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*With precise diction and authentic accents, Lisette Lecat captures the atmosphere of Smith's book down to the bush tea.*

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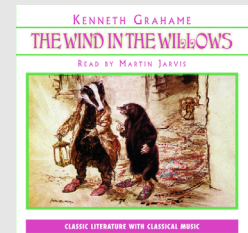
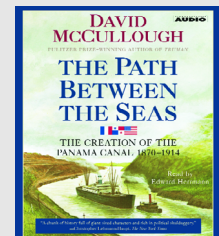
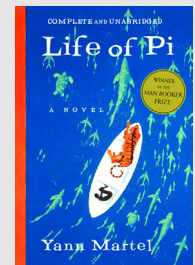
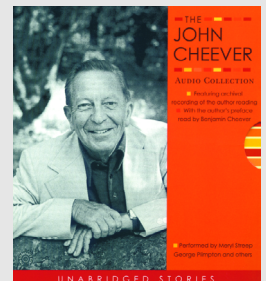
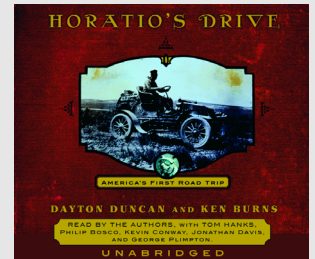
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