# Audiobook apps to revisit the gems of **BENGALI LITERATURE**

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The booming popularity of audiobooks coincides with the rise of podcasts and shows an increasing thirst for audio content, which has led to publishers ploughing resources into the format, building dedicated teams, and creating in-house studios to produce increasingly creative and ambitious listening experiences.

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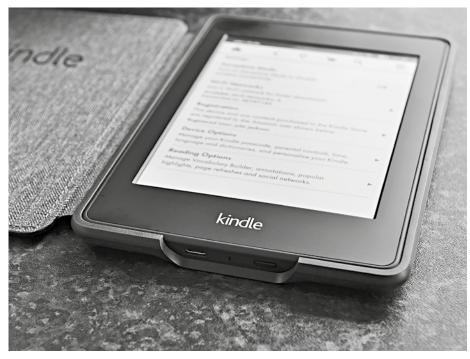
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