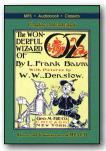
Children's Classics - The Wonderful Wizard of Oz



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The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

Author: L. Frank Baum (1856-1919)
Read by: Phil Chenevert
Length: 4 hours and 3 minutes
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
Genre: Children's Fiction

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz is the first of fourteen novels recounting the adventures of the Dorothy and her trio of companions in the Land of Oz. Swept away from her Kansas farm in a cyclone, she, her dog Toto and their falling house land in Oz, killing the Wicked Witch of the East, ruler of the Munchkins. She is greeted by Glinda, the Good Witch of the North, who gives her the magical Silver Shoes of the Wick-

ed Witch of the East and directs her to seek the help of the Wizard of Oz in the Emerald City by following the Yellow Brick Road. She meets and frees the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, and the Cowardly Lion, who befriend and accompany her. After a series of challenges she is returned home through the power of the Silver Shoes. The book was an immediate hit upon publication in late 1900 and had sold over a million copies by the time the movie version was released in 1939. Productions and adaptations continue to this day, Wicked being the most recent.



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The Marvelous Land of Oz

Author: L. Frank Baum (1856-1919) Read by: Paul Harvey Length: 4 hours 27 minutes Format: MP3 CD in DVD case Genre: Children's Fiction

The Marvelous Land of Oz is the second Oz books and takes place just after the events of the first book. The central character is a boy named Tip, under the care of a witch named Mombi. The cast includes Jack Pumpkinhead, a wooden figure built by Tip and brought to life by Mombi's Powder of Life; an animated Sawhorse; the Scarecrow, now ruler of the Emerald City; the Tin Woodman, ruler of the Winkie Kingdom; and General Jinjur's all-girl Army of Revolt. Tip runs away after Mombi threatens to turn him into a marble stat-

ue. He journeys to the palace of Glinda the Good Witch, where he learns that a girl named Ozma had been hidden by the Wizard and is the rightful ruler of the Emerald City. They confront the elusive Mombi, who confesses that she had hidden the infant and transformed it into the boy Tip. Tip is shocked, but, convinced of his destiny by his friends, submits to Mombi's last spell. Tip, now Princess Ozma, makes a triumphant return to the Emerald City. The book has spawned numerous adaptations and spinoffs, the most notable being Disney's *Return to Oz* in 1987.

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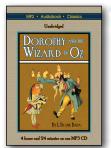
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Ozma of Oz

Author: L. Frank Baum (1856-1919)
Read by: Phil Chenevert
Length: 4 hours and 12 minutes
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
Genre: Children's Fiction

Ozma of Oz (1907) was the third Oz book and the first set largely outside the Land of Oz. En route to Australia a violent storm washes Dorothy overboard in a crate with Billina, a yellow hen. They wash ashore in some sort of "fairy country" where Billina can talk and they pick their lunches grow on trees. They meet the raucous "Wheelers", and run off to find a key beside a door carved into the side of a rocky mountain. Venturing inside, they meet Tik-Tok, a mechanical man, and activate him with the key. They

learn they are in the Land of Ev, controlled by the Nome King, who has captured the royal family and turned them into ornaments. Tik-Tok escorts them to the home of Princess Langwidere. Ozma appears on a magic carpet with the Tin Woodsman, the Scarecrow, and the Cowardly Lion, and they set off to the underground kingdom of the Nomes. They are on the brink of disaster when Billina saves the day, rescuing her companions and the royal family. They return to a victory celebration in the Emerald City.



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Dorothy and the Wizard in Oz

Author: L. Frank Baum (1856-1919)
Read by: Phil Chenevert
Length: 4 hours and 24 minutes
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
Genre: Children's Fiction

Dorothy and the Wizard in Oz (1908) is the Oz books. The story reunites Dorothy with the humbug Wizard from The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Dorothy is visiting friends in San Francisco when an earthquake opens a crevice that hurtles the group deep into the earth, where they alight in the Land of Mangaboos, a race of vegetable people. They are about to be executed for causing the "Rain of Stones" when the Wizard of Oz falls from the sky. The Wizard's bluster and cun-

ning help them escape from the Mangaboos to the Valley of Voe, populated by invisible people. They meet a Braided Man at the Pyramid Mountain and proceed to the Land of the Gargoyles, where they are first imprisoned and then trapped in a cave. Dorothy calls upon Ozma, who rescues them with her Magic Belt. They return to the Emerald City, where the Wizard decides to settle down. Ozma transports Dorothy and her entourage back home to Kansas and California.

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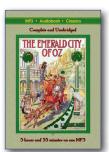
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The Road to Oz

Author: L. Frank Baum (1856-1919)
Read by: Phil Chenevert
Length: 4 hours and 19 minutes
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
Genre: Children's Fiction

The Road to Oz (1909), the fifth Oz book, recounts Dorothy's fourth visit to Oz. The journey begins in Kansas, where Dorothy and Toto meet a wandering hobo called the Shaggy Man. The road splits seven ways, and they meet Button-Bright, a little boy who loses his way, and the fairy Polychrome, the Rainbow's Daughter who danced off the edge of a disappearing rainbow. They find themselves on a "fairy adventure" in the rival communities of Foxville and then Dunkiton. The reach the Deadly Desert surrounding Oz and are

transported across the perilous sands in a sand-boat to Oz, where they are greeted by their chums Billina, Tik-Tok, the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman, and Jack Pumpkinhead, who accompany them to the Emerald City for a celebration of Princess Ozma's birthday, attended by just about every character from all the preceding books. After feasting and gift-giving the Wizard sends everyone off in bubbles.



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The Emerald City of Oz

Author: L. Frank Baum (1856-1919)
Read by: Phil Chenevert
Length: 5 hours and 55 minutes
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
Genre: Children's Fiction

The Emerald City of Oz (1910) is the sixth Oz book. Uncle Henry is saddled with debt from repairs to the farmhouse, so Dorothy arranges for Princess Ozma to relocate them to Oz, where they are given lodgings, wardrobes and luxuries. We meet a menagerie of new characters – the Fuddles, the Rigamaroles, the Flutterbudgets, the living kitchen tools in Utensia, and the civilized rabbits of Bunbury. In the meantime, in a parallel plot, the Nome King Roquat plots an invasion

of Oz and enlists allies from the nations of the Whimsies, the Growleywogs, and the Phantasms. Princess Ozma's Magic Picture gives the people of Oz an advance warning, and she concocts a shrewd plan to defeat the Nome King to defend Oz from any future invasions. Originally intended as the last in the series, descriptions of the somewhat Utopian social organization of Oz are more extensive than in the preceding stories. Gregory Maguire, author of *Wicked* and *Son of a Witch*, has said that *The Emerald City of Oz* is "suffused with an elegiac quality".

