

For Your Ears Only Winter 2019 - 2020

Welcome to the latest edition of For Your Ears Only, packed with an abundance of titles to help you choose your next books, that will keep you company through the rest of the winter.

As we enter into the new year you may want to discover some different authors, so how about trying the two new books by cosy crime author T P Fielden, or what about Elaine Roberts with her first family saga book called “The Foyles Bookshop Girls”. Then there is a book to take a chance on in the form of “Little” by Edward Carey, a fictional account of the life of Madame Tussaud, or embark on a quest to find out more about the universe in “The Planets” by Brian Cox and Andrew Cohen.

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Happy reading from the Editorial Team

Emma Scott, Janet Connolly and Denise James

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RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

X - Denotes Sex, Violence or Strong Language

Time - Approximate listening time

All Books Available in the European Union and the UK

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Fiction 20TH CENTURY CLASSICS

13424 EVA TROUT

By Elizabeth Bowen

Narrator Clare Francis

Orphaned at a young age, Eva Trout has found a home of sorts with her former schoolteacher, Iseult Arbles. From a safe distance in London, her legal guardian, Constantine, assumes that all's well. But Eva's flighty, romantic nature hasn't entirely clicked with the Arbles household, and Eva is plotting to escape. When she sets out to disappear without a trace, she unwittingly leaves a paper trail for her various custodians—and all kinds of trouble—to follow.

Vintage; 1999

12hrs 0mins

13385 ALL OVER THE TOWN

By R F Delderfield

Narrator Terrence Hardiman

Nat Hearn came back from the War to be assistant editor and can carrier in chief of the Sandcome Clarion. R F Delderfield takes the lid off small town life, with a relish born of experience. He reveals the politicking and doubtful, but only too human motives that swirl round and through the sieve of a small local paper.

Hodder; 2012

9hrs 0mins

13363 CLEA

By Lawrence Durrell

Narrator Bob Rollett

The final volume of the 'Alexandria Quartet'. Darley returns to an Alexandria now caught by war-fever. The conflagration has its effect on his circle - on Nessim and Justine, Balthazar and Clea, Mountolive and Pombal.

Faber; 2012

11hrs 0mins

13358 MRS HARRIS GOES TO MOSCOW

By Paul Gallico

Narrator Kay Morrison

Responsible for cleaning the homes of the rich, Mrs Harris is a humble charlady with a knack for putting things in order wherever she goes. When, much to her surprise, she wins a trip for two beyond the Iron Curtain, she has no idea of the adventure that lies ahead of her.

Bloomsbury; 2012

6hrs 0mins

13429 FAME IS THE SPUR

By Howard Spring

Narrator Bob Rollett

Hamer Shawcross is a man who rises from the most humble of beginnings in Manchester and reaches the very top in politics in the era when the Labour Party was born after a great struggle. But he is a victim of his own success, and certainly one of the great characters of English literature, serving as a telling elegy for the Labour Party.

Apollo Library; 2017

28hrs 0mins

13472 THE CALL

By Edith Ayrton Zangwill

Narrator Judy Franklin

Written in 1924, this novel follows the personal story of a young woman scientist, through the course of historical events that dominated the women's suffrage movement in England, leading up to the outbreak and onset of the First World War.

Persephone; 2018

14hrs 30mins

ADVENTURE STORIES

13431 CRACKDOWN

By Bernard Cornwell

Narrator Edward Peel

Nick Breakspear thinks he's opted for the easy life. But acting as nursemaid for the idle rich aboard the luxury yacht Wavebreaker in the Bahamas does have its downside. Especially when you come across a bullet-ridden boat not far from the infamous drug baron's hideaway island of Murder Cay. Most people would turn a blind eye. But Nick Breakspear isn't most people...

Penguin; 2011

14hrs 0mins

13465 THE SOLOMON CURSE

By Clive Cussler & Russell Blake

Narrator Jeff Harding

In the blue waters of the Solomon Islands the ruins of an ancient city have lain undisturbed for centuries. But when treasure-hunting team Remi and Sam Fargo dive to investigate the city, they find more than ancient monuments and lost artefacts. And the closer Remi and Sam get to discovering the truth, the closer they come to being the curse's next victims...

Isis Audio Books; 2017

11hrs 40mins

13367 THE PERILS OF COMMAND

By David Donachie

Narrator Peter Wickham

1794. Fresh from battle in the Gulf of Ambracia, Lieutenant John Pearce travels to Naples to track down his lover, Emily Barclay. But upon finding her, Emily reveals astonishing news that will send her back to her brutish husband and Pearce's longstanding enemy, Captain Ralph Barclay. Book 12 of the series.

Soundings Audio; 2016

10hrs 30mins

13368 A TREACHEROUS COAST

By David Donachie

Narrator Peter Wickham

1796. Pearce and his wife Emily are living in Bath when Minister of War, Henry Dundas, suggests a second mission to the Vendee. Once at sea, however, Pearce and his crew encounter a French fleet and a battle ensues. Pearce, accompanied by his faithful Pelicans, must go ashore into dangerous territory to check the lay of the land and find the allies.... Book 13 of the series.

Soundings Audio; 2017

10hrs 30mins

13571 WHERE DEAD MEN MEET

By Mark Mills

Narrator Tim Bentinck

Paris, 1937. Luke Hamilton - a junior air intelligence officer at the British Embassy - finds himself the target of an assassination attempt. A clear case of mistaken identity, or so it first appears. As Luke is hunted across a continent sliding towards war, he comes to learn that the answers lie deep in a past that predates his abandonment as a baby on the steps of an orphanage 25 years ago.

Isis Audio Books; 2017

10hrs 30mins

13401 THE IBERIAN FLAME

By Julian Stockwin

Narrator Christian Rodska

1808. With the Peninsula in turmoil, Napoleon Bonaparte signs a treaty to dismember Portugal and put his brother, Joseph, on the throne of Spain. Thrust into the uprising, Captain Thomas Kydd comes up against an old foe from his past - now his superior and commander - who is determined to break him. Volume 20 of the series.

Lamplight Audio; 2018

12hrs 15mins

ANIMAL STORIES

13343 A CAT CALLED ALFIE

By Rachel Wells

Narrator Edward Killingback

Edgar Road used to be full of people who barely said a word to one another. Then Alfie came along - a big, grey ball of fur who changed the lives of every family he met and brought a community together. But now a new family has moved into Edgar Road, and they, more than anyone else, need Alfie's help. Can he bring light to their darkest times? Or is it already too late to stop them from falling apart?

HarperCollins; 2015

6hrs 30mins

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

13365 THE THIEF OF TIME

By John Boyne

Narrator Mike Duffin

Matthieu Zela's body stopped ageing before the end of the eighteenth century. Starting in 1758, his life story takes us from the French Revolution to 1920s' Hollywood, and by the end of the twentieth century, Matthieu has been an engineer, a rogue, a movie mogul, a soldier, a financier, a lover to many, and much more besides.

Black Swan; 2011

17hrs 0mins

13466 THE SUMMER SEASIDE KITCHEN

By Jenny Colgan

Narrator Sarah Barron

Flora is forced to move back to the tiny Scottish island of Mure from the bright lights of London. But even the beautiful landscapes and bright blue sea can't lift her spirits - she's too busy looking after her dad and her feckless brothers. Then she chances upon her mum's collection of recipes and begins to cook her way through it. As she reconnects with her family, and the place she was born, might she also find herself?

Isis Audio Books; 2017

10hrs 10mins

13409 PIGEON

By Alys Conran

Narrator Lisa Jen Brown

Lola and Pijin make up stories to test each other, stories of daring and adventure, of bad people and of Gwyn who drives his ice-cream van to their town every week. Gwyn is a dangerous man and Pijin knows it. Lola is not so sure. As they grow up and their friendship grows more complicated, some of their stories fall silent, but some will come true...

Clipper Audio; 2018

7hrs 45mins

13433 WILD DESIGNS

By Katie Fforde

Narrator Cathryn Henderson

Althea is saddled with a large house, a bossy sister and irksome ex-husband, but still manages to muddle through life - until she loses her job. Seeking solace in her greenhouse, Althea decides to develop her passion for gardening. And when she wins the opportunity to design a garden at the Chelsea Flower Show with the help of gorgeous architect Patrick Donahugh, it looks as though she may have unearthed a new man as well as a new career...

Arrow; 2003

12hrs 30mins

13408 HAPPINESS

By Aminatta Forna

Narrator Robin Miles

Waterloo Bridge, London. Two strangers collide. Attila, a Ghanaian psychiatrist, and Jean, an American studying the habits of urban foxes. From this chance encounter in the midst of the city, numerous moments of connections span out and interweave, bringing disparate lives together, as a deepening friendship between Attila and Jean unfolds.

Clipper Audio; 2018

13hrs 15mins

13506 THE PORPOISE

By Mark Haddon

Narrator Tim McInnery

A newborn baby is the sole survivor of a plane crash. She is raised in wealthy isolation by an overprotective father. She knows nothing of the rumours about a beautiful young woman, hidden from the world. When a suitor visits, he understands far more than he should. Forced to run for his life, he escapes aboard The Porpoise, an assassin on his tail... So begins a wild adventure, damp with salt spray, blood and tears.

Clipper Audio; 2019

10hrs 50mins

13436 I OWE YOU ONE

By Sophie Kinsella

Narrator Fiona Hardingham

Fixie Farr has always lived by her father's motto: "Family first." And since her dad passed away, leaving his charming housewares store in the hands of his wife and children, Fixie spends all her time picking up the slack from her siblings. But then Fixie's childhood crush, Ryan, comes back into her life. Does she have the courage to finally grab the life, and love, she really wants?

Random House Audio; 2019

12hrs 30mins

13435 MY (NOT SO) PERFECT LIFE

By Sophie Kinsella **Narrator Fiona Hardingham**

Everywhere Katie Brenner looks, someone else is living the life she longs for, particularly her boss, Demeter Farlowe. Then, just as she's finding her feet - not to mention a possible new romance - the worst happens. Demeter fires Katie. She retreats to her family's farm in Somerset and as the stakes for her future get higher, she must question her own assumptions about what makes for a truly meaningful life.

Random House Audio; 2017

12hrs 0mins

13569 YOU SAID FOREVER

By Susan Lewis **Narrator Julia Franklin**

Charlotte Goodman is living the dream. Surrounded by family, friends and a stunning vineyard overlooking the ocean, it would be difficult to believe that she has a troubled past. However, Charlotte begins to realise the enormity of something she did many years ago, and soon finds herself having to make the most harrowing decision any woman would ever have to face.

Isis Audio Books; 2017

9hrs 0mins

13539 JAZZ

By Toni Morrison **Narrator Lynne Thigpen**

It is 1926 and winter grips Harlem. Joe Trace shoots to death his lover, the impetuous 18-year-old Dorcas. At the funeral his determined, hardworking wife Violet tries to disfigure the corpse with a knife. Their story captures the complex humanity of black American urban life at that time.

Recorded Books; 1993

7hrs 45mins

13503 LANNY

By Max Porter

Narrator Miscellaneous

Not far from London, there is a village. This village belongs to England's mysterious past and its confounding present. It belongs to Mad Pete, the grizzled artist. To ancient Peggy, gossiping at her gate. To families dead for generations, and to those who have only recently moved here. But it also belongs to Dead Papa Toothwort who has woken from his slumber in the woods. Dead Papa Toothwort, who is listening to them all...

Clipper Audio; 2019

4hrs 15mins

13381 THE OLIVE TREE

By Lucinda Riley

Narrator Harry Whittaker

It has been twenty years since a young Helena spent a magical holiday in Cyprus, where she fell in love for the first time. When the now crumbling house, 'Pandora,' is left to her by her godfather, she returns to spend the summer there with her family. At the difficult age of thirteen, her son, Alex, is torn between protecting his mother and learning the truth about his real father. Both Helena and Alex know that life will never be the same, once Pandora's secrets have been revealed...

Clipper Audio; 2016

14hrs 0mins

13489 MY NAME WAS JUDAS

By C K Stead

Narrator James Murphy

We all know the story of Jesus told by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, but what about the version according to Judas? In this witty, original and teasingly controversial account, some forty years after the death of Jesus, Judas finally tells the story as he remembers it. His is a story of friendship and rivalry, endurance and loyalty.

Vintage; 2007

8hrs 0mins

13547 FAIRYTALE

By Danielle Steel

Narrator Luis Moreno

After graduating from Stanford, Camille Lammenais returns to Napa Valley to help manage Chateau Joy, her parents' renowned winery. Then, their fairytale suddenly ends with her mother's death. Six months later her father, Christophe, is easy prey for a mysterious, charming French countess visiting the valley. As Camille's world falls apart, it will take all of her strength to fight for her family's legacy.

Clipper Audio; 2019

9hrs 15mins

13379 REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

By Nina Stibbe

Narrator Gemma Whelan

Lizzie Vogel leaves her alcoholic mother and heads for Leicester to work for a racist, incompetent dentist, obsessed with joining the freemasons. Soon Lizzie is heading reluctantly into the murky depths of adult life: where her driving instructor becomes her best friend; her first boyfriend prefers birdwatching to sex, and; where independence for a teenage girl might just be another word for loneliness.

Penguin Audio; 2019

9hrs 15mins

13479 THE NICKEL BOYS

By Colson Whitehead

Narrator J D Jackson

As the Civil Rights movement begins to reach the black enclave of Frenchtown in segregated Tallahassee, Elwood Curtis is about to enroll in the local college. But for a black boy in the Jim Crow South of the early 1960s, one innocent mistake is enough to destroy the future. Based on the real story of a reform school in Florida that warped the lives of thousands of children.

Random House Audio; 2019

7hrs 0mins

COSY CRIME: GENTLE MYSTERIES

13444 AGATHA RAISIN AND THE DEAD RINGER

By M C Beaton

Narrator Penelope Keith

The bells of St. Ethelred church are the pride of the village of Thirk Magna, together with bell ringers, twins Mavis and Millicent Dupin. As the village gets ready for the Bishop's visit, the twins start bullying the other bell ringers, so much so that Joseph Kennell, a retired lawyer, yells that he 'felt like killing them'! When Millicent is found dead, suspicion falls onto the lawyer... Will Agatha unmask the real killer and clear Joseph's name?

Lamplight Audio; 2018

6hrs 30mins

13445 A QUARTER PAST DEAD

By T P Fielden

Narrator Eve Karpf

It's the 1950s in Temple Regis, Devon. For Miss Judy Dimont, reporter for the local rag, it is all a trifle dull. But one morning a woman is shot dead in one of Buntorama's holiday huts. Judy and her trusty moped, Herbert, are off like a shot to survey the scene of the crime. To have a story to write, Judy must solve the case - and she will leave no pebble unturned until the truth is out!

Lamplight Audio; 2018

8hrs 30mins

13499 RESORT TO MURDER

By T P Fielden

Narrator Eve Karpf

A beautiful beach in Devon is turned into a crime scene when an unidentifiable body is found there. For Miss Dimont this is a case of paramount interest, and the perfect introduction for her young new recruit Valentine. When a second death occurs, can the two possibly be connected?

Lamplight Audio; 2018

9hrs 45mins

13476 DEATH IN BAYSWATER

By Linda Stratmann

Narrator Pauline Beale

London 1881: Panic reigns in Bayswater as a ruthless murderer prowls the foggy streets of the capital. It is not a suitable investigation for a lady detective, but when a friend falls victim to the killer's knife, Frances Doughty is drawn into this sinister new case. Myth and reality collide in a thrilling mystery that will stretch Frances' powers of deduction - and her courage - to the limit.

The History Press; 2016

12hrs 0mins

13296 WALK WITH CARE

By Patricia Wentworth

Narrator Judy Franklin

Young Jeremy Ware is suspected of stealing important papers, and Colonel Garrett of the Secret Service consults Benbow Smith about it. Even Rosalind Denny, still grieving for her late husband, suspects Jeremy. But when the young man, trying to exonerate himself, meets a beautiful sleepwalker in a cellar, matters quickly progress to a case of murder...

Dean Street Press; 2016

11hrs 0mins

DETECTIVE & MYSTERY STORIES

13567 THE DEAD HOUSE

By Harry Bingham

Narrator Siriol Jenkins

When the body of a young woman is found in the annexe of a church where the dead were stored before burial in medieval times, it seems that past and present have come together in a bizarre and horrifying way. DC Fiona Griffith's investigations lead her to a secretive monastery in a remote valley.

Oakhill Audio; 2017

3hrs 30mins

13421 THE HOUSE AT BAKER STREET

By Michelle Birkby

Narrator Anna Bentinck

When Sherlock Holmes turns down the case of persecuted Laura Shirley, Mrs Hudson and Mary Watson resolve to take on the investigation themselves. From the kitchen of 221b, the two women begin their inquiries and enlist the assistance of the Baker Street Irregulars and the infamous Irene Adler. As they put together the pieces of an increasingly complex puzzle, the investigation becomes bigger than either of them could ever have imagined.

Isis Audio Books; 2016

9hrs 0mins

13293 WYCLIFFE AND DEATH IN STANLEY STREET

By W J Burley

Narrator Pat Steadman

A young girl is found dead in a house on Stanley Street, a dubious cul-de-sac just off the busy main road in a West Country port. And the victim, found naked and strangled in her bed is, a prostitute. The local inspector believes it is just another sex crime, but for Chief Superintendent Wycliffe it's just the start of a complex puzzle which he must unravel...

Orion; 2003

8hrs 0mins

13528 THE WINGS OF THE SPHINX

By Andrea Camilleri

Narrator Daniel Philpott

When the body of a young woman is found in a dump, a tattoo of a sphinx moth on her shoulder links her with three other missing girls bearing the same mark. All victims of an underworld sex trade, these girls had been rescued by a Catholic charity organization. But as his investigation progresses, it seems that not everyone wants Inspector Montalbano to discover what really lies behind the organisation's charitable façade.

Oakhill Audio; 2012

6hrs 0mins

13347 THE BURNING

By Jane Casey

Narrator Miscellaneous

The media call him The Burning Man, a brutal murderer who has beaten four young women to death, before setting their bodies ablaze in secluded areas of London's parks. Maeve Kerrigan is an ambitious detective constable, keen to make her mark on the murder task force. But how do you catch a killer no one has seen? And when so much of the evidence they leave behind has gone up in smoke?

Isis Audio Books; 2011

15hrs 10mins

13419 THE RECKONING

By Jane Casey

Narrator Paul Thornley

To the public, he's a hero: a killer who targets convicted paedophiles. Two men are already dead and even the police don't regard the cases as a priority. But to DC Maeve Kerrigan, no one should be allowed to take the law into their own hands. When the killer's violence begins to escalate, she is forced to confront exactly how far she's prepared to go to ensure justice is served...

Isis Audio Books; 2011

15hrs 20mins

13544 THE AXEMAN'S JAZZ

By Ray Celestin

Narrator Christopher Ragland

New Orleans, 1919. A dark serial killer - The Axeman - stalks the city, and three individuals set out to unmask him. As Michael, Luca and Ida each draw closer to discovering the killer's identity, the Axeman himself will issue a challenge to the people of New Orleans: play jazz or risk becoming the next victim. And as the case builds to its crescendo, the sky will darken and a great storm will loom over the city...

Clipper Audio; 2015

13hrs 30mins

13298 THE WILD ISLAND: A MYSTERY

By Antonia Fraser

Narrator Grace Dives

The body of a young man has been found floating in a pool on a remote island in the Scottish Highlands. It just happens to be the island that TV reporter Jemima Shore has rented for a holiday - a holiday that is rapidly falling apart. Confronted with a foreboding stone house, a bitter family feud and cryptic warnings from locals Jemima begins to regret her choice.

W W Norton; 1980

7hrs 0mins

13370 O IS FOR OUTLAW

By Sue Grafton

Narrator Liza Ross

Kinsey's never been one for personal possessions, but curiosity wins out when she finds, amid some recovered childhood memorabilia, an old undelivered letter. It will force her to re-examine her beliefs about the break-up of her first marriage, about the honour of her first husband, about an old unsolved murder. And it will put her life in the gravest peril...

Isis Audio Books; 2009

11hrs 0mins

13467 P IS FOR PERIL

By Sue Grafton

Narrator Liza Ross

Dr Dowan Purcell has been missing for nine weeks when Kinsey Malone is asked to investigate his disappearance. With no known enemies and a happy family life, the police are baffled. But it was his ex-wife Fiona who called in Kinsey, and despite her instinct to refuse, she takes the case on - a decision she would live to regret....

Isis Audio Books; 2001

13hrs 15mins

13496 KILLING FOR KEEPS

By Mari Hannah

Narrator Janine Birkett

Two brothers from the same criminal family die within hours of each other, five miles apart. Both victims have suffered horrific injuries. Who wanted them dead? Will they kill again? Investigating these brutal and bloody killings leads maverick cop, DCI Kate Daniels, to break some rules, putting her career, as well as her life, on the line.

Magna Story Sound; 2014

11hrs 0mins

13458 GAME OVER

By Cynthia Harrod-Eagles

Narrator Terry Wale

The murder of any journalist is bound to whip the media into a frenzy. So when ex-BBC correspondent Ed Stonax is found dead, the last thing Detective Inspector Bill Slider needs is the reappearance of an old enemy issuing death threats. Trevor Bates, aka The Needle, is on the loose and trying to kill him. With a high-profile murder to solve, he must try to find a spare moment to marry Joanna before their baby is born, and also to stay alive long enough to see it through...

Soundings Audio; 2008

9hrs 30mins

13469 BLACKWATER

By James Henry

Narrator Simon Mattacks

January 1983, Blackwater Estuary. A new year brings a new danger to the Essex shoreline. An illicit shipment, bound for Colchester - 100 kilograms of powder that will accelerate tensions in the historic town, and leave its own murderous trace. DI Nicholas Lowry, and his team at Colchester CID must now develop a tolerance to one another, and show their own substance, to save Britain's oldest settlement from a new, unsettling enemy.

Isis Audio Books; 2017

11hrs 20mins

13453 GENTLY THROUGH THE MILL

By Alan Hunter

Narrator Andrew Wincott

When petty crook Steinie Taylor turns up dead at a country bakery, Inspector Gently has to figure out not only how he got there, but also why his prime suspects all appear to have a dark secret to hide. Why had the deceased villain and his two friends been spending money like it was going out of fashion? The investigation becomes even more sinister when one of Taylor's cronies is also found dead.

Magna Story Sound; 2013

6hrs 30mins

13441 NO WAY OUT

By Cara Hunter

Narrator Cara Hunter & Lee Ingleby

It's one of the most disturbing cases DI Fawley has ever worked. Two children have been pulled from their burning home in Oxford. The toddler is dead, and his brother is fighting for his life. Why were they left in the house alone? Where is their mother, and why is their father not answering his phone? Then new evidence is discovered, and DI Fawley's worst nightmare comes true. Because this fire wasn't an accident. It was murder...

Penguin Audio; 2019

10hrs 30mins

13517 BEYOND REACH

By Graham Hurley

Narrator Tim Pepper

Past midnight, a horribly mutilated body is found on a road in Portsmouth. The victim has been killed in a hit-and-run. On the evidence, DI Faraday's latest case seems cut and dried; the dead man had been responsible for the bullying and murder of a boy from his estate. But there's a world of deeper hurt that no-one expected, coming out of the darkness surrounding the investigation..

Isis Audio Books; 2016

13hrs 20mins

13359 SHROUD FOR A NIGHTINGALE

By P D James

Narrator Clare Francis

The young women of Nightingale House are there to learn to nurse and comfort the suffering. But when one of the students plays patient in a demonstration of nursing skills, she is horribly, brutally killed. When another student dies equally mysteriously, it is up to Adam Dalgliesh to unmask a killer who has decided to prescribe murder as the cure for all ills.

Faber & Faber; 2010

12hrs 30mins

13378 THINGS IN JARS

By Jess Kidd

Narrator Jacqueline Milne

London, 1863. Bridie Devine, the finest female detective of her age, is taking on her toughest case yet. Christabel Berwick has been kidnapped. But Christabel is no ordinary child. She is not supposed to exist. As Bridie fights to recover the stolen child she enters a world of fanatical anatomists, crooked surgeons and mercenary showmen.

Clipper Audio; 2019

11hrs 15mins

13392 TIME OF FLIGHT

By A C Koning

Narrator Richard Simpson

It is 1931, and the world has taken to the air: for blind War Veteran Frederick Rowlands, the craze for flying holds little interest - after all, he is never likely to set foot in an aeroplane... But then a chance meeting with a famous flier draws him into the glamorous - and dangerous - world of aviation, and he finds himself caught up in a web of suspicion, jealous rivalry, sexual betrayal, and murder.

Arbuthnot; 2016

11hrs 30mins

13442 HOSTAGE TO MURDER

By Val McDermid

Narrator Caroline Guthrie

Spraining an ankle is rarely a stroke of luck, but for Lindsay Gordon the injury is her introduction to freelance journalist Rory McLaren. When a local car-dealer's stepson is kidnapped, Lindsay and Rory are invited to trade journalism for detection. But it soon becomes clear that they have stumbled into a bigger, more violent piece of business than either of them could have guessed – and one which will test Lindsay to her absolute limits.

Avid Audio; 2018

8hrs 45mins

13486 THE QUAKER

By Liam McIlvanney

Narrator Angus King

Glasgow, 1969. A serial killer is stalking the streets: the Quaker. He takes his third victim - from the same nightclub - and dumps her in the street like rubbish. The police are left with no new leads and no hope of catching their prey. From ruined backstreets to the dark heart of Glasgow, DI McCormack follows a trail of secrets that will change the city - and his life - forever....

HarperCollins; 2018

11hrs 0mins

13505 ENOUGH ROPE

By Barbara Nadel

Narrator Paul Thornley

Private Investigator Lee Arnold and Superintendent Paul Venus are by no means friends, but when Venus' son is kidnapped, the Superintendent doesn't know who else to turn to. Arnold and his partner Mumtaz Hakim soon find themselves chasing leads into several of the East End's uneasily coexisting communities. The truth, however, is stranger and more dangerous than either of them could imagine.

Clipper Audio; 2015

10hrs 45mins

13403 POISONED GROUND

By Barbara Nadel

Narrator Paul Thornley

Ex-soldier Lee Arnold and his assistant Mumtaz Hakim run a detective agency in London's ethnically diverse, crime-ridden East End. Mumtaz is approached by an Egyptian woman, Salwa, whose husband is in Belmarsh Prison on terrorism charges. Salwa convinces Mumtaz of her husband's innocence and persuades her to go undercover to prove it. But Salwa is not what she seems. Trapped in an old tunnel that leads to the London docks, will Mumtaz escape with her life?

Clipper Audio; 2015

12hrs 45mins

13516 THE LEOPARD

By Jo Nesbo

Narrator Sean Barrett

In the depths of winter, a killer stalks the streets of Oslo. Two young women are found dead with inexplicable puncture wounds. Inspector Harry Hole has no intention of working on the case, but his instinct takes over when an MP is found brutally murdered. The victims appear unconnected, but it's not long before Harry makes a discovery: the women all spent the night in an isolated mountain hostel. And someone is picking off the guests one by one.

Isis Audio Books; 2011

19hrs 10mins

13451 #TAKEN

By Tony Parsons

Narrator Colin Mace

Book 6 of the Max Wolfe series. They thought they were kidnapping the mistress of one of London's most powerful gangsters. But they've taken the wrong woman. And crossed the wrong detective. Detective Max Wolfe's hunt for the missing woman takes him from New Scotland Yard's legendary Black Museum to the glittering mansions of career criminals, from sleazy strip joints to secret sex dungeons – and to unspeakably dark deeds committed decades ago.

Clipper Audio; 2019

8hrs 15mins

13518 THE 5TH HORSEMAN

By James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

Narrator Pat Starr

A young mother is recuperating in a top San Francisco hospital when suddenly she's gasping for breath. The call button fails to bring help in time. How and why did this happen? Lieutenant Lindsay Boxer discovers that this is not the hospital's first suspicious case. Other patients have taken unexpected and devastating turns for the worse, just as they're planning to go home. Are these just appalling coincidences? Or is a maniac playing God with people's lives?

Isis Audio Books; 2006

8hrs 0mins

13348 15TH AFFAIR

By James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

Narrator January Lavoy

Detective Lindsay Boxer is on the case of a multiple murder in a luxury hotel – a man who checked in under a false name, a man and a woman in a room full of surveillance equipment, and a maid who saw too much are all dead. The murders are all clearly linked and professionally executed. But what is the motive behind it all? Lindsay will need to risk everything she has to find out.

Random House Audio; 2016 7hrs 30mins

13349 16TH SEDUCTION

By James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

Narrator January Lavoy

As Detective Lindsay Boxer grapples with her personal life, a wave of mysterious heart attacks strikes across San Francisco, killing seemingly unrelated victims. Is it just chance – or is something more sinister at work? At the same time, a maniac bomber captured by Lindsay is on trial – and his defence raises damning questions about Lindsay's investigation. Before long, Lindsay faces the prospect of her being the one on trial...

Random House Audio; 2017 8hrs 0mins

13350 17TH SUSPECT

By James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

Narrator January Lavoy

A series of shootings exposes San Francisco to a methodical yet unpredictable killer, and a reluctant woman decides to put her trust in Detective Lindsay Boxer. The confidential informant's tip leads Lindsay to disturbing conclusions, including something that has gone horribly wrong inside the police department itself.

Random House Audio; 2017 7hrs 0mins

13346 TARGET: ALEX CROSS

By James Patterson

Narrator Andre Blake

A sniper's bullet strikes a devastating blow to the heart of Washington with the assassination of a prominent senator. The President calls on Alex Cross to lead an FBI investigation to help capture America's most wanted criminal. The stakes have never been higher as his courage, training and his capacity for battle are stretched to their limits in the most important case of his life.

Hachette Audio; 2018 9hrs 30mins

13345 TEXAS RANGER

By James Patterson & Andrew Bouelle

Narrator Christopher Ragland

Rory Yates's commitment to the badge has seen him rise through the ranks in the Texas Ranger division, but it came at a cost – his marriage. When he receives a worrying phone call from his ex-wife, Anne, Rory arrives to a horrifying crime scene and a scathing accusation: he is now a suspect in Anne's murder. Rory's only choice is to find the killer himself. He risks his job, his pride, his reputation among everyone he loves to pursue the truth.

Random House Audio; 2018 7hrs 0hrs

13418 A GREAT RECKONING

By Louise Penny

Narrator Adam Sims

When a professor of the Surete Academy is found murdered, with a mysterious map of Three Pines in his possession, Chief Inspector Gamache has a tough task ahead of him. But when suspicion turns to Gamache himself, and his possible involvement in the crime, the frantic search for answers takes the investigation to the village of Three Pines, where a series of shattering secrets are poised to be revealed...

Isis Audio Books; 2016

13hrs 10mins

13521 SEA OF STONE

By Michael Ridpath

Narrator Sean Barrett

Iceland, 2010: Called to investigate a suspected homicide in a remote farmstead, Constable Páll is surprised to find that Sergeant Magnus Jonson is already at the scene. The victim? Magnus's estranged grandfather. But it quickly becomes apparent that the crime scene has been tampered with, and before long, Magnus is arrested. Can Magnus prove his innocence and get to the heart of the twisted secrets that blighted his childhood?

Isis Audio Books; 2014

10hrs 15mins

13493 A MAIGRET CHRISTMAS: AND OTHER STORIES

By Georges Simenon

Narrator David Hobbs

It is Christmas in Paris, but beneath the sparkling lights and glittering decorations lie sinister deeds and dark secrets... This collection brings together three of Simenon's most enjoyable Christmas tales featuring Inspector Maigret and other characters from the Maigret novels.

Penguin Books; 2018

5hrs 0mins

13501 THE RESISTANCE MAN

By Martin Walker

Narrator Peter Noble

Bruno, Chief of Police, is dealing with a wave of burglaries. The victims include the recently retired head of Britain's Joint Intelligence Committee, which brings old flame Isabelle back to St Denis. The next burglary ends in murder: the victim's bludgeoned body found by his lover - the prime suspect...He must now trace the links between past and present to restore peace in St Denis.

Jammer Audio; 2013

10hrs 15mins

13373 FROST AT CHRISTMAS

By R D Wingfield

Narrator Stephen Thorne

It is ten days before Christmas and Detective Inspector Jack Frost is assigned to the disappearance of a missing child. In typically unorthodox style, and characteristic rashness, assisted and annoyed by his new sidekick, the Chief Constable's nephew Detective Constable Clive Barnard, he launches into the case. But when they unearth an ancient skeleton and the fresh corpse of a bank employee turns up, Frost is also drawn into an unsolved bank robbery from an almost forgotten past. His method - to risk first his career, and then his life...

Isis Audio Books; 2014

8hrs 45mins

EROTIC FICTION

13344 X THE MISTER

By E L James

Narrator Jessica O'Hara-Baker

London, 2019. Life has been easy for Maxim Trevelyan. With his good looks, aristocratic connections, and money, he's never had to work and he's rarely slept alone. But all that changes when tragedy strikes and Maxim inherits his family's noble title, wealth, and estates, and all the responsibility that it entails. It's a role he's not prepared for and one that he struggles to face... X rated, explicit sexual content.

Random House Audio; 2019 16hrs 30mins

FAMILY SAGAS

13462 THE MISTRESS OF WINDFELL MANOR

By Diane Allen

Narrator Anne Dover

Charlotte Booth lives with her father in Crummockdale. When Joseph Dawson enters their lives, both Charlotte and her father decide he's the man for her and, within months, Charlotte marries the dashing mill owner from Accrington. But when his business becomes bankrupt, it becomes apparent that Joseph is not the man he pretends to be. Heavily pregnant, penniless and heartbroken, Charlotte is forced to face the reality that life may never be the same again . . .

Soundings Audio; 2016 10hrs 0mins

13459 LAVENDER ROAD

By Helen Carey

Narrator Annie Aldington

World War II has begun and the evacuation of Dunkirk approaches. The nation braces itself for war, but the residents of Lavender Road are dealing with troubles of their own. As the threat of a German invasion looms, the lives of the women on this south London street are about to change for ever...

Soundings Audio; 2016

15hrs 30mins

13456 THE BUFFER GIRLS

By Margaret Dickinson

Narrator Anne Dover

It is 1920 in the Derbyshire dales. The Ryan family are adjusting to life now that the war is over. Walter has returned home a broken man and so it falls to his son and daughter, Josh and Emily, to keep the family candle-making business going. Then Emily finds employment as a Buffer Girl, polishing cutlery at a local factory. But, as time goes on, problems and even dangers arise that the Ryan family could not possibly have foreseen.

Soundings Audio; 2016

11hrs 30mins

13375 THE CLIPPIE GIRLS

By Margaret Dickinson

Narrator Julia Franklin

Rose and Myrtle Sylvester look up to their older sister, Peggy. She is the sensible, reliable one in the household, but when war is declared in 1939 they must face the hardships together and huge changes in their lives are inevitable. For Rose, there is the chance to fulfil her dream of becoming a clippie on Sheffield's trams like Peggy. But for Myrtle, the studious, clever one in the family, war may shatter her ambitions.

Soundings Audio; 2013

13hrs 0mins

13566 THE BLACKSMITH'S WIFE

By Anne Doughty

Narrator Caroline Lennon

County Armagh, 1845. Young Sarah Hamilton's happiness is strengthened by the steady love of her husband John, the local blacksmith and the beautiful landscape of her home on Drumilly Hill. But when tragedy strikes, her life is changed forever. As the crops across Ireland begin to fail, Sarah isn't the only one enduring hardships. Along with her neighbours, Sarah lives through loss and disappointment, but ultimately discovers courage, love and the longevity of hope.

Soundings Audio; 2016

9hrs 0mins

13411 THE GIRL BELOW STAIRS

By Jennie Felton

Narrator Gordon Griffin

Edie Cooper works for the powerful Fairley family as maid to Lady Elizabeth's adopted daughter Christina. Christina asks for her help in uncovering the mystery of her true parentage. But someone in the grand house will stop at nothing to keep the long-buried secrets hidden. Will Edie be able to protect Christina? And will she find her own path to happiness?

Soundings Audio; 2016

14hrs 30mins

13463 A SISTER'S DUTY

By June Francis

Narrator Sue Jenkins

Rosie Kilshaw is only 15 when her mother Violet is killed in a tragic accident. As the oldest of her siblings, she vows to keep her family together, no matter what the sacrifice. Rosie quickly realises that there is a lot more to parenting than she first thought. And when her estranged aunt Amelia decides to take them in, she will have a difficult choice to make...

Oakhill Audio; 2016

12hrs 0mins

13460 CELEBRATIONS IN BURRACOMBE

By Lilian Harry

Narrator Anne Dover

It's the late 1950s and change is in the air. For the Napier family, up at the big house, the old ways are shifting. Hilary must discover if a chance of happiness means breaking away from the life expected of her, while Patsy, their young housekeeper's help, is facing motherhood without her own family around her. Down the hill, change comes to the village school and the Tozer family continue to find surprises in their midst.

Soundings Audio; 2014

13hrs 30mins

13526 ELM TREE ROAD

By Anna Jacobs

Narrator Nicolette McKenzie

After being driven from home by their brutal father, the Willett sisters find themselves facing heartache in the wider world. Nell leaves home to be with her lover, Cliff, but when tragedy strikes, she must build a new life for herself. Will Nell find happiness, or is she too damaged by her past to let herself love again? Book 2 of 'The Wiltshire Girls'

Soundings Audio; 2016

10hrs 0mins

13399 THE GIRL BY THE RIVER

By Sheila Jeffries

Narrator Charlotte Strevens

Moments after she is born, Tessa Barcussy is branded as 'trouble'. Her father Freddie encounters a Romany Gypsy who makes a chilling prediction about Tessa's destiny. Sensitive and rebellious, Tessa grows up a misfit, difficult to handle and disruptive. Will the words of the Romany Gypsy come true? Or will they empower Tessa to finally become the person she was born to be?

Magna Story Sound; 2016

11hrs 0mins

13507 BEFORE I MET YOU

By Lisa Jewell

Narrator Jane Collingwood

London, 1920. Arlette works in Liberty by day, and by night is caught up in a glamorous whirl of parties, cocktails and jazz. But when tragedy strikes she flees the city, never to return. Years later, in the '90s, her granddaughter Betty arrives in London, hoping to find a mysterious woman named in her grandmother's will. But her search will uncover the heartbreaking secret that changed her grandmother's life, and might also change hers for ever...

Clipper Audio; 2012

15hrs 0mins

13376 THUNDER IN THE SKY

By Molly Lefebure

Narrator Annie Aldington

In the summer of 1942, Lorna Washbourne says goodbye to her beloved home in the East Anglian countryside, which is about to be demolished to make way for a new airfield. War brings with it great change and Lorna and her friends find themselves called up to serve. And before long, she is drawn into the life of the airfield and its crews who fly their perilous bombing missions in preparation for D-Day...

Soundings Audio; 2014

18hrs 0mins

13475 BIRMINGHAM ROSE

By Annie Murray

Narrator Maggie Stokes

Life is bleak for Rose Lucas, a spirited, intelligent girl, born into a large family in the slums of pre-war Birmingham. But her friendship with Diana, daughter of a vicar from middle-class Moseley, gives her hope. She learns to aspire to a different kind of existence, vowing never to become a child-bearing drudge like her mother. Life, however, never follows the way of dreams...

Pan; 2017

16hrs 0mins

13452 OUTCAST CHILD

By Kitty Neale

Narrator Annie Aldington

Daisy Bacon has a happy life until tragedy strikes and her mother is killed in a devastating accident. Blaming herself, Daisy retreats into a world of silence, unable to utter a word. When her father remarries, the family home becomes unbearable at the mercy of cruel stepmother Vera. But when shocking truths about Vera come to light, could it bring the possibility of a fresh start for Daisy?

Magna Story Sound; 2005 11hrs 0mins

13443 THE FOYLES BOOKSHOP GIRLS

By Elaine Roberts

Narrator Louise Amos

London, 1914: one ordinary day, three girls arrive for work at London's renowned Foyles bookshop. But when war with Germany is declared their lives will never be the same again... Alice, Victoria and Molly couldn't be more different and yet they share a friendship that stems back to their childhood – a friendship that provides everyday solace from the tribulations and heartbreak of war.

Lamplight Audio; 2018 10hrs 0mins

13575 WAIT TILL SUMMER

By Grace Thompson

Narrator Anne Cater

In 1939, evacuees arrive in the small Welsh seaside town of St David's Wells. When Eirlys Price convinces her parents to take in three young children, she never imagined it could lead to shocking family revelations which threaten all her future plans. Amidst the challenges of wartime, the community must pull together and wait until summer, when the town will come alive in all its seasonal glory...

Isis Audio Books; 2012 10hrs 30mins

FANTASY FICTION

13422 MOVING PICTURES

By Terry Pratchett

Narrator Nigel Planer

The alchemists of the Discworld have discovered the magic of the silver screen. But what is the dark secret of Holy Wood hill? It's up to Victor Tugelbend ('Can't sing. Can't dance. Can handle a sword a little') and Theda Withel ('I come from a little town you've probably never heard of') to find out.... 10th book of the Discworld series.

Isis Audio Books; 2002

10hrs 15mins

13390 THE SCIENCE OF DISCWORLD II: THE GLOBE

By Terry Pratchett

Narrator Fred Parker

In this continuing Terry Pratchett story (with intervening chapters from Jack Cohen and Ian Stewart) our authors join forces again to see just what happens when the wizards meddle with history, in a battle against the elves for the future of humanity on Earth. Continued from 13199.

Ebury; 2003

13hrs 0mins

13524 WITCHES ABROAD

By Terry Pratchett

Narrator Nigel Planer

How difficult could it be to make sure that a servant girl doesn't marry a prince? For the witches Granny Weatherwax, Nanny Ogg and Magrat Garlick, things are never simple. For one thing, all they've got is Mrs Gogol's voodoo, a one-eyed cat and a second-hand magic wand that can only do pumpkins. And they're up against the malignant power of the Godmother herself, who has made Destiny an offer it can't refuse. Book 12 of the Discworld series

Isis Audio Books; 2004

8hrs 20mins

13412 THE BONE SEASON

By Samantha Shannon

Narrator Alana Kerr

The year is 2059. Paige Mahoney is a dreamwalker, a clairvoyant, and in the world of Scion, her natural talents are considered treasonous. Snatched away to a secret prison, she encounters another race, the Rephaim, creatures who wish to control the powers of Paige and those like her. One in particular will be assigned as her keeper, her trainer. But if Paige wants to regain her freedom, she must allow herself to be nurtured in this prison where she is meant to die.

Brilliance Audio; 2013

15hrs 0mins

GENERAL FICTION

13538 THE NEWCOMER

By Fern Britton

Narrator Laura Kirman

The community of the Cornish village of Pendruggan gather to say a fond farewell to parish vicar Simon, but a newcomer causes quite a stir. Reverend Angela Whitehorn came to Cornwall to make a difference. With her husband, Robert, she sets about making changes – although it seems not everyone is happy for her to shake things up. But with faith and friends by your side, even the most unlikely of new beginnings is possible.

Jammer Audio; 2019

10hrs 15mins

13356 THE SMOKE JUMPER

By Nicholas Evans

Narrator Judy Le Besque

The fire started with a single shaft of lightning. Connor Ford, the Smoke Jumper, braves the flames to save the woman he loves but cannot have. In the wake of the fire, Connor, reckless of a life he no longer wants, dares death to take him, until another fateful day on another continent, when he must walk through fire again ...

Sphere; 2011

15hrs 0mins

13294 THE LAZARUS PROJECT

By Aleksandar Hemon

Narrator David Hobbs

On 2 March 1908, Lazarus Averbuch, a young Russian Jewish immigrant to Chicago, tried to deliver a letter to the city's Chief of Police. He was shot dead. It was claimed he was an agent of foreign operatives who wanted to bring the United States to its knees. A century later, two friends become obsessed with the truth about Lazarus and decide to travel to his birthplace. As the stories intertwine, a world emerges in which everything and nothing has changed . . .

Picador; 2009

9hrs 0mins

13361 MANSFIELD: A NOVEL

By C K Stead

Narrator Angela Holland

Spanning three years in the life of the writer Katherine Mansfield during the First World War, this novel follows the ups and downs of her relationship with Jack Middleton Murry and her struggle to write the "new kind of fiction" which she felt the times demanded.

Vintage; 2011

8hrs 0mins

HISTORICAL FICTION

13525 THE DRESSMAKER'S SECRET

By Charlotte Betts

Narrator Charlotte Strevens

Italy, 1819. Emilia Barton and her mother Sarah live a nomadic existence, travelling from town to town as itinerant dressmakers to escape their past. When they settle in the idyllic coastal town of Pesaro, Emilia desperately hopes that, this time, they have found a permanent home. But when Sarah is brutally attacked by an unknown assailant, a deathbed confession turns Emilia's world upside down...

Soundings Audio; 2017

13hrs 0mins

13391 LITTLE

By Edward Carey

Narrator Hilary Spiers

In 1761, a tiny, odd-looking girl named Marie is born in a village in Switzerland. After the death of her parents, she is apprenticed to an eccentric wax sculptor and whisked off to Revolutionary Paris. Here they convert an abandoned monkey house into an exhibition hall for wax heads, and the spectacle becomes a sensation, and 'Little' transforms herself into the legendary Madame Tussaud.

Aardvark; 2018

12hrs 30mins

13371 THE TIME OF SINGING

By Elizabeth Chadwick

Narrator Peter Wickham

The young Roger Bigod, heir to the earldom of Norfolk, arrives at Henry II's court to wrestle his inheritance from the arms of his half-brothers. While there, he encounters the pretty and gentle Ida de Tosney, young mistress to the King. They begin a careful courtship, but the King's anger soon catches them up. Forced into a corner, Ida's decision will carry an agonising price.

Soundings Audio; 2009

16hrs 0mins

13461 TO DEFY A KING

By Elizabeth Chadwick

Narrator Patience Tomlinson

Mahelt Marshal is the privileged daughter of one of the most powerful men in England. But her life changes dramatically when her father is suspected of treachery by King John. Her brothers become hostages and Mahelt is married to Hugh Bigod, heir to the earldom of Norfolk. Adapting to her new life is hard, but Mahelt comes to love Hugh deeply. However, when King John sets out to subdue the Bigods, Mahelt faces a heart-breaking battle, fearing neither she, nor her marriage, will be likely to survive the outcome....

Soundings Audio; 2010

17hrs 30mins

13446 DARK QUEEN RISING

By Paul Doherty

Narrator Ric Jerrom

London, 1471. The War of the Roses rages on. Margaret Beaufort - mother of Henry Tudor, the only hope for the House of Lancaster - knows her enemies are closing in. Desperate for help she turns to Christopher Urswicke for protection. But when ruthless scheming and pitiless killings are the only routes to survival, Urswicke will have to choose where his loyalties truly lie.

Jammer Audio; 2019

10hrs 30mins

13423 THE DEATH OF ROBIN HOOD

By Angus Donald

Narrator Mike Rogers

In the wake of Magna Carta, King John's treachery is revealed and the barons have risen against him. Fighting with them is the Earl of Locksley - the former outlaw Robin Hood - and his right-hand man Sir Alan Dale. When the French enter the fray, Robin and Alan must decide where their loyalties lie: with those who would destroy the king and seize his realm or with the beloved land of their birth.

Isis Audio Books; 2016

13hrs 0mins

13449 SHADOWPLAY

By Joseph O'Connor

Narrator Anna Chancellor

1878: The Lyceum Theatre, London. Three extraordinary people begin their life together. Henry Irving is the volcanic leading man and impresario; Ellen Terry is the most lauded actress of her generation, and following along behind them is the unremarkable theatre manager, Bram Stoker. Bram is wrestling with dark demons in a new city and as he walks the London streets at night, streets haunted by the Ripper and the gossip which swirls around his friend Oscar Wilde, he finds new inspiration...

Clipper Audio; 2019

11hrs 45mins

13413 THE HORSEMAN

By Tim Pears

Narrator Jonathan Keeble

1911. In a forgotten valley in Somerset, twelve-year-old Leopold Sercombe is helping his father, a carter, to break a colt. A boy dressed in a Homburg, breeches and riding boots appears, but peering under the stranger's hat, Leo discovers Miss Charlotte, the Master's daughter. And so begins a friendship between the children, bound by a deep love of horses, but divided by rigid social boundaries – boundaries that become increasingly difficult to navigate as they approach adolescence.

Isis Audio Books; 2018

7hrs 40mins

13366 SILENT IN THE GRAVE

By Deanna Raybourn Narrator Elizabeth Goodrich

For Lady Julia Grey, her husband's sudden death at a dinner party is extremely inconvenient. However, things take a turn for the worse when inscrutable private investigator Nicholas Brisbane reveals that the death was not due to natural causes. Drawn away from her comfortable, conventional life, Julia is exposed to threatening notes, secret societies and gypsy curses, not to mention Nicholas' charismatic unpredictability.

MIRA; 2007

14hrs 0mins

13494 THE PARFIT KNIGHT

By Stella Riley Narrator Elizabeth Goodrich

The Marquis of Amberley is forced to take shelter at Oakleigh Manor when his coach is waylaid by highwaymen. It is the home of beautiful Rosalind Vernon who lives alone but for her devoted servants, cut off from the outside world by the tragic result of a childhood accident. On his return to London, the Marquis persuades Rosalind's brother, Philip, to bring her to town for a taste of society. But Amberley is haunted by a dark and terrible secret which may cause him to lose Rosalind forever.

CreateSpace; 2015

9hrs 0mins

13527 THE COUNCIL OF THE CURSED

By Peter Tremayne Narrator Caroline Lennon

AD 670. Sister Fidelma and her faithful companion, Brother Eadulf, have been called to Autun to act as advisors to the Irish delegation of church leaders from Western Europe. But when the body of one of the delegates is found with his skull brutally smashed, they find themselves in the middle of a terrifying murder investigation.

Oakhill Audio; 2009

12hrs 0mins

HUMOUROUS FICTION

13315 PRATT OF THE ARGUS

By David Nobbs

Narrator Paul Vates

Henry Pratt, back home from National Service, is a man at last. Eager to prove it, he is thrown in at the deep end in his chosen profession - cub reporter on the Thurmarsh Evening Argus. Nothing ever goes quite right for Henry. So when the scoop of a lifetime finally comes his way it threatens to upset his family and complicate further his ever-hopeful love life.

Arrow; 2013

15hrs 0mins

LOVE STORIES

13369 LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

By Diane Allen

Narrator Janine Birkett

From birth, Polly Harper seems destined for tragedy. Raised by her loving grandparents on Paradise Farm she is unknowingly tangled in a web of secrecy regarding her parentage. Her grandparents send her to work in a dairy, where she becomes instantly drawn to the handsome Matt Dinsdale, propelling her into the depths of forbidden romance and dark family secrets.

Soundings Audio; 2016

10hrs 0mins

13384 THE BLESSED CHILD

By Rosie Goodwin **Narrator Charlie Sanderson**

After their mother is killed, Nessie Carson will do anything to keep her family together. When they are evicted from their Nuneaton home, she and her brothers and sisters take on jobs as live-in assistants to a local undertaker. But even in the darkest of times, and saddest of places, when you're as spirited as Nessie, there is light, love and the promise of happiness - if you're only brave enough to search for it ...

Clipper Audio; 2018

12hrs 30mins

13374 CHERRY TREE LANE

By Anna Jacobs **Narrator Nicolette McKenzie**

Wiltshire, 1910. With her stepfather threatening her with a forced marriage, Mattie Willitt flees home. But lost and at the mercy of the elements, her life is saved by Jacob, a widower who takes her in and nurses her back to health. The pair soon grow close, but when pressure is put upon them to marry, and Mattie's stepfather discovers her whereabouts, they must face their fears and stand up to those who threaten their future happiness.

Soundings Audio; 2011

9hrs 30mins

13269 THE FRENCH GARDENER

By Santa Montefiore **Narrator Pauline Beale**

When Miranda and David move out of London into a beautiful country house with an idyllic garden, the reality turns out to be very different from their bucolic dream, and the latent unhappiness in the family begins to come to the surface. Then a mysterious Frenchman arrives on their doorstep. With the wisdom of nature, he slowly begins to heal the past and the present. But who is he?

Simon & Schuster; 2013

14hrs 30mins

SCIENCE FICTION

13410 BALL LIGHTNING

By Cixin Liu

Narrator Bruno Roubicek

When Chen's parents are incinerated before his eyes by a blast of ball lightning, he devotes his life to cracking the secret of this mysterious natural phenomenon. The more he learns, the more he comes to realize that ball lightning is just the tip of an entirely new frontier in particle physics. Although Chen's quest provides a purpose for his lonely life, his reasons for chasing this elusive quarry come into conflict with soldiers and scientists who have motives of their own.

Clipper Audio; 2018

12hrs 50mins

SHORT STORIES

13314 DIMANCHE AND OTHER STORIES

By Irène Némirovsky

Narrator Ann Clark

A collection of ten stories, written between 1934 and 1942. Their settings are bourgeois Paris, Biarritz, and the Russia of Némirovsky's childhood. Each story is a novel in miniature: whether describing the impatience of a girl waiting for her lover, the tortured relationships of a large family, or the emotions of someone fleeing the German invasion.

Persephone; 2010

9hrs 0mins

13341 THE SHELL COLLECTOR

By Anthony Doerr

Narrator Robert G Slade

A blind man spends his days roaming the beaches of Kenya collecting shells, classifying them by feeling their whorls, spines and folds in his fingers. A young woman discovers that she can explore the inner world of an animal's mind by touching its freshly dead body. A remarkable collection of stories which illuminate both the riotous dangers of the natural world and the rocky terrain of the human heart.

HarperCollins; 2017

8hrs 15mins

13393 THE WOMAN NOVELIST AND OTHER STORIES

By Diana Gardner

Narrator Jill Johnson

A collection of fifteen stories, all extremely varied but all sharing a sharp, sardonic quality characteristic of Diana Gardner's work.

Persephone; 2006

4hrs 0mins

SPY STORIES

13427 MASARYK STATION

By David Downing

Narrator David Hobbs

Europe, 1948. The continent is once again divided: into the Soviet-controlled East, and the US-dominated West. John Russell and his old comrade-in-espionage Shchepkin need to find a way out of the dangerous, morally murky world they have both inhabited for far too long. But if they want to escape with their lives, they must uncover a secret so damaging that they can buy safety with their silence... Book 6 of the series.

Old Street Publishing; 2014

10hrs 0mins

13487 EAST OF HOUNSLOW

By Khurram Rahman

Narrator Waleed Akhtar

Javid - call him Jay - is a dope dealer living in West London. He goes to mosque on Friday, and he's just bought his pride and joy - a BMW. He lives with his mum, and life seems sweet. But his world is about to turn upside-down. Because MI5 have been watching him, and they think he's just the man they need for a delicate mission. One thing's for sure: now he's a long way east of Hounslow, Jay's life will never be the same again.

HarperCollins; 2017

10hrs 50mins

THRILLERS

13484 HER NAME WAS ROSE

By Claire Allan

Narrator Melanie MacHugh

Rose Grahame had everything Alex D'Arcy dreams of. A handsome husband, a stunning home and a baby boy with twinkling blue eyes and a smile that would brighten the darkest of days. It's a stark contrast to Alex's life - her dead-end job, her borderline addiction to drink and pills, her failed engagement and her cluttered flat. But the women's lives are about to collide - and nothing will ever be the same again...

HarperCollins; 2017

10hrs 50mins

13520 THE FACTS OF LIFE AND DEATH

By Belinda Bauer **Narrator Colleen Prendergast**

Lone women are terrorized and their helpless mothers forced to watch, in a sick game where only one player knows the rules. And when those rules change, the new game is murder. Living with her parents in the beach community of Limeburn, ten-year-old Ruby Trick has her own fears, with the looming threat of her parents divorce. Helping her daddy to catch the killer might be the key to keeping him close. As long as the killer doesn't catch her first...

Isis Audio Books; 2014

10hrs 0mins

13417 SNAP

By Belinda Bauer **Narrator Andrew Wincott**

On a stifling summer's day, eleven-year-old Jack and his two sisters sit in their broken-down car, waiting for their mother to come back and rescue them. Jack's in charge, she'd said. I won't be long. But she doesn't come back. She never comes back. And life as the children know it is changed for ever....

Isis Audio Books; 2018

9hrs 25mins

13540 THOSE PEOPLE

By Louise Candlish **Narrator Tuppence Middleton**

Until Darren and Jodie Booth move in, Lowland Way is a suburban paradise. But soon disputes over loud music and parking rights escalate to threats of violence. Then, early one Sunday, a horrific crime shocks the street. As the police go house-to-house, the residents close ranks and everyone's story is the same: Booth did it. But there's a problem. The police don't agree. And the door they're knocking on next is yours...

Clipper Audio; 2019

9hrs 30mins

13480 THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER

By Tom Clancy

Narrator Lance C Fuller

Beneath the chill Atlantic waters, Russia's secret missile submarine, the Red October, captained by Marko Ramius, is heading west. The Americans want her. The Russians want her back. Jack Ryan, working for the Central Intelligence Agency, must prove his theory that Ramius is intending to defect to the United States. With all-out war only seconds away, the superpowers race across the ocean on the most desperate mission of a lifetime.

HarperCollins; 2018

17hrs 15mins

13407 STAY CLOSE

By Harlan Coben

Narrator Nick Landrum

Megan is a suburban mum who once walked on the wild side. Now she's got two kids, a husband, and a growing sense of dissatisfaction. Ray used to be a talented photographer, but at forty he finds himself in a dead-end job. Jack is a detective who can't let go of a cold case from seventeen years ago. Three people living lives they never wanted, hiding secrets that no one would ever suspect, will find that the past doesn't recede...

Clipper Audio; 2012

11hrs 0mins

13394 SCOUNDREL

By Bernard Cornwell

Narrator Paul Moriarty

Paul Shanahan - part-time surveyor, erstwhile IRA arms dealer and sometime suspected CIA agent – is the perfect man if you need an illicit operation done - and done well. So when five million dollars' worth of gold smuggled out of occupied Kuwait needs to get from Morocco to Miami by boat with no questions asked, Paul Shanahan is the name on everyone's lips...

Penguin; 2011

12hrs 0mins

13380 THE NEVER GAME

By Jeffery Deaver

Narrator Kaleo Griffith

You wake up all alone, in the middle of a forest, miles from anywhere. You've been taken by the Whispering Man and there is no escape. He makes the rules and nobody ever gets out alive. Enigmatic investigator Colter Shaw is fighting to stop the murders. But another victim has been snatched from her family and he's running out of time. In the darkest corner of Silicon Valley, a new breed of killer is emerging: someone with a deadly obsession, whose twisted game is spiralling out of control.

Clipper Audio; 2019

11hrs 15mins

13455 THE RECKONING

By John Grisham

Narrator Michael Beck

Pete Banning was the patriarch of a prominent family and a faithful member of the Clanton Methodist Church. Then one October morning in 1946, he drove into town, walked into the Church, and calmly shot and killed the Reverend Dexter Bell. What turned Pete into a cold-hearted killer? And why won't he confide in anyone? All his closest family knows is that it must have been something devastating - and that the fallout will haunt them, and the town, for decades to come . . .

Hodder & Stoughton Audio; 2017

17hrs 30mins

13454 THE ROOSTER BAR

By John Grisham

Narrator Ari Fliakos

Mark, Todd and Zola are starting to realise it's not even worth graduating from law school. They're better off hanging out at The Rooster Bar, plotting how to dodge the loan sharks. But maybe there's another way. Because it turns out the crooked hedge fund billionaire who owns their law school also runs the bank that arranged their student loans. And it's time justice was served. Even if it means taking on the FBI to do it . . .

Hodder & Stoughton Audio; 2017 10hrs 15mins

13382 THE POSSESSION OF MR CAVE

By Matt Haig

Narrator Mark Meadows

Terence Cave has already experienced the tragedies of his mother's suicide and his wife's murder when his teenage son, Reuben, is killed in a grotesque accident. Terence comes to realise that his one duty in life is to protect his remaining child, Bryony, from the world's malign forces. But as he starts to follow his grieving daughter's movements and enforce a draconian set of rules, his love for Bryony becomes a possessive force that leads to destruction and, ultimately, murder.

Clipper Audio; 2018

11hrs 0mins

13354 CARI MORA

By Thomas Harris

Narrator Thomas Harris

Millions of dollars in cartel gold lie hidden beneath a mansion on the Miami Beach waterfront. Ruthless Hans-Peter Schneider has been tracking it for years. Cari Mora, caretaker of the house, has escaped from the violence in her native country. Beautiful, marked by war, Cari catches the eye of Hans-Peter as he closes in on the treasure. But Cari Mora has surprising skills, and her will to survive has been tested before...

Random House Audio; 2019

6hrs 0mins

13497 OUR KIND OF CRUELTY

By Araminta Hall

Narrator Eleanor Matsuura

Mike and Verity have a special game. The Crave. They play it to prove what they already know: that Verity loves Mike. That she needs Mike. Even though she's marrying another man. Now Mike knows that the stakes of their private game are rising. This time, someone has to die...

Random House Audio; 2018

8hrs 15mins

13482 BAD COMPANY

By Jack Higgins

Narrator Jonathan Oliver

In the waning days of World War II, Hitler entrusted his diary to a young aide, Baron Max von Berger. Over the years, von Berger has used his inheritance to become one of the richest men in the world. Now the ultimate confrontation is drawing near. The diary and its explosive revelations of a secret wartime meeting between emissaries of Hitler and Roosevelt will destroy the US President Jake Cazalet, unless undercover enforcer Sean Dillon can find it first...

HarperCollins; 2017

6hrs 40mins

13537 THE LIAR'S GIRL

By Catherine Ryan Howard **Narrator Miscellaneous**

Dublin's notorious Canal Killer is ten years into his life sentence when a body is fished out of the Grand Canal. Detectives suspect a copy-cat killer and they must turn to Ireland's most prolific serial killer for help. Will admits he has the information the cops need, but will only give it to one person... When Alison Smith gets the request from Dublin, she is pulled back to face the man she's worked so hard to forget.

Jammer Audio; 2018

10hrs 30mins

13470 MIDNIGHT

By Stephen Leather **Narrator Paul Thornley**

Jack Nightingale found it hard enough to save lives when he was a cop. Now he needs to save a soul - his sister's. But to save her he has to find her and they've been separated since birth. When everyone Jack talks to about his sister dies horribly, he realises that someone, or something, is determined to keep them apart.

Isis Audio Books; 2011

12hrs 0mins

13545 ONE MINUTE LATER

By Susan Lewis **Narrator Miscellaneous**

Vivienne Shager has it all - highflying job and a beautiful apartment. But on her 27th birthday, Vivi survives a heart attack. She moves back to the small seaside town where she grew up, and with her time running out, there is one thing she wants to know the truth about. One family member has hidden a secret for years. Until Vivi demands answers, and it takes just a moment to unravel the lie at the heart of their lives...

Clipper Audio; 2019

13hrs 45mins

13372 THE EYE OF THE LEOPARD

By Henning Mankell

Narrator Saul Reichlin

Since his mother's disappearance, Hans Olofson has led an isolated life. When he loses his girlfriend in tragic circumstances, he decides to fulfil her dream: to visit the grave of a legendary missionary in Zambia. On reaching Africa, Hans is struck by its beauty and mystery, but he soon becomes embroiled in the issues of the local community. As relationships splinter and fray, Hans realises that his African dream is rapidly turning into a nightmare...

Isis Audio Books; 2008

10hrs 0mins

13498 THE PASSENGERS

By John Marrs

Narrator Miscellaneous

When someone hacks into the systems of eight self-drive cars, their passengers are set on a fatal collision course. The passengers are: a TV star, a pregnant young woman, a disabled war hero, an abused wife, an illegal immigrant, a husband and wife - and parents of two - who are travelling in separate vehicles, and a suicidal man. The public have to judge who should survive, but are the passengers all that they first seem?

Random House Audio; 2019

11hrs 45mins

13383 TWO CAN KEEP A SECRET

By Karen McManus

Narrator Kirby Heybourne

Ellery's never been to Echo Ridge, but she's heard all about it. It's where her aunt went missing at age sixteen, never to return. And where a Homecoming Queen's murder five years ago made national news. Malcolm grew up in the shadow of the Homecoming Queen's death. His older brother was the prime suspect. Ellery and Malcolm both know it's hard to let go when you don't have closure. But the truth might be closer to home than either of them want to believe.

Penguin Audio; 2019

10hrs 15mins

13406 THE OTHER WIFE

By Michael Robotham

Narrator Sean Barrett

William and Mary have been married for sixty years. William is a celebrated surgeon, Mary a devoted wife. But when their son Joe is summoned to the hospital with news that his father has been brutally attacked, his world is turned upside down. Who is the strange woman crying at William's bedside, covered in his blood - a friend, a mistress, a fantasist or a killer? As he learns more, Joe discovers sides to his father he never knew - and is forcibly reminded that the truth comes at a price.

Clipper Audio; 2018

10hrs 30mins

13352 TO THE BACK OF BEYOND

By Peter Stamm

Narrator James Murphy

After returning from a holiday with his wife, Astrid, and their two children, Thomas leaves the house. He walks down the street, and he keeps on walking. At first Astrid asks herself where he's gone, and then when he's coming back, and finally whether he is even still alive..

Granta; 2017

5hrs 0mins

13478 SOMETHING IN THE WATER

By Catherine Steadman

Narrator Catherine Steadman

Erin, a documentary filmmaker and Mark a handsome investment banker are on their dream honeymoon on the tropical island of Bora Bora. Mark takes Erin scuba diving and they find something in the water. They decide to keep their discovery a secret - after all, if no one else knows, who would be hurt? Their decision will trigger a devastating chain of events which will endanger everything they hold dear.

Random House Audio; 2018 11hrs 30mins

13500 SLEEP

By C L Taylor

Narrator Clare Corbett

All Anna wants is to be able to sleep. But memories of that terrible night are making it impossible. To escape her past, Anna takes a job at a hotel on the remote Scottish island of Rum, but what started as a retreat from the world turns into a deadly nightmare. There's a murderer staying in the Bay View hotel. And they've set their sights on Anna. Seven strangers. Seven secrets. One deadly lie. Someone's going to sleep and never wake up...

Jammer Audio; 2019 8hrs 15mins

WAR STORIES

13284 FLIGHT OF EAGLES

By Jack Higgins

Narrator Jonathan Oliver

Born in the United States but separated since they were boys, twin brothers Max and Harry Kelso found themselves fighting on opposite sides when World War Two broke out. Max was one of the Luftwaffe's most feared pilots, Harry was a Yank ace in the RAF...Now, the machinery of war has set in motion an intrigue so devious, so full of danger, that they will be forced to question everything they value: their lives and ultimately their loyalties.

Oakhill Audio; 2012

11hrs 30mins

13483 HMS ULYSSES

By Alistair MacLean

Narrator Jonathan Oliver

The story of men who rose to heroism, and then to something greater, HMS Ulysses takes its place alongside *The Cruel Sea* (11349) as one of the classic novels of the navy at war. It is the compelling story of Convoy FR77 to Murmansk – a voyage that pushes men to the limits of human endurance, crippled by enemy attack and the bitter cold of the Arctic.

HarperCollins; 2017

13hrs 40mins

WESTERNS

13573 THE LAST MUSTANG

By Frank Bonham

Narrator Jeff Harding

From manipulation and treachery among greedy cattlemen to the loneliness of a mountain-bred mustanger, this is a collection of tales from a great Western storyteller.

Isis Audio Books; 2017

6hrs 0mins

13468 BLACK THUNDER

By Max Brand

Narrator Jeff Harding

A collection of three classic Westerns, featuring one man seeking justice, a dangerous trip in a river boat down some impossible rapids, and a love triangle....

Isis Audio Books; 2017

7hrs 20mins

13523 SNAKE DANCE

By Dane Coolidge

Narrator Jeff Harding

Milton Buckmaster was raised by the Navajos and goes by the name of Silver Hat. He is the best tracker around, but is faced with a difficult challenge. The clan of the Hopi kidnap a white woman to use as a sacrifice in their sacred Snake Dance, so he embarks on a dangerous rescue mission.

Isis Audio Books; 2017

6hrs 10mins

13415 SHADOW RANGE

By Curtis Bishop

Narrator Jeff Harding

It was a hard life on the ranches in Texas, 1875. A gang of rustlers was killing cattle, taking away the only part that would bring cash on the market. To the ranchers' aid comes Ben Anthony, but before things are finally straightened out, there's plenty of trouble, fights and killings, with good men pitted against bad.

Isis Audio Books; 2013

6hrs 20mins

13522 WILD RIDERS

By Lee Hoffman

Narrator Jeff Harding

Brade Bradenton was once a law-abiding man but he now rides with the Rebel raiders, fighting Yankee rule in Missouri. Then a man named Logan tells Bradenton a plan that will make the wild riders a living legend. All he needs is money - the kind of money that banks only gave out at gunpoint...

Isis Audio Books; 2017

5hrs 15mins

13416 THE LAND KILLER

By Lee Hoffman

Narrator Jeff Harding

Dutch Falke had worked hard to make his fortune in the New World. Now, he was awaiting the arrival of the bride who had been chosen for him in Germany. But someone was out to steal Dutch's range land right out from under his nose. And it looked like more than even Dutch could handle - especially with a woman on his hands. Dutch had a sinking feeling that everything he had set his heart on was about to slip through his fingers. Worst of all, there seemed to be nothing he could do about it...

Isis Audio Books; 2017

5hrs 15mins

Non-Fiction

ANIMALS

13146 THE HEDGEHOG HANDBOOK

By Sally Coulthard

Narrator Pauline Beale

Full to the brim with fascinating insights and countryside lore, The Hedgehog Handbook explores different facets of this much-admired mammal – from its wildlife habits to its literary heritage, how different cultures have viewed the hedgehog and what we can do to help preserve this icon of rural life. Includes the poem 'THE LAST HEDGEHOG' by Pam Ayres, narrated by Anne Marlow.

Anima; 2018

2hrs 0mins

13396 OWL SENSE

By Miriam Darlington **Narrator Vivienne Ennemoser**

The owl has captivated the human imagination for millennia; as a predator, messenger, emblem of wisdom or portent of doom. Here, Miriam Darlington begins a quest to identify every European species of this elusive bird. Bringing the strangeness and magnificence of owls to life, this is a book about wildness in nature and also the unpredictable course of our human lives.

Guardian Faber; 2019

10hrs 30mins

**13377 HORSES, HEIFERS AND HAIRY PIGS: THE
LIFE OF A YORKSHIRE VET**

By Julian Norton

Narrator Gordon Griffin

From his childhood love of animals, through to his training and first steps in the profession, Julian Norton has seen all sides of the veterinary world and writes about it all with humour and affection. Just as happy calving a cow, treating a dehydrated chameleon or tending to the overgrown teeth of a rabbit, his passion for his work shines through, as does his love for Yorkshire.

Soundings Audio; 2016

8hrs 0mins

**13353 THE WISDOM OF WOLVES: HOW WOLVES
CAN TEACH US TO BE MORE HUMAN**

By Elli H Radinger

Narrator Vivienne Ennemoser

They care for their elderly, play with their kids, and always put family first. Can we all learn something from the wisdom of wolves? Wolf expert and naturalist Elli H Radinger draws on her 25 years of first-hand experience among the wolves of Yellowstone National Park to tell us their remarkable stories.

Michael Joseph; 2019

5hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY - ART MUSIC & LITERATURE

13546 BENEATH THE UNDERDOG

By Charles Mingus

Narrator Mark Ebulue

From shabby roadhouses to fabulous estates, from the psychiatric ward of Bellevue to worlds of mysticism and solitude, these are the celebrated, demonic, anguished and above all, profoundly moving memoirs of the great jazz bassist and composer Charles Mingus. It is a masterpiece of a memoir, and a riveting insight into one of the giants of twentieth century music.

Clipper Audio; 2019

10hrs 45mins

13312 TCHAIKOVSKY: THE MAN REVEALED

By John Suchet

Narrator Jeremy Neville

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky was one of the most successful composers that Russia has ever produced, but his path to success was not an easy one. John Suchet examines the complex and contradictory character of this great artist, long hidden behind sanitised depictions by the Russian authorities, and how he came to take his rightful place among the world's greatest composers.

Elliott & Thompson; 2018

9hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – DIARIES & LETTERS

13432 THE PRIVATE LIFE OF THE DIARY: FROM PEPYS TO TWEETS

By Sally Bayley

Narrator Derina Dinkin

In this elegantly-told story of the evolution - and perhaps death - of the diary, Sally Bayley explores how diaries record our lives as we live them. She traces the origins from 17th-century naval administrator, Samuel Pepys, and continues to 20th-century diarist Virginia Woolf. And how, in this age of social media, the role of the diary as a private confidante has been replaced by a culture of public self-disclosure.

Unbound; 2016

8hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – ENTERTAINMENT

13297 THE WORLD WAS MY LOBSTER: MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY

By George Cole

Narrator Richard Simpson

Adopted when he was only 10 days old, George Cole grew up in south London in the 1920s. In 1979 he was elevated to international recognition when he was offered the role of Arthur Daley in 'Minder' alongside Dennis Waterman. Here, George talks candidly, humorously and sensitively about his adoption, his life, his roles and many of the people he has worked with throughout his long career.

John Blake; 2014

10hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – GENERAL

13299 THE DAY THAT WENT MISSING

By Richard Beard

Narrator James Murphy

On a family holiday in Cornwall in 1978, Richard and his brother Nicholas are in the sea, jumping the waves. Suddenly and inexplicably Nicholas is out of his depth and then, shockingly, so is Richard. Only one of the brothers returns to the shore. Years later, haunted by grief, Richard sets out to piece together the story. What really happened that day? And why did the family never speak of it again?

Vintage; 2018

8hrs 0mins

13295 TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN

By Sara Wheeler

Narrator Grace Dives

Conservationist, scholar, soldier, white hunter and fabled lover - Denys Finch Hatton was an aristocrat of leonine nonchalance. After a dazzling career at Eton and Oxford, he sailed in 1910 for British East Africa - still then the land of the pioneer. Sara Wheeler reveals the truth behind his love affairs with the glamorous aviatrix Beryl Markham, and - famously - with Karen Blixen, a romance immortalised in her memoir *Out of Africa* (1964).

Vintage; 2007

12hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY – HISTORICAL

13504 THE PERFECT KING: THE LIFE OF EDWARD III

By Ian Mortimer

Narrator Alex Wyndham

King Edward III's life is one of the most extraordinary in all English history. He ordered his uncle to be beheaded, he usurped his father's throne, and started a war which lasted for more than a hundred years. Dr Ian Mortimer unveils that behind the strong warrior king was a compassionate, conscientious and often merciful man - resolute yet devoted to his wife, friends and family, and the father of both the English nation and the English people.

Clipper Audio; 2019

19hrs 30mins

13342 NAPOLEAN: THE MAN BEHIND THE MYTH

By Adam Zamoyski

Narrator Leighton Pugh

Napoleon inspires passionately held and often conflicting visions. Was he a godlike genius, a romantic avatar, a megalomaniac monster, a compulsive warmonger or just a nasty little dictator? Adam Zamoyski strips away the lacquer of prejudice and places Napoleon the man within the context of his times. He does not justify or condemn but seeks instead to understand Napoleon's extraordinary trajectory.

HarperCollins; 2018

27hrs 10mins

BIOGRAPHY – HUMOUROUS

13357 BERNARD WHO? 75 YEARS OF DOING JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING

By Bernard Cribbins

Narrator Bob Wildgust

Bernard Cribbin's CV has been an A-Z of the best entertainment that Britain has to offer. Thanks to programmes such as Jackanory, The Wombles, and more recently, Old Jack's Boat, he has become the voice of many millions of childhoods. Seventy-five years in the making and packed with entertaining anecdotes, this is the wonderful story of one of the longest and most celebrated careers in show business.

Constable; 2018

10hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – POLITICAL

13541 DANGEROUS HERO: CORBYN'S RUTHLESS PLOT FOR POWER

By Tom Bower

Narrator Peter Noble

After four decades in politics, Jeremy Corbyn stands on the brink of power. Until his surprise election as leader of the Labour Party he had not been a major political player. Since then, Corbyn has survived coup attempts and accusations of incompetence. Here, Tom Bower reveals hidden truths about Corbyn's character and Britain's likely fate under the Marxist-Trotskyist society he champions.

Clipper Audio; 2019

15hrs 30mins

13402 SIEGE: TRUMP UNDER FIRE

By Michael Wolff

Narrator Holter Graham

Michael Wolff, author of the bombshell bestseller *Fire and Fury*, (12451) once again takes us inside the Trump presidency to reveal a White House under siege. As Trump's second year as president is getting underway and ending with the delivery of the Mueller report, Wolff reveals an administration that is perpetually beleaguered by investigations and a president who is increasingly volatile, erratic and exposed.

Jammer Audio; 2019

11hrs 45mins

DISABILITIES

13488 MACULAR DEGENERATION: AN AUDIO SELF HELP GUIDE

By Paul Wallis

Narrator Joy Wallis

This book explains a new way of understanding blindness, our number one fear in life, and why family and friends are critical to adaptation. It explains a new way of understanding blindness later in life, containing information you will not hear from a doctor or eye clinic.

Essential Music Ltd; 2018

6hrs 15mins

ECONOMICS, POLITICS & CURRENT AFFAIRS

13404 WHEN THEY CALL YOU A TERRORIST

By Patrisse Khan-Cullors & Asha Bandele

Narrator Patrisse Khan-Cullors

Three women - Alicia Garza, Opal Tometi, and Patrisse Khan-Cullors - came together to form an active response to the systemic racism causing the deaths of so many African-Americans. They simply said: Black Lives Matter; and for that, they were labelled terrorists. Patrisse and journalist Asha Bandele recount the personal story that led Patrisse to become a founder of Black Lives Matter, seeking to end the culture that declares Black life expendable.

Clipper Audio; 2018

6hrs 30mins

HEALTH & WELLBEING

13532 WHAT DEMENTIA TEACHES US ABOUT LOVE

By Nicci Gerrard

Narrator Nicci Gerrard

After her own father's death from dementia, the writer and campaigner Nicci Gerrard set out to explore the illness that now touches millions of us, yet which we still struggle to speak about. What does dementia mean, for those who live with it, and those who care for them? Full of people's stories, both sad and optimistic, it is a journey into the dusk and then the darkness - and then out on to the other side, where a life can be seen as whole again.

Penguin Audio; 2019

8hrs 30mins

HISTORY – BRITISH

13477 LONDON: THE BIOGRAPHY - VOLUME 2

By Peter Ackroyd

Narrator John Hobday

Volume 2; PESTLENCE AND FLAME: Peter Ackroyd's work is his definitive account of the city of London. For him it is an organism with its own laws of growth and change, so this book is a biography rather than a history.

Vintage; 2001

11hrs 0mins

13490 PALACES OF PLEASURE

By Lee Jackson

Narrator Grace Dives

In this engaging account of Victorian mass entertainment, Lee Jackson charts the rise of well-known institutions such as gin palaces, music halls, seaside resorts and football clubs, as well as the more peculiar attractions of the pleasure garden and human zoos, to theme park thrill rides. The Victorians' unbounded love of leisure created a nationally significant and influential economic force: the modern entertainment industry.

Yale University Press; 2019

14hrs 0mins

13474 BEHIND THE THRONE

By Adrian Tinniswood

Narrator Jill Hetherington

An intimate and entertaining look at the private lives of monarchs from Elizabeth I to the current occupants of Buckingham Palace, uncovering five centuries of life at the English court. Exploring life as it was lived by clerks and courtiers, clowns and crowned heads, we follow the power struggles and petty rivalries, the tension between duty and desire, the practicalities of cooking dinner for thousands, or ensuring the king always won when he played a game of tennis.

Jonathan Cape; 2018

17hrs 30mins

HISTORY – EUROPEAN

13457 THE SPY AND THE TRAITOR

By Ben Macintyre

Narrator Ben Macintyre

On a July evening in 1985, a middle-aged man stood on the pavement of a busy avenue in Moscow, holding a plastic carrier bag. He looked like any other Soviet citizen, but the man was a spy. A senior KGB officer, for more than a decade he had supplied his British spymasters with a stream of priceless secrets. The bag was a signal: to activate his escape plan to be smuggled out of Soviet Russia. So began one of the boldest and most extraordinary episodes in the history of spying.

Soundings Audio; 2018

14hrs 30mins

HISTORY – GENERAL & SOCIAL

13481 ENGLISH

By Ben Fogle

Narrator Rupert Farley

What makes the English English? Is it their eccentricity, their passionate love (or, indeed, hatred) of Marmite - or is it something less easily defined? The archetypal Englishman - lover of Labradors and Land Rovers yet holder of two passports - Ben Fogle, applauds all things quintessentially English while also paying tribute to the history, culture and ideas adopted with such gusto that they have become part of the fabric of the country.

HarperCollins; 2017

9hrs 15mins

HOME AND GARDEN

13440 HOW TO EAT

By Nigella Lawson

Narrator Nigella Lawson

Relax and relish Nigella Lawson's delicious prose in her revelatory cookery book. It is a versatile, culinary bible, through which a generation discovered how to feel at home in the kitchen and found the confidence to experiment and adapt recipes to their own needs. You'll be ready to head into the kitchen and take on anything with Nigella's voice guiding you through.

Random House Audio; 2018 20hrs 0mins

HUMOUR

13398 A LIKELY TALE, LAD

By Mike Pannett

Narrator Mike Pannett

For a young Mike Pannett, growing up in North Yorkshire was a dream come true. For a young boy with an enquiring mind, the English countryside and its beautiful coastline were one big adventure playground peopled by larger-than-life characters and with endless opportunities for fun. Mike recounts that idyllic childhood, and reminds us of a time of laughs and larks growing up in the 1970s.

Magna Story Sound; 2014 8hrs 0mins

13437 CALYPSO

By David Sedaris

Narrator David Sedaris

When he buys a beach house on the Carolina coast, Sedaris envisions long, relaxing vacations spent playing board games and lounging in the sun with those he loves most. And life at the Sea Section, as he names the vacation home, is exactly as idyllic as he imagined, except for one tiny, vexing realization: it's impossible to take a vacation from yourself.

Hachette Audio; 2018

6hrs 30mins

13438 LET'S EXPLORE DIABETES WITH OWLS

By David Sedaris

Narrator David Sedaris

From the perils of French dentistry to the eating habits of the Australian kookaburra, and the squat-style toilets of Beijing to the particular wilderness of a North Carolina Costco, we learn about the absurdity and delight of a curious traveller's experiences. Sedaris takes us on side-splitting adventures that are not to be forgotten.

Hachette Audio; 2013

7hrs 0mins

PLAYS, THEATRE & DANCE

13485 CHARLES DICKENS AND THE GREAT THEATRE OF THE WORLD

By Simon Callow

Narrator Simon Callow

Two hundred years after his death, Dickens's work is more popular than ever. Theatre was central to his life, from his earliest years as a child entertainer in Portsmouth pubs, to his reluctant retirement from 'these garish lights' barely a year before his death. He wrote plays, he acted in them; he stage-managed them, all with fanatical perfectionism. Simon Callow explores this extraordinary theatrical core to Dickens in this short life of one of our greatest novelists.

HarperCollins; 2017

11hrs 0mins

POETRY

13491 THE AGE OF ANXIETY: A BAROQUE ECLOGUE

By W H Auden

Narrator Bob Rollett

When it was first published in 1947 'The Age of Anxiety', W H Auden's last, longest, and most ambitious poem, immediately struck a powerful chord, capturing the imagination of the cultural moment that it diagnosed and named. This annotated, critical edition of the poem, introduces this important work to a new generation of readers by putting it in historical and biographical context and elucidating its difficulties.

Princeton University Press; 2011

4hrs 0mins

13226 FRANCIS: A LIFE IN SONGS

By Ann Wroe

Narrator Ann Clark

St Francis of Assisi was one of the most compelling spirits the world has seen. He was also a poet, a musician and a dancer. His world was coloured by troubadour lays, brightened by birdsong, ordered by the bells and chants of the Church and transfigured by the angel-lyres he heard about him. Here Ann Wroe, turns to verse to tell of his life, as both myth and man, across history and culture, in nature and community.

Jonathan Cape; 2018

2hrs 30mins

PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY

13542 HOW TO FAIL: EVERYTHING I'VE EVER LEARNED FROM THINGS GOING WRONG

By Elizabeth Day

Narrator Elizabeth Day

Part memoir, part manifesto, Elizabeth Day reveals that failure is not what defines us; rather it is how we respond to it that shapes us as individuals. Because learning how to fail is actually learning how to succeed better. Inspired by her popular podcast, this is a funny, painfully honest and insightful celebration of things going wrong.

Clipper Audio; 2019

9hrs 45mins

RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

13313 THE JESUS KIDS

By Anthony Knight

Narrator Gill Wilsher

This is an account of the ministry of Jesus as seen through the eyes of the children he met, healed and befriended: the children who were always there amongst the crowds who followed him. No less than seven of the miracles of Jesus involved children or young people, yet not one of them is named and none were given speaking parts by the gospel writers.

Anthony Knight; 2018

10hrs 30mins

SCIENCE – ENVIRONMENTAL

13447 LIFE ON EARTH

By David Attenborough

Narrator David Attenborough

Told through an examination of animal and plant life, this is David Attenborough's astonishing celebration of the evolution of life on earth, with a cast of characters drawn from the whole range of organisms that have ever lived on this planet. His perceptive, dynamic approach to the evolution of millions of species of living organisms takes the reader on an unforgettable journey of discovery, from the very first spark of life to the blue and green wonder we know today.

Clipper Audio; 2018

12hrs 45mins

13439 A STING IN THE TAIL

By Dave Goulson

Narrator Dave Goulson

Once commonly found in the marshes of Kent, the short-haired bumblebee is now extinct in the UK, but still exists in the wilds of New Zealand. This is the story of Dave Goulson's passionate drive to reintroduce it to its native land. It contains groundbreaking research into these curious creatures, the disastrous effects intensive farming has had on our bee populations and the potential dangers if we are to continue down this path.

Random House Audio; 2018 7hrs 0mins

13387 NATURE CURE

By Richard Mabey

Narrator Alan Bowen

When Richard Mabey, Britain's foremost nature writer, fell into a severe depression, the natural world – which since childhood had been a source of joy and inspiration for him – became meaningless. Then, cared for by friends, he left the cosseting woods of the Chiltern hills for the open flatlands of Norfolk and started to write again. He found exhilaration in discovering a whole new landscape and gained fresh insights into our place in nature.

University of Virginia Press; 2007 9hrs 30mins

13355 A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE YORKSHIRE SHEPHERDESS

By Amanda Owen

Narrator Anne Dover

Ravenseat is the remote Yorkshire hill farm that Amanda Owen shares with husband Clive, eight children and 900 sheep. She describes the age-old cycles of a farming year and the constant challenges the family face, from being cut off in winter to tending their flock on some of Yorkshire's highest, bleakest moors - land so inaccessible that in places it can be reached only on foot.

Magna Story Sound; 2017 12hrs 0mins

SCIENCE – EARTH & PHYSICAL

13543 THE PLANETS

By Brian Cox & Andrew Cohen

Narrator Samuel West

Andrew Cohen and Professor Brian Cox take us on a voyage of discovery, from the fiery heart of our Solar System, to its mysterious outer reaches. They touch on the latest discoveries that have expanded our knowledge of the planets, their moons and how they come to be. Along the way we will meet all eight of the major planets, and a mysterious as yet unseen world way out beyond the Kuiper belt....

Clipper Audio; 2019 7hrs 45mins

13428 SNOW

By Marcus Sedgwick

Narrator David Hobbs

Of all weathers, snow is the one that has always affected Marcus Sedgwick the most. A few years ago he bought a mountain home, an old chalet high in the Haute Savoie, and for the first time he began to understand what it is to live in an environment where extreme snowfall is frequent.

Little Toller Books; 2016

3hrs 0mins

SCIENCE - GENERAL

13364 UNWEAVING THE RAINBOW: SCIENCE, DELUSION AND THE APPETITE FOR WONDER

By Richard Dawkins

Narrator John Hobday

Keats accused Newton of destroying the poetry of the rainbow by explaining the origin of its colours. Here, Richard Dawkins argues that Keats could not have been more mistaken, and shows how an understanding of science enhances our wonder of the world. He argues that mysteries do not lose their poetry because they are solved: the solution is often more beautiful than the puzzle, uncovering even deeper mysteries.

Penguin; 2006

15hrs 0mins

TRAVEL – BRITISH ISLES

13400 THE SALT PATH

By Raynor Winn

Narrator Anne Reid

Just days after Raynor learns that her husband of 32 years is terminally ill, their home is taken away and they lose their livelihood. With nothing left they make the brave and impulsive decision to walk the 630 miles of the South West Coast Path, from Somerset to Dorset. Carrying only the essentials for survival, they live in the wild and through every step, every encounter and every test along the way, their walk becomes a remarkable journey.

Penguin Audio; 2018

11hrs 0mins

TRAVEL – WORLD

13430 THE FOUR VOYAGES OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

By Christopher Columbus **Narrator Simon Edginton**

No gamble in history has been more momentous than the landfall of Columbus's ship, the Santa Maria, in the Americas in 1492 - an event that paved the way for the conquest of a 'New World'. The accounts collected here provide a vivid narrative of his voyages throughout the Caribbean and finally to the mainland of Central America, although he still believed he had reached Asia. Edited and translated by J M Cohen.

Penguin; 2002

9hrs 0mins

13420 BILLY CONNOLLY'S ROUTE 66

By Billy Connolly

Narrator James MacPherson

Having always dreamed about taking a trip on the legendary Route 66, Billy Connolly is finally travelling all 2,488 miles of this epic road. The tales he'll gather on the way, from the skyscrapers of Chicago through the Wild West badlands of Oklahoma and Texas, and on to the beaches of the Pacific coast, will tell the story of modern America.

Isis Audio Books; 2012

8hrs 45mins

13386 AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 TRAINS

By Monisha Rajesh

Narrator Ann Stutz

When Monisha Rajesh announced plans to circumnavigate the globe in 80 train journeys, she was met with wide-eyed disbelief. Packing up her rucksack, Monisha embarks on an unforgettable adventure that will take her from London's St Pancras station to the vast expanses of Russia and Mongolia, North Korea, Canada, Kazakhstan, and beyond.

Bloomsbury; 2019

11hrs 30mins

13434 WALKING THE HIMALAYAS

By Levison Wood

Narrator Levison Wood

Following in the footsteps of the great explorers, this is Levison Wood's enthralling account of crossing the Himalayas on foot. His journey of discovery along the path of the ancient trade route of the Silk Road to the forgotten kingdom of Bhutan led him beyond the safety of the tourist trail. He encounters natural disasters, extremists, nomadic goat herders, and the Dalai Lama in his 1,700-mile trek across the roof of the world.

Hachette Audio; 2016

8hrs 0mins

WORLD WAR I

13405 THE MISSING OF THE SOMME

By Geoff Dyer

Narrator John Hopkins

The Missing of the Somme has become a classic meditation upon war and remembrance. It weaves a network of myth and memory, poetry and sculptures, graveyards and ceremonies that illuminate our understanding of, and relationship to, the Great War.

Clipper Audio; 2019

5hrs 15mins

WORLD WAR II

13360 THE DAY THE NAZIS CAME

By Stephen Matthews

Narrator David Hobbs

Writing from his mother's diaries, this is a unique memoir, depicting the world of Nazi prison camps through the eyes of a child – a world in which the real dangers often seemed trivial and every day was a new adventure. It tells not just of the prisoners' plight, but provides an important and poignant reminder that not every German soldier was cruel and hateful.

John Blake; 2016

8hrs 30mins

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