

# PRIMO LEVI The PERIODIC TABLE

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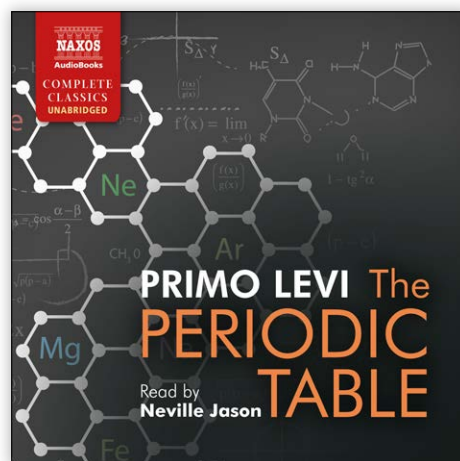
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1	1-1	<b>The Periodic Table</b>	9:30	26	4-1	I found another city, and I stopped there... 7:15
2	1-2	Grandmother Bimba was very beautiful...	8:30	27	4-2	We left in April. 8:27
3	1-3	Its humiliated roots are evident.	8:54	28	4-3	<b>Mercury</b> 9:16
4	1-4	Barakha is the benediction a pious Jew...	10:23	29	4-4	The two Italians worried me less. 8:54
5	1-5	Remotest of all, portentously inert...	10:27	30	4-5	He looked like a man who has awakened... 10:47
6	1-6	<b>Hydrogen</b>	8:39	31	4-6	<b>Phosphorus</b> 6:44
7	1-7	The glass in the laboratory enchanted...	9:40	32	4-7	The commendatore explained to me... 8:08
8	1-8	<b>Zinc</b>	7:12	33	4-8	Varisco, she explained, was her creature... 6:15
9	2-1	Caselli loved P. with a bitter, polemical love.	6:51	34	5-1	When I told Giulia about the outcome... 7:57
10	2-2	In one corner there was a hood...	6:50	35	5-2	I set to work, not at all convinced... 6:41
11	2-3	<b>Iron</b>	8:15	36	5-3	After a month I could have performed... 9:10
12	2-4	I had noticed with amazement and delight...	7:35	37	5-4	<b>Gold</b> 9:34
13	2-5	A comradeship was born...	8:44	38	5-5	We were cold and hungry... 10:39
14	2-6	Those were curious places...	7:50	39	5-6	In my cell there was also a mouse. 10:26
15	2-7	<b>Potassium</b>	9:02	40	5-7	<b>Cerium</b> 9:43
16	2-8	During the span of those months...	9:41	41	5-8	He reproached me... 10:49
17	2-9	I did not mount the new gigantic hippogriff...	10:32	42	6-1	<b>Chromium</b> 8:04
18	3-1	<b>Nickel</b>	10:05	43	6-2	Bruni told us about an episode... 8:11
19	3-2	The plant was built in a tier along the slope...	9:19	44	6-3	Thus set forth, half chemistry... 8:17
20	3-3	I recorded in various versions a remote saga...	10:02	45	6-4	To judge from the anonymous... 9:32
21	3-4	What, after all, was that chemistry...	7:01	46	6-5	<b>Sulphur</b> 10:00
22	3-5	But this is no longer the time for sprites...	10:29	47	6-6	<b>Titanium</b> 7:35
23	3-6	<b>Lead</b>	6:48	48	6-7	<b>Arsenic</b> 5:59
24	3-7	I got through a broad pass at the height...	8:02	49	6-8	First we attempted this operation... 6:56
25	3-8	The deposit was quite out of the way...	8:45	50	7-1	<b>Nitrogen</b> 7:18



51	7-2	But the tough detained me...	6:18	60	8-1	'...but I have to tell you one detail...'	6:06
52	7-3	In fact subsequent research...	8:05	61	8-2	'While complaining letters and telephone...'	6:34
53	7-4	<b>Tin</b>	9:17	62	8-3	<b>Vanadium</b>	8:07
54	7-5	The morning after...	8:11	63	8-4	He must have been a person of some authority...	9:19
55	7-6	<b>Uranium</b>	7:11	64	8-5	First of all: In what language should I reply?	8:45
56	7-7	Bonino was a round little man...	6:10	65	8-6	To my question about IG-Farben...	8:35
57	7-8	He who? I was perplexed...	8:23	66	8-7	<b>Carbon</b>	7:44
58	7-9	<b>Silver</b>	7:33	67	8-8	The atom we are speaking of...	8:46
59	7-10	Cerrato also knew this never-ending battle...	6:27	68	8-9	Our atom is again carbon dioxide...	8:59

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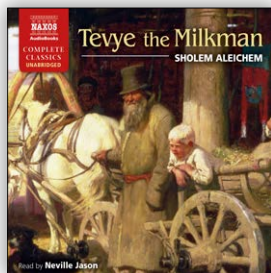
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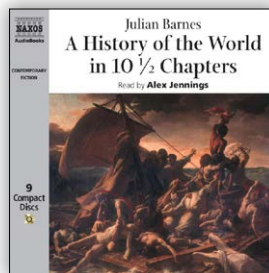
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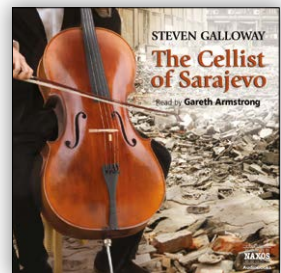
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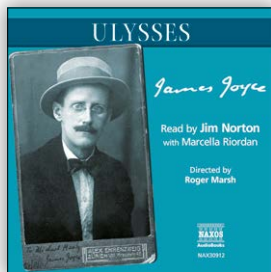
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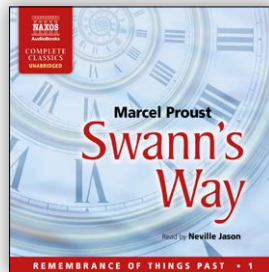
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