Subject: Narrating Books / Voice Acting
Posted by Silver on Tue, 11 May 2021 00:12:51 GMT
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Does anyone know if those job descriptors require any special education? Narrating books is always something I wanted to try but felt intimidated by the education I might need to qualify for that work.

Subject: Re: Narrating Books / Voice Acting
Posted by Rusty on Tue, 11 May 2021 12:01:25 GMT
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I think it would be a bit like acting. Learning how to emote the range of emotions realistically, not hamming it up.

Subject: Re: Narrating Books / Voice Acting
Posted by Kingfish on Wed, 12 May 2021 16:44:27 GMT
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The tone of your voice has to match what they want. From what I understand, there is somewhat of a science to that. Matching voices to the commercial, book, or whatever else needs narrating.

Subject: Re: Narrating Books / Voice Acting
Posted by The Noise on Thu, 13 May 2021 23:53:45 GMT
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Rusty wrote on Tue, 11 May 2021 07:01I think it would be a bit like acting. Learning how to emote the range of emotions realistically, not hamming it up.

Realistic by who's standards? The narrator or the average listener?

I would like to find the companies that do this and send them samples of me narrating a few paragraphs from books of different genres. Just to see how well I do.

Subject: Re: Narrating Books / Voice Acting
Posted by Rusty on Fri, 14 May 2021 11:23:38 GMT
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I'd imagine it would be a judgement by the source who is marketing the product. Like when an

actor reads for a part in a tv or movie production. Or like you sending in your narration reading from a book.

Subject: Re: Narrating Books / Voice Acting
Posted by LCallan on Fri, 04 Jun 2021 21:32:39 GMT
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You could create some samples and upload them to YouTube. Then make a profile on Fivver or another job platform. It doesn't hurt to try. I know that I could never do it. I tend to mumble, and I have a country twang.

Subject: Re: Narrating Books / Voice Acting
Posted by Zart on Sun, 06 Jun 2021 03:11:53 GMT
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Narrating books require more skills such as acting and knowing how to regulate your voice. It would help to have a few voice lessons so that you can improve your pitch and tone. Other than that, practice all the way to make up for inadequacies.

Subject: Re: Narrating Books / Voice Acting
Posted by Beck on Mon, 14 Jun 2021 13:49:11 GMT
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Acting skills may help since you'll be more knowledgeable about which kind of voice will be suitable for a scene. It may also help to take note of the book's genre that'll better befit your ability.

Subject: Re: Narrating Books / Voice Acting
Posted by Acacia on Sat, 17 Jul 2021 07:08:48 GMT
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Special education might be required when starting a job in knowledge-based fields. However, I don't think it would be a problem to try and see how things will go first in this area since narrating books is skill-based.

Subject: Re: Narrating Books / Voice Acting
Posted by MRikki on Sun, 25 Jul 2021 05:25:25 GMT
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I don't think any particular education is required. Maybe a background in radio would be helpful? I think that as long as you have an expressive voice and can read well, you should be able to find

some way to get into voice acting!