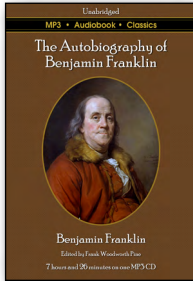


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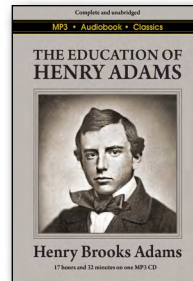
The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin

Author: Benjamin Franklin
Read by: Gary Gilbert
Length: 7 hours and 25 minutes
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoir

In the words of biographer Walter Isaacson, Franklin was "the most accomplished American of his age and the most influential in inventing the type of society America would become." *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* is Franklin's own record of his life, written between 1771 and 1790 and incomplete and unpublished at the time of his death. It languished until his grandson William Temple Franklin published the first three parts in London in 1818.

Franklin's legacy of "firsts" continues to our time: *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* was the first full-length recorded book in history, recorded by actor Michael Rye and released in 1969.

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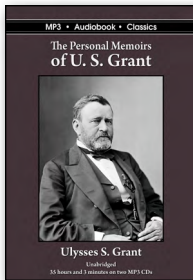
The Education of Henry Adams

Author: Henry Adams (1838 - 1918)
Read by: Jeanie
Length: 17 hours 32 minutes
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
Genre: Non-fiction, Biography & Autobiography, History

The Modern Library ranks *The Education of Henry Adams* as the number one non-fiction book in the English language. Henry Brooks Adams, a Harvard professor, government official and scion of the Adams political dynasty, was raised a proper Bostonian and came of age at the start of the Civil War. His chronicle is a unique blend of autobiography, memoir, and meditation that dwells on the astonishing growth and

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change occurred during his lifetime. Adams makes it clear that his formal preparation was thoroughly inadequate to comprehend the emerging world, especially in the areas of science and mathematics, and argues strongly for the value of experience and self-education. The book began as a private limited edition for friends, was published in 1918 after his death, and won the Pulitzer Prize in 1919.



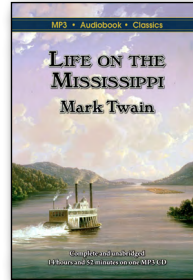
The Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant

Author: Ulysses S. Grant
Read by: Jim Clevenger
Length: 35 hours and 3 minutes
Format: 2 MP3 CD in DVD case
Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoir, History

The Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant is an autobiographical account focused on his military career during the Mexican-American and Civil Wars written in the course of a year during which he learned he was dying of throat cancer. The two-volume set was published by Mark Twain shortly after Grant's death, and marketed directly by ten thousand veterans using a script to sell the sets in versions ranging in price based on the binding. The effort generated sales of

350,000 sets and provided Grant's family with an income worth over \$10 million today. Twain compared it favorably with *Caesar's Commentaries*... "the same high merits distinguished both books—clarity of statement, directness, simplicity, unpretentiousness, manifest truthfulness, fairness and justice toward friend and foe alike, soldierly candor and frankness, and soldierly avoidance of flowery speech. I placed the two books side by side upon the same high level."

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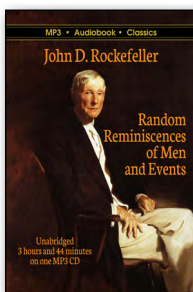


Life on the Mississippi

Author: Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)
Read by: John Greenman
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
Length: 14 hours and 39 minutes
Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoir

Life on the Mississippi (1883) is a memoir by Mark Twain in two parts. The first recounts Twain's memories of a halcyon time before the Civil War when Twain was in training to become a steamboat pilot on the river. The second part recounts the trip Twain made down the river many years later after the Civil War. The two parts reflect that as the Mississippi River separates America, east from west, the Civil War separated America, north and south, and continues to separate America, its past and its future. The first part of the memoir is brilliant with the light of youth, potential, and promise. The second part, coming after the Civil War, is the work of a man who has suffered both the good and the bad in a life fully lived. Take the trip down the river with Mark Twain, the writer who knew America so well, its east and west, its north and south, its past and future.

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UPC: 0684758936295
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Random Reminiscences of Men and Events

Author: John D. Rockefeller
Read by: William Tomcho
Length: 3 hours and 44 minutes
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoir

Random Reminiscences of Men and Events by is a memoir of Rockefeller's activities in the oil business and philanthropy. Written after Rockefeller had retired from Standard Oil, the book was initially released in 1905 in part as a response to allegations contained in the ground-breaking *History of the Standard Oil Company*. In the preface he remarks on his motives:

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For myself, I had decided to say nothing, hoping that after my death the truth would gradually come to the surface and posterity would do strict justice; but while I live and can testify to certain things, it seems fair that I should refer to some points which I hope will help to set forth several much-discussed happenings in a new light. I am convinced that they have not been fully understood.

The book is indeed random and non-linear – a mixture of stories and advice on business conduct from the man who pioneered the concepts of vertical and horizontal business integration and amassed the largest fortune in the history of the world. It is brief, candid, reflective, and surprisingly charming.



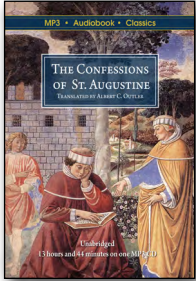
Two Years Before the Mast

Author: Richard Henry Dana, Jr.
Read by: BethAnne (1-47) TriciaG (48-49)
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
Length: 17 hours 4 minutes
Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoirs

Harvard undergraduate Richard Henry Dana left school in 1834 to ship out as a common sailor for a two-year voyage around Cape Horn to California. He kept a diary during the voyage and upon his return wrote the classic *Two Years Before the Mast*, which was published in 1840 and quickly became a best seller. The term "before the mast" refers to the quarters of common sailors, located in the front of the ship. His initial motive in writing the memoir was to expose the poor treatment of common sailors at sea. The ship was bound with U.S. goods to trade with the missions and ports for cow hides in California, a Mexican colony. The book recounts stays along the California coast, the heavy work involved in transporting the hides, and the ways of the Native Americans and Mexican *Californios*. Dana learns Spanish and becomes interpreter for the ship. The book is famous for his account of the mid-winter return voyage around Cape Horn that took weeks as they battled storms, wind, cold and icebergs, cited by Herman Melville as the best description ever written of the perils of Cape Horn. The book was made into a popular film starring Alan Ladd in 1946.

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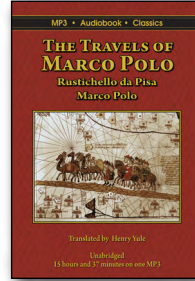


The Confessions of St. Augustine

Author: Augustine of Hippo
 Read by: Multiple readers
 Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
 Length: 13 hours and 44 minutes
 Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoir, Religion

The Confessions of St. Augustine is an autobiographical work written by St. Augustine of Hippo consisting of thirteen books written as prayers to God designed to be read aloud, each as a complete unit thought to symbolize aspects of the Trinity. The Confessions is widely considered the first Western biography ever written and is by far the most complete existing record of the life any person in the 4th and 5th centuries. Written in his early 40's, it outlines his sinful youth and the process of his conversion to Christianity. The first nine books comprise an unbroken narrative of his life from infancy through boyhood, youth and into adulthood. Books ten through thirteen are commentary and contemplation, with significant insights into the operation of the senses and memory, the nature of time, and the nature and meaning of creation. The Confessions played a key role in shaping the medieval mindset and has inspired writers and thinkers for centuries with its remarkable candor and profound insights.

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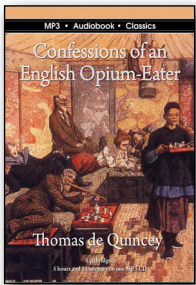


The Travels of Marco Polo

Author: Rustichello da Pisa (1274 - 1300) & Marco Polo (September 15, 1254 – January 8, 1324)
 Read by: Multiple readers
 Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
 Length: 15 hours and 37 minutes
 Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoir, Travel

The Travels of Marco Polo is the English title of a travelogue about Marco Polo's travels to Asia and his experiences at the court of Kublai Khan in the 13th century. Polo left Venice with his father and uncle in 1276 for China and left to return in 1291, arriving in Italy in 1295. The book was written by French writer Rustichello da Pisa from stories he heard from Marco Polo when two were imprisoned in Genoa during 1298-1299. The book was published about 1300 and titled both *Book of the Marvels of the World* and *Description of the World* in French. It consists of four books: Book One describes the Middle East and Central Asia; Book Two describes China; Book Three covers coastal lands of the east; Book Four describes the return to Italy. Produced before the advent of the printing press, the book was quite popular. *The Travels of Marco Polo* were an important influence in Christopher Columbus' quest to seek a western route to Asia by sea.

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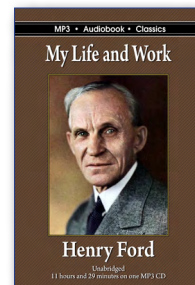


Confessions of an English Opium-Eater

Author: Thomas de Quincey
 Read by: Martin Geeson
 Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
 Length: 5 hours and 21 minutes
 Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoir

Confessions of an English Opium-Eater (1821) is an autobiographical account by Thomas de Quincey of his addiction to opium and its effect on his life. It was first published by London Magazine and brought fame to de Quincey overnight as much for its style as its subject matter. It was released in book form the following year organized in two parts. *Part I, Preliminary Confessions*, recounts his childhood and youth and the factors that led to his use of laudanum. *Part II* is divided into three parts: *The Pleasures of Opium*, which narrates his early and largely favorable experience; *Introduction to the Pains of Opium*, a second chapter of autobiography covering youth to maturity; and *The Pains of Opium*, which recounts the extremes of his usage and debilitating physical effects. *Confessions* is often cited as the first "addiction memoir" and dominated views on the effects of the drug for several generations before the advent of more systematic studies.

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My Life and Work

Author: Henry Ford (1863 - 1947) with Samuel Crowther
 Read by: LivelyHive
 Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
 Length: 11 hours and 29 minutes
 Genre: Biography, Autobiography and Memoir; Business

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My Life and Work, written with Samuel Crowther, chronicles the life and career of the American industrialist Henry Ford, founder of the Ford Motor Company. We learn about his childhood on a Michigan farm, his apprenticeship as a machinist, and his work for Westinghouse and Edison as an engineer before he founded the Ford Motor Company in 1903. His fortune and fame were assured with the introduction of the Model T in 1908, an inexpensive car that went on to dominate the market. Ford was famous for his innovations, which included the use of assembly line technology; paying top wages; selling through independent dealerships; and operating as a multinational, selling a third of the world's automobiles by 1932. Ford staunchly opposed labor unions but also opposed war, believing that wars were encouraged by greedy financiers who profited handsomely. He retired in the 1920's but resumed control of Ford Motor Company after his only son Edsel died in 1943, turning the company over to his grandson Henry Ford II in 1945 before his death in 1947. Much of his wealth went to establish the Ford Foundation. His legacy lies on, as the Ford family continues to control the Ford Motor Company today.

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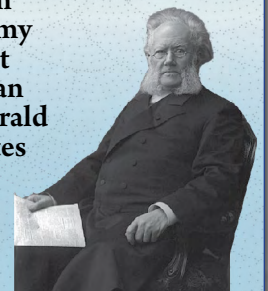
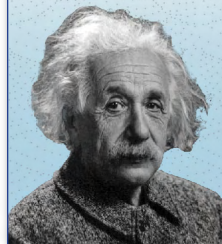
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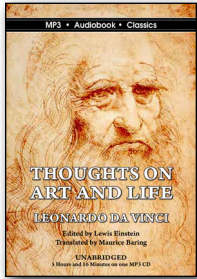
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Thoughts on Art and Life

Author: Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519) Translated by Maurice Baring. Edited by Lewis Einstein.
 Read by: Multiple readers
 Length: 5 hours and 16 minutes
 Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
 Genre: Non-Fiction, Philosophy, Art, Design, Memoir

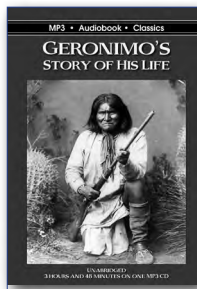
At the age of 55 Leonard da Vinci set out to organize his ideas from a review of the thousands of pages of notebooks he had produced over an intensely productive lifetime. He begins with "Begun at Florence in the house of Piero di Braccio Martelli, on the 22nd day of March, 1508; and this is to be a collection without order, taken from many papers which I have copied here, hoping to arrange them later, each in its place, according to the various subjects treated." The result is Thoughts on Life and Art, a collection of thoughts made in simple statements, some as short as one sentence, many a single paragraph, seldom more. Many take on the character of an epigram, an axiom, perhaps a revelation. Others show a keen mind paring a subject down to its essence. Each idea seems described as it occurred to Leonardo in the instant of its conception. There 333 entries in all, organized into three groups, Life, Art and Science. It is a remarkable digest of the workings of one of the greatest minds ever to grace the planet.

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Geronimo's Story of His Life

Author: Geronimo (1829 - 1909)
 Translated by Asa Deklugie
 Read by: Sue Anderson
 Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
 Length: 3 hours and 48 minutes
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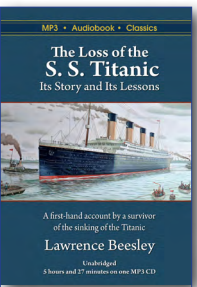
Geronimo. No word or image better symbolizes the fierce, fearless nature of the Native American warrior than Geronimo. Given the large place he occupies in the public mind, it is fascinating to hear the story of his life in his own words, which are recounted here in *Geronimo's Story of His Life*. Geronimo was a prominent leader of the Bedonkohe band of the Chiricahua Apache tribe. He joined with three other Apache bands to conduct raids to oppose military campaigns in the Mexican states of Chihuahua and Sonora

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and the U.S. Territories of Arizona and New Mexico. In 1886, after 36 years and an intense pursuit by some five thousand soldiers, Geronimo surrendered for the last time and was taken as a prisoner of war along with 27 other Apaches. He became a celebrity in his old age, attending the St. Louis Fair in 1904 and riding in the inaugural parade of President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905 while still a prisoner of war after 19 years.

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The Loss of the S. S. Titanic: Its Story and Its Lessons

Author: Lawrence Beesley (1877 - 1967)
 Read by: Allyson Hester
 Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
 Length: 5 hours and 27 minutes
 Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoir, History

The sinking of the Titanic, largest ship afloat, after colliding with an iceberg in the North Atlantic in April 1912, was greeted with shock and outrage at the systemic failures that caused such a huge loss of life. While Titanic boasted numerous advanced safety features, she was equipped with lifeboats for only 1,178 people, just over half of capacity. Lawrence Beesley was a passenger on the voyage who managed to survive and was soon after persuaded to publish his account of the event to counter the misinformation already stemming from the piecemeal accounts by those who were not present. Although reluctant at first, Beesley felt a duty to bring the need for reform to public attention in recognition of the many that died needlessly as a result of management shortcomings. His memoir is a gripping story that stands the test of time and helped lead to public inquiries that resulted in significant maritime safety improvements.

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