



## Free News Magazine Now on Cartridge

Recorded by the American Printing House for the Blind, *Newsweek* magazine is now available free directly from the Talking Book and Braille Service. A weekly publication, *Newsweek* provides in-depth analysis, news, and

opinion about international issues, technology, business, culture, and politics.

To sign up, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Reader Advisor. ■

## Longer Loans for National Magazines

The National Library Service increased the loan period for magazines circulated on cartridge to allow subscribers more time to enjoy them. For cartridges containing weekly magazines only, the loan period is now three weeks, and the reading time for monthly cartridges is now seven weeks.

These allotted times do not include one week to get from the National Audio Company to the reader, and another week to travel by mail back to National Audio.

Magazines impacted by this change come on cartridges labeled "Magazines: Week" followed by a number. ■

## Locally Available Magazines for Families

Longer days and milder temperatures provide opportunities for family members to spend more time outdoors. Here is an assortment of recorded magazines on cartridge about family activities.

*Humpty Dumpty*, produced by the Florida Regional Library, is a magazine full of stories, poems, puzzles, and more to engage children age 4 to 6. The magazine's philosophy is to help younger readers have fun through creative ways to exercise, eat right, and play safely.

The Florida Regional Library also produces *Audubon Magazine*, a bimonthly published by the National Audubon Society to help readers appreciate, understand, and protect the environment, with a focus on birds.

*Your Dog Newsletter*, published monthly by

Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, is a resource for those who care about their canine family members. Articles cover health, training, and behavior issues, plus reviews of dog-friendly products. It is recorded by the Massachusetts Regional Library.

America's family magazine since 1882, *Grit* celebrates rural America by focusing on sustainability, self-sufficiency, and small-scale agriculture. Recorded bimonthly in our own studios, *Grit* features articles that promote encouragement, rural lifestyle, dedication, and determination.

*Country* is a potpourri of feature stories and columns for those who live in or long for the country. It includes country diaries, travel, features, and recipes.

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# Locally Available Magazines for Families

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*Countryside & Small Stock Journal* emphasizes home food production and gardening, small-scale livestock, cooking, recycling, frugality, and traditional farming skills in the spirit of homesteading. Both magazines are bimonthly and are recorded in our own studios.

*Organic Gardening* presents natural approaches to gardening and landscaping. *Birds and Blooms* covers home-gardening, bird-watching and feeding, and other

topics on nature. Both magazines are bimonthly and are produced by the Iowa Regional Library.

Also produced by the Iowa Regional Library, *Better Homes and Gardens* is a monthly magazine that contains articles on home decorating, gardening, food, health, and family issues.

To sign up for any of these free magazines, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Reader Advisor. ■

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## Questions and Answers

Question: I started service with you not long ago, but my talking books have stopped coming. Why?

Answer: There are two primary reasons why this might be happening. First, when you set up for service or at some point afterward, you may have told us that you wanted to request specific books and not have your Reader Advisor also select books for you. If you returned your books to us and are no longer receiving books, then we are probably waiting for you to submit more requests. Second,

perhaps you have requests on file, but because those titles are in high demand, they may not be immediately available.

Regardless of the reason, please send more requests to us. Another option is to ask your Reader Advisor to make additional selections for you based on your favorite subjects. If you sign up for BARD, a free online service for direct downloads, you can have immediate access to books and magazines without waiting. For more information about BARD, please contact your Reader Advisor. ■

## Bookshelf Feature

If you receive magazines on cartridge that are labeled by "Magazines: Week" followed by a number, you are likely to receive a cartridge with more than one issue on it. In order to move from one title to the next, you will need to use the Bookshelf feature on your player. To access Bookshelf, insert

the magazine cartridge into your player, then hold down the Play/Stop button until you hear "Bookshelf." Then press the Fast Forward or Rewind buttons to move forward or back through a list of titles. When you hear the title you wish to play, press the "Play/Stop" button again. ■

# Good Books for the Planting Season

April is a month to plant trees and spade the garden soil. Here are some wonderful books about trees and other plants.

**DB 69068 *The Wild Places*,**  
by Robert McFarlane

Macfarlane recounts his journeys in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

Describes his adventures to remote islands, beaches, marshes, forests, and mountaintops as he reflects on the interconnectedness of nature and humanity and his transformed understanding about the notion of "wildness."

**DB 70834 *In the Shadow of the Cypress: a Novel*,**  
by Thomas Steinbeck

In 1906 marine biologist Charles Gilbert discovers two artifacts under the roots of a cypress tree that prove the Chinese arrived in America before Columbus. A century later surfer/scientist Luke finds Gilbert's journal and searches for the treasures.

**DB 71745 *The Nonstop Garden: a Step-by-Step Guide to Smart Plant Choices and Four-Season Designs*,** by

Jennifer Benner and  
Stephanie Cohen

A columnist for *Fine Gardening* magazine and a horticultural consultant provide plans, plant lists, and tips for creating gardens that provide year-round interest. They suggest trees, shrubs, perennials, bulbs, annuals, tropical, edibles, and vines; discuss ornamentation, containers, and structures.

**DB 73207 *Chasing Fire*,** by  
Nora Roberts

Missoula, Montana. Rowan Tripp, a "smoke jumper" like her dad, enters the forest-fire season haunted by nightmares of her partner's death the previous year. She also contends with sabotaged equipment, murder, and her attraction to a rookie. Contains strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex.

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**DB 75312 *The Orchardist: a Novel***, by Amanda Coplin  
Pacific Northwest, 1800s.  
Talmadge, a recluse who has tended an orchard for years, discovers two teenage girls lurking on his land. They are on the run, so Talmadge lets them stay. But when the man chasing them shows up it leads to violence. Contains some violence.

**DB 76378 *The Garden of Happy Endings: a Novel***, by Barbara O'Neal  
Unity minister Elsa goes on sabbatical after losing her faith. She joins her sister Tamsin, who has problems of her own, and childhood friend Father Jack, a Catholic priest, in Pueblo, Colorado. Together they find renewal and love by planting a community garden and helping others.

**DB 76538 *The Apple Orchard: Bell Vista Chronicles, Book 1***, by Susan Wiggs

San Francisco-based antiques expert Tess Delaney, raised in Ireland by her mother and grandmother, learns that the paternal grandfather she never knew is in a coma. Tess ventures to Sonoma County, where she meets her family, the Johansens, and falls in love with a vintner. Contains some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 77127 *The Orchard***, by Jeffrey Stepakoff  
Workaholic Grace Lyndon is a sought-after flavor expert in Atlanta. After eating an apple from Dylan Jackson's organic orchard, Grace tracks down the grieving widower in rural Georgia. With the encouragement of Dylan's daughter Carter, Grace and Dylan begin a relationship.

## New on Digital

DB 22376 *Love Comes Softly: Love Comes Softly, Book 1*, by Janette Oke  
Christian pioneer story

DB 22796 *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*, by Dr. Seuss  
Book of rhymes. For preschool to grade 2.

DB 41617 *The Collected Stories of Max Brand*, by Max Brand  
Western short stories.  
Contains strong language.

DB 42793 *Notorious*, by Janet Dailey  
Romance. Contains some strong language and descriptions of sex.

DB 42805 *Angela's Ashes: a Memoir*, by Frank McCourt  
Autobiography. Contains some strong language.

DB 42829 *Daring to Dream: The Dream Trilogy, Book 1*, by Nora Roberts  
Romance

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## Order Form and Mailing Instructions

Mark the books and magazines you wish to order, then put the page into an envelope and mail to the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book & Braille Service, 1200 N Street, Suite #120, The Atrium, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.

- Audubon Magazine
- Better Homes & Gardens
- Birds & Blooms
- Country
- Countryside & Small Stock Journal

- Grit
- Humpty Dumpty
- Newsweek
- Organic Gardening
- Your Dog Newsletter
- DB 69068

- DB 70834
- DB 71745
- DB 73207
- DB 75312
- DB 76378
- DB 76538
- DB 77127

## New on Digital

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❑ DB 42918 *The Complete Book of Poems of Maya Angelou*, by Maya Angelou  
Poetry

❑ DB 42971 *Partners in Crime*, by Agatha Christie  
Mystery

❑ DB 43231 *Moonlight Becomes You*, by Mary Higgins Clark  
Suspense

❑ DB 43415 *Happiness Hill*, by Grace Livingston Hill  
Christian fiction

❑ DB 43536 *Light a Penny Candle*, by Maeve Binchy  
Irish fiction

❑ DB 43591 *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain  
American classic. Contains some strong language.

❑ DB 43652 *The U.P. Trail*, by Zane Grey  
Western. Contains some strong language.

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