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Thread: Audiobooks

Pow3r - *April 11, 2020, 4:14 pm*
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No I actually love reading real books, the older the better actually! I just find an audio book is a nice way to lay back and drift off into whatever world you are reading about. It's almost like a hybrid of a movie and a book to me as you get to listen to someone weave the story and the plot but you of course can't see it.

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Oddly enough I also got into Podcasts and went to sudio books from there! Give some of your favorites a try, it's a new way to enjoy them.

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I like both for different reasons but yes I can't imagine not reading an actual book. If I had to choose then I'd stick with regular books.

Disease - *April 11, 2020, 4:26 pm*
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Sounds very similar to myself. Thank you, I'll take a look through some titles and give them a whirl.

Sick - *April 11, 2020, 4:33 pm*
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I also like to read a few books as well hardbacks again Lee Child,Jack Higgins,Chris Ryan,Andy Mcnab the last 2 are SAS type authors very good ?

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Yin Yang - *April 11, 2020, 8:37 pm*
I never gave them a try but would also like to hear some options to give a try

de_g3ntl3m4n - *April 11, 2020, 8:39 pm*
Havent really used audio books before but hey have been using them? i dont know man feel like it can be kinda of nice when you would go outside though. Feel like it would be good to listen to some audio boook when youre on a bench sitting at a park or something instead of music its an audio book

Pow3r - *April 12, 2020, 1:22 am*
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The Broker - *April 12, 2020, 1:31 am*
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Dorrance - *April 12, 2020, 1:47 am*
Actually I was thinking about starting to listen to them thru the day tbh so learning and working same time just like listening to music.

Pow3r - *April 12, 2020, 1:48 am*
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Netflix will never replace the feeling of s real book or audio book to me. The latter gives you the chance to closer your eyes and just relax and fall into the world of the book you're reading. Each to their own though I suppose. Thanks for your input though, helps to get a balanced view on the thread and different opinions.

Sick - *April 12, 2020, 2:01 am*
(Apr 12, 2020 01:22 AM)Pow3r Wrote: [CITE] Excellent, thank you. I'm familiar with the authors but haven't heard their audio versions. I'll give them a try. Thanks.

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Luca - *April 12, 2020, 2:21 am*
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Sick - *April 12, 2020, 2:34 am*

(Apr 12, 2020 02:21 AM)Luca Wrote: [CITE] No but I'm thinking of trying them out. They seem like a good way to pass time
Honestly try one mate very nice just to lay back and chill there very pleasant to the ear . Sometimes i even put one on in the car if i'm travelling a good distance
you will be very surprised on how good they are to listen to .. ?

ningjingdexiatian - *April 12, 2020, 2:39 am*
(Apr 12, 2020 02:21 AM)Luca Wrote: [CITE] No but I'm thinking of trying them out. They seem like a good way to pass time
Especially for those whose voices are so conducive to making me fall asleep. ?

Pow3r - *April 12, 2020, 3:00 am*
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Thanks I'll give them a try. I agree that a good voice makes a huge difference to the enjoyment.

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Rob - *April 12, 2020, 3:31 am*
There's a great range of books to listen to, you can try the best seller lists on Audible to find something or depending on what you enjoy you could try listening to some business books to get a better understanding of that field or some motivation books to try lift your spirits.

Fortunate - *April 12, 2020, 4:25 am*
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They sound like they could be ideal for you, you just plug in and listen haha.

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(Apr 12, 2020 03:14 AM)ningjingdexiatian Wrote: [CITE] Aye! Also depends on the tonality and genre of the person reading for me. :)
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Hmm interesting. I'll take a good look at this now I think. Thank you.

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Pow3r - *April 12, 2020, 5:53 am*

(Apr 12, 2020 05:52 AM)ven0m Wrote: [CITE] Thank you for the information. I will check it out.
No problem. Scooby just dropped another option above as well that I am going to take a look at also.

no_one - *April 12, 2020, 6:57 am*

(Apr 12, 2020 05:27 AM)Yung Gravy Wrote: [CITE] May I ask why?
'cause frequently the person who reads have a very monotone voice. I like to read in my own rhythm and underline some quotes.

WinklerConnect - *April 12, 2020, 7:11 am*

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Pow3r - *April 12, 2020, 7:18 am*

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Snory - *April 14, 2020, 7:19 am*

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I've listened to some of the Reacher books and I really like the narrator, I was just thinking yesterday about how I dont know what the word staccato that he always uses means, had to google.

Ash Ketchum - *April 14, 2020, 7:32 am*

I use to listen to the ones on Spotify about serial killers jack the ripper etc but haven't actively listened to any recently I don't find myself drawn to a lot of them anymore.

Scooby - *April 14, 2020, 7:47 am*

For anyone interested, there is also a company called Graphic Audio whose tagline is "A Movie In Your Mind." They do a whole bunch of different series that play out like a multicast audiobook. I highly recommend them and the Nekropolis and Ghostfinders series in particular.

The-Fluffy-Kitty - *April 14, 2020, 7:51 am*

I don't always do audiobooks, but I have quite a few ebooks on my phone (pdf, epub, etc.) and I use an app called @Voice Aloud Reader that reads them to me in a robot voice.

Not always the best, but it works for me.

Pow3r - *April 14, 2020, 8:03 am*

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Now this could be of interest to me. Thank you.

Donace - *April 14, 2020, 10:13 am*

I never actually tried audiobooks. It just feels so different, and I'm always afraid of falling asleep as my regular reading hours is at bedtime.

V?rt - *April 14, 2020, 10:29 am*

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Pow3r - *April 14, 2020, 12:44 pm*

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Sounds like an ideal situation for you you to dive into some audiobooks. Travel goes by much better.

Ivex - *April 14, 2020, 12:45 pm*

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Pow3r - *April 14, 2020, 12:47 pm*

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I have seen that book and a few others of a similar ilk in Waterstones. Always makes me smile lol.