SMART GOAL for my English learning in spring 2022

SPECIFIC, MEASURABLE, ATTAINABLE and TIMEBOUND

My goal for this semester in terms of English language learning was as such:

By the end of May 2022 I will have listened to 3 non-fiction audiobooks in English. Why listening? Listening is certainly far more attainable for me than reading. I am used to listening while doing housework and other chores. I have no problem listening while driving or doing sports. Thus listening to as much as 30-40 hours within a span of 4 months is no big deal for me.

I have not only accomplished this particular goal but even exceeded it. I actually finished listening to 4 and a half audiobooks of as much as 45 hours in total.

They were:

Luciano Floridi: The 4th Revolution
Knapp, Zeratsky, Kowitz: Sprint
Philip N.Howard: Lie Machines
Antonio Damasio: The Strange Order of Things
Madeleine Albright: Madam Secretary

(My reviews of these books in Czech can be [found here](#).)

What I have tried to do while listening was to identify formal language used by the authors. I have focused on how sentences are forms in non-fictional genres, how the authors build their arguments or how they tell stories in order to support their thesis or to explain certain phenomena.

RELEVANT

Originally, I wanted to choose books that focus on information science in particular. Soon I realized there are not many information science audiobooks out there. Nevertheless, all the above mentioned books - all listened via Audible - are relevant to my field of study. The following topics are tackled in the books I have read: information society, big data, information literacy, information ethics, disinformation, philosophy of information, artificial intelligence, and contemporary history.

I may say I have set a goal that was pretty smart (in every way) and that I have done a pretty good job.

Thank you for the occasion.