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THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER AU 278
Book CD, Audio, I, DON JOHNSTON INCORPORATED, 2004
Designed for readers in grades 5-9; presented in grades 4-5 reading level. Includes computer book, audio book (CD) and hard copy book. CONTENT: Mark Twain captures a boyhood summer on the Mississippi River through the adventures of Tom Sawyer. Complete with haunted houses, rogue bandits, hidden treasure and schoolyard crushes, Mark Twain succeeds not only in entertaining children but also in reminding adults of what we once were as children. Original author: Mark Twain. Retold by author: Molly Jackel. Series: Start to Finish

AGAINST ALL THE ODDS:
GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE FIGHT FOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE AU 273
Book CD, Audio, I, DON JOHNSTON INCORPORATED, 2004
Designed for readers in grades 5-9; presented in grades 4-5 reading level. Includes computer book, audio book (CD) and hard copy book. CONTENT: Who was George Washington - the man who commanded the American army during the war for independence and later became America's first President? What was he really like? How could Washington fight for liberty when he himself owned slaves? This book reveals the little-known Washington through the recollections of three people who knew him. Moses is a slave who knew Washington from boyhood to old age. John Adams is the fiery revolutionary who nominated Washington as commander in chief of the American army. And Marquis De Lafayette is the youthful Frenchman who foughts by Washington's side and called Washington "my father and general." Author: John Bergez  Series: Start to Finish.

AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS AU 284, IJ, 345 min.,
RL3. Includes 5 cd's and 1 book.
A twelve year old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935, at a time when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister. Author Gennifer Choldenko

ANGUS, THONGS AND FULL-FRONTAL SNOGGING AU 290, JH, 300 min.,
RL 5. Includes 5 CD's and 1 book. Several things about 14-year-old Georgia Nicolson's life are very wrong. Her bedroom smells like her little sister probably peed somewhere, but she can't find where. Angus, her enormous cat, keeps terrorizing Mrs. Next Door's poodle. Dad's gone off to look for work in New Zealand. And one of her friends has rated Georgia's nose a zero on a scale from 1-10. But what's really driving her crazy is that Sex God Robbie doesn't give her the time of day. In fact, he's dating total idiot Lindsay. Author Louise Rennison.

THE BOOK THIEF AU 295
Book CD, Audio, HA, 840 min., RECORDBK, 2006
RL 9. Includes 11 CD's and 1 book. The book thief is Liesel Meminger, a young girl living with a foster family in Nazi Germany. While people in her small town are starving, Liesel is fulfilled by reading the books she steals. The story of her adventures is told through a most unusual narrator - a surprisingly likeable Death. Although written for a young adult audience, this title will surely captivate adult readers, too. Author Markus Zusak

BUD, NOT BUDDY AU 283, IJ, 312 min.,
RL5. Includes 5 CD's and 1 book. Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father - the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids. Author: Christopher Paul Curtis

CALL OF THE WILD AU 277
Book CD, Audio, I, DON JOHNSTON INCORPORATED, 2004
Designed for readers in grades 5-9; presented in grades 4-5 reading level. Includes computer book, audio book (CD) and hard copy book. CONTENT: A gentle and beautiful dog named Buck is stolen from his owners in the United States and forced into a wilderness life of survival as a gold rush sled dog in the frozen Yukon. What follows is an incredible adventure. Original author: Jack London. Retold by author Noe Venable. Series: Start to Finish
CRISS CROSS AU 282, IJ, 320 min.,
RL 5. Includes 5 CD's and 1 book.
Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, connect, and disconnect as they search for the meaning of life and love.
Author: Lynn Perkins

DARK WATER RISING AU 401
Books on tape/listening  5 Sound Discs  5 hours 19 min.
Grades 5-8. While salvaging and rebuilding in the aftermath of the Galveston flood of 1900, sixteen-year-old Seth proves himself in a way that his previous efforts never could, but he still must face his father man-to-man. Author: Marian Hale

D'AULAIRES' BOOK OF GREEK MYTHS AU 405
Unabridged (4) Compact Sound discs. Here are the immortals of Olympus-the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece-as freshly described as if they were alive today. Might Zeus with his fistful of thunderbolts; mischievous little Hermes; grey-eyed Athena, goddess of wisdom; Asclepius, the first physician; Orpheus and his beloved Euridice; Helios the sun, crossing the heavens in his fiery chariot...these and other equally fabulous figures are featured here with their heroic deeds and petty squabbles illuminated in full dimension. By Ingri and Edgar Parin D’Aulaire

DEATH AT JAMESTOWN AU 280
Book CD, Audio, I, DON JOHNSTON INCORPORATED, 2004
Designed for readers in grades 5-9; presented in grades 4-5 reading level. Includes computer book, audio book (CD) and hard copy book. CONTENT: This is a story of a group of men and boys who come to America with dreams, but wind up trying desperately to survive in tidewater Virginia. These men faced sickness, starvation, mutiny and attacks by the natives. The narrator of this story is a fictional man named Jeremy Gower, who, when he realized that he will not survive the winter, writes the tale of his years in Jamestown. Jeremy and his friends watch history unfolding around them, but the story that Jeremy tells is more than just a story of men making decisions that will affect the fate of nations. It is also a story of three young boys trying to make sense of the actions and choices of the adult leaders among them. This book illuminates a complex, exciting and brutal period of the history of America. Author Ne Venable. Series: Start to Finish.

EGYPT GAME AU 287, IJ, 320 min.,
RD 6. Includes 5 CD's and 1 book.
Melanie and April turn a deserted lot into an imaginary Egypt where they spend many hours enacting rituals and consulting oracles, but there are real dangers and problems lurking outside their make-believe world that almost bring their game to a disastrous end.
Author: Zilpha Synder

ESPERANZA RISING AU 409
AUDIobook CD (4) Sound Discs  4 hours 42 min
Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression. By Pam Munoz Ryan

FAHRENHEIT 451 AU 300, H, 300 min.,
Audio Book: Includes 4 CD's (5 hours), 1 book and a teacher's guide.
Grades 9-12. Guy Montag was a fireman whose job it was to start fires. And he enjoyed his job. He had been a fireman for ten years, and he had never questioned the pleasure of the midnight runs or the joy of watching pages consumed by flames, never questioned anything until he met a seventeen year old girl who told him of a past when people were not afraid. Then Guy met a professor who told him of a future in which people could think. Suddenly he finds himself a haunted fugitive, forced to choose not only between two women, but between personal safety and intellectual freedom. Author by Ray Bradbury.
FLIP FLOP GIRL  AU 294, IJ, 300 min.,
RL 4. Includes 4 CD's and 1 book.

Forced to move to a new town after her father dies, Vinnie finds it difficult to adjust with a brother that won't talk, a family that ignores her, and no friends to speak of. Luckily, there is a light at the end of the tunnel when Vinnie meets her new teacher and makes an unlikely friend in a strange girl who seems just as along as she is. Author Katherine Paterson

FLUSH  AU 415, IJ
Audiobook CD. Unabridged. 5 Sound Discs.

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of the floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

FOR LIBERTY: A STORY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  AU 274
Book CD, Audio, I, DON JOHNSTON INCORPORATED, 2004

Designed for readers in grades 5-9; presented in grades 4-5 reading level. Includes computer book, audio book (CD), and hard copy book. CONTENT: From the Boston Tea Party, in 1773, to the British surrender at Yorktown, in 1781, this story is a fictionalized journey through colonial America and the American Revolution. Follow our hero, David Brady - a printer's apprentice in Boston who becomes a soldier in the Continental Army - as he shows readers what life was like during colonial times. Includes information of historical events like The Short Heard Around The World and the Battle of Bunker Hill, famous Americans like John Hancock, Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and Paul Revere. Author - Godwin Chu. Series: Start to Finish.

GIANT HURRICANES AND TORNADOES  AU 357
Presented in 2-3 grade reading level, in three formats: computer book, audio book, hard copy book, along with a Start-To-Finish hard-copy core content guide. Also includes a Core Content Player disc (install before running the content CDs). This resource provides information about hurricanes and tornados and answers questions like - What is it like to fly through a hurricane? How can people get close enough to study a tornado? Can a tornado make fish rain down from the sky? You may be surprised at some of the answers!

GREEK MYTHS I: ZEUS AND THE MIGHTY GODS OF OLYMPUS  AU 271, I
Designed for reader in grades 5-9; presented in 4-5 reading computer book, audio book and hard copy book. Content: Greek Myths I focuses on the major Greek gods and goddesses who Greeks believed lived on Olympus and ruled over heaven and Earth. Included in this book are myths about the fall of the Titans, the various female conquests Zeus, how Persephone became the queen of the underworld, how Athens got its name and the birth of Aphrodite.

GREEK MYTHS II: HEROES, LOVERS AND MORTAL MAN  AU 272, I
Designed for readers in grades 5-9; presented in 4-5 reading level. Includes computer book, audio book (CD) and hard copy book. CONTENT: this book focuses on minor gods and human offspring of the gods. The eleven chapters include some of the most famous Greek myths - Pandora's box, the Minotaur, Hercules and more. Note that these stories, just as when the original poets told them, are full of glory and wisdom, but they also contain some promiscuity and mischief. As told by Noe Venable.

INSIDE OUT AND BACK AGAIN  AU 412, I, 90 min., (2) CD Set.
Vietnam-born author Thanhha Lai bursts onto the literary scene with Inside Out And Back Again; her National Book Award-winning debut. Written in rich, free-verse poems, this moving tale follows a young Vietnamese girl as she leaves her war-torn homeland for America in 1975. With Saigon about to fall to the communists, 10-year-old Hà, her mother, and brothers are forced to flee their beloved city and head to the United States. But living in a new country isn't easy for Hà, and she finds adapting to its strange customs ever challenging.
JANE GOODALL AND THE CHIMPANZEEs OF GOMBE AU 281
Book CD, Audio, I, DON JOHNSTON INCORPORATED, 2004
Designed for readers in grades 5-9; presented in grades 4-5 reading level. Includes computer book, audio book (CD) and hard copy book. CONTENT: Perhaps the world's most recognized scientist, Jane Goodall, has been a leader in the study of primates since she founded her Gombe chimpanzee research center in Tanzania forty years ago. She is equally well-known today for her commitment to conservation and animal welfare, and has recently been named a United Nations Messenger of Peace. This Start-To-Finish book tells the story of Jane Goodall's extraordinary journey from quiet schoolgirl to preeminent chimpanzee expert and global activist.
Series: Start to Finish.

THE JAPANESE AMERICANS: PRISONERS AT HOME AU 353
Johnny Ohashi was living in San Francisco, California, when, in 1942, President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 mandated the internment of the Japanese Americans. The Ohashi family was taken to a work camp in the remote desert town of Topaz, Utah. Life at the camp was hard. Stripped of their most basic rights, the Ohashi family struggled to keep their courage in the face of great adversity. Based on actual experiences of Japanese Americans during World War II, this story stresses the importance of learning from the mistakes of history.

JOHNNY TREMAIN AU 297, IJ, 510 min., Grades 4-6. Johnny Tremain, a young apprentice silversmith, is caught up in the danger and excitement of Boston in the 1770's, just before the Revolutionary War. Johnny can't help being swept along by the powerful currents that will lead to the Boston Tea Party and the Battle of Lexington. But even more gripping than living through the drama of Revolutionary Boston is the important discovery Johnny make about his own life. Includes seven CDs. RL 5.9

JOYFUL NOISE: POEMS FOR TWO VOICES AU 292, IJ, 18 min., RL 6. Includes 1 CD and 1 book. Grasshopper, water striders and fireflies light up the pages of the rib-tickling book of poetry for two voices. Written as spirited duets, the poems ring with the love songs of book lice, the serenades of moths and a choir of cicadas. A collection of poems meant to be read aloud which celebrates and reveals the lives of familiar insects. Author Paul Fleischman.

THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW AND RIP VAN WINKLE: SHORT STORIES BY WASHINGTON IRVING AU 279
Book CD, Audio, I, DON JOHNSTON INCORPORATED, 2004
Designed for readers in grades 5-9; presented in grades 4-5 reading level. Includes computer book, audio book (CD) and hard copy book. CONTENT: The people of Sleepy Hollow love to tell the story of the Headless Horseman, a ghost who rides through the night on a dark horse as fast as the wind. The schoolmaster in the town, Ichabod Crane, sometimes has to travel home late at night. One night, he meets a terrifying figure in the dark woods. Is it the Headless Horseman? The second story in this book is the tale of Rip Van Winkle, a man who goes out to take a walk and ends up taking a nap that lasts twenty years. Retold by author Noe Venable. Series: Start to Finish.

MOBY DICK, PART 1 AU 275 Book CD, Audio, I, DON JOHNSTON INCORPORATED, 2004
Designed for readers in grades 5-9; presented in grades 4-5 reading level. Includes computer book, audio book (CD), and hard copy book. CONTENT: This is a story about a young man called Ishmael, who set out from New England on a whaling ship, about 150 years ago. He had no idea what trouble he was getting into. He had no idea that Captain Ahab was a madman who would give up the life of every man on board in order to get revenge on the most dangerous whale that had ever lived - the white whale, Moby Dick! This book is Part 1 of the story. Original author: Herman Melville. Retold by author: Alan Venable Series: Start to Finish.

MOBY DICK, PART 2 AU 276 Book CD, Audio, I, DON JOHNSTON INCORPORATED, 2004
Designed for readers in grades 5-9; presented in grades 4-5 reading level. Includes computer book, audio book (CD), and hard copy book. CONTENT: This is the final part, Part 2 of Moby Dick. Mad Captain Ahab and his crew are about to catch up with Moby Dick, the most dangerous whale that ever lived. Will Captain Ahab finally get his revenge for the leg that Moby Dick stole from Him? Or will Moby Dick do something even worse to the captain? And what about young Ishmael and his friends on board the Pequod? How many men must die in the showdown with the terrifying great white whale? Original author: Herman Melville. Retold by author: Alan Venable Series: Start to Finish.
OUT OF THE DUST  AU 411
Audiobook (2) Sound discs, By Karen Hesse
In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family’s wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

THE TELLTALE HEART AND OTHER SHORT STORIES  AU 352, I
Presented in 4-5 reading level, in three formats: computer book (with quizzes) audio book; hard copy book. Also includes a hard copy core content guide. This is a book of three horror stories: THE BLACK CAT - a man who is about to be hanged tells the horrible story of his crimes; THE TELLTALE HEART - a murderer thinks that he is safe from the police, but will they find the body hidden under the floor?; THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF USHER - a young man thinks that his house is going to kill him. Is he going crazy? Original author Edgar Allan Poe. Retold by author Helen Sillett.

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD  AU 296, JH, 360 min.,
A timeless story of a young girl growing up in a sleepy Southern town while learning the true meaning of human dignity and justice, this is an American classic. Scout Finch's carefree days come to an end when a black man in town is accused of raping a white woman. Atticus, Scout's father, is the only man in town willing to defend him.

UNBROKEN  By Laura Hillenbrand AU 410
Audiobook (11) Sound Discs
A biography of Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, Louis Zamperini, who had been rambunctious in childhood before succeeding in track and eventually serving in the military, which led to a trial in which he was forced to find a way to survive in the open ocean after being shot down.

WESTING GAME  AU 285, IJ, 372 min.,
RL6. Includes 6 CD's and 1 book. A bizarre chain of events begins when sixteen unlikely people gather for the reading of Samuel W. Westing’s will. And though no one knows why the eccentric, games loving millionaire has chosen a virtual stranger and possibly a murderer to inherit his vast fortune, one thing's for sure, Sam Westing may be dead...but that won't stop him from playing one last game. Author: Ellen Raskin