

AUDIO BOOKS

What are Audio Books?

Audiobooks are audio recordings of the contents of a book, allowing people to listen to a spoken version of the text rather than reading it. These recordings are typically narrated by either a professional voice actors or the author themselves.

Why were they developed?

Audio books were developed to provide an alternative means of consuming literature for people who may face challenges or preferences that make traditional reading less accessible.

Strengths and Weaknesses?

Pros:

- Accessible
- Entertaining
- Enables Multitasking
- Convenient

Cons:

- Easily Distracted
- Requires Technology
- Availability
- Pacing



Unintended Benefits

Audio books have increased the overall literacy rate of the population. Providing an alternative method to reading allows those that shied away from the original paper book broadens the consumer population. Having access to these books provides a form of relaxation resulting in an improvement in mental health as well.



Who is it made for?

The users who arguably receive the most benefits from audio books are those that are visually impaired. On top of that, people with dyslexia could find it more accessible to listen to audio books as well. That being said, audio books have managed to reach a diverse population.