

SBL Staff Audiobook Recommendations

- [32 Yolks: From My Mother's Table to Working the Line](#) by Eric Ripert, recommended by **Su**
 - Eric Ripert, celebrity chef, tells the story of how he went from an unknown French boy to one of the world's leading chefs. I enjoyed the ups and downs and final success of Chef Ripert's story, and only wish he could have been present cooking.
- [The Almost Sisters](#) by Joshilyn Jackson, recommended by **Su**
 - Who would think you could laugh out loud at a story that starts with discovering your Grandma's very long dead husband in the attic, and she's not the least upset about it? I laughed, I cried and enjoyed the sweet Southern accent of the author who reads her own work.
- [Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe](#) by Benjamin Alire Saenz, recommended by **Cait**
 - This is a coming-of-age story about two teenage boys in the Southwest in the 1980s, made spectacular by its narrator, Lin-Manuel Miranda (of Hamilton fame). Often, the narrator can make or break an audiobook experience for me, and this is my favorite listen of all time.
- [Bridge of Clay](#) by Markus Zusak, recommended by **Rosanna**
 - Set in Australia, this is the story of the four Dunbar boys after their mother has died and their father has left. It also looks at love and horse racing.
- [Deacon King Kong](#) by James McBride, recommended by **Megan**
 - Set in 1969 Brooklyn, the story starts when an elderly church deacon, known as 'Sportcoat', inexplicably shoots the neighborhood drug dealer, mid-day, with no shortage of witnesses. From there you meet a huge cast of unforgettable characters (all with great nicknames) and learn how their stories are all connected to each other, and the neighborhood at large. I highly recommend this one on audio, as it is narrated PERFECTLY by Dominic Hoffmann, who does a wonderful job switching between voices and accents and bringing the story to life. If you're like me you'll find yourself sitting in the driveway a few minutes longer because it's just too hard to stop listening.
- [The Help](#) by Kathryn Stockett, recommended by **Rosanna**
 - A young white woman writes a book with the black domestic servant of a white friend. The story shows the interactions between "the help" and their employers as well as the home life of many characters.
- [Nothing to See Here](#) by Kevin Wilson, recommended by **Cait**
 - A young woman agrees to become the nanny to her former best friend's step-children – but oh, she forgot to mention, the kids spontaneously catch on fire when they're upset. A laugh-out-loud funny story about weirdos finding their place in the world.
- [The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey](#) by Rinker Buck, recommended by **Rosanna**
 - Two brothers travel the Oregon trail in a wagon pulled by mules. This shows a slow trip across the United States today with plenty of opportunities to discover strangers hardships and regional traditions.