

# Audio Drama Podcasts

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## Where to Search for Audio Drama

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## Where to Start

If you're brand new to audio drama podcasts, it's hard to go wrong with these crowd pleasers.

### Wolf 359

A light hearted space comedy that evolves into a dark and striking drama. Give this one a few episodes to find it's feet and you won't be disappointed.

### The Bright Sessions

What if super powered people started going to therapy? This is a grounded series of character studies that expands into a larger universe of meta humans and bureaucratic conspiracy, but stays more slice of life than X-Men.

### Limetown

A reporter investigates a strange town that disappeared overnight and quickly finds herself entangled in its sinister conspiracy.

## Tumanbay

Masterfully produced by the BBC itself, Tumanbay will satisfy fans of “Game of Thrones” style intrigue and political fantasy, set in a unique world influenced by Middle Eastern culture.

## Wolverine: The Long Night

Marvel’s first step into the world of narrative podcasting is closer to the show Serial than . Featuring a star studded cast and lush, atmospheric sound design.

# Additional Recommendations by Genre

With a few exceptions, audio drama is largely populated by genre fiction. My personal recommendations below are by no means exhaustive, but intended as a jumping off point for new and curious listeners!

## Sci-Fi

### Ars Paradoxica

Strange science and goings on that blend a healthy dose of reality and classic conspiracy theory with a unique time travel narrative.

### EOS-10

A quirky sci-fi comedy about doctors working on a futuristic space station. Think “Scrubs,” but in space.

### Girl in Space

The thoughtful audio diary of a girl raised by geneticists on a space station orbiting a strange star in deep space.

### King Falls AM

Follow the supernatural drama of a strange small town (warts and all) from the perspective of two late night radio hosts. If there’s a cryptid or conspiracy theory you can think of, it’s probably alive and kicking in King Falls.

### Station to Station

An ocean based research venture seems to be the source of people who aren’t just missing, but disappearing from memory altogether.

### **The Elysium Project**

A modern super hero narrative with cinematic sound design about the test subjectives of an experiment on telepathy.

### **The Penumbra (Juno Steel)**

The Penumbra features two major story arcs. The Juno Steel plot is a beautifully modernized detective story with compelling cases and a glittering cast of colorful characters.

### **The Strange Case of Starship Iris**

A beautifully constructed and imaginative space story about a small group of smugglers and the enemy scientist they rescued.

## **Horror**

### **Archive 81**

A young man listens to the audio archives of an investigation into a strange building in New York, but quickly finds more than he bargained for.

### **The Blood Crow Stories**

Like American Horror Story, every season is a new cast and setting, but every one of them is bursting at the seams with LGBTQ+ characters. Expect eldritch monsters, demons, fanatical cults, and maybe a few token straights.

### **The NoSleep Podcast**

A creepy-pasta style anthology of scary stories. There's a huge backlog of content to indulge in, but some stories are darker and more disturbing than others. Enter at your own risk.

## **Fantasy**

### **Kalila Stormfire's Economical Magical Services**

A new urban fantasy about a witch starting her own small consulting business after being excommunicated from her coven.

### **The Byron Chronicles**

Now over a decade old, the Byron Chronicles is an early podcasting staple of urban fantasy and horror. Great for fans of Buffy, Supernatural, and Doctor Who.

### The Penumbra (Second Citadel)

The Penumbra features two major story arcs. The Second Citadel plot is a fantasy adventure featuring a group of misfits turned heroes.

## Thriller/Political Drama

### Homecoming

A program intended to rehabilitate soldiers with PTSD hides a darker purpose. Featuring a several recognizable stars in the cast, and now available as an Amazon Prime original series.

### Terms

When a dangerous candidate is poised to assume the office of United States president, the existing president pursues extraordinary measures to keep him out at all costs.

## Not Quite Audio Drama...

### Single Narrator Fiction

Single narrator fiction podcasts are a lot like audiobooks, though many of them are not just an author reading an existing book. These stories are still pretty fantastic, but the medium is a little different.

**Examples:** Lesser Gods, The Worm

### Actual Play

Sometimes a group of friends will record their roleplaying games and release them in podcast form. They can run a bit long and some are edited better than other, but a lot of hilarity and hijinks are usually bound to follow!

**Examples:** Critical Role, The Adventure Zone, Dice Camera Action

### Bad Fiction Readings

Hilariously enough, this is becoming a genre all it's own. Laugh along with the hosts at the most ridiculous fiction they can find!

**Examples:** My Dad Wrote a Porno, Pounded in the Butt by My Own Podcast