Selections from Talking Book Topics

Sept-Oct 2024

Fiction

Adult Fiction

--------------------Mystery and Detective--------------------

[The Fate of a Flapper](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB120964)

DB120964 8 hours 18 minutes by Susanna Calkins, read by Sarah Naughton
A 1920s Chicago speakeasy... Gina Ricci takes on a job as a cigarette girl to earn money for her ailing father - and to prove to herself that she can hold her own at Chicago’s most notorious speakeasy, the Third Door. She’s enchanted by the harsh, glamorous world she discovers. But the staff buzzes with whispers about Gina’s predecessor, who died under mysterious circumstances, and the photographer, Marty, is murdered, with Gina as the only witness, she’s determined to track down his killer.  — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

[The Diva Delivers on a Promise](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB120963)
DB120963 8 hours 30 minutes by Krista Davis, read by Hillary Huber
Sophie is busy handling the first ever convention of the Association of Ghost Kitchens—restaurants that do delivery only—but she’s taking a little time out for a lunch meeting organized by A Healthy Meal. The group is dedicated to providing meals for children in need. The dining room is impeccably furnished, the table laden with gleaming crystal and prized china. If it weren’t for the dead man lying on the floor, everything would be perfect…  — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

[Circle in the Water](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB120858)
DB120858 4 hours 47 minutes by Marcia Muller, read by Tanis Parenteau
San Francisco is home to more than 200 privately owned streets. Most are alleyways, but a select few look torn straight from the pages of a magazine. Lined with mansions and elaborate gardens, the properties are luxurious and perfectly maintained. When several such streets are targeted in a series of so-called pranks, Sharon is hired by a coalition of concerned owners to investigate. But as things escalate — an attempt on Sharon’s life, an explosion at a meth lab, and a shocking murder — Sharon realizes far more is at play than a few misdemeanors gone wrong. — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

[The Witch in the Well](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB118562)
DB118562 11 hours 44 minutes by Sharan Newman, read by Gabriella Cavallero
Catherine LeVendeur is a creature of 12th century France whose life is a mirror of her times—but she is armed with a keen mind and lively curiosity. When Catherine’s grandfather sends for his family to tell them their well is going dry, Catherine is alarmed. Catherine doesn’t believe the magical legends her family has handed down, that they are the descendants of a knight of Charlemagne’s and a faerie. When bodies being appearing—not ghostly specters, but freshly-dead humans—Catherine knows she’s right, and must uncover the secrets of the witch in the well. — Provided by publisher. Some violence and some strong language. 2004.

[Granite Harbor: A Novel](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB120884)
DB120884 11 hours 22 minutes by Peter Nichols, read by Peter Ganim
Set in small-town Maine, an English novelist-turned-detective investigates a serial killer preying on the historic town. — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

[A Puzzling Amish Murder: Amish Cozy Mystery](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB120887)

DB120887 5 hours 58 minutes by Samantha Price, read by Sara Morsey
When Ettie stumbled over a dead body, she was surprised to see it was an Amish woman, Deena Brown. Ettie soon learned Deena had not always been Amish. It was one reason the woman never fitted in—that and the fact that no one saw her for days when she was working on her jigsaw puzzles. Was the killer covering his tracks by hiding missing pieces? — Provide by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

[One Across, Two Down](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB118174)

DB118174 7 hours 1 minute by Ruth Rendell, read by Andrew Randall
Two things interest Stanley Manning: crossword puzzles, and the substantial sum his wife Vera stands to inherit when his mother-in-law dies. Mrs. Kinaway lives with them now—and she will stop at nothing to tear their marriage apart. One afternoon, Stanley sets aside his crossword puzzles and changes all their lives forever. — Provided by publisher. 1999.

-----------Romance--------------------

[The Perfect Guy Doesn’t Exist](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB120299)
DB120299 9 hours 49 minutes by Sophie Gonzales, read by Jeremy Carlisle Parker
Ivy Winslow has the house to herself for a week and her only plans are to binge-watch her favorite fantasy TV show, H-MAD, hang out with her best friend, Henry, and avoid her former best friend-turned enemy (and neighbor), Mack. But things go awry when Ivy wakes up one morning to find Weston, the gorgeous and very fictional main character of H-MAD, in her bedroom, claiming to be her soul mate. — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

[Swift and Saddled: A Rebel Blue Ranch Novel](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB120597)
DB120597 7 hours 24 minutes by Lyla Sage, read by Teddy Hamilton
The last thing Ada Hart needs is a man to take care of her. Not anymore. After failing out of her interior design program and the disaster that was her short-lived marriage, Ada clawed her way up from her rock bottom. When Ada arrives in Meadowlark, she finds herself in a dive bar where she can’t seem to shake the eyes of a handsome cowboy. She almost regrets that she’ll never see him again...except it turns out he’s her new boss. — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

[The Drifter](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB120161)
DB120161 11 hours 37 minutes by Susan Wiggs, read by Joyce Bean
She seeks a home. He seeks redemption. What they find is each other. Leah Mundy has spent her life dashing from town to town, one step ahead of her father’s dreadful reputation. Now, she wants to create a home for herself a cozy village amid the mountains of Washington Territory. But her neighbors are loath to trust a newcomer, especially a woman doing a man’s work. On the run for a crime he didn’t commit but can’t deny, Jackson Underhill is desperate when he holds Leah at gunpoint. He needs her doctoring to mend his wounds, but he soon realizes that she is also capable of healing his soul. — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

[The Secret to a Southern Wedding](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB120912)
DB120912 13 hours 2 minutes by Synithia Williams, read by Adenrele Ojo
When her mom announces she’s marrying a man she only just met on a dating app, Dr. Imani Kemp is determined to stop the wedding but met with resistance from her potential stepfather’s handsome son to whom she is irresistibly drawn, changing everything. — WorldCat. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

[Role Playing](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB119813)
DB119813 10 hours 6 minutes by Cathy Yardley, read by Chris Brinkley
Maggie is an unapologetically grumpy forty-eight-year-old hermit. But when her college-aged son makes her a deal — he’ll be more social if she does the same — she can’t refuse. She joins a new online gaming guild led by a friendly healer named Otter. When they finally meet face to face — after a rocky, shocking start - the unlikely pair of sunshine and stormy personalities grow tentatively closer. But Maggie’s previous relationships have left her bitter, and he’s got a complicated past of his own. Everything’s easier online. Can they make it work in real life?— OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

[The Last Letter](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB119677)

DB119677 13 hours 26 minutes by Rebecca Yarros, read by Jennifer Stark
When Ryan dies in Afghanistan, he leaves a letter asking that his friend Beckett watch over his sister, Ella. Beckett has already been corresponding with her under his nickname, Chaos, and after leaving the service he goes to visit Ella, who is the mother of twins. When Beckett becomes part of Ella’s life, will his promise to watch over her bloom into something more? -Provided by NLS. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

--------------------Suspense and Thrillers--------------------

[Anna O: A Novel](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB120089)
DB120089 12 hours 11 minutes by Matthew Blake, read by Christine Rendel
Anna Ogilvy was a budding twenty-five-year-old writer with a bright future. Then, one night, she stabbed two people to death with no apparent motive—and hasn’t woken up since. Dubbed ‘Sleeping Beauty’ by the tabloids, Anna’s condition is a rare psychosomatic disorder. Dr. Benedict Prince is an expert in the field of sleep-related homicides. But he must be careful treating such a high-profile suspect—he’s got career secrets and a complicated personal life of his own. Only Anna knows the truth about that night, but only Benedict knows how to discover it. And they’re both in danger from what they find out. — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

[The Best Way to Bury Your Husband: A Novel](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB120136)
DB120136 12 hours 24 minutes by Alexia Casale, read by Ambreen Razia
When Sally kills her husband with a cast-iron skillet, she’s more fearful of losing her kids than of disposing of a fresh corpse. That just wouldn’t be fair—not after twenty years of marriage to a truly terrible man. But Sally isn’t the only woman in town reaching the brink. Soon, Sally finds herself leading an extremely unusual self-help group, and among them there are four bodies to hide. Can they all figure out the perfect way to bury their husbands . . . and get away with it? — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

[My Husband’s Wife: A Novel](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB119884)
DB119884 13 hours 53 minutes by Jane Corry, read by Rosalyn Landor
When young lawyer Lily marries Ed, she’s determined to make a fresh start. To leave the secrets of the past behind. But then she takes on her first murder case and meets Joe. A convicted murderer whom Lily is strangely drawn to. For whom she will soon be willing to risk almost anything. But Lily is not the only one with secrets. Her next-door neighbor Carla may be only nine, but she has already learned that secrets are powerful things. That they can get her whatever she wants. When Lily finds Carla on her doorstep years later, a chain of events is set in motion that can end only one way. — Adapted from dust jacket. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

[Clive Cussler The Heist](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB120952)

DB120952 11 hours 23 minutes by Jack Du Brul, read by Scott Brick
Detective Isaac Bell faces an attack on the Federal Reserve in this all-new adventure in the #1 *New York Times* bestselling series from Clive Cussler. — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

[The Hunter: A Novel](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB119649)

DB119649 16 hours 27 minutes by Tana French, read by Roger Clark
It’s a blazing summer when two men arrive in a small village in the West of Ireland. One of them is coming home. Both of them are coming to get rich. One of them is coming to die. Cal Hooper took early retirement from Chicago PD and moved to rural Ireland looking for peace. He’s found it, more or less: he’s built a relationship with a local woman, Lena, and he’s gradually turning Trey Reddy from a half-feral teenager into a good kid going good places. But then Trey’s long-absent father reappears, bringing along an English millionaire and a scheme to find gold in the townland, and suddenly everything the three of them have been building is under threat. Cal and Lena are both ready to do whatever it takes to protect Trey, but Trey doesn’t want protecting. What she wants is revenge. From the writer who is ‘in a class by herself, (The *New York Times*), a nuanced, atmospheric tale that explores what we’ll do for our loved ones, what we’ll do for revenge, and what we sacrifice when the two collide. — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2024.

[Everyone Who Can Forgive Me Is Dead: A Novel](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB119090)

DB119090 8 hours 35 minutes by Jenny Hollander, read by Marisa Calin
What if everything you know about the worst night of your life turns out not to be true? Nine years ago, with the world’s eyes on her, Charlie Colbert fled. The press and the police called Charlie a ‘witness’ to the nightmarish events at her elite graduate school on Christmas Eve events known to the public as ‘Scarlet Christmas’ though Charlie knows she was much more than that. Now, Charlie has meticulously rebuilt her life: She’s the editor-in-chief of a major magazine, engaged to the golden child of the publishing industry, and will never let her guard down again. But when a buzzy film made by one of Charlie’s former classmates threatens to shatter everything she’s worked for, Charlie realizes how much she’s changed in nine years. Now, she’s not going to let anything—not even the people she once loved most get in her way. — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

-------------------- Historical Fiction--------------------

[Within These Walls of Sorrow: A Novel of World War II Poland](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB119667)
DB119667 14 hours 15 minutes by Amanda Barratt, read by Romy Nordlinger
Within weeks of Germany’s invasion of Poland, the brutal realities of occupation rob Zosia Lewandowska of the man she loves. As ghetto walls rise and the occupiers tighten their grip on the city of Kraków, Zosia meets a pharmacist who dares to operate a pharmacy in the heart of Kraków’s ghetto. Determined to help, no matter the cost, Zosia joins the staff as they risk their lives to aid the Jewish people trapped by Nazi oppression. — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

[The Divorcées](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB120989)
DB120989 9 hours 53 minutes by Rowan Beaird, read by Bailey Carr
Lois Saunders thought that marrying the right man would finally cure her loneliness. But as picture-perfect as her husband is, she is suffocating in their loveless marriage. In 1951, though, unhappiness is hardly grounds for divorce—except in Reno, Nevada. At the Golden Yarrow, the most respectable of Reno’s famous ‘divorce ranches,’ Lois finds herself living with half a dozen other would-be divorcees, all in Reno for the six weeks’ residency that is the state’s only divorce requirement. — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

[The Sweet Blue Distance](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB121002)

DB121002 28 hours 45 minutes by Sara Donati, read by Kate Reading
In 1857 a young midwife braves the perilous journey west from New York City to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Carrie Ballentyne’s life was upended in 1845 when she had to leave the only home she’d ever known in the mountains of upstate New York. In time Carrie finds footing as a midwife and nurse, but she never feels at ease in the city. So when, a decade later, she receives an invitation from a doctor in Santa Fe to join him at his practice, she readily accepts. Once Carrie is there, it becomes clear that her employer is not everything she was led to believe, and she is forced to face far more challenges and responsibilities than she anticipated.  — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

[It All Comes Back to You](http://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/download/detail/srch/DB119543)

DB119543 9 hours 27 minutes by Beth Duke, read by Amy McFadden
Alabama, 1947. War’s over, cherry-print dresses, parking above the city lights, swing dancing. Beautiful, seventeen-year-old Violet lives in a perfect world. Everybody loves her. In 2012, she’s still beautiful, charming, and surrounded by admirers. Veronica "Ronni" Johnson, licensed practical nurse and aspiring writer, meets the captivating Violet in the assisted living facility where Violet requires no assistance, just lots of male attention. When she dies, she leaves Ronni a very generous bequest only if Ronni completes a book about her life within one year. But then the secrets start to emerge, some of them in person. And they don’t stop. — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

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