LIES

Author: CHAMBERLAIN, DIANE, 1950-

Original Date: 2013

North Carolina, 1960. Epileptic fifteen-year-old Ivy struggles to care for her grandmother, mentally slow sister, and nephew on the farm they sharecrop. Newlywed Jane, who wants to meet social expectations and be a social worker, tries to help Ivy's family. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2013.

BR 20279 DB 77459

Title: ONE THOUSAND WHITE WOMEN: THE JOURNALS OF MAY DODD

Author: FERGUS, JIM

Original Date: 1998

1875. At the suggestion of the Cheyenne, the United States government secretly trades one thousand women to the Native Americans in order to achieve peace through intermarriage. One woman, May Dodd, marries a chief and keeps a journal of her life until she is killed in an army raid.

DB 47157

Title: PALISADES PARK

Author: BRENNERT, ALAN

Original Date: 2013

1922. Eleven-year-old Eddie falls in love with Palisades Park on a family trip. Eight years later, he returns to work there and meets Adele. They get married—on a merry-go-round—and for the next four decades, their lives revolve around the park. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2013.

DB 76568

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Title: PARROT AND OLIVIER IN AMERICA

Author: CAREY, PETER

Original Date: 2009

1830s. Young French nobleman Olivier de Garmont travels to America with his older British secretary Parrot to research a book on the penal system and the American democratic experiment. In their alternating voices, Olivier and Parrot recount their picaresque adventures—past and present. Some descriptions of sex. Nat'l Book Award finalist. 2009.

DB 72092

Title: PROMISE

Author: WEISGARBER, ANN

Original Date: 2013

Galveston, Texas, 1900. Catherine Wainwright leaves her home in Dayton, Ohio, to escape a romantic scandal and to marry childhood friend and widower Oscar Williams. She arrives to find Oscar's son Andre pining for his mother, and housekeeper Nan Ogden resentful of her presence. 2013.

DB 79017

Title: PROMISES TO KEEP

Author: TATLOCK, ANN

Original Date: 2011

Mills River, Illinois; 1967. Eleven-year-old Roz Anthony's mother left her abusive husband and took her three children to live near Roz's grandfather. Elderly Tillie Monroe, their new house's former owner, becomes their housekeeper and teaches Roz about God. But Roz has a secret that may endanger the family. 2011.

DB 74683

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Title: ROSES

Author: MEACHAM, LEILA, 1938-

Original Date: 2010

In 1916 Texas, sixteen-year-old Mary Toliver's late father leaves her the family's cotton plantation, bypassing his wife and son. Although in love with timber magnate Percy Warwick, Mary puts her land first and forgoes a relationship. Decades later Mary helps spare her great-niece the same fate. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 70654

Title: RUN ME A RIVER

Author: GILES, JANICE HOLT

Original Date: 1964

1861. Steamboat captain Bo Cartwright is transporting cargo from Bowling Green, Kentucky, to Evansville, Indiana, on the Green River when Kentucky joins the Confederacy. During his five-day journey, Bo runs from both Yankee and rebel ships and picks up a senile actor and his granddaughter along the way. 1964.

DB 72032

Title: SAN MIGUEL

Author: BOYLE, T. CORAGHESSAN

Original Date: 2012

Historical novel from the author of The Women (DB 68578) focuses on two families whose lives on San Miguel Island off the California coast are ones of hardship and sometimes hope. Marantha Waters arrives in 1888 seeking relief from tuberculosis. The newlywed Lesters settle there in 1930. Bestseller. 2012.

DB 75511

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Title: SAVANNAH; OR, A GIFT FOR MR. LINCOLN

Author: JAKES, JOHN, 1932-

Original Date: 2004

Georgia; November 1864. As General Sherman marches toward Savannah, widowed Sara Lester and her twelve-year-old daughter Hattie are forced from their rice plantation. They find refuge in Savannah with Aunt Vee. There they endure the dangers of wartime, including the invasion of their house, yet they also find romance. Violence and strong language. 2004.

DB 59905 LB 07425

Title: SERENA

Author: RASH, RON, 1953-

Original Date: 2008

Appalachian North Carolina, 1929. Newlyweds George and Serena Pemberton, owners of a logging company, arrive to strip the land before the government incorporates it into a national park. Serena's cruelty extends to her lumber camp workers and to a teenager impregnated by her husband. Commercial audiobook. 2008.

DB 68405

Title: SIGNATURE OF ALL THINGS

Author: GILBERT, ELIZABETH, 1969-

Original Date: 2013

Alma Whittaker, the only birth child of the richest man in Philadelphia, grows up in a life of luxury and intellectual stimulation. Her parents encourage her curiosity and she matures into one of the best botanists of the nineteenth century. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2013.

DB 77562

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Title: THE SON

Author: MEYER, PHILIPP, 1974-

Original Date: 2013

1936. One-hundred-year-old Eli McCullough, the first male born in the Republic of Texas, recounts his life. When his mother and sister are murdered, twelve-year-old Eli is taken in by Comanches. Over the decades, he and his descendants make their way in the world. Violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 2013.

DB 76883

Title: TILTED WORLD

Author: FRANKLIN, TOM

Original Date: 2013

Mississippi, 1927. During historic floods, federal revenue agents Ham Johnson and Ted Ingersoll search for fellow agents who disappeared while trailing a bootlegger. Ingersoll finds a baby at a crime scene and meets Dixie Clay Holliver, a woman hiding secrets. Violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2013.

DB 77610

Title: WHAT IS VISIBLE?

Author: ELKINS, KIMBERLY

Original Date: 2014

1837. Seven-year-old Laura Bridgman, who is blind and deaf, leaves her family in Vermont to live at the Perkins Institution for the Blind. Dr. Samuel Howe is eager to try to teach Laura to write and read through tactile means—something that has never been attempted before. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

BR 20466 DB 78666

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Title: WIVES OF LOS ALAMOS

Author: NESBIT, TARASHEA

Original Date: 2014

1943. Women from across America and overseas follow their husbands into the desert of Los Alamos, New Mexico. As the men toil on a top-secret project, their wives try to adapt to this strained, military community with its rationing and censorship. 2014.

DB 78457

Title: WOMAN'S PLACE

Author: AUSTIN, LYNN N

Original Date: 2006

After the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor, four diverse women take shipyard jobs in Michigan to help the war effort. They all struggle with personal problems: Virginia tires of pampering her ungrateful husband; middle-aged Helen loses her faith; Rosa lives with her new in-laws; and Jean yearns for college. 2006.

DB 67644

Title: Z: A NOVEL OF ZELDA FITZGERALD

Author: FOWLER, THERESE

Original Date: 2013

Fictional memoir of Zelda Fitzgerald. In 1918, eighteen-year-old debutante Zelda Sayre meets lieutenant Scott Fitzgerald at a country club dance. Within a few years, they are married and the toast of Parisian literary society. But their fairytale marriage turns tumultuous in the 1930s. Bestseller. 2013.

DB 76587