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**Peter Grant Series** By Ben Aaronovitch

The first book is **Midnight Riot**

Next books in the series: Moon Over Soho; Whispers Under Ground

Read by Erik Sandvold Reading time 12 hours, 41 minutes

After interviewing an unlikely witness--a ghost--at a crime scene, probationary constable Peter Grant is reassigned to Chief Inspector Thomas Nightingale. Nightingale, who is unpopular within London's Metropolitan Police because he deals with the supernatural and practices magic, takes Grant on as his apprentice. Violence and strong language. 2011.

 [Download from BARD: Midnight Riot](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.74012)

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**Bloodhound Files** By D. D. Barant

The first book is **Dying Bites**

Next books in the series: Death Blows; Killing Rocks

Read by Madelyn Buzzard Reading time 11 hours 11 minutes

David Cassius, NSA agent and vampire, transports confused FBI profiler Jace Valchek into a parallel universe where less than one percent of the population is human. David demands that, before Jace can return home, she must track down a mentally unstable killer. Some violence and some strong language. 2009.

 [Download from BARD: Dying Bites](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.70008)

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**Dresden Files** By Jim Butcher

The first book is **Storm Front**

Next books in the series: Fool Moon; Grave Peril; Summer Knight; Death Masks; Blood Rites; Dead Beat; Proven Guilty; White Night; Small Favor

Read by Gregory Gorton Reading time 9 hours, 10 minutes

Chicago. Harry Dresden, a wizard-for-hire specializing in paranormal investigations, helps the police probe the murders of mob enforcer Tommy and Tommy's lover, Jennifer, an escort who worked for a powerful vampire. Clues indicate rogue sorcery, but there are no leads and no suspects. Some violence and some strong language. 2000.

 [Download from BARD: Storm Front](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.67342)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB067342

**Weather Warden Series** By Rachel Caine

The first book is **Ill Wind**

Next books in the series: Heath Stroke; Chill Factor; Windfall; Firestorm; Thin Air; Gale Force; Cape Storm; Total Eclipse

Read by Faith Potts Reading time 9 hours, 47 minutes

Suspected of murder and marked by a demon, Weather Warden Joanne Baldwin seeks powerful Warden Lewis Orwell. But Lewis is in hiding after stealing from the Association, and his magical Djinn sends Joanne to Oklahoma City to find him before the Wardens Council captures them both. Strong language. 2003.

 [Download from BARD: Ill Wind](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.70146)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB070146

**House of Night** By P.C. Cast

The first book is **Marked**

Next books in the series: Betrayed; Chosen; Untamed; Hunted; Tempted; Burned; Awakened; Destined; Hidden; Revealed

Read by Mary Kane Reading time 8 hours, 54 minutes

Zoey is struggling in high school when she is marked by a Tracker to become a vampire. Zoey's Grandma Redbird enrolls her in another school, the House of Night, where Zoey learns new rules and uncovers a sinister plot. Strong language. For senior high readers. 2007.

 [Download from BARD: Marked](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.68149)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB068149

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**Mortal Instruments** By Cassandra Clare

The first book is **City of Bones**

Next books in the series: City of Ashes; City of Glass; City of Fallen Angels; City of Lost Souls

Read by Kristin Allison Reading time 12 hours, 51 minutes

Fifteen-year-old Clary witnesses Jace, Alec, and Isabelle attacking a punk rocker in a Manhattan nightclub. She discovers that the three teens are Shadowhunters, warriors who kill demons. After her mother disappears, Shadowhunters take Clary in, and she learns her family history. Some violence. For senior high readers. 2007.

 [Download from BARD: City of Bones](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.67159)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB067159

**Blue Bloods** by Melissa de la Cruz

The first book is **Blue Bloods**

Next books in the series: Masquerade; Revelations; The Van Alen Legacy; Misguided Angel; Bloody Valentine; Lost in Time; Gates of Paradise

Read by Colleen Delany Reading time 7 hours, 22 minutes

Fifteen-year-old Schuyler Van Alen, an outsider at her prestigious Manhattan school, discovers that she and some other teens are Blue Bloods--vampires who are continually being reincarnated. Danger arrives when a rival group of vampires begins murdering the Blue Bloods. For senior high readers. 2006.

 [Download from BARD: Blue Bloods](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.66487)

 Also available on cassette RC066487

**Delilah Street, Paranormal Investigator** By Carole Nelson Douglas

The first book is **Dancing with Werewolves**

Next books in the series: Brimstone Kiss

Read by Erin Jones Reading time 11 hours

Television reporter Delilah Street heads to Sin City after seeing her doppelganger on an episode of CSI Las Vegas. She finds work with the show's producer, falls for detective Ric Montoya, confronts werewolf mobsters, and investigates murder. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2007.

 [Download from BARD: Dancing with Werewolves](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.68522)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB068522

**Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter** By Laurell K. Hamilton

The first book is **Guilty Pleasures**

Next books in the series: The Laughing Corpse; Circus of the Damned; The Lunatic Café; Blood Bones; The Killing Dance; Burnt Offerings; Blue Moon; Obsidian Butterfly; Narcissus in Chains; Cerulean Sins; Incubus Dreams

Read by Victoria Gordon Reading time 9 hours, 18 minutes

Supernatural crime fighter Anita Blake reluctantly attends her friend Catherine's bachelorette party at master vampire Jean-Claude's strip club, Guilty Pleasures. A performer takes Catherine under his power and forces Anita to investigate several gruesome vampire murders to save Catherine's life. Violence, some descriptions of sex, and some strong language. 1993.

 [Download from BARD: Guilty Pleasures](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.64793)

 Also available on cassette RC064793

**Southern Vampire Mysteries/Sookie Stackhouse**  By Charlaine Harris

The first book is **Dead Until Dark**

Next books in the series: Living Dead in Dallas; Club Dead; Dead to the World; Dead as a Doornail; Definitely Dead; All Together Dead; From Dead to Worse;

Dead and Gone; Dead in the Family; Dead Reckoning; Deadlocked; Dead Ever After

Read by Kristin Allison Reading time 8 hours, 45 minutes

While telepathic waitress Sookie Stackhouse serves tables at Merlotte's bar in Bon Temps, Louisiana, she meets handsome vampire Bill. But when a rowdy vampire gang moves into town and murders remain unsolved, Sookie's attraction to Bill puts her in danger. Violence, explicit descriptions of sex, and some strong language. Bestseller. 2001.

 [Download from BARD: Dead Until Dark](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.69645)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB069645

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**The Hollows** By Kim Harrison

The first book is **Dead Witch Walking**

Next books in the series: The Good, the Bad, and the Undead; Every Which Way But Dead; A Fistful of Charms; For a Few Demons More; the Outlaw Demon Wails; White Witch, Black Curse; Black Magic Sanction

Read by Margaret Strom Reading Time 17hours 23 minutes

Bounty-hunting witch Rachel Morgan polices Cincinnati and its suburb the Hollows as part of a supernatural crime-fighting unit. When a misunderstanding leads to her dismissal--and a contract on her life--Rachel joins reformed vampire Ivy and pixy Jenks to elude assassins. Strong language, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2004.

 [Download from BARD: Dead Witch Walking](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.66118)

 Also available on cassette RC066118

**Iron Druid Chronicles** by Kevin Hearne

The first book in the series is **Hounded**

Next books in the series: Hexed; Hammered; Tricked; Trapped; Hunted

Read by Luke Daniels Reading time 8 hours, 8 minutes

Centuries-old druid Atticus O'Sullivan, who is frequently mistaken for a college student, leads a content life in Arizona. But his peace is shattered when an ancient enemy decides to take on Atticus, the local pack of werewolves, and the ruling Irish gods. Violence and strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

 [Download from BARD: Hounded](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.74098)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB074098

**Veneficas Americana/Native Star** By M.K. Hobson

The first book is **The Native Star**

Next books in the series: The Hidden Goddess

Read by Mare Trevathan Reading time 12 hours, 59 minutes

America, 1876. When the town witch Emily Edwards attempts a love spell as a means of financial security, things go horribly wrong. Before she can fix her mess, an enchanted object forces Emily and her escort, warlock Dreadnought Stanton, to flee for their lives. Some violence. 2010.

 [Download from BARD: The Native Star](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.73945)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB073945

**Victoria Nelson Series** By Tanya Huff

The first book is **Blood Price**

Next books in the series: Blood Trail; Blood Lines; Blood Pact; Blood Debt

Read by Laura Giannarelli Reading time 2 cassettes

Eight months ago, Vicki Nelson quit the Toronto homicide department because retinitis pigmentosa caused night blindness and some loss of her peripheral vision. Now a private detective, Vicki happens upon a corpse drained of blood. When the police refuse to believe a vampire is responsible, Vicki finds help from a surprising source: romance writer Henry Fitzroy, a benign vampire. Strong language and violence.

 Also available on cassette RC039770

**Sandman Slim Novels** By Richard Kadrey

The first book is **Sandman Slim**

Next books in the series: Aloha From Hell; Devil Said Bang

Read by Gregory Maupin Reading time 9 hours

Nineteen-year-old James Stark was a member of a magic circle until the leader, Mason Faim, sent him to Hell in exchange for power. Stark became one of Hell's most-feared hitmen. Eleven years later, he escapes Hell and returns to Earth for revenge. Violence and strong language. 2009.

 [Download from BARD: Sandman Slim](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.75468)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB075468

**Wondrous Strange** By Lesley Livingston

The first book is **Wondrous Strange**

Next books in the series: Darklight; Tempestuous

Read by Mark Delgado Reading time 7 hours, 11 minutes

When seventeen-year-old Shakespearean actress Kelley Winslow meets Sonny Flannery, a Janus Guard of the Samhain Gate, she discovers the fairy otherworld. But this year when the gate opens on the night of Samhain, something horrible comes through to the human world. Some strong language. For senior high readers. 2009.

 [Download from BARD: Wondrous Strange](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.70194)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB070194

**The Immortal Empire** By Kate Locke

The first book is **God Save the Queen**

Next books in the series: The Queen is Dead; Long Live the Queen

Read by Courtney Patterson Reading time 11 hours, 38 minutes

2012. Queen Victoria, a vampire, rules Britain with an iron fist. Werewolves and vampires make up the aristocracy, and their half-blood offspring serve as functionaries. When Royal Guard member Xandra's sister is presumed dead, Xandra searches for the truth--and uncovers conspiracies threatening the queen. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

 [Download from BARD: God Save the Queen](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.77392)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB077392

**Vampire Academy** By Richelle Mead

The first book is **Vampire Academy**

Next books in the series: Frostbite; Shadow Kiss; Blood Promise; Spirit Bound; Last Sacrifice

Read by Julie-Ann Elliot Reading time 9 hours, 31 minutes

After two years in hiding, seniors Rose and Lissa are dragged back to St. Vladimir's Academy. Vampire princess Lissa must learn to control her magic, while Rose's impetuous behavior hinders her status as Lissa's guardian. Violence, descriptions of sex, and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2007.

 [Download from BARD: Vampire Academy](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.68486)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB068486

**InCryptids** By Seanan McGuire

The first book is **Discount Armageddon**

Next books in the series: Midnight Blue-Light Special; Half-Off Ragnarok

Read by Theresa Conkin Reading time 12 hours, 7 minutes

Cryptozoologist Verity Price is surveying the monsters in New York City when she stumbles across Dominic De Luca, a member of her family's rival, the Covenant. Verity must locate a sleeping dragon before Dominic does--and find time to win a ballroom-dance competition. Violence and some descriptions of sex. 2012.

 [Download from BARD: Discount Armageddon](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.74832)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB074832

**Chronicles of Mac O’Connor** By Karen Marie Moning

The first book is **Darkfever**

Next books in the series: Bloodfever; Faefever; Dreamfever; Shadowfever;

Read by Erin Jones Reading time 8 hours, 30 minutes

Her sister Alina's murder brings American MacKayla Lane to Ireland. Mac discovers a dangerous world of vampires and fae and realizes that she's a sidhe-seer, someone who can see faeries. With the help of bookseller Jericho Barrons, Mac seeks revenge. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2006.

 [Download from BARD: Darkfever](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.66336)

 Also available on cassette RC066336

**Remy Chandler Books** By Tom Sniegoski

The first book is A Kiss Before the Apocalypse

Next books in the series: Dancing on the Head of a Pin; Where Angels Fears to Tread; A Hundred Words for Hate; In the House of the Wicked; Walking in the Midst of Fire

Read by Luke Daniels Reading time 7 hours, 56 minutes

Boston PI Remy Chandler has renounced life as an angel but retains his special abilities, including understanding all languages. When the Angel of Death disappears, Remy's heavenly former colleagues hire him to investigate--and to find missing, apocalypse-inducing scrolls. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2008.

 [Download from BARD: A Kiss Before the Apocalypse](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.70821)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB070821