



## Top 10 Audible Alternatives 2018

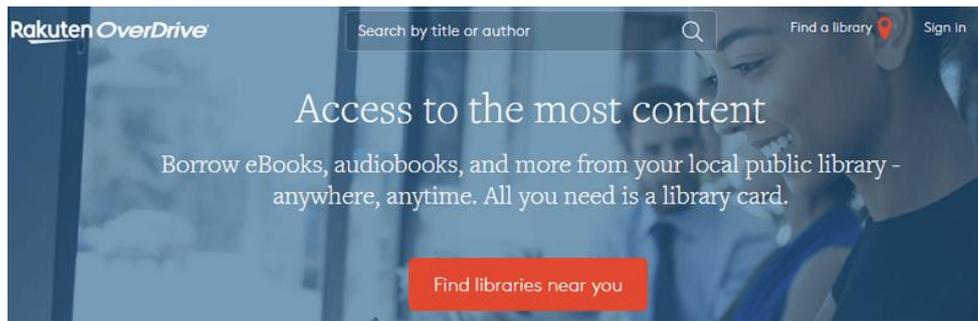
Comparing with the declining of reading ebooks and printed books, listening to audiobooks becomes the new fashion of time pass. According to the survey, more and more people prefer listening to audiobooks for pleasure rather than reading eBooks. Audible.com, as the biggest audiobook producer and retailer, is popular among the audiobook lovers. The high subscription fee(14.95\$ per month) of Audible prevents many audiobook lovers purchasing the audiobooks from Audible.com. Since the audiobooks are fairly expensive these days in Audible.com, is there any Audible alternatives that we can consume with cheaper price and better service? Here I have picked top 10 Audible alternatives for your choice.

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### Free Audible Alternatives

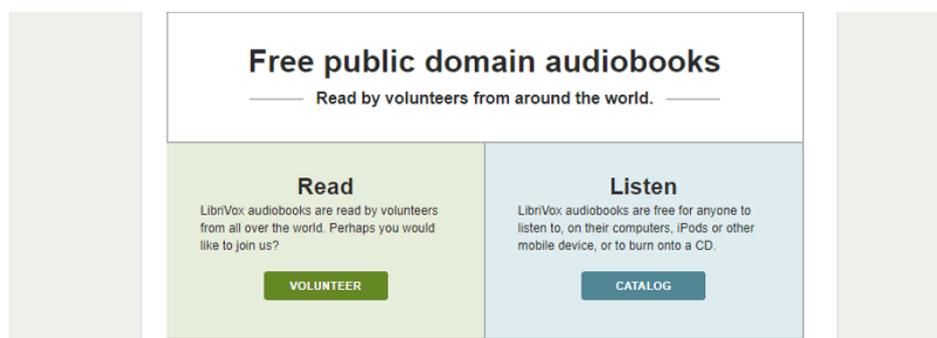
Since Audible audiobooks are extremely expensive, you may look for some websites to listen to audiobooks for free. Here I want to introduce two Audible alternatives that you can listen to audiobooks without paying a penny.

#### 1. OverDrive



OverDrive enables you to borrow thousands of ebooks and audiobooks from your local library and listen for free at any device. There are over 30000 libraries support Overdrive, so all you need is your library card and a library in your community supports this service. It also provides two different apps to download and listen to audiobooks which is Overdrive and Libby. The Libby is modern-designed, pretty, user-friendly. If you want to listen to audiobook from OverDrive, I will recommend you to use Libby. Libby will automatically download your rented audiobooks, remember where you left off, your books marks and even enables you sync between your different devices. Although OverDrive libraries have over 2 million ebooks, audiobooks and videos, but you can only see and rent audiobooks that available in your library.

## 2. Librivox

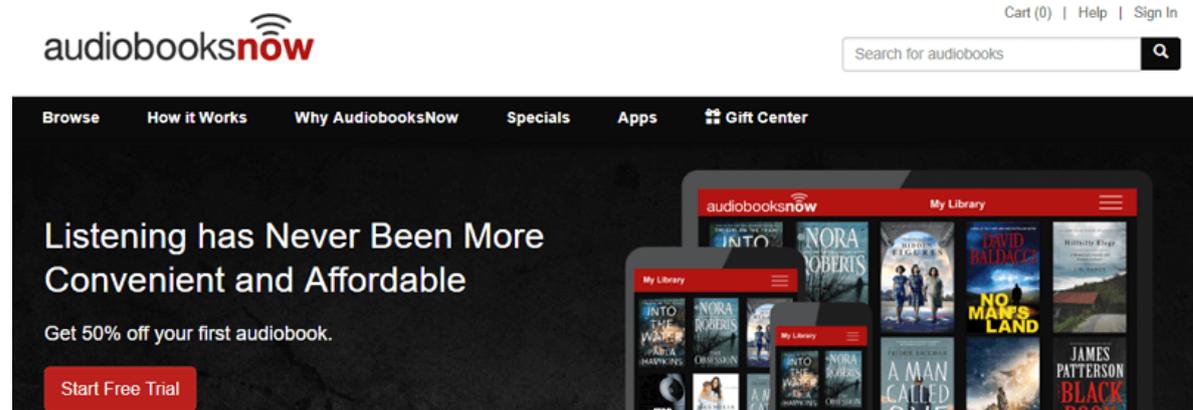


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## 2. Cheapest Audible Alternative

Beyond the free audiobook service, here is I want to share the paid audiobook service but at the cheapest price. That is Audiobooksnow.com.

### 3. audiobooksnow



Audiobooksnow can be assumed as the cheapest Audible alternatives is that Club pricing plan is the best deal on digital audiobooks you'll find. Compared with the Audible subscription service fee--14.99\$ per month, the Club pricing plan is 4.99\$. What's more, Club Pricing Plan gives you 50% off your first audiobook each month and 35-40% off everything else. It offers like more than 80,000 title, including classic and bestselling titles. Its app is available on both iOS and android device so that you can download the audiobook via their apps to listen to audiobooks offline. You can also stream your purchase to your computer through your web browser without install any apps on your computer.

## 3. DRM-free Audible Alternative

It is universal known that all Audible books are protected with DRM and only can be played at Audible compatible devices and apps. Here I want to introduce the Downpour which offers the DRM-free audiobooks.

### 4. Downpour

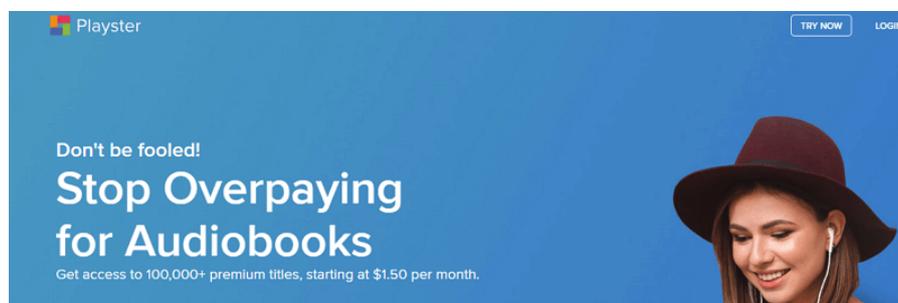


The most important feature of Downpour is that audiobooks from this website are DRM-free because Downpour thinks their listeners should enjoy the audiobooks whenever, wherever, or whatever they are doing. It allows you to listen to the audiobooks at any software or devices as there is no DRM protection. Its monthly fee is 12.99\$ which is less than Audible's. In this website, you can rent or purchase the audiobook according to your own requirement. As the competitor of Audible, Downpour has around 70,000 titles available for downloading. Although you can purchase the extra credits for exchanging the audiobooks, some audiobooks on this website may cost two credits which is higher than Audible.

## 4. Unlimited listening Audible Alternative

Different from other Audible alternatives, here I want to introduce two audiobook subscription which enables you to enjoy the unlimited listening service. They are Scribd and Playster.

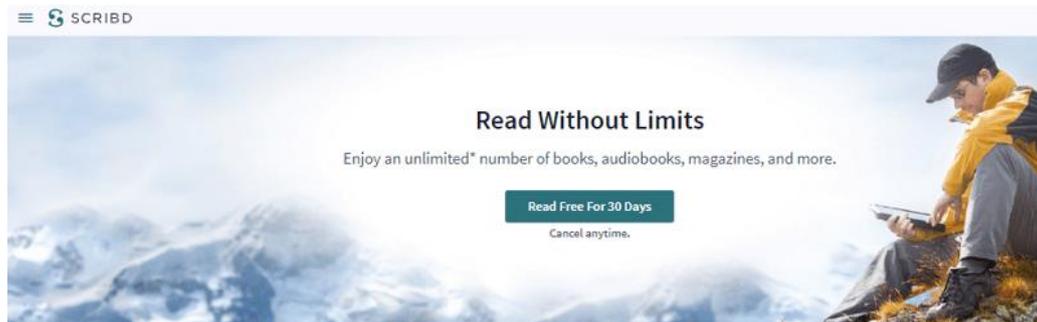
### 5. Playster



Playster is the all-in-one subscription with unlimited access to books, audiobooks, music, movies and games. It is truly unlimited audiobooks service, with no credits requirement, not access limitations. All what you have to do is to purchase the audiobook subscription service which is start at

1.5\$ per month. What a surprise! By patterning with the world's biggest publishers, Playster owns more than 100,000 titles and offers the audiobook lovers unlimited access to the best selling titles. If you listen to more than 1 audiobook every month and do not want to keep the audiobook permanently, you should try Playster as its membership includes unlimited-streaming and audiobook downloads.

## 6. Scribd

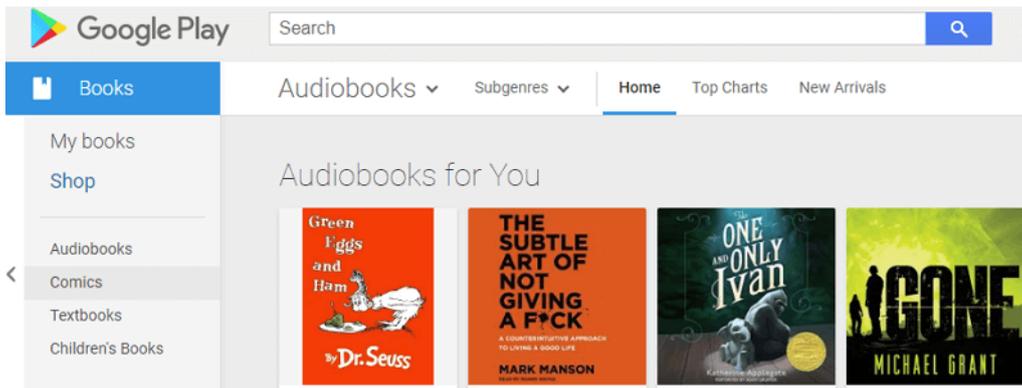


Scribd's unlimited service launched on February 6, 2018 and it focuses more on the ebook rather than audiobook. I tried to find how many audiobook titles this website has, but there is no exact data on their website. But the Scribd did mention that it has hundreds of thousands ebook, audiobooks, and News & Magazines from over hundreds of publishers on its FAQ. If you have a premium membership(\$8.99/month), you are able to unlimited access the premium collection. Please remember that not all titles are always available at any time. If you only see a preview of a specific title, you should also see a notification of when this title will become fully available to you.

## 5. No subscription requirement Audible Alternatives

Talking about audiobooks, almost all websites have their membership plans, but here are two websites enable you to purchase audiobooks without subscription service requirement.

## 7. Google play Audiobooks



As the competitor of Amazon, Google Play also launched the audiobook service at the beginning of 2018. The biggest difference from the Audible audiobooks is the Google play does not have any subscription plan. That means you do not have to pay for a membership that gets you hooked with one audiobook per month, but you can choose to purchase the Google Play audiobooks any time you want with the Google special discount. For listening to Google Play audiobooks, Android, iOS, web, home speakers and devices that use google assistant are all supported. We do not have any official report from Google to show how many titles does Google audiobook have, but I can assume that its titles are fewer than Audible's as it is still a newbie in the audiobook industry. If you are not planning to listen to one audiobook every month, Google Play audiobook is a good choice. What's more, every book you purchased will be safe in your account for as long as want.

## 8. Nook Audiobooks



Different from the new entrant --Google Play, it has been few years since Nook started to sell audiobooks. Nook audiobook does not have any membership plan, so you do not have to pay for the monthly fee. As the audible alternative, it has a collection of about 60,000 titles which is also much fewer than other Audible alternatives. Since it offers pay-as-you-go model,

you will not be hooked by the subscription service. Nook Audiobook is really good choice if you listen to audiobooks infrequently.

## 6. General Audible Alternatives

### 9. Kobo Audiobooks



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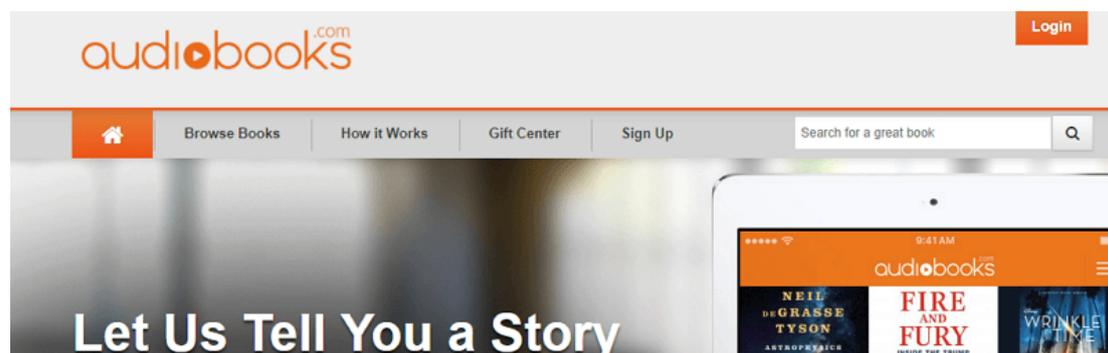
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Kobo can be assumed as the most Audible-like alternative. It added audiobooks to its offering from 2017 and already has a large collection of over 5 million of the world's best eBooks and audiobooks. Like Audible, it also has audiobook subscription service which costs 9.9 usd per month. You can get 1 credit which can be redeemed for one audiobook. A big drawback of Kobo audiobook is that the audiobooks only can be listened with Kobo app for Android and iOS which means you can not listen to audiobooks on your computer.

### 10. Audiobooks.com



Audiobooks is focusing only on audiobooks, and has over 100,000 audiobook titles available now. The price of Audiobook.com membership is the same as Audible's which is 14.95\$. But Audiobooks.com enables you to purchase additional credits at the this price for treating additional audiobooks. You can purchase as many credits as you like without any limitation. I know this price

is extremely high when compared with Playster or other audible alternatives, but if you want to keep your audiobooks for ever and build your own library, Audiobooks.com is a good alternative to Audible.

You can browse the following table to make the comparison of all Audible alternatives and select the one you like most.

	Price	Titles	Supported system	Pros and Cons
<a href="#">OverDrive</a>	Free	Over 2 000,000 ebooks, audiobooks and vidoes	iOS, Android, Windows 10(Libby)	<p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All audiobooks can be rented for free;</li> <li>2. The Libby app is flexible and user-frendly;</li> <li>3. Easy to access the latest release or even best sellers.</li> </ol> <p>Cons: Limited to the library that you own the library card.</p>
<a href="#">Librivox</a>	Free	Over 15,000	No apps, listen and download audiobooks from website directly	<p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All books are totally free;</li> <li>2. Be able to access the classic works;</li> <li>3. Easy to find audiobooks in different languages.</li> </ol> <p>Cons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Audiobooks are very old;</li> <li>2. The quality of the audiobooks are not as good as Audible.com.</li> </ol>
<a href="#">audiobooksnow</a>	4.99\$/Month+50% off for every purchase	Over 80,000	iOS, Android, web browser	<p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The subscription plan is much cheaper than Audible's;</li> <li>2. Some audiobooks are not protected by DRM.</li> </ol> <p>Cons: Some DRM-protected audiobooks are not downloadable.</p>
<a href="#">Downpour</a>	12.99\$/Month for 1 credit+buy or rent audiobooks	Around 70,000	Android, iOS, Web browser	<p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Subscription fee is cheaper than Audible's;</li> <li>2. Audiobooks are available for renting;</li> <li>3. Audibooks are DRM-free.</li> </ol>

				<p>Cons: The Downpour app is very simple and can not let you browse for new titles.</p>
<p>Playster</p>	<p>starting at \$1.50 per month for unlimited access to audiobooks</p>	<p>more than 100,000</p>	<p>Android, iOS, Web browser</p>	<p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unlimited access to more than 100,000 audiobooks;</li> <li>2. Subscription fee is very low..</li> </ol> <p>Cons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You will not be able to access any audiobooks if you cancel the subscription.</li> </ol>
<p>Scribd</p>	<p>\$8.99/month for unlimited access to ebooks and audiobooks</p>	<p>Around 70,000</p>	<p>Android, iOS, Web browser</p>	<p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unlimited access to both ebooks and audiobooks;</li> <li>2. Subscription fee is lower than audible?</li> </ol> <p>Cons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Restrictions on some titles may apply.</li> </ol>
<p>Google play Audiobooks</p>	<p>No subscription service</p>	<p>no data from Google</p>	<p>Android, iOS, web, home speakers and devices that use google assistant</p>	<p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No subscription requirement;</li> <li>2. Audiobooks can be listened at multiple devices.</li> </ol> <p>Cons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The titles are much less than Audible.</li> </ol>
<p>Nook Audiobooks</p>	<p>No subscription service</p>	<p>60,000</p>	<p>Android, iOS</p>	<p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No subscription requirement.</li> </ol> <p>Cons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nook audiobooks cannot be listened with Nook app for Android, iOS.</li> <li>2. NOOK audiobooks cannot be returned and are non-refundable once they have been downloaded to your device.</li> </ol>
<p>Kobo Audiobooks</p>	<p>9.99\$/Month for 1 credit+buy audiobooks with credits or money</p>	<p>over 5000,000 of audiobooks and ebooks</p>	<p>Android, iOS</p>	<p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Membership is cheaper than Audible's.</li> </ol> <p>Cons:</p>

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Audiobook titles are fewer than Audible;</li> <li>2. Kobo audiobooks can only be listened with Kobo app for Android, iOS;</li> <li>3. Special discount for students.</li> </ol>
<a href="https://audiobooks.com">Audiobooks.com</a>	14.95\$/month for 1 credit + purchase additional credits any time	over 1,000,000	Android, iOS	<b>Pros:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gift plan enables you to surprise your loved one.</li> </ol> <b>Cons:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Audiobook titles are fewer than Audible;</li> <li>2. The price is extremely high due to the credit system.</li> </ol>

Afer browsing so many Audible alternatvies, if your choice is still Audible, I want to introduce a very power tool to help you break through the DRM striction and enjoy Audible at any devices as you like. That is **Epubor Audible converter** which can help you [convert audible to DRM-free MP3](#) file within a few seconds.

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