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As our customers, colleagues and communities around the world confront new challenges, including social distancing and school closures, our younger listeners in particular have an immediate need as they try to relax and stay entertained away from the stimulation of the classroom. From the beginning, Audible has become part of millions of peoples' lives as a voice that can be an antidote to isolation, as a way to hear words that inspire and transport and for many – words that teach and entertain in deeply intimate ways.

That's why we have created stories.audible.com – a place where anyone, anywhere can stream hundreds of our titles for kids and families, no strings attached. Our talented editors have handpicked a mix of education, entertainment, classics and general-interest titles in English, German, French, Spanish, Japanese and Italian.

Listeners will be able to access this content by visiting stories.audible.com from their computers, tablets, or smartphones. The experience is completely free – no log-ins, credit cards or passwords required. Just click, stream and listen.

Our intent is that Stories will offer parents, educators, and caregivers – anyone helping kids as daily routines are disrupted – a screen-free experience to look forward to each day, while keeping young minds engaged.

We are launching this global microsite today, and wanted to share it with all of you. Please take a look around the site, listen to some of the great stories we've selected, and share your feedback. And feel free to spread the word with your family and friends as well as parents and teachers in your community who might benefit from this special offering.

Many thanks to all who articulated the possible and moved (very) fast to make this real for our customers and broader community in the spirit of Activate Caring (and in some cases while dealing with their own challenges over the last week).

We hope that listening to a good story will be exactly what we all need during these unsettling times.

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