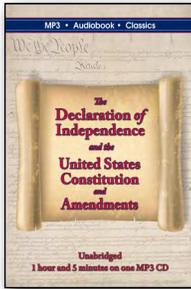


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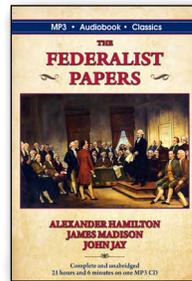


## The Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution and Amendments

Author: Thomas Jefferson, The Constitutional Convention  
Read by: Multiple readers  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Length: 1 hour and 40 minutes  
Genre: Political Philosophy, History

*The Declaration of Independence* is a list of grievances against King George II and the assertion of natural and legal rights designed to explain why the Congress had voted to declare independence. Thomas Jefferson composed the declaration under the editorial supervision of John Adams and Benjamin Franklin. *The United States Constitution* articulates the structure and powers of the federal government and serves as the supreme law of the land. It originally consisted of seven articles. The document was created by the Philadelphia Convention of 1787, ratified in 1788 and put into force in 1789. The original language of the articles and all amendments remain intact and can only be modified by a succeeding amendment. This practice was put into force with the first series of ten amendments ratified in 1791 that are known as the *Bill of Rights*, an articulation of rights not defined in the seven articles of the constitution. There are twenty-seven amendments in all.

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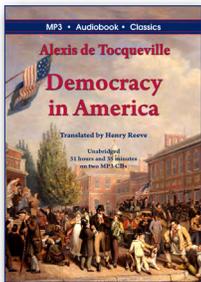


## The Federalist Papers

Author: Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, & John Jay  
Read by: Multiple readers  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Length: 21 hours and 6 minutes  
Genre: Political Philosophy, Essays, History

*The Federalist Papers* is a series of 85 articles arguing in favor of ratification of the United States Constitution by the thirteen original colonies. During the Constitutional Convention that met in 1787 to revise the Articles of Confederation, James Madison and Alexander Hamilton advocated instead for the creation of a new government. The delegates agreed on the principles contained in Madison's Virginia Plan and produced the Constitution, which was submitted to the states in September 1787. The Federalist papers were written in response to criticism of the Constitution. The articles were first published between October 1787 and August 1788 in newspapers and then published in 1788. Hamilton is the author of 51 articles, Madison the author of 26, and John Jay, who fell ill, authored 5. In the words of historian Richard B. Morris, they are an "incomparable exposition of the Constitution, a classic in political science unsurpassed in both breadth and depth by the product of any later American writer."

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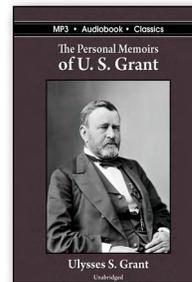


## Democracy in America

Author: Alexis de Tocqueville Trans. by Henry Reeve  
Read by: Multiple readers  
Format: 2 MP3 CDs in DVD case  
Length: 31 hours and 4 minutes  
Genre: Political Philosophy, Sociology, History

In 1831 Alexis de Tocqueville traveled the United States making a broad survey of the character of the young nation. In 1835 he published the first of two volumes of *Democracy in America*. He begins by noting the equality brought about by an egalitarian clergy, the abolition of primogeniture, and the growth of commerce. The first volume dwells on political analysis of why a democratic republic has succeeded in America, citing separation of church and state, respect for women, and economic mobility as critical factors. The second volume (1840) treats civil laws and society in a similar manner. The book is often cited for its insights, such as a concern for the tyranny of the majority, the acrimony over the abolition of slavery, the emergence of the United States and Russia as the dominant world powers, and the rise of the industrial elite. Harvard professor Harvey C. Mansfield described it as "at once the best book ever written on democracy and the best book ever written on America."

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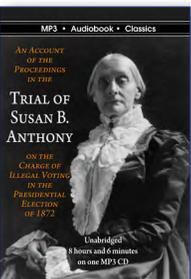


## The Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant

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

*The Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant* is an autobiographical account focused on Grant's 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 to canvass the North 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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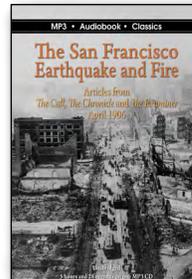


## The Trial of Susan B. Anthony

Author: Anonymous  
Read by: Maria Kaspar  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Length: 8 hours and 6 minutes  
Genre: History

When the Fourteenth Amendment was ratified in 1868, women's suffragists interpreted the equal protection clause as an implicit guarantee of a woman's right to vote. Four years later, fifty women led by Susan B. Anthony attempted to vote in the 1872 Presidential election in Rochester, New York. Fourteen were arrested for casting illegal ballots. Expecting a sympathetic jury in Rochester, the prosecution moved the venue. The case was assigned to a judge with no trial experience. Miss Anthony was not allowed to speak until after the verdict. After two days Judge Hunt directed the jury to deliver a guilty verdict. Miss Anthony, asked if she had anything to say, responded with "the most famous speech ever given in the history of the agitation for women's suffrage". When the sentence of a \$100 fine was delivered, she said "I shall never pay a dollar of your unjust penalty", and she never did. The proceedings of that trial, including her famous speech, are read here by Maria Kaspar.

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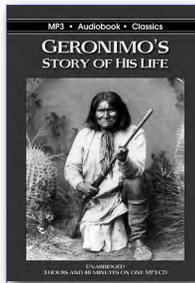
## The San Francisco Earthquake and Fire

Author: San Francisco Newspapers  
Read by: Maria Kaspar  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Length: 5 hours and 28 minutes  
Genre: History, Journalism

On the morning of April 18, 1906 an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.8 struck the coast of Northern California. In the city of San Francisco buildings collapsed and fires broke out. The natural disaster resulted in approximately 3,000 deaths and the destruction of over 80% of the city. During the peak of the disaster reporters from the major papers made a herculean effort to keep the public informed even as their offices and presses were destroyed. They located printing presses across the bay and continued to publish amid the pandemonium. The accounts read here from the articles published from April 19 to April 22 give a first-hand account of the experience of living through one of the worst natural disasters to ever strike the United States. The first day features articles from reporters from all three of the major dailies, who collaborated to get out the word.

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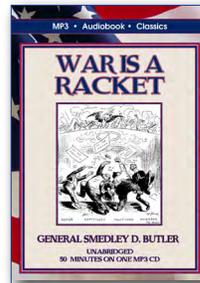
## Geronimo's Story of his Life

Author: Geronimo (1829 – 1909) Translated by Asa Deklugie  
Read by: Sue Anderson  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Length: 3 hours and 48 minutes  
Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoir, History

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 and the U.S.

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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.

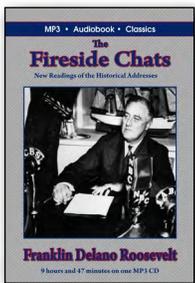


## War Is A Racket

Author: General Smedley D. Butler (1881 - 1940)  
Read by: D. S. Harvey  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Length: 50 minutes  
Genre: Economics, History, Essays, War & Military

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After his retirement from the Marine Corps in early 1930's, General Smedley D. Butler embarked on a national lecture tour, where he gave his speech about how commercial interests benefit from war. The speech was well received and he wrote an expanded version of it, which was published as *War Is A Racket*. The work was published by *Reader's Digest* as a condensed book supplement, which added to its popularity. The book consists of five chapters. The first chapter cites telling statistics. The second chapter compares the profits made by U.S. corporations before and after World War I. The third chapter explains how the costs are borne by the public. Chapter four sets forth three simple methods to limit wars. The final chapter shows the futility of arms limitations negotiations and makes it plain that only total disarmament will break the back of the beast. It can easily be seen as a precursor to Eisenhower's warning of the power of the military-industrial complex.



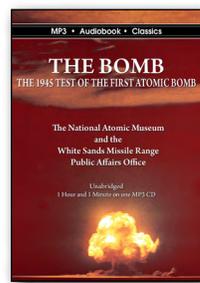
## The Fireside Chats of Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Author: Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882 – 1945)  
Read by: D. S. Harvey  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Length: 9 hours and 47 minutes  
Genre: History, Political Philosophy

*The Fireside Chats* is the term for the thirty radio broadcasts President Franklin Roosevelt delivered to the American public between 1933 and 1944. In simple, plain language, he explained the basic mechanics of the key events of the day and the steps he was taking to manage them. It was the first time an American President had bypassed the traditional channels of communication and taken his message directly to the people. In doing so, he conveyed a sense of intimacy

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and engagement with the decision-making process that earned the trust and affection of the American people and built public support for the most radical social changes and the largest war in the history of the United States. They are testimony to what great leadership looks like, sounds like, and what it can accomplish. Most, but not all, of the original addresses were recorded in part or in full but the sound quality is often quite poor. These are new recordings of the published texts of the original addresses, the first audiobook that we are aware of.

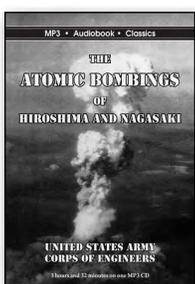


## The Bomb: The 1945 Test of the First Atomic Bomb

Author: The National Atomic Museum and The White Sands Missile Range Public Relations Office  
Read by: David Wales  
Length: 1 hour and 1 minute  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Genre: History, Science, War & Military

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On July 16, 1945 at 5:29 am the United States Army detonated the first atomic bomb in the Jornada del Muerto desert 35 miles southeast of Socorro, New Mexico. It was a key event in the Manhattan Project, a top secret effort to develop fissile material that grew to employ over 130,000 people and cost about \$27 billion in today's dollars. The weapons were developed at the Los Alamos Laboratory. The test was code-named "Trinity" and involved the detonation of a plutonium device nicknamed "The Gadget" similar to the "Fat Man" bomb later detonated over Nagasaki, Japan on August 9, 1945. The complexity of the design led to concerns about whether the device would work, and that led to the decision to conduct a test. The test was planned and directed by Kenneth Nichols. The two readings in this volume are of government publications, the first released by the National Atomic Museum in 1984 and the second by the White Sands Missile Range Public Affairs Office in 1995.



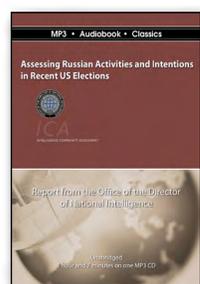
## Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Author: U. S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Read by: Denny Sayers  
Length: 3 hours and 32 minutes  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Genre: Non-Fiction, Science, History

This is the official report, published nearly 11 months after the first and only atomic bombings in history (to date), of a group of military physicians and engineers who accompanied the initial contingent of U.S. soldiers into the destroyed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The report presents a clinical description of the devastation, loss of life and continued suffering of the survivors that resulted from the world's first and only atomic

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bombings, to date. The appendix is an eyewitness account, contrasting vividly with the dispassionate sang-froid of the report itself, written by a German Jesuit priest who survived the blast at Hiroshima, and whose order assisted in rescue efforts following the catastrophic attack. This recording was completed on the 63rd anniversary of the events. (Summary by Dennis Sayers).



## Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions In Recent U. S. Elections

Author: Office of the Director of National Intelligence  
Read by: D. S. Harvey  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Length: 1 hour and 7 minutes  
Genre: History

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The 2016 United States Presidential Election was one of the closest, nastiest, and most contentious in the history of the country. The narrow victory of Donald J. Trump was an unprecedented upset. When Wikileaks released thousands of emails from the Democratic National Committee and the Republican platform became surprisingly friendly to Russia, it became evident that extraordinary forces were at play and influencing the public conversation. After the election President Obama ordered the three major intelligence agencies to coordinate their findings and report them to key persons in the US Government. The classified report was shared with the Executive branch, the Congress and the President-elect in early January. A shortened, declassified version with the same assessments was released at the same time. That report, entitled *Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections*, is read here verbatim. It reveals that the Russian activities were deliberate, extensive, and originated at the very top of the Russian government.