

# An Audio Drama Podcast BooksTalk

As presented by Laurie Johnson of Gere Branch Library – Bethany BooksTalks March 6 2020

## Paranormal: [\*Welcome to Night Vale\*](#)



Produced by Night Vale Presents.  
Written by Joseph Fink and Jeffrey Cranor. Narrated by Cecil Baldwin.

2012-ongoing, 163 episodes ~25 minutes

WELCOME TO NIGHT VALE is a podcast in the style of community updates for the small desert town of Night Vale, featuring local weather, news, announcements from the Sheriff's Secret Police, mysterious lights in the night sky, dark hooded figures with unknowable powers, and cultural events.

Turn on your radio and hide.

Additional Listening/Reading: [\*Alice Isn't Dead, It Devours!\*](#) by Joseph Fink

## Science Fiction/Tragedy: [\*ars PARADOXICA\*](#)



Produced by Whisperforge. Head writer is Daniel Manning.

2015-2018, 36 episodes ~30-50 minutes

When an experiment in a time much like our own goes horribly awry, Dr. Sally Grissom finds herself stranded in the past, specifically in 1943, and entrenched in the activities of a clandestine branch of the US government. Sally must convince Director Bill Donovan and his Office of Developed Anomalous Resources that she isn't a hostile force bent on espionage. But she may be just the answer Donovan has been looking for: an end to the Second World War, and control over the post-war world. Grissom and her team quickly learn that there's no safety net when toying with the fundamental logic of the universe.

Additional Listening/Reading: [\*Wolf 359\*](#), [\*Steal the Stars\*](#),

There are a ton of great places to find podcasts, whether its online or to download for on the road! Check out show websites or try one of these apps: Apple Music, Google Music, Stitcher, and TuneIn.

## Comedy/Science-Fiction: [\*Stellar Firma\*](#)



Produced by Rusty Quill Ltd.  
Created by Tim Meredith and Ben Meredith. Produced by Katie Seaton.

2019-ongoing, 37 episodes ~20 minutes

Stellar Firma follows the misadventures of Stellar Firma Ltd.'s highest born but lowest achieving planetary designer Trexel Geistman and his bewildered clone assistant David 7. Join them each episode as they attempt to take listener submissions and craft them into the galaxy's most luxurious, most expensive and most questionably designed bespoke planets.

However, with Trexel's corporate shark of a line manager Hartro Piltz breathing down their necks and I.M.O.G.E.N., the station's omnipresent and omniinvasive station wide A.I. monitoring those necks to within 3 decimal places, they'll be lucky to make it a week before being slurried and recycled into raw human resources.

Additional Listening/Reading: [\*Alba Salix Royal Physician\*](#), [\*Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy\*](#) by Douglas Adams, [\*Black Books\*](#)

## Horror Anthology: [\*The Magnus Archives\*](#)



Produced by Rusty Quill Ltd.  
Written and performed by Jonathan Sims. Directed and produced by Alexander J Newall.

2016-ongoing, 160 episodes ~25 minutes

The Magnus Archives is an ongoing long-form horror fiction anthology podcast examining what lurks in the archives of the Magnus Institute, an organization dedicated to researching the esoteric and the weird. Join new head archivist Jonathan Sims as he attempts to bring a seemingly neglected collection of supernatural statements up to date, converting them to audio and supplementing them with follow-up work from his small but dedicated team.

Additional Listening/Reading: [\*On Monsters: An Unnatural History of Our Worst Fears\*](#) by Stephen Asma, Junji Ito

## Historical: [\*Lore\*](#)



Created, written, produced, and hosted by Aaron Mahnke.

2015-ongoing, 137 episodes ~30-40 minutes

Lore is an award-winning, critically-acclaimed podcast about true life scary stories. Lore exposes the darker side of history, exploring the creatures, people, and places of our wildest nightmares. Because sometimes the truth is more frightening than fiction.

Additional Listening/Reading: [\*The World of Lore\*](#) Series, [\*American Gods\*](#) by Neil Gaiman, [\*Freshwater\*](#) by Akwaeke Emezi

## Paranormal: [\*King Falls AM\*](#)



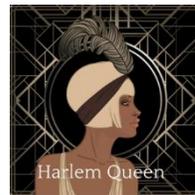
Produced by The Make Believe Picture Company. Written, produced, and directed by Kyle Brown and Eric Kimelton.

2015-ongoing, 100 episodes ~30-40 minutes

Hosted by Sammy Stevens and Benjamin Arnold, King Falls AM centers on a lonely little mountain town's late-night AM talk radio show and its paranormal, peculiar happenings and inhabitants.

Additional Listening/Reading: [\*Hello from The Magic Tavern\*](#)

## Historical/True Story: [\*Harlem Queen\*](#)



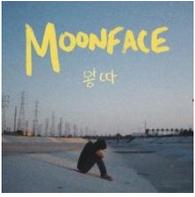
Created, written and produced by Yhane Smith. Directed by Shawn Regruto.

2019, 4 episodes ~15 minutes

Boardwalk Empire meets Downton Abbey, based on the true story of “Numbers Queen” Madame Stephanie St. Clair, mobster and patron, Harlem Queen is a historical fiction podcast set during the Harlem Renaissance. Harlem Queen is jazzy, glamorous, and exciting—but it also doesn't shy away from the realities of being black, and especially being a black woman, in the American 1920's.

Additional Listening/Reading: [\*The World of Stephanie St. Clair: An Entrepreneur, Race Woman and Outlaw in Early Twentieth Century Harlem\*](#), [\*Leonora\*](#) by Elena Poniatowska

**Drama:** [Moonface](#)



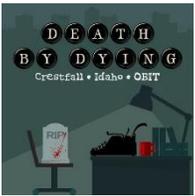
Created and written by James Kim.

2019, 6 episodes ~20-30 minutes

Paul is a first-generation Korean American gay man who wants to come out to his mom but can't because they don't speak the same language.

Additional Listening/Reading: [Gossip](#), [Pioneer Girl](#) by Bich Minh Nguyen

**Surreal Dark Comedy/Mystery:** [Death by Dying](#)



Writer and director by Evan Gulock. Produced by Niko Gerentes and Joshua Giordan.

2018, 5 episodes ~25-30 minutes

The Obituary Writer of Crestfall, Idaho finds himself deeply in over his head as he investigates a series of strange and mysterious deaths... when he is supposed to simply be writing obituaries. Along the way he encounters murderous farmers, man-eating cats, haunted bicycles, and a healthy dose of ominous shadows.

Additional Listening/Reading: [Deadly Manners](#), [Fireside Mystery Theatre](#), [The Amelia Project](#)

**Romantic Comedy:** [Deck the Halls \(with Matrimony!\)](#)



Produced by Sassquach Radio.

2017-2019, 11 episodes ~30-60 minutes

When love is your business, you have no business falling in love. Join two best friends and the gang at Regal Bride as they battle birds and brides in this zany holiday romantic comedy!

Additional Listening/Reading: [36 Questions](#)

**Check out these other recommended series:**

[The Bright Sessions](#)

[S-Town](#)

[The Penumbra Podcast](#)

[The Archers](#)

[The Big Loop](#)

[Station to Station](#)

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[Wolverine: The Long Night](#)