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Growing up I was a very visual learner. so much so that I had trouble concentrating on audio, whether on radio or lectures in school. I read a lot to keep up. And in some places in school, fell behind. at some point in the last 10 years, I picked up the audio books for the wheel of time. I was too busy on my hobbies to be able to read with my hands. I was familiar enough with the story, from multiple read throughs. That I would not be rewinding, constantly, to catch something I missed. I loved how you (Kate and Michael) read the characters that I listened to the audiobooks twice in a row. And something happened most of the way through the first 15 books. Listening came easy. I could follow along the spoken word for long periods of time. And it did not need 110% of my concentration to follow. Fantasy books made me a better reader. A bookworm even. But your (Kate and Michael's) voices made me a better listener. I finally gave podcasts a try. Now I listen to podcasts, several of them, when I'm not reading. I can follow along in lectures, whether for school, a TEDtalk, or just listening to the other person in the conversation. Audio books has made me a better, more well-rounded person.

