

For Your Ears Only Spring 2020

Welcome to the latest edition of For Your Ears Only. At the time of writing we are still in lockdown and restricted on our everyday social activities so we hope you are all keeping well and hopefully you'll find some titles to entertain you and to keep you company among this season's new books.

We have the newest titles from Tracy Chevalier with "A Single Thread" and Jojo Moyes with "A Giver of Stars". Perhaps you fancy a classic spy story, so may be tempted with Len Deighton's "The Ipcress File" or Ken Follet's "Eye of the Needle", or just want something to make you laugh, in which case Sue Townsend's "Queen Camilla" is one to try. For those of you that prefer non-fiction then how about Lenny Henry's biography "Who Am I Again?", or the new book by Robert MacFarlane called "Underland", where he takes us on a journey of discovery of the world beneath our feet.

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Happy reading from the Editorial Team

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RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

X - Denotes Sex, Violence or Strong Language

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All Books Available in the European Union and the UK

All Books are available on MP3 CD, USB memory stick
and can be streamed via Calibre's website

Fiction

20TH CENTURY CLASSICS

13621 MOLLOY

By Samuel Beckett

Narrator Dermot Crowley & Sean Barrett

The narrative of Molloy, old and ill, remembering and forgetting, scarcely human, begets a parallel tale of the spinsterish Moran, a private detective sent in search of him, whose own deterioration during the quest joins in with the catalogue of Molloy's woes.

Naxos Audio Books; 2003

8hrs 30mins

ADVENTURE STORIES

13388 SEA LORD

By Bernard Cornwell

Narrator Richard Langley

Johnny Rossendale has spent the last four years on the seas, away from the titled family he despises. But returning home for his mother's funeral, he soon finds himself playing a game of very high stakes. His family are hostile towards him, and the police are suspicious when a painting goes missing. Everyone thinks Johnny knows where it is and someone is even prepared to kill for it.

Penguin; 2011

11hrs 30mins

13397 THE AFRICAN QUEEN

By C S Forester

Narrator Paul Moriarty

Central Africa, 1914; Rose Sayer, a thirty-three-year-old English woman, is left alone when her missionary brother dies. She becomes allied with Charles Allnutt, disreputable skipper of the steam-powered launch 'African Queen'. Marooned in German Central Africa during World War I, they fight their way downriver 'to strike a blow for England'.

Macmillan; 2017

7hrs 0mins

13644 THE GOOD SHEPHERD

By C S Forester

Narrator Richard Langley

The mission of Commander George Krause of the United States Navy is to protect a convoy of thirty-seven merchant ships making their way across the Atlantic from America to England. Krause will play a desperate cat and mouse game against German submarines, combating exhaustion, hunger, and thirst to protect fifty million dollars' worth of cargo, and the lives of three thousand men.

Penguin; 2018

9hrs 0mins

13572 THE ABSENCE OF GUILT

By Mark Gimenez

Narrator Jeff Harding

An ISIS attack on America is narrowly averted when the FBI uncovers a plot to detonate a weapon of mass destruction during the Super Bowl. Omar al Mustafa, a notorious Muslim cleric known for his anti-American diatribes is arrested, but there is only one problem: there is no evidence against him. If Mustafa is innocent, newly appointed District Judge A Scott Fenney, must set the most dangerous man in Dallas free, with no idea who is really guilty...

Isis Audio Books; 2017

14hrs 30mins

13588 THE REVENANT

By Michael Punke

Narrator Jeff Harding

Rocky Mountains, 1823. When a scouting mission puts Hugh Glass face-to-face with a grizzly bear, he is viciously mauled and not expected to live. The men from the company, fearing an imminent attack, abandon Glass, stripping him of his prized rifle and hatchet. But he survives, and with grit and determination, Glass sets out on a journey to seek revenge on the men who betrayed him.

Clipper Audio; 2015

10hrs 0mins

13687 THE EAGLE AND THE WOLVES

By Simon Scarrow

Narrator Jonathan Keeble

It's AD 44. Macro and newly appointed centurion Cato are ordered to provide Verica, ruler of the Atrebatans, with an army. But despite the Atrebatans' official allegiance to Rome, open revolt is brewing, for many want to resist the Roman invaders. Macro and Cato must win the loyalty of the disgruntled levies, and they face the greatest test of their army careers as only they stand between the destiny of Rome and bloody defeat...

Isis Audio Books; 2003

12hrs 50mins

13565 FIRE AND SWORD

By Simon Scarrow

Narrator Jonathan Keeble

1804. After defeat at the Battle of Trafalgar, Napoleon Bonaparte wins victory against Austria at Austerlitz. But he is yet to triumph over his most hated enemy: Great Britain. Arthur Wellesley throws himself into the British campaign in Europe, in a series of triumphant battles in Portugal and Spain. His victories suggest that Napoleon's progress is not inexorable: freedom can be restored... Book 3 of the Wellington and Napoleon series.

Oakhill Audio; 2017

21hrs 20mins

13570 Dragonplague**By Terence Strong****Narrator John Cormack**

Ex-Royal Marine commando Billy Robson is determined to go straight after serving a five-year sentence for robbery. Anxious to make things up to his family, he takes the one legitimate job on offer - only to find that he's inadvertently stepping into a fresh nightmare. He finds himself in a desperate fight for his freedom, his family - and his life. Against an evil force of corruption, addiction and perversion that consumes all before it.

Isis Audio Books; 2003

14hrs 30mins

ANIMAL STORIES**13646 TOBERMORY AND OTHER STORIES****By Saki****Narrator Nigel Bonyng**

This anthology features a selection of animal stories, bearing every trademark token of wit with which Saki has enthralled generations of readers. In the title story, a short-sighted dinner-party guest introduces a talking cat to the diners, inadvertently revealing gossip and pushing fickle characters into the limelight – in the process undermining the common perceptions of grandiose and genteel high society.

Birlinn; 2014

4hrs 0mins

13603 ALFIE IN THE SNOW**By Rachel Wells****Narrator Edward Killingback**

When a new family moves onto Edgar Road, Alfie and George can't wait to welcome them - especially when they discover they have a cat, too! But when one little misunderstanding gets blown out of proportion, the street is suddenly at war! As the snow starts to fall, Alfie and George have their work cut out for them to bring the street back together. But can they use their festive spirit to reunite everyone in time for Christmas?

HarperCollins; 2018

8hrs 0mins

13529 ALFIE THE DOORSTEP CAT

By Rachel Wells

Narrator Anita Gilson

Alfie is homeless, abandoned after his elderly owner passes away. But when he stumbles on to Edgar Road, Alfie knows he's found his new home. As life throws its worst at the residents of Edgar Road, they soon realise how much they all need Alfie – a cat who brings hope to the darkest times, and who will always be a friend to those in need.

Avon; 2015

8hrs 0mins

CLASSIC FICTION

13731 THE PROFESSOR

By Charlotte Bronte

Narrator Roger May

Unpublished at the time of her death, 'The Professor' is the first novel written by Charlotte Brontë, and the seed of her later books, 'Jane Eyre' (7377) and 'Villette' (8644). Told from the point of view of William Crimsworth, Bronte's hero escapes from a humiliating clerkship in a Yorkshire mill to find work as a teacher in Belgium, where he falls in love with an impoverished student-teacher.

Naxos Audio Books; 2020

11hrs 20mins

13726 BARTLEBY THE SCRIVENER AND OTHER STORIES

By Herman Melville

Narrator William Roberts

Melville's Bartleby is a classic American short story, a strange tale of an assiduous copyist whose catch-phrase is 'I would prefer not to'. It is joined here by two other stories: 'The Lightning-Rod Man' and 'The Bell Tower'.

Naxos Audio Books; 2005

2hrs 40mins

13555 WAVERLEY**By Sir Walter Scott****Narrator David Rintoul**

Edward Waverley, a naïve, sensitive young man, is posted to Scotland with his regiment, and becomes caught between the clans of the Jacobite Rising and the forces of the Hanoverian regime. He must decide whether he will follow the civilization he has always known, or be drawn into an older world of honour and loyalty - and must also choose between the quiet, constant Rose, and the passionate, principled Flora.

Naxos Audio Books; 2018

17hrs 0mins

CONTEMPORARY FICTION**13614 ANY HUMAN HEART****By William Boyd****Narrator David Hobbs**

Every life is both ordinary and extraordinary, and Logan Mountstuart's - stretching across the twentieth century - is a rich tapestry of both. As a writer in London, Logan mixes with the men and women who shape his times. But as a son, friend, lover and husband, he makes the same mistakes we all do in our search for happiness. Here, then, is the story of a life lived to the full - and a journey deep into a very human heart.

Penguin; 2009

18hrs 0mins

**13568 THE PLUMBERRY SCHOOL OF COMFORT
FOOD****By Cathy Bramley****Narrator Colleen Prendergast**

Verity Bloom hasn't been interested in cooking ever since she lost her best friend and baking companion two years ago. But she decides to help a friend establish a new cookery school, The Plumberry School of Comfort Food. Just as long as she doesn't have to cook anything! When tragedy strikes, she once again risks losing everything. Can Verity find the magic ingredient for Plumberry?

Isis Audio Books; 2017

14hrs 0mins

**13362 THE WORLD IS FULL OF DIVORCED
WOMEN**

By Jackie Collins

Narrator Joy Dansette

What would you do if you found your husband in bed with your best friend? For journalist Cleo James the best revenge is moving on, and she has the perfect assignment to throw in Mike's face: a high profile piece that involves an in-depth, probing analysis of five of the world's most eligible male movie stars. And why can't she have a little fun while she's at it...

Simon & Schuster; 2012

9hrs 0mins

13625 TIRZAH AND THE PRINCE OF CROWS

By Deborah Kay Davies

Narrator Claire Morgan

It is 1974 and Tirzah is sixteen, pretty, witty and wise. Brought up in a staunchly religious family, she has lived a sheltered life in the Welsh valleys. But then she meets a boy, and begins to struggle against the confines of her community. Trying to find her own way in the world, her life takes an unexpected turn, ultimately teaching her that freedom springs from within.

Clipper Audio; 2019

14hrs 15mins

13605 MIDDLESEX

By Jeffrey Eugenides

Narrator Nathan Osgood

I was born twice: first, as a baby girl, on a remarkably smogless Detroit day of January 1960, and then again, as a teenage boy, in an emergency room near Petoskey, Michigan, in August of 1974.' So begins the breathtaking story of Calliope Stephanides and her truly unique family secret, born on the slopes of Mount Olympus and passed on through three generations.

HarperCollins; 2019

24hrs 20mins

13733 MR LOVERMAN**By Bernadine Evaristo****Narrator James Goode**

Barrington Jedidiah Walker is seventy-four and leads a double life. Born in Antigua, he's lived in Hackney since the sixties. A flamboyant local character, Barrington is a husband, father and grandfather - but he is also secretly the lover of his childhood friend, Morris. When his marriage goes into meltdown, Barrington wants to divorce Carmel and live with Morris, but after a lifetime of fear and deception, will he manage to break away?

Clipper Audio; 2013

10hrs 0mins

13686 A SECRET GARDEN**By Katie Fforde****Narrator Helen Johns**

Lorna is a talented gardener and Philly is a plantswoman. Together they work in the grounds of a beautiful manor house in the Cotswolds. They enjoy their jobs, but for them both, the door to true love remains resolutely closed. Then one day, the unexpected arrival of someone from Lorna's past, and the discovery of an old and secret garden mean their lives are about to become a lot more complicated...

Isis Audio Books; 2017

8hrs 45mins

13600 NIGHTINGALE POINT**By Luan Goldie****Narrator Daisy Prosper**

On an ordinary Saturday morning in 1996, the residents of Nightingale Point wake up to their normal lives and worries. It's a day like any other, until something extraordinary happens. When the sun sets, Nightingale Point is irrevocably changed and somehow, through the darkness, the residents must find a way back to lightness, and back to each other.

HarperCollins; 2019

10hrs 15mins

13579 ALL AMONG THE BARLEY

By Melissa Harrison

Narrator Helen Ayres

The autumn of 1933 is the most beautiful Edie Mather can remember, though the Great War still casts a shadow over her beloved home, Wych Farm. When charismatic Constance FitzAllen arrives from London to write about fading rural traditions, she takes an interest in fourteen-year-old Edie. But the older woman isn't quite what she seems. As harvest time approaches and pressures mount on the whole community, Edie must find a way to trust her instincts and save herself from disaster.

Clipper Audio; 2019

8hrs 0mins

13612 A GATHERING STORM

By Rachel Hore

Narrator Clare Francis

Photographer Lucy Cardwell is sifting through the papers of her late father when she finds he'd been researching an uncle she never knew he had. Intrigued, she visits her father's childhood home, the once beautiful Carlyon Manor. She meets an old woman named Beatrice who has an extraordinary story to tell. And, as Lucy listens to the tales of the past, she learns a secret that will change everything she has ever known ...

Simon & Schuster; 2011

6hrs 0mins

13672 A NICE CUP OF TEA

By Celia Imrie

Narrator Brenda White

The beautiful town of Bellevue-sur-Mer near Cannes, is home to five retired expats who have pooled their resources to set up La Mosaïque, a divine little restaurant. But there is trouble in paradise: the friends are desperately struggling to make ends meet, and they realise it will take every bit of their talent and gumption to save La Mosaïque.

Bloomsbury; 2019

11hrs 0mins

13414 LET'S MEET ON PLATFORM 8

By Carole Matthews

Narrator Julia Barrie

Teri has dated more men than she's had low-calorie, low-fat dinners, and she still hasn't found Mr Right. That is until she's literally knocked off her feet by Jamie Duncan as they rush to catch the same train from Euston station: the 18.07 from platform 8. It's not long before love blossoms and commuting takes on a whole new meaning. There's just one problem. Teri may have found Mr Right but he may not be Mr Available...

Isis Audio Books; 2017

8hrs 10mins

13512 THE STORY OF ESTHER COSTELLO

By Nicholas Monsarrat

Narrator Ian Masters

In a small Irish village, young Esther Costello, victim of a tragic accident that has left her deaf, dumb and blind, is discovered by a well-meaning American tourist, who is appalled by Esther's shocking condition. She is whisked away to America where her patron decides to devote her life to Esther's care. But, in a harrowing twist to the tale, Esther's faculties are restored, with shocking consequences.

House of Stratus; 2009

8hrs 0mins

13589 THE SECRET HOURS

By Santa Montefiore

Narrator Genevieve Swallow

Arethusa Clayton has always been used to getting her own way. On her death, she leaves unexpected instructions. Instead of being buried in America, Arethusa has decreed that her ashes be scattered in a remote corner of Ireland, on the hills overlooking the sea. So her daughter Faye, travels to the village of Ballinakelly, determined to fulfil her mother's last wish and to find out the reason for Arethusa's insistence on being laid to rest in this faraway land.

Clipper Audio; 2019

17hrs 0mins

13740 THE GIVER OF STARS

By Jojo Moyes

Narrator Julia Whelan

Alice is stifled, bored, and misunderstood. So when she meets handsome American, Bennett Van Cleve, she is swept off her feet. Marrying him and moving to America seems like a great adventure - but life as a newlywed in Baileyville, Kentucky, is not at all what she hoped for. Until, that is, she responds to a call for volunteers to start a travelling library, surprising herself by saying yes, before her husband can say no . . .

Clipper Audio; 2019

14hrs 0mins

13585 SWEET SORROW

By David Nicholls

Narrator Rory Kinnear

In 1997, if Charlie Lewis thinks about the future at all, it is with a kind of dread. Then Fran Fisher bursts into his life and despite himself, Charlie begins to hope. But if he wants to be with Fran, he must take on a challenge that could lose him the respect of his friends and require him to become a different person. He must join the Company. And if the Company sounds like a cult, the truth is even more appalling. The price of hope, it seems, is Shakespeare..

Clipper Audio; 2019

13hrs 0mins

13663 THE MOON SISTER

By Lucinda Riley

Narrator Imogen Wilde

After the death of her father, Tiggy D'Aplièse moves to the remote wilds of Scotland. But after a chance meeting with an ancient gypsy, Tiggy follows the trail from the Scottish Highlands and Spain, to South America and New York, back to her own exotic but complex past. And under the watchful eye of a gifted gypsy bruja she begins to embrace her own talent for healing.

Clipper Audio; 2019

19hrs 45mins

COSY CRIME: GENTLE MYSTERIES

13508 MRS JEFFRIES TAKES STOCK

By Emily Brightwell

Narrator Alice Barclay

Inspector Witherspoon has never come up against a case which he couldn't solve... with the help of his housekeeper, Mrs Jeffries. But now he's confronted with a bewildering murder. It seems as though the victim has cheated his stockholders out of a fortune, which leaves each of them with a strong motive for the crime. This time even she might not manage to add it all up.

C & R Crime; 2015

6hrs 30mins

13734 THE CAT WHO WENT UP THE CREEK

By Lilian Jackson Braun

Narrator George Guidall

Qwill and his cats are spending a few weeks at the Nutcracker Inn, a restored Victorian mansion. The manager believes it may be haunted and wants the journalist to investigate. Then Qwill finds a nasty surprise: the body of a guest floating in nearby Black Creek. Is the inn really jinxed? Qwill and his Siamese sidekicks begin to look for clues. Their investigation will uncover a gold mine of information about this remote area.

Clipper Audio; 2002

5hrs 15mins

13608 A SPLASH OF RED

By Antonia Fraser

Narrator Judy Le Besque

Jemima Shore offers to flat-sit for her friend Chloe, and the last thing she is expecting is to receive threatening anonymous phone calls on her very first night. But when she discovers that Chloe never reached her destination, Jemima realises that her friend was playing with some of the most influential people in London - people who will stop at nothing to keep their secrets hidden...

W & N; 2014

8hrs 30mins

13595 GONE AWAY

By Hazel Holt

Narrator Maggie Stokes

When pretty but avaricious Lee Montgomery disappears in the little seaside town of Taviscombe, her fiancé Charles Richardson enlists Mrs Malory's help. The dauntless Mrs Malory soon suspects the worst. Little does she realize the terrible secrets her investigation will reveal ...

Coffeetown Press; 2010

6hrs 0mins

13649 LILIES THAT FESTER

By Hazel Holt

Narrator Patricia Knight-Webb

When Michael Malory announces his engagement to Thea Wyatt, his mother, Sheila, couldn't be more delighted. But when a senior solicitor at Thea's firm dies shortly after an altercation with her, Thea is the prime suspect for his murder. However, when Sheila and Michael start the hunt for the real killer it begins to look as though practically anyone had both the will and the opportunity to kill him...

Pan; 2002

7hrs 0mins

13642 SUPERFLUOUS DEATH

By Hazel Holt

Narrator Grace Dives

In the sleepy seaside town of Taviscombe, Mrs Malory's sleuthing talents are tested when she comes upon the body of an elderly lady. Miss Graham's death by poison is quite convenient for Dr Cowley, as the dead woman's refusal to move thwarted his plans to build a nursing home. But Mrs Malory knows that nothing is as simple as it seems, especially when it is revealed that Miss Graham left a considerable fortune...

Coffeetown Press; 2011

6hrs 0mins

**13705 SIDNEY CHAMBERS AND THE
PERSISTENCE OF LOVE**

By James Runcie

Narrator Peter Wickham

It is May 1971 and Archdeacon Sidney Chambers is walking in a bluebell wood with his daughter Anna, when they stumble upon a body. Thrust into another murder investigation, Sidney discovers a world of hippies and psychedelic plants, where permissive behaviour seems to hide something darker. Endeavouring to fit his clerical duties around the demands of sleuthing, Sidney continues to reflect on the divine mysteries of love, life and faith.

Isis Audio Books; 2017

9hrs 45mins

13574 DECEPTION IN THE COTSWOLDS

By Rebecca Tope

Narrator Caroline Lennon

Thea Osbourne, accompanied by her spaniel Hepzibah, is perhaps over-optimistic about the possibilities of her latest assignment - house-sitting for reptile breeder Harriet Young in the secluded village of Cranham. Despite the ease with which Thea's new assignment begins, she soon finds a dark side to the characters she encounters there. Thea begins to realise that Harriet's beloved geckoes are not the only cold-blooded creatures at large in Cranham...

Soundings Audio; 2011

11hrs 0mins

13669 THE MAN THAT GOT AWAY

By Lynne Truss

Narrator Matt Green

1957: When a young man is found dead in a deck chair on the seafront, Constable Twitten of the Brighton Police Force has a hunch that the murder may be connected to a notorious nightspot. As the case twists and turns, Constable Twitten must find the murderer and convince his colleagues that there's an evil mastermind behind Brighton's climbing crime rate.

Lamplight Audio; 2019

7hrs 45mins

DETECTIVE & MYSTERY STORIES

13562 THE GREAT MORTDECAI MOUSTACHE MYSTERY

By Kyril Bonfiglioli

Narrator Mike Duffin

The Hon. Charlie Mortdecai is invited to Oxford to investigate the unusual death of a don who collided with an omnibus. Though her death appears accidental, one or two things don't add up - such as two pairs of thugs who'd been following her just before her death. Fourth book of the series, sequel to 'Something Nasty In The Woodshed' (10206)

Penguin; 2014

6hrs 0mins

13701 DEAD IN THE DARK

By Stephen Booth

Narrator Mike Rogers

Ten years ago, Reece Bower was accused of killing his wife, Annette, but with no trace of her remains, the case against him collapsed. Now Reece himself has disappeared, and his new wife wants answers. Detective Ben Cooper's search moves into the isolated depths of Lathkilldale caves, but the question is: who would want revenge for the death of Annette Bower?

Isis Audio Books; 2017

9hrs 40mins

13634 BOILING A FROG

By Chris Brookmyre

Narrator Angus King

Jack Parlabane, an investigative journalist who is not averse to breaking the law for a good story, has finally been caught on the petard of his own self-confidence and is experiencing accommodation courtesy of Her Majesty. Meanwhile, Scottish parliament is in shock after experiencing its first dose of Westminster sleaze. Aware he's missing out on a great story, Parlabane discovers that contacts and a way with words are no defence against people he has helped to put away...

Clipper Audio; 2015

11hrs 0mins

13684 THE AGE OF DOUBT

By Andrea Camilleri

Narrator Daniel Philpott

When a boat containing a disfigured corpse is found in the port of Vigata, the investigation leaves a luxury vessel with a shady crew, stuck in the port until Inspector Montalbano can make sense of the crime. Soon Montalbano finds himself getting into tangles with the dreaded Commissioner, and a beautiful young woman with whom he becomes dangerously besotted. But can he clear his head long enough to unravel this murky mystery?

Oakhill Audio; 2013

5hrs 50mins

13715 THE NIGHT FIRE

By Michael Connelly

Narrator Christine Lakin & Titus Welliver

Harry Bosch is left a missing case file by his mentor who has recently passed away. He was the man who taught Bosch that everybody counts, or nobody counts. Why did he keep the file all these years? Bosch and LAPD Detective Renee Ballard come together again on the murder case, but was it a secret that was meant to be sniffed out?

Orion Audio; 2019

10hrs 0mins

13492 THEIR LOST DAUGHTERS

By Joy Ellis

Narrator Hilary Spiers

In the muddy fields of the Lincolnshire Fens, a teenage girl is found wandering, delirious, claiming to have been drugged at a party. Metres away, the drowned body of another girl is found. And all this on a stretch of land where 10 years ago, the disappearance of a young girl remains an open case. For DI Rowan Jackman and DS Marie Evans, the pressure is on to bring the perpetrators of these shocking crimes to justice.

Joffe Books; 2017

9hrs 0mins

13695 THE DEATH SEASON

By Kate Ellis

Narrator Gordon Griffin

When DI Wesley Peterson is summoned to investigate a killing, he assumes that the case is a routine matter. But soon dark secrets and deadly deceptions start to emerge from the victim's past, and Wesley begins to realise that a simple incident of cold-blooded murder is altogether more calculated and complicated than he could ever imagine. Book 19 of the series.

Soundings Audio; 2015

12hrs 0mins

13515 Q IS FOR QUARRY

By Sue Grafton

Narrator Liza Ross

In the summer of 1969, the decomposed corpse of a young female was discovered near a quarry off California's Highway 1. Despite months of investigation, she remained unidentified and the case unsolved. Now, 18 years later, Kinsey Millhone is on a quest to identify the girl. But what Kinsey does not expect is that reopening an old case will incite the killer to strike again - not just once, but twice.

Isis Audio Books; 2003

13hrs 0mins

13704 R IS FOR RICOCHET

By Sue Grafton

Narrator Liza Ross

Kinsey Millhone, employed by Nord Lafferty to drive his daughter home from her incarceration at the Californian Institute for Women, marvels at the simplicity of the task. But Kinsey is soon fighting to prevent Reba Lafferty from breaking the conditions of her parole. As she finds herself embroiled in a cunning challenge of wits, Kinsey must try to control the bitter, angry Reba as she launches a dangerous revenge...

Isis Audio Books; 2004

11hrs 40mins

13691 S IS FOR SILENCE

By Sue Grafton

Narrator Liza Ross

Thirty-four years ago, Violet Sullivan left for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display. She was never seen again. Some said she'd run off with a lover. Some said she was murdered by her husband. But for Daisy, the seven-year-old daughter she left behind, Violet's absence has never been explained or forgotten. Now Daisy wants the solace of closure and she hopes that Kinsey Millhone will be the one to bring that about.

Isis Audio Books; 2006

12hrs 30mins

13682 KITTY PECK AND THE DAUGHTER OF SORROW

By Kate Griffin

Narrator Elizabeth Goodrich

Summer 1881: the streets of Limehouse are thick with opium... and menace. At eighteen Kitty Peck is determined to do things differently to her fearsome grandmother, and she now realises that the past casts a long and treacherous shadow. Haunted by a terrible secret and stalked by a criminal cabal intent on humiliation and destruction, Kitty must fight for the future of everyone she cares for... Book 3 of the 'Kitty Peck Mysteries'.

Faber & Faber; 2017

15hrs 0mins

13709 FELL PURPOSE

By Cynthia Harrod-Eagles

Narrator Terry Wale

Bank Holiday Monday, and Zella Wilding, straight-A student at St Margaret's, prefect, future Head Girl, lies dead near Wormwood Scrubs prison. What was this good girl from a strict Christian family doing out there, dressed to kill, when she was supposed to be at a sleepover with friends? The mysteries only seem to proliferate as the investigation progresses, and the more Bill Slider knows, the less he understands about this very secret girl.

Soundings Audio; 2009

11hrs 0mins

13639 CUTTING EDGE

By John Harvey

Narrator Tony Pearce-Smith

A savage assault with a scalpel leaves Dr Tim Fletcher's body badly slashed in a deserted walkway - the first victim in a series of brutal assaults on hospital staff. As panic grips the city, it's up to Detective Inspector Charlie Resnick to find the killer. Faced with a mass of clues that lead nowhere, and a past he cannot forget, it's not long before he's pushed close to breaking point.

Arrow; 2013

10hrs 0mins

13576 A GERMAN REQUIEM

By Philip Kerr

Narrator Jeff Harding

Bernie Gunther had his first brush with evil as a policeman in 1930s' Berlin, and came to know it intimately as a private eye under the Nazis, when each case drew him deeper into the enormities of the regime. Now the war is over and Gunther is in Vienna, trying to clear an old friend of the murder of an American officer. Amid decaying imperial splendour, he traces spirals of depravity that lead him to a former head of the Gestapo.

Isis Audio Books; 2009

11hrs 35mins

13702 A QUIET FLAME

By Philip Kerr

Narrator Jeff Harding

Posing as an escaping Nazi war criminal, Bernie Gunther, Berlin's hardest-boiled private eye, arrives in Buenos Aires. A young girl has been murdered in peculiarly gruesome circumstances that strongly resemble Bernie's final case as a homicide detective. Reluctantly, Gunther agrees to help find the murderer, and discovers much more than he, or they, bargained for...

Isis Audio Books; 2008

13hrs 0mins

13694 THE BALMORAL INCIDENT

By Alanna Knight

Narrator Lesley Mackie

Balmoral Castle, 1905. For Rose McQuinn, a cottage on the royal estate promises a summer of unaccustomed luxury. But the holiday takes a darker turn when Rose is warned not to interfere in two deaths that occur soon after her arrival. When the sinister tide of events threatens her own family, Rose is determined to track down the killer lurking among the sportsmen - a killer whose aim is to bring down more than just the game birds.

Soundings Audio; 2014

8hrs 0mins

13706 THE SEAL KING MURDERS

By Alanna Knight

Narrator Nick McArdle

1861. Constable Faro is heading to Orkney, pursuing a private investigation into the mysterious drowning of an ex-colleague's relative, champion swimmer Dave Claydon. Was this an accident or does Claydon's death have a sinister connection with missing artefacts recovered from the Armada galleon sunk off Spanish Cove? Faro's holiday soon turns into a nightmare as he finds himself in deadly danger, his life threatened by circumstances beyond his control.

Soundings Audio; 2011

9hrs 0mins

13509 SIGN OF THE CROSS

By Chris Kuzneski

Narrator Edward Peel

While visiting Spain, Jonathon Payne and David Jones are arrested for crimes they committed during their military careers. Fortunately, the CIA brokers a deal on their behalf: all charges will be dropped if they help catch Dr Charles Boyd, a master thief who has stolen some of the finest treasures in Europe. With little choice, the duo begin their pursuit, but then they make a discovery that threatens to rewrite the basic foundations of Christianity...

Penguin; 2007

17hrs 0mins

13632 A DARK SO DEADLY

By Stuart MacBride

Narrator Steve Worsley

Welcome to the Misfit Mob – where Police Scotland dumps the officers it can't get rid of, but wants to. Officers like DC Callum MacGregor, lumbered with all the boring go-nowhere cases. So when an ancient mummy is found at the Oldcastle tip, it's his job to track down its owner. But then Callum uncovers links with three missing men, and life starts to get a lot more interesting. Can the Misfit Mob prove everyone wrong before someone else dies?

Jammer Audio; 2017

21hrs 0mins

13595 DYING LIGHT

By Stuart MacBride

Narrator Steve Worsley

It's summertime in Scotland: the sun is shining, the sky is blue and people are dying... It starts with Rosie Williams, a prostitute beaten to death in the heart of Aberdeen's red light district. For DS Logan McRae, it's a bad start to another bad day. And despite Logan's best efforts, it's not long before another prostitute turns up on the slab...

HarperCollins; 2017

12hrs 40mins

13627 MURDER ON THE OXFORD CANAL

By Faith Martin

Narrator Gemma Dawson

DI Hilary Greene is fighting to save her career. Not only has she lost her husband, but his actions have put her under investigation for corruption. Then a broken body is found floating in the Oxford Canal. It looks like the victim fell off a boat, but Hilary is not so sure. Her investigation exposes a dark background to the death. Can Hilary clear her name and get to the bottom of a fiendish conspiracy on the water?

Lamplight Audio; 2017

6hrs 45mins

13535 KICK BACK

By Val McDermid

Narrator Chloe Massey

Kate Brannigan, feisty Manchester-based PI, is investigating the bizarre case of the missing conservatories. Before long she's up to her neck in crooked land deals, mortgage scams, financial chicanery – and murder. But when a favour for a friend puts Kate's own life in danger, bizarre is not the first word she thinks of...

Avid Audio; 2019

7hrs 15mins

13584 SMOKE AND ASHES

By Abir Mukherjee

Narrator Simon Bubb

India, 1921. Captain Sam Wyndham is battling a serious addiction to opium. When Sam is summoned to investigate a grisly murder, he is stunned at the sight of the body: he's seen this before. Last night, in a drug addled haze, he stumbled across a corpse with the same ritualistic injuries. Unfortunately for Sam, revealing his presence in the opium den could cost him his career. He must try to solve the two murders, all the while keeping his personal demons secret, before somebody else turns up dead.

Random House Audio; 2018

10hrs 30mins

13692 BODY WORK

By Sara Paretsky

Narrator Liza Ross

Private eye V I Warshawski goes out one night to Chicago's edgiest night spot, where a woman known as the Body Artist turns her naked body into a canvas for the audience to paint on. When a painter is shot, the police think it's a clear-cut case: a shell-shocked war veteran goes off the rails. But the soldier's family hires Warshawski to clear his name, and she soon uncovers a chain of ugly truths that stretches all the way from Iraq to Chicago's South Side.

Isis Audio Books; 2010

16hrs 0mins

13676 ALONG CAME A SPIDER

By James Patterson

Narrator Taye Diggs

Two children have been kidnapped from an elite Washington DC private school. Detective Alex Cross must find them. But as he pursues the sinister kidnapper, Gary Soneji, Cross is pulled deeper into a tangled web of lies. Is Soneji really just a maths teacher with a get-rich-quick scheme – or is he something far more dangerous?

Hachette Audio; 2014

11hrs 0mins

13689 CROSS COUNTRY

By James Patterson

Narrator Garrick Hagon

Called in to investigate a massacre, Detective Alex Cross is shocked to discover an old friend among the victims. Devastated, he sets out to the Niger Delta, where the heroin and slave trades are rife, and to the terrifying, psychopathic perpetrator of the massacre: the Tiger. But nothing is what it seems, and as Cross travels deeper into this dangerous world of corruption and conspiracy, his own survival is on the line...

Isis Audio Books; 2009

7hrs 0mins

13637 PRIVATE: NO 1 SUSPECT

By James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

Narrator Scott Shepherd

Since former US Marine Jack Morgan started Private, it has become the world's most successful detective agency. But when his former lover is found murdered in Jack's bed, Jack is instantly the number one suspect. With his team stretched to breaking point and Jack fighting for his life, he finds himself strong-armed by the mob, and soon realises he is facing his most powerful enemies ever.

Random House Audio; 2012

7hrs 30mins

13675 ROSES ARE RED

By James Patterson Narrator Peter Jay Fernandez

A series of meticulously planned bank robberies ends in murder, and detective Alex Cross must pit his wits against the sadistic mastermind behind the crimes. Torn between dedication to his job and commitment to his family, Cross cannot ignore the case, despite the risks he knows will come with hunting down a killer - and the heartbreaking cost.

Little Brown Audio; 2016

8hrs 30mins

13635 THE LAST WIDOW

By Karin Slaughter Narrator Laurence Bouvard

It begins with an abduction. Michelle Spivey is snatched as she leaves a shopping mall. The police search for her, her partner pleads for her release, but it's as if she disappeared into thin air. A month later, the fallout will lead medical examiner Sara Linton and her boyfriend Will Trent, an agent with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, to the terrible truth about what really happened to Michelle, and to a remote compound where a radical group has murder in mind...

Clipper Audio; 2019

17hrs 15mins

13580 CHILDREN OF WAR

By Martin Walker Narrator Peter Noble

Bruno, Chief of Police in the French town of St Denis, is already busy when the body of an undercover French Muslim cop is found, a man who called Bruno for help only hours before. Meanwhile, a Muslim youth named Sami turns up at an army base in Afghanistan hoping to get home to St Denis. Bruno must unravel these mysteries, and find a way to protect his town and its people.

Jammer Audio; 2014

11hrs 30mins

13464 NIGHT FROST

By R D Wingfield

Narrator Stephen Thorne

A serial killer is terrorizing the senior citizens of Denton, and the local police are succumbing to a 'flu epidemic. In uncertain charge of the investigations is Detective Inspector Jack Frost, crumpled, slapdash, and foul-mouthed as ever. Trying to cope, despite inadequate backup, there is never enough time; the unsolved crimes pile up and the vicious killings go on.

Isis Audio Books; 1998

12hrs 30mins

FAMILY SAGAS

13661 SECRETS OF CAVENDON

By Barbara Taylor Bradford

Narrator Anna Bentinck

It's the summer of 1949, and things have run smoothly at Cavendon Hall for years, but since the end of World War II, changes have arrived. A new generation is at the helm and at the forefront of new scandal and intrigue. With romance, betrayal, heartbreak and possible murder threatening to tear them apart, the Inghams and Swanns will have to find a way to come together...

Lamplight Audio; 2018

12hrs 45mins

13604 VOICE OF THE HEART

By Barbara Taylor Bradford

Narrator DeNica Fairman

With her stunning beauty, brilliant talent, and magical allure, Katherine Tempest has the world at her feet. Her rise from unknown actress to Hollywood legend is marked by a ruthless determination to succeed. Katherine irrevocably changes the lives of her closest friends: the two men who love her, and the woman who trusts her implicitly. She never looks back until she needs the one thing they alone can give her- forgiveness.

HarperCollins; 2017

35hrs 20mins

13708 SOME SUNNY DAY

By Helen Carey

Narrator Annie Aldington

September 1940. As the Luftwaffe bomb London, the women of Lavender Road are fighting their own battles. For shy Katy Parsons, enrolling as a nurse was always her dream, but the reality is tougher than she ever imagined. Louise Rutherford secretly hoped the war would bring her some fun and romance. But so far it has brought her pain and grief. London during the Blitz is a dangerous place to live but the Lavender Road residents never stop believing their sunny day will come.

Soundings Audio; 2016

19hrs 0mins

13668 MARY KATE

By Nadine Dorries

Narrator Avena Wallace

Liverpool, 1963. Mary Kate Malone is bitterly unhappy that her father has married again after the death of her mother. She leaves home in Tarabeg on the west coast of Ireland and heads for Liverpool to find her mother's sister. But she finds herself penniless and alone, with no place to stay and no idea how she will survive. Meanwhile, back in Ireland, a long-buried secret is about to come to light which will set an unstoppable chain of events in motion.

Lamplight Audio; 2019

12hrs 15mins

13591 WARTIME FOR THE DISTRICT NURSES

By Annie Groves

Narrator Alex Tregear

Alice Lake and her friend Edith have had everything thrown at them in their first year as district nurses in London's East End. As rationing takes hold, there is no escaping the reality of being at war. The girls find themselves caught up in the terrible aftermath, their nursing skills desperately needed on their rounds. With the men away fighting for King and country, it's up to the nurses to keep up the Spirit of the Blitz, and everyone is counting on them...

Lamplight Audio; 2019

11hrs 0mins

13707 SURPRISES IN BURRACOMBE

By Lilian Harry

Narrator Anne Dover

Hilary Napier has had enough of secrets. The engagement party at the Barton is finally a chance for her and David to celebrate their good news. But the course of true love never did run smooth. Amongst all the drama, old friends are always on hand and when Dottie falls ill, an old face comes back to Burracombe to lift her spirits, and perhaps change her life. Book 10 of the series.

Soundings Audio; 2016

13hrs 0mins

13697 THE HOUSE BY THE FJORD

By Rosalind Laker

Narrator Anne Dover

When Anna Harvik travels to Norway in 1946 in order to visit her late husband's father, she intends to make it a quick visit. But when she is offered a house in a secluded valley, she finds herself warming to the people around her, and learning about their experiences and history. In spite of many difficulties, she finds love and much more in the country that becomes her own.

Soundings Audio; 2011

10hrs 30mins

13425 SEA MUSIC

By Sara MacDonald

Narrator Pat Steadman

When Lucy Tremain goes to stay with her grandparents in their house in Cornwall overlooking the sea, she finds family papers hidden in the old cottage. The papers hint at wartime secrets. From them emerges her grandmother's story – a hidden story of wartime courage and terrible deprivation. And for three generations of the Tremain family the papers turn their lives upside down.

HarperCollins; 2003

19hrs 30mins

13698 NOW THE WAR IS OVER

By Annie Murray

Narrator Annie Aldington

The Second World War has finally come to a close. Birmingham is welcoming home its menfolk, and a new chapter is beginning in Rachel Booker's life. As the 1950s dawn, a whole new world of opportunity opens up. But family life settles into a routine and Rachel, unsatisfied, starts to yearn for more. Do her loyalties still lie with the family and friends she clung to throughout the war years or is it time to move on

Soundings Audio; 2016

15hrs 0mins

FANTASY FICTION

13592 VOX

By Christine Dalcher

Narrator Laurence Bouvard

Jean McClellan spends her time in almost complete silence, limited to just 100 words a day. Any more, and a thousand volts of electricity will course through her veins. Now the new government is in power, everything has changed. But only if you're a woman, and terrifyingly, young girls are no longer taught to read or write. For herself, for her daughter and for every woman silenced, Jean will reclaim her voice. This is only the beginning...

HarperCollins; 2018

10hrs 10mins

13558 STRAY SOULS

By Kate Griffin

Narrator Yvonne Clemenson

London's soul has gone missing. Lost? Kidnapped? Murdered? Nobody knows - but when Sharon Li unexpectedly discovers she's a shaman, she is immediately called upon to use her new found powers of oneness with the City to rescue it from a slow, but inevitable, demise. The problem is, while everyone expects Sharon to have all the answers - she doesn't have a clue where to start.

Orbit; 2012

15hrs 30mins

13577 A FEAST FOR CROWS

By George R R Martin

Narrator Roy Dotrice

Book 4 of 'A Song of Ice and Fire' series. The war in the Seven Kingdoms has burned itself out, but in its bitter aftermath new conflicts spark to life. The Martells of Dorne and the Starks of Winterfell seek vengeance for their dead. Euron Crow's Eye, as black a pirate as ever raised a sail, returns from the smoking ruins of Valyria to claim the Iron Isles.

Oakhill Audio; 2012

33hrs 45mins

13699 SMALL GODS

By Terry Pratchett

Narrator Nigel Planer

Book 13 of the Discworld series: Brutha is a simple lad who only wants to tend his melon patch. Until one day he hears the voice of a god calling his name. Brutha is the Chosen One. Or at least the only One available. He wants peace and justice and brotherly love. He also wants the Inquisition to stop torturing him now, please . . . But most of all, what he really wants is for his small god to choose Someone Else...

Isis Audio Books; 2007

9hrs 50mins

GENERAL FICTION

13606 ENLIGHTENING DELILAH

By M C Beaton

Narrator Rachel Fenwick

Stunningly beautiful, the dazzling Delilah has had plenty of marriage proposals. But having once been spurned by Sir Charles Digby, the only man she has ever loved, she is now a hardened heartbreaker who toys with all her suitors. And so it is up to the eccentric Tribble sisters to teach her the meaning of true love again.

Canvas; 2012

5hrs 0mins

13737 PRAGUE SPRING

By Simon Mawer Narrator Dugal Bruce Lockhart

1968, the year of Prague Spring and Cold War winter. English students, Ellie and James, set off to hitch-hike across Europe and decide, on a whim, to visit Czechoslovakia. Meanwhile Sam Wareham, at the British embassy in Prague, is observing developments in the country with diplomatic cynicism. But with the Red Army amassed on the borders, how will the looming disaster affect those fragile lives caught up in the invasion?

Clipper Audio; 2018

10hrs 15mins

GHOST STORIES

13602 MISS MARLEY: A CHRISTMAS GHOST STORY

By Vanessa LaFaye

Narrator Josie Dunn

Orphans Clara and Jacob Marley live by their wits, scavenging for scraps in the shadow of the workhouse. When the chance to escape poverty comes their way, Jacob seizes it despite the terrible price. And so he is set on a path that leads to his infamous partnership with Ebenezer Scrooge. As Jacob builds a fortress of wealth, only Clara can warn him of the hideous fate that awaits him if he refuses to let love and kindness into his heart...

HarperCollins; 2018

3hrs 30mins

HISTORICAL FICTION

13664 A SINGLE THREAD

By Tracy Chevalier

Narrator Fenella Woolgar

It is 1932, and after the First World War, Violet Speedwell, mourning for her fiancé, resolves to escape her suffocating mother and strike out alone. A new life awaits her in Winchester, where she falls in with the broderers, a group of women charged with embroidering kneelers for the Cathedral, and is soon entwined in their lives and their secrets. As the threat of a second Great War looms, Violet collects a few secrets of her own that could just change everything...

Clipper Audio; 2019

10hrs 45mins

13593 THE BLOODING

By James McGee

Narrator David Timson

1812: Matthew Hawkwood, soldier turned spy, is stranded behind enemy lines, in America, a country at war with Britain. Heading for the safety of the Canadian border, with Major Douglas Lawrence, the two men uncover an American plot to invade Canada. If it is successful, the entire continent will be lost. The British authorities must be warned...

HarperCollins; 2018

17hrs 30mins

13613 RESURRECTIONIST

By James McGee

Narrator Paul Moriarty

For London's grave robbers, death is a lucrative business. But it's the corpse they leave behind, horribly mutilated and nailed to a tree, which sets Bow Street Runner Matthew Hawkwood on their trail. To hunt down those responsible, Hawkwood must venture into London's murkiest corners, where ever more gruesome discoveries await him.

HarperCollins; 2007

14hrs 30mins

13587 THE HOUSE ON HALF MOON STREET

By Alex Reeve

Narrator Ash Palmisciano

Leo Stanhope, assistant to a Victorian London coroner, is hiding a very big secret. For Leo was born Charlotte, but unable to cope with living a lie any longer, he fled his family home and has been living as a man ever since. But his life is thrown into chaos when Maria, the woman he loves, is murdered. It is not long before the finger of suspicion is turned on him, threatening to expose his lifelong secret.

Avid Audio; 2018

10hrs 30mins

13536 THE KING'S EVIL

By Andrew Taylor

Narrator Leighton Pugh

London 1667. In the Court of Charles II, it's a dangerous time to be alive – a wrong move could lead to disgrace, exile or death. The discovery of a murder at Clarendon House, the palatial home of one of the highest courtiers in the land, could have catastrophic consequences. James Marwood, a traitor's son, is ordered to cover up the murder. But if he makes a mistake, it could threaten not only the government but the King himself...

Lamplight Audio; 2019

12hrs 15mins

HORROR STORIES

13622 THE BODY SNATCHER AND OTHER STORIES

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Narrator Roy McMillan

A collection of three ghoulish tales by Robert Louis Stevenson. Perfect for long winter nights, these stories have been specially selected to create an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty, and will be enjoyed by fans of the macabre.

Naxos Audio Books; 2009

2hrs 30mins

HUMOUROUS FICTION

13739 QUEEN CAMILLA

By Sue Townsend

Narrator Patricia Gallimore

The UK has come over all republican. The Royal Family exiled to an Exclusion Zone with the other villains and to cap it all, the Queen has threatened to abdicate. Yet Prince Charles is more interested in root vegetables than reigning ... unless his wife Camilla can be Queen. But when a scoundrel who claims to be the couple's secret lovechild offers to take the crown off their hands, the stage is set for a right royal show down!

Clipper Audio; 2006

13hrs 0mins

LOVE STORIES

13741 POSTSCRIPT

By Cecelia Ahern

Narrator Amy Huberman

It's been seven years since Holly's husband died and she read his final letter, urging her to forge a new life. But when a group inspired by Gerry's letters, calling themselves the 'PS, I Love You Club' approaches her, she finds herself drawn back into a world that she worked hard to leave behind. Reluctantly, Holly begins a remarkable journey that will challenge her to ask whether embracing the future means betraying the past, and what it means to love someone forever... Sequel to 'PS, I Love You' (7002)

Clipper Audio; 2019

9hrs 45mins

13557 FALLEN HERO**By G L Vernon****Narrator Ann Clark**

In the closing days of the first world war Sep Breitner, a wounded Austrian soldier, is captured by the British. As he recovers from his mental and physical scars, he relives his life spent in the idyllic alpine landscape of his childhood. His tales captivate Nurse Susan Jones. Their relationship blossoms – only for forces beyond their control to intervene.

Vernon Media; 2019

13hrs 30mins

SCIENCE FICTION**13586 THE COLLECTED STORIES: VOLUME III****By Arthur C Clarke****Narrator Miscellaneous**

A definitive collection of short stories from the century's greatest science fiction writer. This volume showcases his range and variety, each story a classic example of the unique mixture of speculation and fiction which has made Clarke a household name.

Clipper Audio; 2010

10hrs 30mins

13631 WOLF COUNTRY**By Tunde Farrand****Narrator Amaka Okafor**

London, 2050. The socio-economic crisis of recent decades is over and consumerism is thriving. Ownership of land outside the city is the preserve of a tiny elite, and the rest of the population must spend to earn a Right to Reside. When architect Philip goes missing, his wife, Alice, begins to question the society in which she was raised. Her search for him uncovers some horrifying truths about the reality behind the new social order.

Avid Audio; 2019

10hrs 15mins

SHORT STORIES

13610 ELSEWHERE, HOME

By Leila Aboulela

Narrator Ann Stutz

From one of our finest contemporary writers Leila Aboulela offers us a rich tableau of life as an immigrant abroad. Shuttling between the dusty, sun-baked streets of Khartoum and the university halls and cramped apartments of Aberdeen and London, she explores, with subtlety and restraint, the profound feelings of yearning, loss and alienation that come with leaving one's homeland in pursuit of a different life.

Telegram Books; 2018

6hrs 0mins

13582 LABELS AND OTHER STORIES

By Louis de Bernieres

Narrator Russell Bentley

Louis de Bernieres is one of our most treasured writers and these stories show his imaginative range and unique storytelling power. This collection features tales that transport us around the globe, from the London Underground to Turkish ruins to the banks of the Amazon.

Clipper Audio; 2019

8hrs 0mins

13685 A CHRISTMAS FEAST

By Katie Fforde

Narrator Rita Sharma

In this delicious feast of Christmas short stories: meet the man of your dreams in Italy; get snowed-in in Scotland with an irascible, but oh-so-attractive male author; see how a mix-up over a holiday booking can result in the happiest of Christmas Days; join Katie Fforde and sample some of your favourite dishes and enjoy a few surprises, all collected here in one perfect story collection.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

7hrs 0mins

**13617 THE PENGUIN BOOK OF THE
CONTEMPORARY BRITISH SHORT STORY**

By Philip Hensher (editor) Narrator Hilary Spiers

A spectacular treasury of the best British short stories published in the last twenty years. Philip Hensher has scoured a vast trove of material and chosen thirty great stories for this volume of works written between 1997 and the present day. Contains some offensive language.

Penguin; 2018

15hrs 30mins

13670 TENTH OF DECEMBER

By George Saunders Narrator George Saunders

Wryly hilarious and disturbing, these short stories illuminate human experience and explore figures lost in a labyrinth of troubling preoccupations. With dark visions of the future riffing against ghosts of the past, and the ever-settling present, this collection sings with astonishing charm and intensity.

Clipper Audio; 2013

5hrs 45mins

13471 THE JOURNEY HOME AND OTHER STORIES

By Malachi Whitaker Narrator Anne Marlow

It was around 1926 that Marjorie 'Malachi' Whitaker wrote her first short story. Described as Bradford's Chekhov, her stories, concerned with everyday life, are mostly set in Yorkshire and often concentrate on the gender dynamics between men and women.

Persephone; 2017

7hrs 0mins

SPY STORIES

13623 THE IPCRESS FILE

By Len Deighton

Narrator James Lailey

The nameless protagonist of this adventure - later christened Harry Palmer - is transferred from British Military Intelligence to a civilian department known as WOOC(P). Here, an apparently straightforward operation to trace a missing biochemist leads him to confront a massive conspiracy.

Lamplight Audio; 2019

8hrs 45mins

13583 SAFE HOUSES

By Dan Fesperman

Narrator Dan Fesperman

West Berlin, 1979. Helen Abell oversees the CIA's network of safe houses amidst a dangerous city in the grip of the Cold War. Helen's world is upended when she overhears a meeting that hints at shadowy realities far beyond her comprehension. Her attempts to expose the dark truths about what she has witnessed will bring about repercussions that reach across decades and continents into the present day

Avid Audio; 2018

13hrs 30mins

13651 EYE OF THE NEEDLE

By Ken Follett

Narrator Samuel West

It is 1944 and weeks before D-day. The Allies are disguising their invasion plans with a phony armada of ships and planes. Their plan would be ruined if an enemy agent found out... and then The Needle - Hitler's prize undercover agent, does just that. Hunted by MI5, he leads a murderous trail across Britain to a waiting U-boat. But he hasn't planned for a storm-battered island and the remarkable young woman who lives there.

Pan Macmillan; 2018

11hrs 0mins

13652 THE KEY TO REBECCA

By Ken Follett

Narrator Tim Downie

1942. Nazi spy Alex Wolff is known to his handlers as the 'Sphinx'. The British campaign in North Africa hangs in the balance. Intelligence officer Major William Vandam is tasked with hunting down the Sphinx before the British are defeated. Vandam enlists the help of courtesan Elene Fontana, who agrees to try and ensnare Wolff. Can they catch the master spy before he uncovers Cairo's secrets and the campaign fails?

Pan Macmillan; 2018

11hrs 30mins

13654 LIE DOWN WITH LIONS

By Ken Follett

Narrator Emma Fenney

Jane, a brave and sensual Englishwoman, is caught in a deadly romantic triangle between rival spies Ellis and Jean-Pierre. Love, hatred and deception sweep them from terrorist conspiracies in Paris to guerrilla warfare in Afghanistan.

Pan Macmillan; 2018

13hrs 0mins

THRILLERS

13700 THE PLEA

By Steve Cavanagh

Narrator Adam Sims

When David Child, a major client of a corrupt New York law firm, is arrested for murder, the FBI ask con artist-turned-lawyer Eddie Flynn to persuade him to testify against the firm. But Eddie is convinced the man is innocent, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. With the FBI putting pressure on him to secure the deal, Eddie must find a way to prove his client's innocence. But the stakes are high - his wife is in danger. And not just from the FBI . . .

Isis Audio Books; 2016

11hrs 40mins

13564 THE BETRAYER

By Kimberley Chambers Narrator Annie Aldington

Maureen Hutton's life has never been easy. Married to an alcoholic and stuck on a council estate in east London, she scrimps and saves to bring up her three children alone. But then Maureen is told a terrible secret which threatens to rip her family apart. She can't say anything. She is too frightened of causing a bloodbath. The only thing Maureen can do is get rid of the betrayer, before it is too late.

Oakhill Audio; 2011

12hrs 30mins

13563 THE SCHEMER

By Kimberley Chambers Narrator Annie Aldington

It's 1983 and 14-year-old Stephanie Crouch is desperate to escape her overbearing family. When she meets East End wide-boy Barry, his cockney charm soon has her head-over-heels in love. But then he is whisked away to Spain by his family, and heartbroken Stephanie turns to Barry's friend Wayne for comfort. Their friendship blossoms into romance, leaving Barry fuming and promising revenge...

Oakhill Audio; 2012

15hrs 20mins

13655 CODE TO ZERO

By Ken Follett

Narrator Ian Porter

Waking up in a railway station in 1958 with total amnesia, Luke Lucas begins to relearn his identity. He realizes that his fate is bound up with that of the rocket that stands ready on launchpad 26B at Cape Canaveral. And he soon uncovers long-kept secrets about his wife, his best friend and the woman he once loved more than life itself...

Pan Macmillan; 2018

12hrs 40mins

13658 THE HAMMER OF EDEN

By Ken Follett

Narrator January Lavoy

Judy Maddox, an FBI Agent with a point to prove, is tasked with investigating an anonymous threat from a terrorist group that claims it can trigger earthquakes. When a suspected, machine-generated tremor is detected, her investigation reaches a critical point. Can she find those responsible, and their next target, before they trigger a catastrophe that will devastate the entire West Coast of America and the millions of people who live there . . .

Pan Macmillan; 2018

13hrs 0mins

13657 THE THIRD TWIN

By Ken Follett

Narrator January Lavoy

Scientist Jeannie Ferrami stumbles across a baffling mystery: Steve and Dan appear to be identical twins but were born on different days, to different mothers. As Jeannie begins to fall in love with Steve, she finds her professional, and personal, future threatened. Jeannie starts to uncover buried secrets, but perhaps some secrets are best left alone...

Pan Macmillan; 2018

15hrs 0mins

13560 THE HOURS BEFORE DAWN

By Celia Fremlin

Narrator Judy Franklin

Louise would give anything for a good night's sleep. If the baby would just stop crying, everything would be fine. Or would it? What if Louise's growing fears about the family's new lodger, who seems to share all of her husband's interests, are real? What could she do, and would anyone even believe her? Maybe, if she could get just get some rest, she'd be able to think straight...

Faber & Faber; 2017

8hrs 0mins

13716 THE GUARDIANS

By John Grisham

Narrator Michael Beck

For 22 years Quincy Miller has sat on Death Row, convicted of the murder of Keith Russo, a lawyer in a small Florida town. The lack of evidence made no difference to judge or jury. An innocence lawyer, Cullen Post, decides to take on his case. But there were powerful and ruthless people behind Russo's murder. They killed one lawyer 22 years ago, and they'll kill another one without a second thought...

Random House Audio; 2019

12hrs 0mins

13533 THE LAST

By Hanna Jameson

Narrator Anthony Stark

Historian Jon Keller is on a trip to Switzerland when the world ends. As the lights go out on civilisation, twenty people remain in Jon's hotel. Far from the nearest city they wait, they survive. Then one day, the body of a young girl is found. It's clear she has been murdered. Which means that someone in the hotel is a killer. As paranoia descends, Jon decides to investigate. But what kind of justice can he hope for, when society as he knows it no longer exists?

Penguin Audio; 2019

10hrs 0mins

13581 I FOUND YOU

By Lisa Jewell

Narrator Antonia Beamish

Alice finds a man on the beach outside her house. He has no name, no jacket, no idea what he is doing there. Against her better judgement, she invites him into her home. But who is he, and how can she trust a man who has lost his memory?

Clipper Audio; 2016

9hrs 30mins

13667 THE OTTOMAN SECRET

By Raymond Khoury

Narrator Raphael Corkhill

The Ottoman Empire has ruled Europe for over 300 years. As a special investigator for the state police, Kamal Agha is committed to keeping the empire safe from threats. So when a naked man covered in tattoos murders a passerby on the banks of the Seine, Kamal is tasked with tracking him down. But the mysterious man's trail leads Kamal to a secret buried deep in the empire's past, a secret that the sultan and his security services will do anything to silence.

Penguin Audio; 2019

17hrs 30mins

13703 NIGHTMARE

By Stephen Leather

Narrator Paul Thornley

What goes around, comes around. Jack Nightingale learned that as a cop and discovered that it was just as true in the world of the supernatural. His life changed forever on the day he failed to stop a young girl throwing herself to her death. Ever since, he's been haunted by thoughts that he could have done more to save her. Can Nightingale put things right? Or are the forces of darkness torturing and deceiving him in order to gain the ultimate prize - his soul?

Isis Audio Books; 2012

12hrs 0mins

13534 NO FURTHER QUESTIONS

By Gillian McAllister

Narrator Miscellaneous

You'd trust your sister with your life. But should you? The police say she's guilty. She insists she's innocent. She's your sister. You loved her. You trusted her. But they say she killed your child. Who do you believe?

Penguin Audio; 2018

12hrs 30mins

13738 NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN

By Cormac McCarthy **Narrator Tom Stechschulte**

Llewelyn Moss is hunting antelope near the Texas-Mexico border when he stumbles upon several dead men, a stash of heroin, and two million dollars in cash. He takes off with the money, but when a drug cartel hires a former Special Forces agent to track down the loot, the hunter becomes the hunted. Also looking for Moss is the ageing Sheriff Bell, a World War II veteran who may be Moss' only hope for survival.

Clipper Audio; 2006

7hrs 30mins

13693 MIDNIGHT SUN

By Jo Nesbo **Narrator Kim Gordon**

Jon is on the run. He has betrayed Oslo's biggest crime lord, the Fisherman. Fleeing to an isolated corner of Norway, Jon hopes to find sanctuary among a local religious sect. Hiding out in a shepherd's cabin, all that stands between him and his fate are Lea and her young son, Knut. But while Lea provides a rifle, and Knut brings essential supplies, the midnight sun is slowly driving Jon to insanity. And then he discovers that the Fisherman's men are getting closer...

Isis Audio Books; 2015

5hrs 30mins

13638 AMBUSH

By James Patterson & James O Born

Narrator Danny Mastrogiorgio

An anonymous tip about a crime in Upper Manhattan proves to be a set-up. An officer is taken down - but despite the attackers' efforts, it's not Detective Michael Bennett. But then one of Bennett's children is attacked. A series of murders follows, each with a distinct signature, alerting Bennett to the presence of a professional killer. Bennett can't tell what's driving the assassin. But he can tell it's personal...

Random House Audio; 2018

6hrs 0mins

13633 GOOD GIRL, BAD GIRL

By Michael Robotham

Narrator Joe Jameson

Six years ago, Evie Cormac was discovered, filthy and half-starved, hiding in a secret room in the aftermath of a shocking crime. Now approaching adulthood, Evie is damaged, self-destructive and has never revealed her true identity. Forensic psychologist Cyrus Haven is called upon to assess Evie and finds she has a unique and dangerous gift - she knows when someone is lying. And nobody is telling the truth...

Wavesound Audio; 2019

12hrs 0mins

13624 BATTLE SIGHT ZERO

By Gerald Seymour

Narrator Leighton Pugh

The Kalashnikov AK47. A symbol of freedom fighters and terrorists across the globe. Undercover officer Andy Knight has infiltrated an extremist group intent on bringing the rifle to Britain - something MI5 have been struggling for years to prevent. He befriends Zeinab, a young Muslim student, who is at the centre of the plot - and though Andy knows that the golden rule of undercover work is not to get emotionally attached to the target, sometimes rules are impossible to follow...

Clipper Audio; 2019

17hrs 0mins

13628 STASI 77

By David Young

Narrator Julia Barrie & Thomas Judd

Karin Müller of the German Democratic Republic's People's Police is called to a factory in the east of the country. A man has been murdered - bound and trapped as a fire burned nearby. As more victims surface, it becomes clear that there is a cold-blooded killer taking their revenge. Soon Müller begins to realise that in order to solve these terrible crimes, she will need to delve into the region's dark past.

Clipper Audio; 2019

10hrs 0mins

WAR STORIES

13656 JACKDAWS

By Ken Follett

Narrator Emilia Fox

Two weeks before D-Day, the French Resistance try to destroy a telephone exchange vital to Nazi communications, but the mission fails disastrously. With invasion looming, Flick Clairet, a British secret agent, proposes a daring but perilous new plan. She, along with an all-female team – the Jackdaws – will infiltrate the exchange before Allied Forces land in France. However, Rommel has assigned a brilliant spy-catcher – Dieter Franck – to crush the French Resistance. And now Franck is closing in . . .

Pan Macmillan; 2018

17hrs 10mins

13653 THE MAN FROM ST PETERSBURG

By Ken Follett

Narrator Richard Armitage

1914. Tensions are rising as Europe finds itself caught in a web of dangerous warmongering. Britain aims to draw Russia into an alliance, so Czar Nicholas's nephew, Prince Aleksei, is sent to London for secret naval talks with Lord Walden. With the British desperately needing a signed treaty and the fate of the world hanging in the balance, a private tragedy sets in motion a series of world-shaking, ultimately fatal events.

Pan Macmillan; 2018

12hrs 40mins

WESTERNS

13578 TWO-EDGED VENGEANCE

By Todhunter Ballard

Narrator Jeff Harding

Jet Cosgrave comes back to his home after five years, brooding over the loss of his father's ranch to his smooth-talking Uncle Lin. He hires a crew tough enough to match Lin's own gang of killers. Not only does Jet have to fight his own uncle, but there are also the Polsens, the hill people who hate Jet almost as much as Lin. Matters are further complicated by the two women in his life.

Isis Audio Books; 2013

7hrs 0mins

13426 RODEO KILLER

By Derek Taylor

Narrator Richard Worland

Rodeo, in its early days, was as wild as the Wild West and some of its participants even wilder. Hal Turner would go to any lengths to keep from Red Arnold the champion's crown he felt belonged rightfully to his brother. But now his brother was dead, gored by a bull, and there was no one to stop Red Arnold taking his place...

Robert Hale; 2001

2hrs 0mins

Non-Fiction

ANIMALS

13626 MRS MOREAU'S WARBLER

By Stephen Moss

Narrator Stephen Moss

Swallow and starling, puffin and peregrine, blue tit and blackcap. The words we use to name birds are some of the most lyrical and evocative in the English language. Through fascinating encounters with birds, and the rich cast of characters who came up with their names, Stephen Moss shows how these names reveal as much about ourselves and our relationship with the natural world as about the creatures they describe.

Clipper Audio; 2019

9hrs 15mins

ARTS – GENERAL

13729 THE HISTORY OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

By Richard Fawkes

Narrator Robert Powell

Richard Fawkes tells the fascinating story of over a thousand years of Western classical music and its composers. From Gregorian chant to Stravinsky and Henryk Gorecki - the first living classical composer to get into the pop album charts - performances from some of the most highly praised recordings of recent years illustrate the narrative.

Naxos Audio Books; 2000

5hrs 15mins

13730 THE HISTORY OF OPERA

By Richard Fawkes

Narrator Robert Powell

Since its origins in the sixteenth century, opera has been an extravagant, costly affair, arousing great passions. It has also produced some of the most sublime works of art, from Monteverdi to Wagner. Here Richard Fawkes traces the history of opera up to the present day, featuring more than seventy-five musical examples.

Naxos Audio Books; 2005

5hrs 15mins

13553 CATHEDRALS IN A NUTSHELL

By Jonathan Gregson

Narrator Roy McMillan

Cathedrals are among the most imposing, astonishing, and inspiring buildings in Europe. Regardless of faith, their architectural daring has never ceased to spark wonder. This guide traces the development of the cathedral from its earliest beginnings as a Bishop's house, up to the most extravagant contemporary designs around the world. In doing so, it sheds light on social, religious, and architectural history, as well as bringing the story of these extraordinary buildings to life.

Naxos Audio Books; 2010

1hr 15mins

13601 THE MAKING OF POETRY

By Adam Nicolson

Narrator Roger Davis

The year in the late 1790s that Coleridge, Wordsworth and his sister Dorothy spent together in the Quantock Hills, is the most famous year in English poetry. Out of it came 'The Ancient Mariner' and 'Kubla Khan' as well as Wordsworth's 'Lyrical Ballads' and the greatness of 'Tintern Abbey'. The idea that these poems came from this place, and that only by experiencing the physical circumstances of the year, in all weathers and all seasons, can the genesis of the poetry start to be understood.

HarperCollins; 2019

12hrs 15mins

13554 THE HISTORY OF WESTERN ART

By Peter Whitfield

Narrator Sebastian Comberti

What is art? Why do we value images of saints, kings, goddesses, battles, landscapes or cities from eras of history utterly remote from ourselves? This history of art shows how painters, sculptors and architects have expressed the belief systems of their age. From the ancient civilisations of Egypt, Mesopotamia and Greece, to the revolutionary years of the 19th and 20th centuries, the artist has acted as a mirror to the ideals and conflicts of the human mind.

Naxos Audio Books; 2011

5hrs 15mins

BIOGRAPHY - ART MUSIC & LITERATURE

13607 BEYOND THE THIRTY-NINE STEPS: A LIFE OF JOHN BUCHAN

By Ursula Buchan Narrator Vivienne Ennemoser

John Buchan's name is known across the world for *The Thirty-Nine Steps* (1915). The classic thriller has inspired numerous adaptations for film, television, radio and stage, beginning with the celebrated version by Alfred Hitchcock. Ursula Buchan, his granddaughter, has drawn on recently discovered family documents to write this comprehensive and illuminating biography, which brings vividly to life this remarkable man and his times.

Bloomsbury; 2019

17hrs 30mins

13643 ALL IN THE DOWNS: REFLECTIONS ON LIFE, LANDSCAPE AND SONG

By Shirley Collins Narrator Grace Dives

A legendary singer, folklorist, and music historian, Shirley Collins has been an integral figure in the English folk music scene for more than sixty years. In this memoir, she tells the story of that lifelong relationship with English folksong - a dedication to artistic integrity that has guided her through the triumphs and tragedies of her life.

Strange Attractor; 2018

9hrs 30mins

13594 WHERE SHALL WE RUN TO?: A MEMOIR

By Alan Garner Narrator Robert Powell

Alan Garner remembers his early childhood in the Cheshire village of Alderley Edge: life at the village school as 'a sissy and a mardy-arse'; his father joining the army to guard the family against Hitler; and the coming of the Yanks, with their comics and sweets and chewing gum. From one of our greatest living writers, it is a remarkable and evocative memoir of a vanished England.

HarperCollins; 2018

3hrs 5mins

13660 SIR ELTON: THE DEFINITIVE BIOGRAPHY

By Philip Norman

Narrator Peter Noble

Elton John is one of the biggest stars in the world, a man whose extraordinary career has resulted in timeless songs and sold-out world tours. But how did the sensitive boy from Pinner, become such an iconic figure? Philip Norman paints a frank but sympathetic portrait, and a vivid, perceptive, superbly researched account of a musical legend.

Clipper Audio; 2019

26hrs 15mins

13511 QUANT BY QUANT

By Mary Quant

Narrator Pamela Todd

After opening her boutique Bazaar on London's King's Road in 1955, Quant soared to international fame with her brand of witty style that fitted perfectly with modern city life. She was at the forefront of fashion's democratization, seeking to eliminate snobbery and "make fashionable clothes available to everyone." Her autobiography captures the world in which she found inspiration, and which she ultimately helped to define and change.

V & A; 2018

8hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY – ENTERTAINMENT

13735 WHO AM I, AGAIN?

By Lenny Henry

Narrator Lenny Henry

In his long-awaited autobiography, Sir Lenny Henry tells the extraordinary story of his early years and sudden rise to fame. 1970s' Britain was a hard place for a lone black teenager. A natural ability to make people laugh came in handy. Soon, it would put him on stage at working men's clubs and Black Country discos - before an invitation to a TV audition changed his life for ever...

Jammer Audio; 2019

7hrs 15mins

BIOGRAPHY – GENERAL

13650 A YORKSHIRE BOYHOOD

By Roy Hattersley

Narrator Bob Rollett

All the pleasures and pangs of northern working-class childhood are magnificently evoked as Roy Hattersley takes us through the hardships of the Thirties and the Blitz; and into the 1940s remembering the 11-plus examination and Grammar School. He recounts a ten-year feud with the next-door neighbours and tells us of his unwavering devotion to Sheffield Wednesday.

Abacus; 2003

9hrs 30mins

13513 THE SUMMER OF A DORMOUSE

By John Mortimer

Narrator Bob Rollett

In his paradoxically cheerful and cheering book about growing old gracefully, John Mortimer recounts what it's like to be 75 but feel 11. He describes his hilarious public duties, like chairing the committee to decide who should go on the empty plinth in Trafalgar Square, and also private matters like having to be in a wheelchair at glamorous New Labour parties..

Penguin; 2001

6hrs 0mins

13473 LIFTING THE LATCH

By Sheila Stewart

Narrator Bob Rollett

For eighty years Mont Abbott lived and worked on the land in rural Oxfordshire. In this memoir, related over a period of two years to author Sheila Stewart, he 'lifts the latch' and takes us into a forgotten world of roly-poly puddings and street fairs. He also describes the lost skills of carting and shepherding, the joys of singing in the church choir, and the privilege of being part of a loyal rural community.

Day Books; 2003

8hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – HISTORICAL

13732 THE FEARS OF HENRY IV

By Ian Mortimer Narrator James Cameron Stewart

King Henry IV survived at least eight plots to dethrone or kill him in the first six years of his reign. Such threats transformed him from hero to murderer, prepared to go to any lengths to save his family and throne. Against all the odds, however, he took a poorly ruled nation, established a new Lancastrian dynasty, and introduced the principle that a king must act in accordance with parliament.

Clipper Audio; 2017

22hrs 15mins

13395 ANNE BOLEYN: HENRY VIII'S OBSESSION

By Elizabeth Norton Narrator Ann Clark

Doomed queen of Henry VIII, mother to Elizabeth I, Anne Boleyn was the most controversial and scandalous woman ever to sit on the throne of England. From her early days at the imposing Hever Castle in Kent, to the glittering courts of Paris and London, Anne caused a stir wherever she went. This is the compelling story of one of history's most charismatic, controversial and tragic heroines.

Amberley; 2009

8hrs 0mins

13641 CATHERINE PARR: WIFE, WIDOW, MOTHER, SURVIVOR

By Elizabeth Norton Narrator Angela Holland

Catherine is remembered as the wife of King Henry VIII who survived but, without her strength of character it could have been very different. This biography shows another side to Catherine. Her life was indeed one of duty but, throughout, she attempted to escape her destiny and find happiness for herself. Ultimately, Catherine was betrayed and her great love affair with Thomas Seymour turned sour.

Amberley; 2011

8hrs 0mins

13665 THE SCANDALOUS LADY W

By Hallie Rubenhold Narrator Emily Pennant-Rea

She was a spirited young heiress. He was a handsome baronet with a promising career in government. Their marriage had the makings of a fairy tale but ended as one of the most highly publicised divorces in history. For years the story of Lady Worsley, her vengeful husband, and her lover, George Maurice Bisset, lay forgotten. This account throws open a window to a view of Georgian England coloured by passion, adventure and the defiance of social convention.

Clipper Audio; 2019

10hrs 45mins

BIOGRAPHY – HUMOUROUS

13629 QUICKSAND TALES

By Keggie Carew

Narrator Jilly Bond

Keggie Carew has an unerring instinct for being in the wrong place at the wrong time, of putting her foot in it, and making a hash of things. From the repercussions of a missing purse, to boiling a frog, or the holiday when the last thing you could possibly imagine happens, Keggie has been there. Here she shares her most embarrassing, awkward, uncomfortable, funny, true, terrible and all-too-relatable moments.

Jammer Audio; 2019

8hrs 15mins

BIOGRAPHY – POLITICAL

13659 FOR THE RECORD

By David Cameron

Narrator David Cameron

David Cameron became Prime Minister in 2010, and went on to win the first outright Conservative majority for 23 years at the 2015 general election. Here, Cameron explains how the governments he led transformed the UK economy and the role of his leadership at a time of profound global change.

Clipper Audio; 2019

30hrs 0mins

CRIME & LAW

13596 MURDER IN THE GRAVEYARD:

By Don Hale

Narrator Don Hale

In September 1973, Stephen Downing, a 17-year-old groundskeeper with learning difficulties, was convicted and sentenced for the murder of Wendy Sewell, a young legal secretary in the Peak District. Local newspaper editor Don Hale was determined to take it to appeal and in 2002, Stephen Downing was finally acquitted, having served 27 years in prison. Here Don sheds a fascinating light on his long, dedicated and often dangerous campaign to rescue a long-forgotten victim.

HarperCollins; 2019

8hrs 50mins

13597 SAY NOTHING: A TRUE STORY OF MURDER AND MEMORY IN NORTHERN IRELAND

By Patrick Radden Keefe **Narrator Matthew Blaney**

One night in December 1972, mother of ten, Jean McConville was abducted from her home in Belfast and never seen alive again. Her disappearance would haunt her orphaned children and a whole society in Northern Ireland for decades. In this spellbinding narrative, Patrick Radden Keefe presents a taut tale of murder, extreme politics, institutionalised violence and the deep scars left by such turmoil.

HarperCollins; 2018

14hrs 40mins

DISABILITIES

13640 SPIRIT OF STOKE MANDEVILLE

By Susan Goodman

Narrator Clare Francis

Sir Ludwig Guttmann, CBE is best known as the founder of the Paralympic Games. It is thanks largely to him that, from a small archery competition in 1948 involving 16 paralysed British war veterans, evolved a major international sporting event featuring elite athletes with all kinds of disabilities. Guttmann introduced a whole new approach to the way tetraplegic and paraplegic patients were treated from the initial stages of injury until final resettlement.

Collins; 1986

6hrs 30mins

13548 GUIDING ME HOME AND AWAY

By Dave Thomas

Narrator Bob Rollett

In 2008, England footballer Dave Thomas was registered blind as a result of glaucoma. In his own words Dave shares his emotions and experiences and, through his journey, we discover his astonishingly positive approach to life as he negotiates everyday tasks the rest of us take for granted. Now with the help of his Labrador guide dog, Hannah, Dave copes with a catalogue of daily obstacles.

Hornet; 2019

5hrs 30mins

HEALTH & WELLBEING

13636 THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO BREAST CANCER

By Trish Greenhalgh & Liz O'Riordan

Narrator Liz O'Riordan

Professor Trisha Greenhalgh, an academic GP, and Dr Liz O'Riordan, a Consultant Breast Cancer Surgeon, are not only outstanding doctors, but they have also experienced breast cancer first-hand. Here they bring together all the knowledge they have gathered as patients and as doctors to give you and your family a trusted, thorough and up-to-date source of information.

Random House Audio; 2019

8hrs 15mins

HISTORY – BRITISH

13620 FAREWELL THE TRUMPETS

By Jan Morris

Narrator Roy McMillan

Jan Morris tells the epic story of the rise of the British Empire, from Queen Victoria's accession in 1837 to her Diamond Jubilee in 1897. She subtly traces the impact of empire on places as diverse as Sierra Leone and Fiji, Zululand and the Canadian prairies. Volume 1 of the 'Pax Britannica' trilogy.

Naxos Audio Books; 2011

20hrs 10mins

13619 PAX BRITTANICA

By Jan Morris

Narrator Roy McMillan

Volume 2 of the 'Pax Britannica' trilogy. In this volume, Jan Morris recreates the British Empire at its dazzling climax - the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897, celebrated as a festival of imperial strength, unity, and splendour. She portrays a nation at the very height of its vigour and self-satisfaction, imposing on the rest of the world its traditions and tastes, its idealists and rascals.

Naxos Audio Books; 2011

17hrs 0mins

13618 HEAVEN'S COMMAND

By Jan Morris

Narrator Roy McMillan

Volume 3 of the 'Pax Britannica' trilogy. This volume charts the decline and dissolution of what was once the largest empire the world had known. From the first signs of decay in the imperial ambition in the Boer Wars, through the global shifts in power evident in the two World Wars, it offers a perspective that is honest, evocative and occasionally elegiac.

Naxos Audio Books; 2012

21hrs 0mins

13590 THE VICTORIANS

By Jacob Rees-Mogg Narrator Jacob Rees-Mogg

Many associate the Victorian era with austere social attitudes and filthy factories. But Jacob Rees-Mogg - leading Tory MP and prominent Brexit advocate - takes up the story of twelve landmark figures to paint a very different picture of the age. Now 200 years since the birth of Queen Victoria, it is essential that we remember the spirit, drive and values of the Victorians who forged modern Britain, as we consider our future as a nation..

Penguin Audio; 2019

12hrs 30mins

13599 CROWN AND COUNTRY

By David Starkey Narrator Jim Norton

The monarchy is one of Britain's longest surviving institutions - as well as one of its most tumultuous and revered. In this masterful book, David Starkey looks at the monarchy as a whole, charting its history from Roman times, to the Wars of the Roses, the chaos of the Civil War, the fall of Charles I and Cromwell's emergence as Lord Protector - all the way up until the Victorian era when Britain's monarchs came face-to-face with modernity.

HarperCollins; 2010

15hrs 10mins

13598 THE MONARCHY OF ENGLAND: BEGINNINGS

By David Starkey Narrator Tim Pigott-Smith

Volume 1: The Early Kings. An in-depth examination of how the English monarchy came into being. This volume covers the retreat of the Romans from Britain in 410 to the fall of the House of Lancaster in the middle of the 15th century. The kings most heavily featured are: Alfred the Great, Canute, Edward the Confessor, William the Conqueror, Henry II, Richard the Lionheart, Henry III and Henry VI.

HarperCollins; 2005

5hrs 15mins

HISTORY – WORLD

13609 SHE-MERCHANTS, BUCCANEERS AND GENTLEWOMEN

By Katie Hickman

Narrator Anne Marlow

The first British women to set foot in India did so in the very early seventeenth century. As wives, courtesans and she-merchants, these tough adventuring women were every bit as intrepid as their men, the buccaneering sea captains and traders in whose wake they followed. Through diaries, letters and memoirs, this exciting book reveals the extraordinary life and times of hundreds of women who made their way across the sea and changed history.

Virago; 2019

16hrs 0mins

13630 THE COLD WAR

By Bridget Kendall

Narrator Bridget Kendall

The Cold War is one of the furthest-reaching and longest-lasting conflicts in modern history. In this meticulously researched account, Bridget Kendall explores the Cold War through the eyes of those who experienced it first-hand. Drawing on exclusive interviews with individuals who lived through the conflict's key events, she offers a variety of perspectives that reveal how the Cold War was experienced by ordinary people.

BBC Audio; 2019

7hrs 15mins

HUMOUR

13616 THE SECRET TEACHER

By Anonymous

Narrator Paul Vates

In this vivid account of his first few years in the classroom, The Secret Teacher grapples with the complicated questions of how to teach, how we learn - and how little he actually knows. He celebrates the world's greatest stories, the extraordinary teachers he has worked with, and the kids: bolshy, bright, funny and absolutely electric. The result is a book brimful of wit, insight and tenderness.

Guardian Faber; 2017

8hrs 30mins

PLAYS, THEATRE & DANCE

13727 WAITING FOR GODOT

By Samuel Beckett

Narrator Miscellaneous

Beckett's classic 'Waiting for Godot', has been famously described as a play in which "nothing happens, twice". As Vladimir and Estragon await the arrival of Godot, they discuss their lives and consider hanging themselves, but choose to wait for Godot instead, in the hope that he can tell them what their purpose is.

Naxos Audio Books; 2006

1hr 0mins

POETRY

13514 INJURY TIME

By Clive James

Narrator Bob Rollett

In this collection of his poems, Clive James finds he has more time on the clock than he had anticipated. All the more determined to use it wisely – to capture the treasurable moment, James weaves poems which reflect on the consolation and wisdom to be found in the art, music and books which have become ever more precious to him in his last years..

Picador; 2018

1hr 30mins

13551 PARADISE REGAINED

By John Milton

Narrator Anton Lesser

Satan again is on the prowl. Having successfully tempted Adam and Eve and forced their departure from the Garden of Eden, here he tries his hand at trickery once again, this time in the temptation of Christ as recounted in the gospels. The magisterial poetry of Milton enriches the encounter and provides drama and depth to the story of Jesus' forty day fast in the Judean desert.

Naxos Audio Books; 2006

2hrs 15mins

13552 GREAT NARRATIVE POEMS OF THE ROMANTIC AGE

By Miscellaneous authors Narrator Miscellaneous

Here are some of the finest narrative poems in the English language, dating from an age of rich inspiration: the 19th century. All tell powerful stories of human passion and endeavor, often reflected in vivid evocations of the medieval world. Includes "The Eve of St. Agnes", "Morte d'Athur", and "Peter Grimes", among others.

Naxos Audio Books; 2000 2hrs 15mins

13559 ECHOES OF MEMORY

By John O'Donohue Narrator James Murphy

In this powerful, evocative collection of poems, John O'Donohue explores themes of love and loss, beginnings and endings. Inspired by the ancient wisdom of the Celtic tradition and the rugged, majestic landscape of his birth, the west of Ireland, he creates a unique vision of a place and time, and the echo of a memory that will never fade.

Transworld Books; 2011 1hr 0mins

PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY

13662 THE KNIFE'S EDGE

By Stephen Westaby Narrator Gordon Griffin

Although Professor Stephen Westaby was born with the necessary coordination and manual dexterity, it was a head trauma sustained during university that gifted him the qualities of an exceptional heart surgeon: qualities that are frequently associated with psychopathy. This is his intimate and compelling exploration into the unique psyche of the heart surgeon, by one of the profession's most eminent figures.

Clipper Audio; 2019 9hrs 45mins

RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

13549 ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHY: AN INTRODUCTION

By Tom & Hugh Griffith

Narrator Miscellaneous

The philosophy of Ancient Greece provides the background of Western ethical thought and politics. In this approachable introduction, Hugh Griffith, a leading translator of Plato, covers the main ground from the Pre-Socratics through Plato, Aristotle, the Stoics, and the Epicureans.

Naxos Audio Books; 2007

7hrs 15mins

13550 A HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

By Bertrand Russell

Narrator Jonathan Keeble

Bertrand Russell's ambitious project serves as the perfect introduction to its subject; it remains unchallenged as the greatest account of the history of Western thought. Charting philosophy's course from the pre-Socratics up to the early twentieth century, Russell relates each philosopher and school to their respective historical and cultural contexts, providing erudite commentary throughout his invaluable survey.

Naxos Audio Books; 2013

38hrs 0mins

SCIENCE – ENVIRONMENTAL

13615 WHERE POPPIES BLOW: THE BRITISH SOLDIER, NATURE, THE GREAT WAR

By John Lewis-Stempel

Narrator Bob Rollett

During the Great War, soldiers lived inside the ground, closer to nature than many humans had lived for centuries. Animals provided comfort and interest to fill the blank hours in the trenches. But above all, nature healed, and, despite the bullets and blood, it inspired men to endure. This is the unique story of how nature gave the British soldiers of the Great War a reason to fight, and the will to go on.

W & N; 2017

12hrs 0mins

SCIENCE – EARTH & PHYSICAL

13666 UNDERLAND: A DEEP TIME JOURNEY

By Robert Macfarlane

Narrator Roy McMillan

From the ice-blue depths of Greenland's glaciers, to the underground networks by which trees communicate, from Bronze Age burial chambers to the rock art of remote Arctic sea-caves, this is a deep-time voyage into the planet's past and future. Global in its geography, gripping in its voice and haunting in its implications, this is a work of huge range and power.

Penguin Audio; 2019

13hrs 0mins

SCIENCE - GENERAL

13728 THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

By Peter Whitfield

Narrator Peter Whitfield

Peter Whitfield offers a fascinating overview of the major leaps forward in science across the ages. From the mathematical and medical advances of the ancient world, to the Scientific Revolution in the Renaissance, and the groundbreaking developments of the 20th century, he gives a precise chronological account of progress, woven together into an exciting story of intellectual discovery.

Naxos Audio Books; 2010

5hrs 0mins

TRAVEL – BRITISH ISLES

13611 ISLANDER: A JOURNEY AROUND OUR ARCHIPELAGO

By Patrick Barkham

Narrator John Hobday

The British Isles are an archipelago made up of two large islands and 6,289 smaller ones. In this evocative and vividly observed book, Patrick Barkham explores some of the most beautiful landscapes in the British Isles as he travels to ever-smaller islands in search of their special magic.

Granta; 2018

13hrs 0mins

TRAVEL – WORLD

13531 ALONE TIME

By Stephanie Rosenbloom

Narrator Katherine Shaw

The average adult spends about a third of his or her waking time alone. Yet research suggests we aren't very good at using, never mind enjoying, alone time. Rising to the challenge, travel writer Stephanie Rosenbloom explores the joys and benefits of being alone and journeys to the cities of Paris, Istanbul, Florence and New York, in four seasons.

Black Swan; 2019

7hrs 0mins

WAR - GENERAL

13530 APACHE DAWN

By Damien Lewis

Narrator John Hobday

The Apache attack helicopter is the British Army's most awesome weapons system. Deployed for the first time in Afghanistan, it has already passed into legend. The only thing more incredible than the Apache itself are the pilots that fly her. For the first time, Apache Dawn tells their story and their baptism of fire in the battle of Helmand province.

Sphere; 2009

12hrs 30mins

WORLD WAR II

13510 WHEN THE CHILDREN CAME HOME

By Julie Summers

Narrator Pat Steadman

On 1 September 1939 Operation Pied Piper began to place the children of Britain's industrial cities beyond the reach of the Luftwaffe, the largest mass evacuation of children in British history. Using interviews, written accounts and memoirs, Julie Summers tells us what happened when these children returned to their families.

Simon & Schuster; 2012

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