Ulysses is a groundbreaking novel in which James Joyce explores realism through a stream-of-consciousness technique and shifting narrative styles. It was published in serial form between 1918-1920 and in book form in 1922. The story follows Leopold Bloom through Dublin during the course of June 16, 1904. The events and characters of Ulysses parallel those of Homer’s Odyssey, with Bloom embodying Odysseus. Although the book was the subject of early obscenity prosecutions, was banned in many countries, and has been considered unreadable, it is nevertheless one of the most important English-language works of the 20th century and a masterpiece of Modernist literature. To this day, the 16th of June is celebrated as Bloomsday.

Production note for Episode 15 (Circe): Circe was written in the style of a play complete with stage directions. It was recorded as it was written, with 73 LibriVox volunteers providing more than 230 character voices. The main roles were read by:

- **Narrator**: Stephen Dedalus
- **Stephen Dedalus**: Zoe Higgins
- **Leopold Bloom**: Peter Why
- **Peter Why**: mb
- **Zoe Higgins**: Amanda Friday
- **Amanda Friday**: Lynch
- **Leopold Bloom**: Richard Wallis
- **Richard Wallis**: Lynch
- **Lynch**: Ben Lindsey-Clark
- **Audio editing**: David Lawrence

**Total running time** 31:44:53

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