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Thread: [AudioBooks vs Regular Books ---- Full Books vs Summaries](#)

J. McCarthy - January 22, 2016, 10:11 am

So try to read a good bit but I don't have a lot of time to constantly be pushing through books. So I figured I'd ask you guys out of curiosity.

How much do you absorb from an audiobook compared to actually reading it?

How many times do you read a book to absorb the concepts?

Do you ever read book summaries? If so how helpful are they? Do you read them before or after?

Personally:

I can go through a book a lot faster as an audiobook, I'm not sure which one I lose focus on more though. I think I remember more actually reading it.

I try to listen to an audiobook twice since I can push through them faster/more often.

I just bought my first summary so I'll see how that goes. I plan to go through the audiobook summaries first then read or listen to the full book then maybe do the summary again.

wellager - January 22, 2016, 10:13 am

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J. McCarthy - January 22, 2016, 10:17 am

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Louis C.K. - January 22, 2016, 10:20 am

I sell cheap audible acc if you are wondering. I listen to books instead of reading them, I can understand the concepts both ways, but listening is faster and more portable

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I think audio books and regular books would do the same trick. I've always been someone quick to learn, so I only really need to read the book once to get it, unless it's really complex

th3c0rrupt3d0n3 - January 22, 2016, 10:26 am

For some reason, listening doesn't give me the pleasure that reading does. When there is a paragraph i want to re-read, I just have to move my eyes, thing that is annoying to do with an audiobook as when you go back you end up in the middle of nowhere. A small thing that is, Jesus, quite annoying.

Morchid - January 22, 2016, 11:23 pm

J. McCarthy - January 25, 2016, 7:32 am

I've been thinking about doing written summaries on audiobooks I think that may be better than trying to highlight in real ones

Dcypha - January 25, 2016, 7:35 am

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J. McCarthy - January 25, 2016, 7:36 am

(Jan 25, 2016 08:35 AM)Dcypha Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Audio if someone i like is saying it, I should try one
If you get one with an annoying voice or that chirpy sound or lip smack it's god awful