

For Your Ears Only Autumn 2020

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Happy reading from the Editorial Team

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RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

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and can be streamed via Calibre's website**

+ Fiction

+ 20TH CENTURY CLASSICS

14028 TOO FEW FOR DRUMS

By R F Delderfield

Narrator Ian Masters

After the British victory at Busaco during the Peninsula campaigns of the Napoleonic Wars, Ensign Keith Graham finds himself cut off from the army, along with a sergeant and seven privates. Struggling through strange, often hostile country, his one aim is to reach the coast and, hopefully, safety . . .

Hodder; 1992

7hrs 30mins

14071 CORONATION

By Paul Gallico

Narrator Ian Masters

Coronation Day, 2 June 1953. A working-class family from Sheffield is desperate to go to London to see the coronation. They manage to get tickets but alas, not everything goes smoothly.

Bloomsbury; 2012

3hrs 30mins

13889 THE FORSYTE SAGA: VOLUME 4

By John Galsworthy

Narrator Richard Simpson

Book 4 of 'The Forsyte Saga: A Modern Comedy'. Contains 'The White Monkey'. A new generation has arrived to divide the Forsyte clan with society scandals and conflicting passions.

Penguin Classics; 2001

12hrs 0mins

14069 A SUITABLE BOY: VOLUME 2**By Vikram Seth****Narrator Alan Bowen**

An epic tale which unfolds through four middle class families - the Mehras, Kapoors, Khans and Chatterjis. Lata Mehra, a university student, is under pressure from her mother to find a suitable husband, through love or through exacting maternal appraisal. Volume 2 of 4.

W & N; 2013

20hrs 30mins

13983 THE INVISIBLE MAN**By H G Wells****Narrator Toby Scott McLellan**

A young scientist who discovers the secret of invisibility feels initial joy at his newfound freedoms and abilities. But it quickly turns to despair when he realizes the many things he has sacrificed in the pursuit of science. While he struggles to create the formula that will restore his visibility, murder and mayhem ensue.

Naxos Audio Books; 2019

6hrs 0mins

13827 THE VOYAGE OUT**By Virginia Woolf****Narrator Juliet Stevenson**

A journey aboard a ship to South America releases a young woman from the strictures of life in Edwardian London. Through her encounters with her fellow passengers, Rachel Vinrace is exposed to new ways of thinking, and is encouraged to explore what her life could be if she set aside her rigorous and cloistered upbringing.

Naxos Audio Books; 2015

16hrs 0mins

13991 THE YEARS**By Virginia Woolf****Narrator Ann Clark**

This novel follows the lives of the Pargiters, a middle-class London family, from an uncertain spring in 1880 to a party on a summer evening in the 1930s. We see them each endure and remember heart-break, loss, radical change and stifling conformity, marriage and regret.

Vintage Classics; 2016

16hrs 0mins

+ ADVENTURE STORIES

13843 DEATH ON THE ICE

By Robert Ryan

Narrator David Hobbs

January, 1912: Scott's expedition reaches the South Pole. Trapped in a blizzard, Scott and his four companions perish in subzero temperatures. The story of their incredible journey and their tragic final days, combines ambition, national pride and the kind of bravery and dignity most people can only dream of.

Headline; 2009

17hrs 30mins

14156 THE EAGLE IN THE SAND

By Simon Scarrow

Narrator Russell Boulter

AD 46. Roman centurions Cato and Macro have been posted to Judaea to restore the loyalty of the officers. But Bannus, a local tribesman, is brewing up trouble amongst the religious followers of Jehoshua and preaching violent opposition to Rome. As the revolt grows in scale, Macro and Cato must stamp out corruption in the cohort before the eastern provinces are lost to the Empire forever.

Isis Audio Books; 2007

12hrs 0mins

13968 THE FIELDS OF DEATH

By Simon Scarrow

Narrator Jonathan Keeble

1809. Viscount Wellington and Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte have made their mark as military commanders. Lifelong enemies, they both believe their armies are strong enough to destroy any rival. With Napoleon's power waning, the newly titled Duke of Wellington is perfectly placed to crush the tyrant. But his enemy refuses to surrender, and so the two giants must face a final reckoning on the bloody battlefield of Waterloo...

Oakhill Audio; 2018

23hrs 20mins

13977 WHISPER WHO DARES**By Terence Strong****Narrator Simon Mattacks**

The British government is worried. Rumours have spread about a new monster in the Irish terrorist movement: a ruthless team of American special forces mercenaries. For the Sabre team this will be their toughest ever assignment. Never before has so much been at stake. They encounter triumph and disaster - and the cruellest twist of fate.

Isis Audio Books; 2017

11hrs 30mins

+ ANIMAL STORIES**13941 QUEST FOR THE FARADAWN****By Richard Ford****Narrator Simon Edginton**

Brought up by Brock the badger after being abandoned by his human parents, Nab undertakes the quest for the Faradawn, the three magical grains guarded by the Ellords of the Mountains, Forests, and Seas, which will help establish a new order of innocence and peace.

Granada; 1982

11hrs 30mins

14003 BERTIE THE BLITZ DOG**By Libby Parker****Narrator David Fleeshman**

When Bertie's owner passes away, he has to learn the ways of a stray dog on the streets of war-torn London. Luckily he has the help of new friends both on two legs and four, but Bertie doesn't expect to find love again in the arms of one special little boy. When a second chance of happiness is threatened, Bertie knows he needs to do whatever he can to protect it, no matter what dangers lie in his path!

Oakhill Audio; 2018

8hrs 20mins

+ CLASSIC FICTION

13985 ARMADALE

By Wilkie Collins

Narrator Miscellaneous

A long-ago murder unites two distantly-related cousins. After running away from his abusive home, Allan Armadale chases fate and reinvents himself as Ozias Midwinter. He quickly befriends his cousin, also named Allan Armadale, who inherits an estate but becomes encumbered by his newfound wealth. The cousins' relationship is further complicated by the interference of Lydia Gwilt, a governess and fortune-hunter who was also involved in that long-ago murder.

Naxos Audio Books; 2020

30hrs 0mins

14087 THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD

By Charles Dickens (completed by David Madden)

Narrator Edward Peel

Dickens' final novel, left unfinished at his death, is a tale of mystery whose fast-paced action takes place in an ancient cathedral city and in some of the darkest places in nineteenth century London. David Madden renders the greatest homage he can to the great author by creating an ending as faithful to Dickens' written intentions as possible.

Unthank Books: 2015

25hrs 0mins

13988 NORTH AND SOUTH

By Elizabeth Gaskell

Narrator Juliet Stevenson

Forced to move from the rural tranquillity of southern England to the northern mill town of Milton, Margaret Hale takes an instant dislike to the dirt and noise of her new home and its inhabitants - even the handsome cotton mill owner, John Thornton. But as she begins to understand the nature of the poverty, events conspire to throw her and Thornton together. Amidst the chaos of industrial unrest, they must learn to overcome the prejudices of class and admit their feelings for one another.

Naxos Audio Books; 2009

18hrs 20mins

13895 SYLVIA'S LOVERS**By Elizabeth Gaskell****Narrator Grace Dives**

It is the 1790s in the coastal town of Monkshaven. Sylvia Robson's lover, Charley, is carried off by a press-gang, but writes to her, promising constancy. Unfortunately, the letter is entrusted to Sylvia's cousin, Philip, who keeps it from her in order to marry her himself. Years later Charley returns, and Philip's treachery is discovered, with disastrous consequences.

CreateSpace; 2018

20hrs 30mins

+ CONTEMPORARY FICTION**14037 A THOUSAND MOONS****By Sebastian Barry****Narrator Kyla Garcia**

Winona is a young orphan adopted by former soldiers Thomas McNulty and John Cole. Working on their farm in 1870s' Tennessee, she is forging a life for herself beyond the violence of her past. But the fragile harmony of her unlikely family unit, in the aftermath of the Civil War, is soon threatened by a further traumatic event, one which Winona struggles to confront, let alone understand.

Clipper Audio; 2020

7hrs 45mins

13788 A POSTCARD FROM ITALY**By Alex Brown****Narrator Sophie Bentinck**

Grace Quinn loves her job at Cohen's Convenient Storage Company, and her inquisitive nature is piqued when she finds a bundle of letters that date back to the 1930s. Grace uncovers the story of a young English woman, Connie Levine, who follows her heart to Italy at the end of the Second World War. Embarking on her own voyage of discovery, Grace travels to the Italian Riviera, but will she unravel the family secrets and betrayals that Connie tried so hard to overcome, and find love for herself?

Lamplight Audio; 2019

9hrs 0mins

14046 STARLING DAYS**By Rowan Hisayo Buchanan****Narrator Ann Stutz**

Mina is staring over the edge of the George Washington Bridge when a patrol car drives up. She tries to convince the officers she's not about to jump, but they don't believe her. Her husband, Oscar is called to pick her up.. Mina searches for solutions to her failing mental health and she at last finds a beam of light in Phoebe. Friendship and attraction blossom until Oscar and Mina's complicated love is tested.

Sceptre; 2019

9hrs 30mins

14171 ISLAND SONG**By Madeleine Bunting Narrator Billie Fulford-Brown**

1940. Guernsey is first bombed, then occupied, by the Germans. A year earlier, recently married Helene waves good-bye to her husband, who has enlisted in the British Army. Protected only by her father and Nanna, Helene must carve out a life on the island for the length of the war. Forty years later, her daughter Roz begins a search for the truth about her father, and stumbles into the secret history of her mother's life.

Lamplight Audio; 2019

13hrs 0mins

13856 X POLO**By Jilly Cooper****Narrator Rebecca Hyland**

Ricky France-Lynch had a large estate, a nine-goal polo handicap, and a beautiful wife who was fair game for anyone with a cheque book. He also had the adoration of fourteen-year-old Perdita MacLeod who couldn't wait to become a polo player. With Ricky's obsession to win back his wife, and Perdita's to win both Ricky and a place as a top-class polo player, get ready to be taken on a wild journey! X rated, explicit sexual content.

Clipper Audio; 2017

31hrs 0mins

14058 THE TRICK TO TIME**By Kit de Waal****Narrator Fiona Shaw**

Mona is a young Irish girl in the big city, with the thrill of a new job and a room of her own in a busy boardinghouse. On her first night out in 1970s' Birmingham, she meets William, a charming Irish boy. They embark upon a passionate affair, and a whirlwind marriage - before a sudden tragedy tears them apart. Decades later, Mona pieces together the memories of the years that separate them. But can she ever learn to love again?

Penguin Audio; 2018

9hrs 0mins

14030 GIRL, WOMAN, OTHER**By Bernadine Evaristo Narrator Anna Maria Nabirye**

From Newcastle to Cornwall, from the birth of the twentieth century to the teens of the twenty-first, we follow a cast of twelve characters on their personal journeys through the last hundred years. They're each looking for something - a shared past, an unexpected future, a place to call home, somewhere to fit in, a lover, a missed mother, a lost father, even just a touch of hope . . .

Penguin Audio; 2019

11hrs 10mins

13852 THE OTHER HALF OF AUGUSTA HOPE**By Joanna Glen****Narrator Jude Owusu**

Augusta Hope never felt like she fitted in at school. Now that she's an adult, she has no interest in the goings-on of the small town where she lives with her parents and her beloved twin sister, Julia. But when an unspeakable tragedy upends everything in her life, Augusta is propelled headfirst into the unknown. She's determined to find where she belongs – but what if her true home, and heart, are half a world away?

Clipper Audio; 2019

12hrs 45mins

13888 THE VILLA TRISTE**By Lucretia Grindle****Narrator Anne Marlow**

Florence, 1943. Two sisters, Isabella and Caterina Cammacio, are surrounded by terror and death, and with Italy trapped under the heel of a brutal Nazi occupation, bands of Partisans rise up. Soon Isabella and Caterina will test their wits and deepest beliefs as never before.

Other Press; 2016

22hrs 0mins

13772 LAST LETTER HOME**By Rachel Hore****Narrator Jenny Funnell**

On holiday with friends, young historian Briony Andrews becomes fascinated with a wartime story of a ruined villa in the hills behind Naples. Handed a bundle of letters that were found after the war, Briony begins to uncover the story, but she encounters resentments and secrets still tightly guarded.

Clipper Audio; 2018

15hrs 0mins

13992 NICE WORK (IF YOU CAN GET IT)**By Celia Imrie****Narrator Brenda White**

The beautiful town of Bellevue-sur-Mer near Cannes, is home to retired expats Theresa, Carol, William and Benjamin who have pooled their resources to set up La Mosaïque, a divine little restaurant. But when Theresa encounters a mysterious intruder, she begins to wonder what secrets the building is concealing.

Bloomsbury; 2017

10hrs 0mins

14178 SILVER SPARROW**By Tayari Jones****Narrators Rosalyn Coleman-Williams & Heather****Alicia Simms**

James Witherspoon has two families, one public, the other a closely guarded secret. But when his daughters meet and form a friendship, only one of them knows the truth. Theirs is a relationship destined to explode.

Clipper Audio; 2020

10hrs 0mins

13920 GROWN UPS

By Marian Keyes

Narrator Marian Keyes

Johnny Casey, his brothers Ed and Liam, their beautiful, talented wives and all their kids are a happy family. Under the surface, though, conditions are murkier. While some people clash, other people like each other far too much..

Clipper Audio; 2020

17hrs 0mins

13877 A SERVING OF SCANDAL

By Prue Leith

Narrator Julia Franklin

Kate McKinnon has a small but thriving catering business. She gets a job cooking lunch at the Foreign Office and there she has her first fateful meeting with Oliver Stapler, Secretary of State. He's totally out of bounds, yet she falls for him, and though she tries to keep her feelings secret, rumours start to fly.

Isis Audio Books; 2010

11hrs 0mins

13890 SILENT TRUTHS

By Susan Lewis

Narrator Ellen Lewis

When journalist Laurie Forbes turns up on Beth Ashby's doorstep, minutes after Beth's husband, political high-flier Colin Ashby, has been arrested for murder, neither can even begin to guess the shocking repercussions in both their lives. As the truth draws closer, Laurie realises that she must put her trust in hated rival journalist Elliot Russell and face up to a ghost from the past.

Arrow; 2010

24hrs 0mins

14050 TREASURES OF TIME

By Penelope Lively

Narrator Pauline Beale

Hugh Paxton was a very important archaeologist and highly influential man. The BBC want to make a documentary about him, but history has a habit of rearing its head. And as the film-makers take over the family home, and begin to delve into Hugh's life, there are unexpected upheavals along the way.

Penguin; 2010

8hrs 0mins

13945 FINDING HOPE AT HILLSIDE FARM**By Rachael Lucas****Narrator Cathryn Henderson**

Hillside Farm, nestled in the hills of the Welsh countryside, is a safe haven for Ella. She thinks she has finally found a place where she can forget her past and find peace. But the arrival of a small girl called Hope, and her father Harry changes everything. As Ella helps the pair come to terms with their loss, she realizes that she too deserves happiness. But is it too late to find it?

Pan; 2019

11hrs 0mins

14176 THE TELEPHONE BOX LIBRARY**By Rachael Lucas****Narrator Anna Cordell**

The Cotswolds: the perfect retreat for a stressed-out teacher. And Lucy has found just the right cottage for a bargain rent. With her West Highland terrier Hamish at her side, Lucy plans to relax and read up on the women of nearby Bletchley Park. But the villagers of Little Maudley have other ideas and she finds herself caught up in the campaign to turn a dilapidated telephone box into a volunteer-run library...

ROSA Audio; 2020

10hrs 0mins

13975 IT'S NOW OR NEVER**By Carole Matthews****Narrator Julia Franklin**

When twins Annie and Lauren attend their older sister Chelsea's fortieth birthday party, they wonder why their lives are so different. Chelsea's husband is twirling her round the dance floor, while Annie's husband has gone fishing and Lauren's lover is at home with his wife and children. The twins decide it's time to make a change and turn their lives around. But have they left it too late? It's now or never...

Isis Audio Books; 2013

10hrs 20mins

14096 THE SIXTEEN TREES OF THE SOMME

By Lars Mytting

Narrator David Hobbs

Edvard grows up on a remote mountain farmstead in Norway with his taciturn grandfather, Sverre. The death of his parents, when he was three years old, has always been shrouded in mystery. Edvard's desperate quest to unlock his family's tragic secrets takes him on a long journey - from Norway to the Shetlands, and to the battlefields of France.

MacLehose: 2018

14hrs 0mins

13774 GIRL

By Edna O'Brien

Narrator Sheila Atim

Abducted and married into Boko Haram, the narrator of this story suffers the horrors of a community of men governed by a brutal code of violence. Barely more than a girl herself, she must learn how to survive as a woman with a child of her own.

Clipper Audio: 2019

5hrs 45mins

14051 WEATHER

By Jenny Offill

Narrator Ann Stutz

Lizzie Benson's job as a librarian gives her a vantage point from which to practise her other calling - an unofficial shrink. For years, she has supported her God-haunted mother and her recovering addict brother. But soon Lizzie is forced to acknowledge the limits of what she can do. If she can't save others, then what, or who, might save her?

Granta: 2020

3hrs 30mins

14015 THE FARM

By Joanne Ramos

Narrator Kay Morrison

Ambitious businesswoman Mae Yu runs Golden Oaks - a luxury retreat transforming the fertility industry. There, women get the very best of everything as long as they produce the perfect baby. For someone else. Jane, a young immigrant in search of a better future, sees a chance to change her life. But at what cost?

Bloomsbury: 2019

13hrs 0mins

14055 THE ROSIE PROJECT**By Graeme Simsion****Narrator Dan O'Grady**

Meet Don. Don is a genetics professor who just might be somewhere on the autistic spectrum. He looks a little like Gregory Peck and is getting married. He just doesn't know who to yet. But he has designed a very detailed questionnaire to help him find the perfect woman. And it's definitely not Rosie. Rosie, meanwhile, isn't looking for love; she's looking for her biological father. Sometimes, though, you don't find love - love finds you...

Penguin Audio; 2013

7hrs 30min

13937 KATALIN STREET**By Magda Szabo****Narrator Clare Francis**

In pre-war Budapest three families live on gracious Katalin Street, their lives closely intertwined. But in 1944, after the German occupation, only the Elekes family survives intact. In the post-war regime they struggle to come to terms with social and political change, and the death of little Henriette, who had been left in their protection. But the girl survives in a miasmal afterlife, and reappears at key moments as a mute witness to the inescapable power of past events.

MacLehose Press; 2019

7hrs 30mins

13893 ANOTHER WOMAN**By Penny Vincenzi****Narrator Kay Morrison**

The night before her wedding to Oliver, Cressida Forrest went to bed serene and happy. By morning she had vanished - without apparent cause, and without trace. A complex web of sexual, marital and financial secrets is ripped apart by Cressida's disappearance. And the question the families are all forced to ask is - who was the woman they thought they knew - perfect daughter, sister, lover and wife-never-to-be?

Headline Review; 2009

22hrs 0mins

+ COSY CRIME: GENTLE MYSTERIES

13926 DEATH COMES AS THE END

By Agatha Christie

Narrator Emilia Fox

It is Egypt, 2000 BC, where death gives meaning to life. At the foot of a cliff lies the broken, twisted body of Nofret, concubine to a Ka-priest. Young, beautiful and venomous, most agree that she deserved to die like a snake. Yet Renisenb, the priest's daughter, believes that the woman's death was not fate, but murder. Increasingly, she becomes convinced that the source of evil lurks within her own father's household.

Lamplight Audio; 2015

7hrs 10mins

13766 SLEEPING MURDER

By Agatha Christie

Narrator Stephanie Cole

Soon after Gwenda moves into her new home, odd things start to happen. Despite her best efforts to modernise the house, she only succeeds in dredging up its past... In fear, Gwenda turns to Miss Marple to exorcise her ghosts. Between them, they solve a 'perfect' crime committed many years before.

Lamplight Audio; 2002

6hrs 15mins

14090 PAUL TEMPLE AND THE LAWRENCE AFFAIR

By Frances Durbridge

Narrator Peter Coke & Marjorie Westbury

Whilst Paul and his wife Steve are staying in the fishing village of Downburgh, a pleasant boat trip turns into a nightmare when their craft gets shot at, and the boatman himself is later discovered drowned at sea. Back in London, the daughter of the head of CI5 has disappeared. Could there be a connection between this and the events in Downburgh? In finding out, Paul and Steve find they are in peril once again.

Random House Audio; 2003

3hrs 30mins

14091 PAUL TEMPLE AND THE MARGO MYSTERY**By Frances Durbridge****Narrator Peter Coke & Marjorie Westbury**

Flying home from a lecture tour of America, Paul Temple encounters Mike Langdon who is seeking to persuade his employer's spoilt daughter Julie to give up her boyfriend, pop-singer Tony Wyman. As Mike seeks Paul's help, the Temples enter into a dangerous web of lies and murder.

Random House Audio; 2006 3hrs 30mins

14089 PAUL TEMPLE INTERVENES**By Frances Durbridge****Narrator Bernadette Hodgson & Carl Bernard**

When well-known American Myron Harwood is found dead in a small country lane, it starts a series of celebrity killings. Each body is found with a small square of cardboard bearing the words 'The Marquis'. After eight killings, the Home Secretary requests the involvement of Paul Temple.

Random House Audio; 2005 2hrs 20mins

13746 A SEASON FOR MURDER**By Ann Granger****Narrator Judith Boyd**

When Meredith's new friend and neighbour, equestrienne Harriet Needham, is fatally thrown from her horse, it looks like an accident. But some witnesses cry murder. If they're right, Meredith and Chief Inspector Alan Markby have a sneaking suspicion that the obvious candidate for the murderer is, in fact, an obvious scapegoat...

Clipper Audio; 2000 10hrs 45mins

13864 THE SANTA KLAUS MURDER**By Mavis Doriel Hay****Narrator Anne Dover**

Aunt Mildred declared that no good could come of the Melbury family Christmas gatherings. So when Sir Osmond Melbury, the family patriarch, is discovered - by a guest dressed as Santa Klaus - with a bullet in his head on Christmas Day, the festivities are plunged into chaos.

Soundings Audio; 2015 8hrs 0min

13789 MURDER MOST MALICIOUS
By Alyssa Maxwell Narrator Mandy Weston

December 1918. The peace of Foxwood Hall is shattered on the morning of Boxing Day, when the Marquis goes missing. Not entirely missing, however, as macabre evidence of foul play turns up. Lady Phoebe Renshaw and her lady's maid, Eva Huntford, step outside of their social roles and put their lives at risk to apprehend a vicious killer...

Lamplight Audio; 2019 10hrs 15mins

13954 BODIES FROM THE LIBRARY
By Tony Medawar (editor)

Narrator Philip Bretherton

An anthology of rare stories of crime and suspense, bringing together a selection of lost tales by masters of the Golden Age of Detective Fiction. It includes a newly discovered Agatha Christie story that has not been seen since 1922. This essential collection harks back to a time before forensic science - when murder was a complex business.

HarperCollins; 2018 8hrs 30mins

13867 PORTRAIT OF A MURDERER
By Anne Meredith Narrator Simon Darwen

Christmas, 1931. Adrian Gray invites his family to stay at his lonely house, Kings Poplars. None of Gray's six surviving children is fond of him, several have cause to wish him dead. The family gathers on Christmas Eve - and by the following morning, their wish has been granted. This is the story of what happened that dark Christmas night, and what the murderer did next.

Soundings Audio; 2017 7hrs 30mins

13964 MALICE IN THE COTSWOLDS
By Rebecca Tope Narrator Caroline Lennon

Thea Osborne and her canine companion Hepzie travel to the village of Snowhill for their next assignment, house-sitting Hyacinth House for the mysterious Yvonne Parker. Something doesn't feel right to Thea, and soon her intuition is proved to be right. A local boy, Stevie Horsfall, is found brutally strangled, with his mother as prime suspect. Thea, believing in her innocence, embarks on a mystery, taking her through the maliciously entangled lives of the village residents, to London and beyond.

Soundings Audio; 2012

10hrs 0mins

+ DETECTIVE & MYSTERY STORIES

13836 HINGSTON'S BOX
By Decima Blake Narrator J R Hamilton

Since investigating the disappearance of 15-year-old twin boys, Hingston - a young, talented detective sergeant - has been tormented by night terrors. Signed off and leaving the office, a key falls from Hingston's investigation file. Intrigued, he takes it with him, escaping London for Dartmouth, where his determination to solve the case draws him into the supernatural world that connects a murderous past to the present.

Pegasus Elliot Mackenzie Ltd; 2019 6hrs 20mins

14149 DEAD LEVEL**By Damien Boyd****Narrator Napoleon Ryan**

In the early hours of Christmas Eve, the wife of parliamentary candidate Tom Perry is brutally murdered in an apparent burglary gone wrong. Suspended and transferred to the cold case unit, Detective Inspector Nick Dixon is languishing on the sidelines as the investigation into Elizabeth Perry's murder unravels. Returning to duty, Dixon is convinced that the answer lies hidden in Tom Perry's political life, but why was Elizabeth the target and not her husband? The more Dixon uncovers, the further he is from finding the truth...

Brilliance Audio; 2016

9hrs 30mins

14146 HEAD IN THE SAND**By Damien Boyd****Narrator Napoleon Ryan**

The discovery of a severed head in a golf course bunker triggers a frantic race to find a serial killer that brings the town of Burnham-on-Sea to a standstill. A connection is made with a series of unsolved murders harking back to the 1970s, and as Detective Inspector Nick Dixon investigates, the brutal killing of an elderly man raises the stakes. As he closes in, Dixon begins to question whether he is chasing one serial killer or two.

Brilliance Audio; 2014

5hrs 30mins

14147 KICKBACK**By Damien Boyd****Narrator Napoleon Ryan**

When a trainee jockey is kicked to death by a stallion at the local stables, deemed an accident, the case is closed. But when the jockey's brother returns from active service, he demands the investigation be re-opened and the truth uncovered. Investigating the case, Detective Inspector Nick Dixon is dragged deep into a murky world of betting scams and murder, where people will do anything to keep their secrets. Even if that means silencing a DI who keeps asking the wrong questions about the wrong dead jockey...

Brilliance Audio; 2014

5hrs 30mins

14148 SWANSONG**By Damien Boyd****Narrator Napoleon Ryan**

Isobel Swan, a sixth form student, has been murdered. With the investigation going nowhere fast, Detective Inspector Nick Dixon is sent undercover as a teacher into Isobel's boarding school. But to find the killer, he must first confront his inner demons and lay to rest the ghosts lurking in his own past. As Dixon digs deeper, the stakes have never been higher and a murder has never felt so personal.

Brilliance Audio; 2015

7hrs 30mins

14002 THE DANCE OF THE SEAGULL**By Andrea Camilleri****Narrator Daniel Philpott**

Inspector Montalbano is sitting on his porch, when his attention is caught by a seagull which falls from the sky performing a strange dance, before lying down to die - the scene hangs over him like an omen. About to depart for a holiday with his girlfriend Livia, Montalbano makes a trip to the police station to tie up loose ends. But when his colleague Fazio is discovered missing, Montalbano launches a desperate search for his friend, as time begins to run out . . .

Oakhill Audio; 2013

6hrs 15mins

14044 PAYBACK**By Kimberley Chambers****Narrator Annie Aldington**

The Butler brothers are the Kings of the East End. In their world, family counts, so when the truth about Vinny's cousin's death comes to light, it rocks the Butlers to the core. One by one, Vinny's friends and family are turning against him... Then, the unimaginable happens – Vinny's little daughter Molly goes missing. She's the one chink of light in all their lives, and the one they'd commit murders to bring back. But is it already too late for that?

Jammer Audio; 2014

15hrs 0mins

13911 THE LONG CALL**By Ann Cleeves****Narrator Ben Aldridge**

In North Devon, where the rivers Taw and Torridge converge, Detective Matthew Venn takes charge of his first major case on his return to this complex place. A body has been found on the beach - a man with the tattoo of an albatross on his neck, stabbed to death. Finding the killer is Venn's only focus, and his team's investigation will take him straight back into the community he left behind, and the deadly secrets that lurk there.

Pan Macmillan; 2019

10hrs 20mins

13502 MISSING YOU**By Harlan Coben****Narrator Kerry Shale**

As Detective Kat Donovan focuses on the profile on the online dating site, she feels her whole world explode. Staring back at her is her ex-fiancé Jeff, the man who shattered her heart. But soon her reawakened hope quickly turns to terror. With lives on the line, including her own, Kat must venture deeper into the darkness than she ever has before, and discover if she has the strength to survive there.

Clipper Audio; 2014

11hrs 45mins

14001 THE WANTED**By Robert Crais****Narrator Luke Daniels**

Seventeen-year-old Tyson seems a normal teenager, but his mother has a feeling that her sweet, nerdy son is hiding something. Frightened that Tyson is involved in something bad, she gets in touch with private investigator Elvis Cole and asks him to do some digging. The information that Cole uncovers surprises everyone. Tyson spooks and runs. And then people start dying ...

Brilliance Audio; 2017

7hrs 40mins

14078 DARKNESS RISING**By A A Dhand****Narrator Michael Rabin**

Detective Inspector Harry Virdee has a lot on his plate, and when bodies start turning up in the old industrial district, the pressure is on to get the case wrapped up as quickly as possible, or risk a full-scale gang war. But the man behind the murders is ruthless and pushy. And things are getting personal. Harry must think fast and bend the rules if he wants to keep his city, and his family, safe. Contains some offensive language. Quick Reads

Corgi; 2020

2hrs 0mins

14043 THE SECRET**By Katerina Diamond****Narrator Steve Lacey**

BrIDGET Reid has a secret, one that could get her killed... if she can escape the man who is keeping her locked in a basement. DS Imogen Grey is good at keeping secrets – truths she'd never reveal to her colleagues at Exeter Police. Now her past is catching up with her... As DS Grey and her partner DS Adrian Miles search for Bridget, they uncover a terrifying web of abuse, betrayal and murder. And they realise that some secrets are better left buried.

Jammer Audio; 2017

10hrs 20mins

14012 MYSTERY TOUR: A CRIME WRITERS' ASSOCIATION ANTHOLOGY**By Martin Edwards (editor) Narrator David Hobbs**

Crime spreads across the globe in this collection of short stories from the Crime Writer's Association, as a conspiracy of prominent crime authors take you on world mystery tour. Highlights of the trip include a treacherous cruise to French Polynesia, a horrifying trek in South Africa, a murderous train-ride across Ukraine and a vengeful killing in Mumbai.

Orenda; 2019

11hrs 0mins

14150 THE BOY WHO LIVED WITH THE DEAD
By Kate Ellis **Narrator Peter Noble**

1920. Scotland Yard detective Albert Lincoln is called away to a case in the North West of England. Before the War he led the investigation into the murder of little Jimmy Rudyard in the village of Mabley Ridge. Now a woman has been murdered there and another child is missing, the sole witness being a traumatised boy who lives in a cemetery lodge. Albert is determined that this time he will find the truth - and the missing child...

Soundings Audio; 2019 11hrs 0mins

13966 THE HOUSE OF EYES

By Kate Ellis Narrator Gordon Griffin

When Darren Hatman reports his daughter Leanne missing, DI Wesley Peterson isn't too concerned. Leanne works at Eyecliffe Castle, now converted into a luxury hotel. When Darren is found murdered in the grounds, Wesley suspects a connection between the recent crimes, the disappearance of two girls in the 1950s and a mysterious Sicilian ruin called the House of Eyes.

Soundings Audio; 2016 11hrs 0mins

14151 THE MERMAID'S SCREAM

By Kate Ellis Narrator Gordon Griffin

Promising young author Zac Wilkinson, is working on the biography of literary legend Wynn Staniland, and hopes to reveal the true story of the recluse to a waiting world. When Wilkinson is found brutally murdered, DI Wesley Peterson finds links to the unexplained poisoning of a middle-aged couple - and Staniland appears to be the connection. The case becomes personal for Wesley, and as he begins to unravel decades of secrets and deception, the shocking truth proves almost too much to bear...

Soundings Audio: 2017 11hrs 0mins

13802 PERFECT DEATH**By Helen Fields****Narrator Robin Laing**

A serial killer has Edinburgh firmly in his grip. The killer is taking his victims in the coldest, most calculating way possible – engineering slow and painful deaths by poison, with his victims entirely unaware of the drugs flooding their bloodstream until it's too late. Faced with their most difficult case yet, DI Luc Callanach and DCI Ava Turner soon realise they face a seemingly impossible task...

Jammer Audio; 2018

13hrs 30mins

13927 PERFECT SILENCE**By Helen Fields****Narrator Robin Laing**

The body of a young girl is found dumped on the outskirts of Edinburgh, with the silhouette of a doll carved in her skin. DI Luc Callanach is struggling to find leads in the case, until a doll made of skin is found beside an abandoned baby. After another young woman is found butchered, Luc and DCI Ava Turner realise the babydoll killer is playing a horrifying game. And it's only a matter of time before he strikes again...

Jammer Audio; 2018

13hrs 30mins

13921 DEAD SECRET**By Janice Frost****Narrator Madeleine Brolly**

Amy Hill, a nineteen-year-old student, is strangled and her body dumped on open ground in the city of Stromford. DI Jim Neal and DS Ava Merry are called in to investigate this brutal crime. The detectives are led on a trail of shocking family secrets and crimes. Can this duo track down the murderer before anyone else dies?

Avid Audio; 2018

10hrs 0mins

13993 V IS FOR VENGEANCE**By Sue Grafton****Narrator Liza Ross**

Private investigator Kinsey Millhone finds herself assisting to apprehend a shoplifter, Audrey Vance. Later, when Audrey's body is discovered in a local suicide spot, unable to believe she took her own life, Audrey's fiancé hires Kinsey to investigate. As Kinsey's enquiries reach a dramatic head, she reveals a big story behind a small crime, and a brutal killer without a conscience...

Isis Audio Books; 2012

15hrs 30mins

14019 ORCHESTRATED DEATH**By Cynthia Harrod-Eagles****Narrator Terrence Hardiman**

Detective Inspector Bill Slider is never going to make it to the Yard. Passed over for promotion again, the last thing he needs is an unidentifiable, naked female corpse. A priceless Stradivarius and a giant tin of olive oil are the only clues in an investigation that takes the steely-eyed detective all the way from the backstreets of Shepherd's Bush to far-flung Birmingham.

Sphere; 1998

11hrs 0mins

13809 DEATH OF THE DEMON**By Anne Holt****Narrator Rosalyn Landor**

In an orphanage outside Oslo, a twelve-year-old boy is causing havoc. The institution's director, Agnes Vestavik, sees something chilling in Olav's eyes: sheer hatred. Vestavik is found murdered at her desk late one night with Olav nowhere to be found and the case goes to maverick investigator Hanne Wilhelmsen. When police finally catch up with him, Olav leads them on a chase that will upend all of their assumptions.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

8hrs 30mins

13822 GENTLY TO THE SUMMIT**By Alan Hunter****Narrator Bob Wildgust**

Mountaineer Reginald Kincaid was believed to have died during an expedition to climb Mount Everest, so it comes as a shock when he turns up again 22 years later. The mystery is compounded by the death of Arthur Fleece, Kincaid's climbing partner on the Everest attempt. The feud that had developed between Fleece and the resurrected Kincaid sparks a murder investigation for George Gently, with a 'dead' man as the prime suspect...

Robinson; 2011

8hrs 0mins

14077 GENTLY WHERE THE ROADS GO**By Alan Hunter****Narrator Simon Evers**

Chief Inspector George Gently finds himself dodging bullets when he investigates the murder of a trucker who died in a hail of gunfire. Murdered in a lonely lay-by in the heart of the countryside, the trucker is identified as a Polish immigrant. Was this a revenge killing, a quarrel over money, an underworld execution or something even more sinister?

Robinson; 2012

5hrs 30mins

14138 SKINNER'S FESTIVAL**By Quintin Jardine****Narrator James Bryce**

An explosion rocks Princes Street in the midst of the Edinburgh Festival. Responsibility is claimed by a group supposedly demanding political separation from Britain. As atrocities escalate Assistant Chief Constable Bob Skinner realises this is no gang of fanatics, but a trained task force with an agenda that now threatens the ancient honour of Scotland. Skinner assembles a crack task force, ready to foil a clever, greedy scheme involving the crown jewels and Skinner's own daughter.

Isis Audio Books; 2013

12hrs 0mins

14137 SKINNER'S RULES**By Quintin Jardine****Narrator James Bryce**

As head of Edinburgh's CID, Detective Chief Superintendent Bob Skinner has seen it all but even he is shocked by the savagely mutilated corpse discovered in a dark alleyway. The victim is a successful young lawyer, and the motive remains a mystery. Then further seemingly random killings begin to suggest a vicious serial killer is on the rampage. When the lawyer's fiancee is also murdered, Skinner realises that someone is in deadly earnest...

Isis Audio Books; 2013

12hrs 0mins

14139 SKINNER'S TRAIL**By Quintin Jardine****Narrator James Bryce**

A man has been found knifed in a luxury villa in one of Edinburgh's prosperous suburbs. The victim had run a chain of launderettes, saunas and pubs throughout the city, but for some time the police suspected these to be the front for a drug-distribution network. As the murder investigation continues, another seemingly minor crime - involving property fraud - takes Assistant Chief Constable Bob Skinner in a new direction.

Isis Audio Books; 2013

11hrs 30mins

14152 TRUE DETECTIVES**By Jonathan Kellerman****Narrator Jeff Harding**

Moe Reed and Aaron Fox are on the trail of a missing girl, a baffling whodunit that forces the half-brothers to confront the unresolved family mystery that turned them into enemies. Only by pooling their efforts - and by consulting a man both brothers respect, psychologist Alex Delaware, do they stand a chance of peeling back the secrets that explain the fate of an outwardly innocent young woman. And, by doing so, the brothers learn about much more than murder.

Isis Audio Books; 2009

10hrs 0mins

14022 MARKED FOR DEATH**By Tony Kent****Narrator Paul Moriarty**

When London's legal establishment is shaken to its foundation by the grisly crucifixion of a retired Lord Chief Justice, Detective Chief Inspector Joelle Levy is tasked with finding his killer. With fifty years of potential enemies to choose from, only the identical murder of former solicitor Adam Blunt offers a ray of hope: what is it that connects these victims who met such a gruesome end?

Elliott & Thompson; 2019

15hrs 30mins

13959 BROKEN SKIN**By Stuart MacBride****Narrator Steve Worsley**

A serial rapist is leaving a string of tortured women behind him on the streets of Aberdeen, and DS Logan McRae's girlfriend, PC Jackie Watson, is out acting as bait. The prime suspect turns out to be Aberdeen Football Club's star striker. Logan thinks they've got it horribly wrong, but Jackie is convinced the footballer's guilty and she's hell-bent on a conviction at any cost...

HarperCollins; 2017

13hrs 0mins

14018 END GAMES IN BORDEAUX**By Allan Massie****Narrator David Hobbs**

In the summer of 1944, France is in turmoil. The Allied invasion, bringing the promise of Liberation, is awaited, eagerly and nervously. Superintendent Lannes, suspended from duty by order of the Boches, searches unofficially for a missing girl, and investigates cases of historic sex abuse. His marriage is experiencing difficulties and he worries about his sons, one with the Free French, the other in Vichy.

Quartet; 2015

9hrs 30mins

13925 CRACK DOWN

By Val McDermid

Narrator Chloe Massey

Manchester-based private eye Kate Brannigan thought it would be safe to let her boyfriend help out with her investigation. But now he's behind bars and she's been left caring for his eight-year-old son. Soon Kate finds herself drawn into the world of drug traffickers, child pornographers, and violent gangland enforcers – bringing her face to face with death in the most terrifying investigation of her career.

Avid Audio; 2019

7hrs 0mins

14145 BLOOD, SALT, WATER

By Denise Mina

Narrator Cathleen McCarron

Loch Lomond is a mile deep but the woman's body surfaced anyway. Found bludgeoned and dumped in the water, she now haunts Iain Fraser, the man who put her there. Nearby Helensburgh is a seeming idyllic town, but it is shot through with deception, lies and vested interests. As DI Alex Morrow seeks the killer, she uncovers a connection too close to home - and the case gets more personal than she could possibly imagine.

Isis Audio Books; 2015

10hrs 30mins

14144 THE RED ROAD

By Denise Mina

Narrator Cathleen McCarron

As DI Alex Morrow investigates the death of a young businessman, she uncovers a vicious network of power and corruption that reaches back to Glasgow on the night Princess Diana died. And to a fourteen-year-old girl sat in a car with a dead body, the murder weapon still in her hand.

Isis Audio Books; 2018

10hrs 0mins

14060 A NECESSARY EVIL**By Abir Mukherjee****Narrator Simon Bubb**

India, 1920. Captain Sam Wyndham and Sergeant Banerjee are visiting the kingdom of Sambalpore, home to the beautiful Palace of the Sun. But when the Maharaja's eldest son is assassinated, Wyndham realises that the realm is riven with conflict. As Wyndham and Banerjee endeavour to unravel the mystery, they become entangled in a dangerous world. They must find the murderer, before the murderer finds them.

Random House Audio; 2017 11hrs 0mins

13972 ALEX CROSS'S TRIAL**By James Patterson & Richard Dilallo****Narrator Garrick Hagon**

Alex Cross passes the family tale of his great-uncle Abraham along to his children in a novel he's written, called 'Trial'. When President Theodore Roosevelt asks young lawyer Ben Corbett to investigate rumours of the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan, he cannot refuse. Arriving in Eudora, Mississippi, Ben meets Abraham Cross. Residents of the town's black quarter are living in constant fear. Ben aims to break the reign of terror - but the truth of who is really behind it could break his heart.

Isis Audio Books; 2010 8hrs 0mins

13785 REVENGE IN A COLD RIVER**By Anne Perry****Narrator Jonathan Oliver**

London, 1869: The body of a man is found near the dockside of the River Thames. Commander William Monk is called when it is revealed that the man was shot in the back. As his investigations lead him into the murky world of smuggling and forgery, Monk is forced to confront his own forgotten past. It soon becomes clear that a bitter enemy is back for revenge. With his life and career in danger, can Monk discover the truth before it is too late?

Oakhill Audio; 2017 12hrs 30mins

13994 THE CURE OF SOULS**By Phil Rickman****Narrator Emma Powell**

During a summer of oppressive heat in Herefordshire's hop-growing country, a converted kiln is the scene of a savage murder. When the local vicar refuses to deal with its aftermath, diocesan exorcist Merrily Watkins is sent out to a village with a past as twisted as the hop-bines which once enclosed it. She is soon drawn into a deadly tangle of deceit, corruption and sexual menace.

Isis Audio Books; 2009

16hrs 30mins

13995 WHERE THE SHADOWS LIE**By Michael Ridpath****Narrator Sean Barrett**

One thousand years ago: An Icelandic warrior returns from battle, bearing a ring cut from the right hand of his foe. Seventy years ago: An Oxford professor creates the 20th century's most pervasive legend. His name? John Ronald Reuel Tolkien. Six hours ago: An expert on Old Icelandic literature, Agnar Haraldsson, is murdered. Everything is connected, but to discover how, Detective Magnus Jonson must venture where the shadows lie...

Isis Audio Books; 2011

11hrs 0mins

13910 IN A DRY SEASON**By Peter Robinson****Narrator Simon Slater**

During a blistering summer, drought depletes Thornfield Reservoir, uncovering the remains of a small village, hidden for over forty years. When a curious young boy unearths a human skeleton, Alan Banks is given the impossible task of identifying the victim – a woman who lived in a place that no longer exists. Anyone else might throw in the towel but DCI Banks is determined to uncover the murky past buried beneath a flood of time . . .

Pan Macmillan; 2018

15hrs 20mins

14045 EVIL TURN**By Douglas Watkinson****Narrator Bob Rollett**

When two trawermen are murdered, an old police acquaintance, Tom Blackwell, asks Nathan Hawk to house a main witness in the forthcoming murder trial. But are Blackwell's motives quite as honourable as he makes out? Almost certainly not. Within days Hawk is caught up in a huge drug deal, becomes a likely IRA target and has severe doubts about the murder charge itself... Book 4 of the series.

Indepenpress; 2017

9hrs 0mins

14099 JERICHO ROAD**By Douglas Watkinson****Narrator Mike Duffin**

It starts with a stolen pocket watch that allegedly belonged to Heinrich Himmler. Hawk agrees to try and find it, but within days of poking his nose in the girl who stole it is murdered. He digs further, driven by a feeling that if he'd kept out of it the girl would still be alive. And as he digs he uncovers a far nastier crime than mere murder... Book 5 of the series.

Indepenpress; 2017

8hrs 0mins

14017 BLUE MURDER**By Colin Watson****Narrator Richard Simpson**

Fearless journalist Clive Grail is bent on uncovering a scandal of blue films and blackmail in respectable Flaxborough. But when he publishes his revelations of the town's murky past he finds himself at the hub of a much more chilling and sinister crime...

Mandarin; 1987

7hrs 0mins

13896 LONELYHEART 4122**By Colin Watson****Narrator Richard Simpson**

The only connection between the disappearance of two women in Flaxborough, seems to be the Handclasp House Marriage Bureau. As Inspector Purbright and Sergeant Love investigate, a vulnerable-seeming lady with the charming title of Lucy Teatime signs up for a romantic rendezvous, so the detectives try extra hard to look out for her. But Miss Teatime has a few surprises of her own up her dainty sleeve!

Methuen; 1984

6hrs 0mins

13862 HARD FROST**By R D Wingfield****Narrator Robin Browne**

DI Jack Frost was supposed to be on holiday, but with one child dead and another reported missing, Chief Superintendent Mullett had to recall his scruffiest, most irreverent officer to duty. Had the same person taken both boys? Was there any connection with the pervert who silently entered houses at night to stab babies in their cots? Questions, questions and more questions. And so very few answers...

Isis Audio Books; 1997

14hrs 30mins

14154 A KILLING FROST**By R D Wingfield****Narrator Stephen Thorne**

The discovery of two teenage girls' bodies and a video of a snuff movie leaves Detective Inspector Jack Frost in a race against time before the killer can strike again. Meanwhile, someone is poisoning foodstuffs at a local supermarket chain. When the owner receives threatening demands, it is up to Frost to catch the blackmailer. As Frost faces questions over the handling of the cases, he faces a threat to his professional life with the arrival of DCI Skinner. Is this the end for Jack Frost?

Isis Audio Books; 2008

13hrs 30mins

13999 WINTER FROST**By R D Wingfield****Narrator Stephen Thorne**

Winter in Denton is a busy time for DI Jack Frost. A serial killer is murdering local prostitutes; an armed robbery; a ram raid at a jewellers and a buried skeleton is uncovered. But Frost's main concern is for the safety of a missing schoolgirl. The dead body of another little girl from the same school is found. . . Frost's prime suspect hangs himself in his cell, leaving a note blaming Frost for driving him to suicide. Coarse, insubordinate and fearless, DI Jack Frost is in serious trouble.

Isis Audio Books; 2000

16hrs 0mins

+ FAMILY SAGAS**13969 ABOVE US THE SKY****By Milly Adams****Narrator Maggie Mash**

As the threat of bombing raids intensifies, newly-qualified teacher, Phyllis Saunders, is evacuated with her school to Dorset. Here she encounters prejudice and suspicion. But she is determined to make the best of life, for herself and the children in her care. All the while her fiancé and submariner, Sammy, is facing danger out at sea. But soon she is nursing a secret she can tell no one, and she is forced to make a decision she hopes she will never regret...

Oakhill Audio; 2017

14hrs 0mins

13970 LOVE ON THE WATERWAYS**By Milly Adams****Narrator Maggie Mash**

March 1944: It's been five months since Verity Clement fled home for a life on Britain's canals. Hauling cargo between London and Birmingham is tough but far easier to face than the turbulence she's left behind. New recruit Sylvia is struggling with demons from her past while crewmate Polly receives devastating news. Verity does her best to help, but a shocking discovery is about to turn her own life upside down....

Oakhill Audio; 2019

13hrs 45mins

13981 THE PRINCESS OF POOR STREET**By Emma Blair****Narrator Vivienne Ennemoser**

They called it Black Friday in Glasgow's Parr Street when the factory closed. Vicky Devine's father, George, was devastated. But young Ken Blacklaws was determined to make something of his life. Maybe that's why Vicky loved him so much. As Ken ruthlessly fought his way out of poverty, his ambition knew no bounds. For in his lifetime, he would break the law and Vicky's heart, but never could he break her spirit...

Sphere; 1988

13hrs 0mins

13951 HOLD THE DREAM**By Barbara Taylor Bradford****Narrator Bea Holland**

Emma Harte is now eighty years old and ready to hand over the reins of the vast business empire she has created. To her favourite grandchild, Paula McGill Fairley, Emma bequeaths her mighty retailing empire with these heartfelt words: 'I charge you to hold my dream.'

HarperCollins; 2019

30hrs 0mins

14004 LONDON CALLING**By Helen Carey****Narrator Annie Aldington**

It will take more than Hitler's Luftwaffe to break the spirit of the residents of Lavender Road. If courage, resilience and a shared sense of humour could win wars, the conflict would already be over. It's not all harmony, though. It's probably just as well that no one knows what challenges lie ahead...

Soundings Audio; 2016

21hrs 30mins

13965 THE MOST PRECIOUS THING**By Rita Bradshaw****Narrator Elizabeth Henry**

It's 1925, and when Carrie's sister Renee marries Walter Sutton, Carrie is delighted, for the two families have always been close. But an incident on the eve of the wedding leaves Carrie pregnant and desperately ashamed of the secret she now carries. When Harry Sutton, who has always loved Carrie, discovers her plight, he volunteers to marry her. But their secret will inevitably come out and there is much heartache ahead before Carrie can finally be happy and content with the man she loves.

Soundings Audio; 2004

14hrs 0mins

14173 HAMILTON**By Catherine Cookson****Narrator Julia Barry**

Maisie doesn't understand why her mother can't love her, but she knows that her life is deeply unhappy. When her stepfather George, leaves, Maisie has no protector, until she begins to escape into her own imagination. She first meets Hamilton as a lonely seven year old, but he has to remain a secret, for what would people think if she reveals her only friend is an imaginary horse?

Lamplight Audio; 2020

10hrs 0mins

13765 THE CHRISTMAS WEDDING**By Dilly Court****Narrator Annie Aldington**

The winter of 1867: Daisy Marshall, secretly engaged to her master's son, finds herself jilted at the altar. Heartbroken, she flees to Little Creek, but the village is poverty-stricken, suffering under a cruel lord of the manor. Determined to help, Daisy makes new friends – but also dangerous new enemies, who threaten to destroy everything she's built. Can Daisy save the village and find happiness in time for Christmas?

Lamplight Audio; 2019

10hrs 45mins

13949 NETTIE'S SECRET**By Dilly Court****Narrator Annie Aldington**

London, 1875. Thanks to her hapless father, Nettie Carroll is sewing night and day to keep food on the table. Her gullible father has trusted the wrong man again, and he's convinced that their only hope lies across the English Channel in France. Nettie has little but her dreams left to lose. But she has a secret, and it's one with the power to save them. Can she find the courage to trust in herself and pave the way for a brighter future?

HarperCollins; 2019

12hrs 0mins

14007 FETCH NURSE CONNIE**By Jean Fullerton****Narrator Julie Maisie**

London, 1945 and as the end of the war is declared, the nurses of the East End are joining in the celebrations. But Nurse Connie Byrne's mind is on another celebration - the wedding to her sweetheart, Charlie, when he arrives home. But when Connie meets Charlie off the train, she finds that his homecoming doesn't quite go according to plan. If nursing in the East End has taught Connie anything, it's that life is full of surprises...

Magna Story Sound; 2015

14hrs 30mins

13962 A CHILD IN BURRACOMBE**By Lilian Harry****Narrator Anne Dover**

Devon, 1943. In the village of Burracombe, 'Dig for Victory' is more than just a wartime slogan. While the young men are away, everyone at home knows the war effort needs them too. Whether it's Land Girls on the farms, wives and mothers having to make do and mend, or the villagers knowing how to stretch rations to keep spirits bright, there is always something to be done to help. Book 12 of the series.

Soundings Audio; 2017

10hrs 0mins

14005 BEYOND THE SUNSET**By Anna Jacobs****Narrator Nicolette McKenzie**

In Western Australia, the Blake sisters are together again. For Cassandra, the Swan River Colony is a refuge after her ordeals, and two of her sisters have fallen in love with their new way of life. But the fourth sister, Pandora, decides to make her way back to the Lancashire moors that she misses so badly. The way home, though, will be even harder than the voyage to Australia. And when she reaches Outham, a devious enemy will do anything to prevent her from taking charge of her family's inheritance...

Soundings Audio; 2010

11hrs 30mins

13960 SHIPYARD GIRLS AT WAR**By Nancy Revell****Narrator Janine Birkett**

1941: it takes strength to work on the docks, but the war demands all hands on deck and the women are doing their best to fill the gap. Join the shipyard girls Rosie, Gloria and Polly as they journey through the hardships of life, love and war.

Magna Story Sound; 2017

15hrs 0mins

14008 A PROMISE BETWEEN FRIENDS**By Carol Rivers****Narrator Annie Aldington**

1953: 19-year-old Ruby and her friend Kath are eager to enjoy their post-war independence. Moving to the East End of London, Ruby finds work at a fashionable new dog grooming parlour. Kath isn't quite so lucky and gets a tough factory job. But then Ruby meets handsome, charming Nick Brandon - and ignores the warnings from those around her that he is trouble. Ruby wants a glamorous life - but it will come at a high cost...

Magna Story Sound; 2016

9hrs 30mins

+ FANTASY FICTION

14174 HEROES

By Stephen Fry

Narrator Stephen Fry

Few mere mortals have ever embarked on such bold and heart-stirring adventures, overcome myriad monstrous perils, or outwitted scheming vengeful gods, quite as stylishly and triumphantly as Greek heroes. In this companion to his bestselling Mythos (13309), Stephen Fry brilliantly retells these dramatic, funny, tragic and timeless tales.

Penguin Audio; 2020

15hrs 0mins

13990 THE CITY & THE CITY

By China Mieville

Narrator James Murphy

The body of a murdered woman is discovered in the crumbling city of Beszel. Such a crime is par for the course for Inspector Tyador Borlú, who is the premier talent of the Extreme Crime Squad – until his investigations uncover evidence that bizarre and terrifying forces are at work. He must undertake a journey across borders both physical and psychical, to the city which is both a complement and rival to his own, that of Ul Qoma.

Picador; 2018

11hrs 30mins

13974 SOUL MUSIC

By Terry Pratchett

Narrator Nigel Planer

Book 16 of the Discworld series: Being sixteen is always difficult, even more so when your Grandfather rides a white horse and wields a scythe. Especially if he decides to take a well-earned break, so that you have to take over the family business, and everyone mistakes you for the Tooth Fairy. And especially when you have to face the new and addictive music that has entered Discworld.

Isis Audio Books; 2003

10hrs 30mins

13952 THE FALL OF GONDOLIN**By J R R Tolkien****Narrators Timothy West & Samuel West**

Gondolin was a fabulous secret city of Elves in the First Age of Middle-earth. This is the story of the founding of the city: of the arrival there of Tuor, a prince of Men; of the betrayal of the city to Morgoth by the king's nephew, Maeglin; and of its subsequent catastrophic destruction by Morgoth's armies.

HarperCollins; 2019

8hrs 15mins

+ GENERAL FICTION**13933 PERFECTING FIONA****By M C Beaton****Narrator Yvonne Clemenson**

Fiona has been sent to the School For Manners by her guardians as a last resort, for at nineteen, the beautiful Scottish heiress still has no prospect of a suitable marriage. The Tribble sisters are puzzled, however, by their charge's demure perfection, until they take her to her first ball – and discover she is an incorrigible flirt! And when Fiona betrays her real feelings ... so the sisters are forced to confront the truth about her past!

Canvas; 2012

5hrs 30mins

14056 ON THE BLACK HILL**By Bruce Chatwin****Narrator Steffan Rhodri**

Identical twins Lewis and Benjamin Jones grow up on a farm in rural Wales and never leave home. They till the rough soil and sleep in the same bed, touched only occasionally by the advances of the twentieth century. In depicting their lives and their interactions with their small local community, Chatwin comments movingly on the larger questions of human experience.

Penguin Audio; 2019

8hrs 0mins

14112 THE GAMBLING MAN**By Catherine Cookson****Narrator Patricia Knight-Webb**

Rory Connor was a gambling man and he had a gambler's luck. At seven years old he was earning money from odd jobs and by the time he was twenty-three, his ambition was in full flow and he was always looking to bigger and better games to play. For an ordinary working lad, he was doing well - until one day, his luck changed and suddenly, things did not go as smoothly as he was used to...

Corgi; 1977

12hrs 0mins

13938 GEORGY GIRL**By Margaret Forster****Narrator Pauline Beale**

Georgy is young, gregarious and fun - she is also large, self-confessedly ugly and desperate for love. As she struggles through a maze of conflicting demands and emotions, Georgy discovers that sex, a man and marriage are not everything, and that life has other alternatives to offer.

Robinson; 2011

7hrs 0mins

13751 OUT TO CANAAN**By Jan Karon****Narrator Patricia Knight-Webb**

In the small town of Mitford, Father Tim and his wife Cynthia ponder their retirement plans and try to raise their young charge, Dooley, while a brash mayoral candidate is calling for development and "progress." Then the town's most eligible bachelor leaves Mitford and returns with a stunning surprise...

Penguin; 1998

15hrs 0mins

14023 CITY OF JOY**By Dominique Lapierre****Narrator Bob Wildgust**

Living in the seeming hell of one of the poorest and most crowded quarters of Calcutta are the saints of today: saints such as Mother Teresa, and Stephen Kovalski, an unknown Polish Catholic priest who cares for the poorest of the poor. And Max Loeb, an American physician dedicated to fighting disease in this dirty hellhole. The story of these saints, is a testament to the human spirit unbowed by the most wretched of circumstances.

Arrow; 1992

23hrs 30mins

14084 SAPLINGS**By Noel Streatfeild****Narrator Ann Stutz**

The Wiltshires are an idyllic middle-class family living in the comforts of Regent's Park in London. But as WWII overtakes the country, the children are separated from their parents, sent off to the country to stay with their grandparents, and the eldest go off to boarding school. Then a tragedy strikes that upsets the whole balance of the family, and things slowly start to unravel.

Persephone; 2000

10hrs 0mins

13791 STANLEY AND ELSIE**By Nicola Upson****Narrator Gabrielle Glaister**

The First World War is over and in Hampshire, artist Stanley Spencer is working on the commission of a lifetime - painting an entire chapel in memory of lives lost in the war. When Elsie Munday arrives as their housemaid, her life quickly becomes entwined with the Spencer family. As the years pass, Elsie does her best to keep the family together even when love, obsession and temptation seem set to tear them apart....

Lamplight Audio; 2019

12hrs 15mins

+ GHOST STORIES

13953 THE LOST ONES

By Anita Frank

Narrator Olivia Dowd

England, 1917: Reeling from the death of her fiancé, Stella Marcham welcomes the opportunity to stay with her pregnant sister, Madeleine, at her country mansion, Greyswick. But before long, strange incidents begin to trouble Stella – sobbing in the night, little footsteps on the stairs – and as events escalate, she finds herself drawn to the tragic history of the house. Stella sets about uncovering Greyswick's dark and terrible secrets – secrets the dead whisper from the other side...

HarperCollins; 2019

13hrs 30mins

+ HISTORICAL FICTION

14157 A PLACE BEYOND COURAGE

By Elizabeth Chadwick

Narrator Peter Wickham

The early twelfth century is a time for ambitious men to prosper - and royal servant John FitzGilbert is one of them. But when the old king dies and his successor is appointed, John's position at court is weakened and he is forced to make a terrible sacrifice. Sometimes keeping your honour means breaking your word...

Soundings Audio; 2007

17hrs 0mins

14057 THE CONFESSIONS OF FRANNIE LANGTON

By Sara Collins Narrators Sara Collins & Roy McMillan

1826, London. Crowds gather at the Old Bailey to watch as Frannie Langton, maid to Mr and Mrs Benham, goes on trial for their murder. The testimonies against her are damning, and for the first time she must tell her story. But through her fevered confessions, one burning question haunts Frannie: could she have murdered the only person she ever loved?

Penguin Audio; 2019

12hrs 15mins

14075 REDCOAT**By Bernard Cornwell****Narrator Tim Verity**

Philadelphia in 1777 is a city at war - not just between American troops and the British army, but within itself. For an occupied city throws together loyalist and patriot, soldier and civilian, man and woman, it also divides families and breeds treachery.

Penguin; 2011

17hrs 0mins

13967 ON A PARTICULAR SERVICE**By David Donachie****Narrator Peter Wickham**

1796. Lieutenant John Pearce is heading home aboard a hospital ship, yet the journey is far from plain sailing. Evading capture by an Algerine warship, Pearce attempts to save his disparate band of friends, the Pelicans, from being pressed into service on a British frigate – only for the group to risk being hanged for desertion once home. Pearce does not know who to trust. All he can hope to do is survive... Book 14 of the series.

Soundings Audio; 2017

11hrs 0mins

14065 CHECKMATE**By Dorothy Dunnett****Narrator David Monteath**

It is 1557, and legendary Scottish warrior Francis Crawford of Lymond is once more in France. There he is leading an army to rout the hated English from Calais. The final moves are made in a great game that has been playing out over an extraordinary decade of war, love and struggle - bringing the Lymond Chronicles to a spellbinding close.

Penguin Audio; 2018

28hrs 40mins

13929 THE PETTICOAT MEN
By Barbara Ewing **Narrator Barbara Ewing**

The Victorian gossip-mongers call them The Petticoat Men. But to Mattie Stacey, they are Freddie and Ernest, her gentlemen lodgers. She admires their sparkling gowns, and laughs at their stories of attending society balls dressed up as the glamorous 'Fanny' and 'Stella'. But one fateful night Fanny and Stella are arrested. Outraged, Mattie is determined to save her friends and expose the establishment's hypocrisy...

Lamplight Audio; 2015 13hrs 50mins

14085 KITTY PECK AND THE PARLIAMENT OF SHADOWS
By Kate Griffin **Narrator Hilary Spiers**

When Kitty Peck took over Paradise - her grandmother's East End criminal empire - she was determined to transform the music halls into the jewels of Limehouse. But a new threat appears in the form of an eerily charismatic preacher on a crusade against 'wickedness and vice'. Can Kitty save Paradise from destruction, without losing any more of the people she loves? Book 4 of the 'Kitty Peck Mysteries'.

Faber & Faber; 2019 15hrs 30mins

13930 THE PARISIAN
By Isabella Hammad **Narrator Fiona Button**

As the First World War shatters families, destroys friendships and kills lovers, a young Palestinian dreamer sets out to find himself. Midhat Kamal picks his way across a fractured world, from the shifting politics of the Middle East to the dinner tables of Montpelier and a newly tumultuous Paris. He discovers that everything is fragile: love turns to loss, friends become enemies and everyone is looking for a place to belong.

Penguin Audio; 2019 20hrs 20mins

14076 REPLENISH THE EARTH**By Anna Jacobs****Narrator Elizabeth Goodrich**

It is 1735. When her mother dies penniless, Sarah Mortonby unexpectedly inherits a run-down estate from the grandfather she never met. Unable to manage the land alone, and desperately needing help, she finds her life changing after meeting estate manager Will Pursley. Can they save the estate together? And will the fondness growing between Will and Sarah turn into love?

Canelo; 2019 9hrs 30mins

14029 HOW WE DISAPPEARED**By Jing-Jing Lee****Narrator Ryun Yu**

1942. As Japanese troops sweep into Singapore, a village is ransacked, and seventeen-year-old Wang Di is shipped off to a Japanese military rape camp. In the year 2000, her mind is still haunted by her experiences, but she has been silent about her memories. It takes twelve-year-old Kevin, and the mumbled confession he overhears from his ailing grandmother, to set in motion a journey into the unknown to discover the truth.

Lamplight Audio; 2019 11hrs 50mins

13932 THE MIRROR AND THE LIGHT**By Hilary Mantel****Narrator Ben Miller**

England, May 1536. Anne Boleyn is dead, and as her remains are bundled into oblivion, Thomas Cromwell breakfasts with the victors, while his formidable master, Henry VIII, settles to short-lived happiness with his third queen, Jane Seymour. Cromwell is a man with only his wits to rely on; so what will you do when the king turns on you, as sooner or later he turns on everyone close to him?
Book 3 of the Wolf Hall Trilogy.

Whole Story Audio; 2020 38hrs 10mins

**13759 THE SACRED STONE
By The Medieval Murderers**

Narrator Edward Peel

1067. In the desolate wastes of Greenland, a band of hunters stumble across a strangely-shaped stone which has fallen from the sky. Over the next six hundred years, the Sky-Stone will fall into the hands of crusading knights, a wicked manor-lord of Devon, a group of radical young kabalists, the dying King Henry III and a band of travelling players. But treachery, discord and violent death follow for all who seek to possess it.

Simon & Schuster; 2011

16hrs 0mins

14111 THE LAST QUEEN OF INDIA

By Michelle Moran

Narrator Clare Francis

1857, India. Sita is the shining star of Queen Lakshmi's imperial guard, having pledged herself to a life of celibacy in the name of protecting the young ruler, and a close friendship develops between the two women. Meanwhile, in London, Queen Victoria is looking to extend the power of the Commonwealth, and India is coveted as the next jewel in the imperial crown. In the ensuing battle, will the bond between Lakshmi and Sita be broken for ever?

Quercus; 2016

11hrs 30mins

13909 TOMBLAND

By C J Sansom

Narrator Steven Crossley

1549. Two years after the death of Henry VIII, England is sliding into chaos...Since the old King's death, Matthew Shardlake has been working as a lawyer in the service of Henry's younger daughter, the Lady Elizabeth. As peasant rebellion breaks out across the country, Shardlake has to decide where his ultimate loyalties lie - with his kingdom, or with his lady? Shardlake, book 7.

Pan Macmillan; 2018

37hrs 40mins

13971 THE DRESSMAKER'S GIFT**By Fiona Valpy****Narrator Justine Eyre**

Paris, 1940. With the city occupied by the Nazis, three young seamstresses face impossible choices when their secret activities put them in grave danger. Brought together by loyalty, threatened by betrayal, can they survive history's darkest era without being torn apart?

Brilliance Audio; 2019

9hrs 15mins

+ HORROR STORIES**14073 MISTER B. GONE****By Clive Barker****Narrator Mike Duffin**

A bone-chilling tale, in which a never-before-published demonic 'memoir' penned in the year 1438, is discovered by an assistant who worked for the inventor of the printing press, Johannes Gutenberg. The demon has embedded himself in the very words of this tale of terror, turning the book itself into a dangerous object, laced with menace only too ready to break free and exert its power.

HarperVoyager; 2008

7hrs 30mins

+ HUMOUROUS FICTION**14053 MIDDLE ENGLAND****By Jonathan Coe****Narrator Rory Kinnear**

The country is changing and, up and down the land, cracks are appearing - within families and between generations. In the Midlands Benjamin Trotter is trying to help his aged father navigate a Britain that seems to have forgotten he exists, whilst in London his friend Doug doesn't understand why his teenage daughter is eternally enraged. Meanwhile, newlyweds Sophie and Ian can find nothing to agree on except the fact that their marriage is on the rocks . . .

Penguin Audio; 2018

14hrs 15mins

14038 THE SNAPPER**By Roddy Doyle****Narrator Kevin Hely**

Meet the Rabbitte family, a motley bunch of loveable ne'er-do-wells whose everyday purgatory is rich with hangovers and dirty dishes. When the older sister announces her pregnancy, the family are forced to rally together and discover the strangeness of intimacy. But the question remains: which friend of the family is the father of Sharon's child?

Clipper Audio; 2016

5hrs 0mins

14032 THE COMMITMENTS**By Roddy Doyle****Narrator Laurence Kinlan**

Barrytown, Dublin, has something to sing about. The Commitments are spreading the gospel of the soul. Ably managed by Jimmy Rabbitte, brilliantly coached by Joey 'The Lips' Fagan, their twin assault on Motown and Barrytown takes them by leaps and bounds from the parish hall to the steps of the studio door. But can The Commitments live up to their name?

Clipper Audio; 2016

3hrs 40mins

13885 SOME EXPERIENCES OF AN IRISH R. M.**By Edith Somerville****Narrator Tony Pearce-Smith**

This is the tale of Major Sinclair Yates, an Anglo-Irish man who becomes the Resident Magistrate in a small Irish village. As he passes judgement on a range of cases and characters that would have driven Solomon to drink, he learns that in Ireland, two and two are just as likely to make five, or three, or even nothing at all...

J S Sanders; 1998

8hrs 0mins

+ LOVE STORIES

13924 IRRESISTIBLE

By Mary Balogh

Narrator Rosalyn Landor

Sophie Armitage has never felt attractive to men. Even her late husband treated her more as a companion than a lover. But Sophia hopes to enjoy a Season in London as her niece makes her social debut-until, that is, her hopes are dashed when she is faced with a threat she can reveal to no one.

Tantor Audio; 2020

11hrs 0mins

13859 THE GREAT LOVER

By Jill Dawson

Narrator William Rycroft

In the summer of 1909, seventeen-year-old Nell Goliath is the new maid at the Orchard Tea Gardens in Cambridgeshire when Rupert Brooke moves in as a lodger. Famed for his looks and flouting of convention, the young poet captures the hearts of men and women alike, yet his own seems to stay intact. Even Nell, despite her good sense, begins to fall for him. What is his secret?

Isis Audio Books; 2009

11hrs 30mins

13861 A SONG IN THE AIR

By Anne Douglas

Narrator Hilary Neville

When crofter's daughter Shona MacInnes qualifies as a vet, she meets prejudice not only from her father and brother, but also from handsome Ross MacMaster, an islander who is to become a vet himself. Armed with only the support of her mother, Shona is determined to succeed and prove the men wrong.

Soundings Audio; 2008

10hrs 0mins

**13979 CHRISTMAS AT THE THE LITTLE CLOCK
HOUSE ON THE GREEN**

By Eve Devon

Narrator Elizabeth Goodrich

After giving his heart last year only to have it given away the very next day, Jake Knightley is opting out of Christmas! But then a beautiful new arrival upsets all his carefully laid plans. Emma Danes will do anything to help make the clock house a success, even working closely with the tempting Mr Knightley. Now, as snow starts to fall and romance starts to bloom, Emma and Jake may just find themselves repeating Whispers Wood history beneath the mistletoe...

HarperImpulse; 2017

12hrs 0mins

14041 A PRECIOUS GIFT

By Rosie Goodwin

Narrator Charlie Sanderson

Nuneaton, 1911. When Holly Farthing's overbearing grandfather tries to force her to marry a widower twice her age, she flees to London. In the big smoke, Holly begins nurse training and meets the dashing Doctor Parkin. He is everything she has ever dreamt of. But soon she discovers some shocking news and her life is suddenly thrown into turmoil. Can Holly ever find the happiness she so truly deserves?

Clipper Audio; 2020

13hrs 0mins

+ SCIENCE FICTION

13947 FOUNDATION AND EMPIRE

By Isaac Asimov

Narrator William Hope

The First Foundation must prepare for war against the remnants of the Empire as the Imperial fleet advances on their planet, Terminus. Hari Seldon predicted this war; he even prepared his Foundation for it. But he couldn't foresee the birth of the mutant Mule. In possession of a power which reduces fearsome opposition to devoted slaves, the Mule poses a terrible threat to Seldon's Foundation.

HarperCollins; 2019

9hrs 30mins

13946 SECOND FOUNDATION**By Isaac Asimov****Narrator William Hope**

The First Foundation has been defeated, crushed by the formidable mental powers of the Mule. But whispers of the mysterious Second Foundation, the only hope of defeating the Mule, are beginning to spread...Surviving members fear the secret powers of the Second Foundation, vowing to find and destroy it. However, finding it will lead to the opposite end of the Galaxy, where the fate of Seldon's two Foundations awaits.

HarperCollins; 2019

9hrs 0mins

+ SHORT STORIES**13942 OFFSHORE: A SHORT STORY COLLECTION****By Ann Cleeves****Narrator Ann Stutz**

A striking collection of eight short stories, by bestselling crime writer Ann Cleeves. They are all set on islands off the coast of the UK, and feature cases for both DI Jimmy Perez on Shetland, and DI Willow Reeves on Uist in the Outer Hebrides.

Macmillan; 2014

2hrs 30mins

14052 SMALL DISPLACEMENTS**By Vanessa Furze Jackson****Narrator Jenny Clay**

These stories examine what happens when people venture into uncharted territory, whether physically or in the mind. They may not journey far, and the ensuing displacements may be comparatively small, but the consequences are often unforeseen and considerable.

Livingston Press; 2010

8hrs 30mins

14054 GRAND UNION**By Zadie Smith Narrators Zadie Smith & Doc Brown**

Interleaving ten new and unpublished stories with some of her best-loved pieces from the New Yorker, Zadie Smith, presents a rich and varied collection of fiction. Moving across genres and perspectives, from the historic to the vividly current to the slyly dystopian, this is a sharply alert and prescient collection about time and place, identity and rebirth, the persistent legacies that haunt our present selves and the uncanny futures that rush up to meet us.

Penguin Audio; 2019

6hrs 0mins

+ SPY STORIES**13950 A FOREIGN COUNTRY****By Charles Cumming****Narrator Jot Davies**

Six weeks before she is due to become the first female head of MI6, Amelia Levene disappears without a trace. Disgraced ex-agent Thomas Kell is brought in with orders to find her – quickly and quietly. Tracking her through France and North Africa, Kell embarks on a dangerous voyage, shadowed by foreign intelligence services. This far from home soil, the rules of the game are entirely different – and the consequences worse than anyone imagines...

HarperCollins; 2012

9hrs 30mins

14035 HORSE UNDER WATER**By Len Deighton****Narrator James Lailey**

Our anonymous secret agent from The Ipcress File (13623) is now working with his WOOC(P) boss Dawlish. But he must draw on all his abilities, good and bad, when plunged into a story of murder, betrayal and greed every bit as murky as the waters off the coast of Portugal, where the answers lie buried.

Lamplight Audio; 2014

8hrs 40mins

13934 SLOW BURNER**By William Haggard Narrator Richard Simpson**

For British spymaster, Colonel Russell, the Cold War is about to get hotter. When plans for a new form of nuclear energy are stolen, it falls to Russell's Security Executive to retrieve them before the secrets of Slow Burner are leaked to Britain's enemies. But as Russell discovers, the enemy within can be more dangerous than any foreign adversary.

Penguin; 1965

8hrs 0mins

14010 THE ENGLISH AGENT**By Clare Harvey Narrator Charlotte Strevens**

Having endured the Blitz, Edie feels utterly disillusioned with life in wartime London. The chance to work with the Secret Operations Executive offers a fresh start. Codenamed 'Yvette', she's parachuted into France. Back in London, Vera desperately needs to be made a UK citizen to erase the secrets of her past. Working at the foreign office presents an opportunity for blackmail. But when she loses contact with one agent in the field, codenamed Yvette, her loyalties are torn.

Magna Story Sound; 2016

12hrs 30mins

14039 THE MAN FROM BERLIN**By Luke McCallin****Narrator John Lee**

In war-torn Yugoslavia, a young film maker and a German officer have been murdered. Assigned to the case is military intelligence officer Captain Gregor Reinhardt. Already haunted by his wartime actions, he soon finds that his investigation may be more than just a murder - and that the late Yugoslavian film maker may have been much more brilliant - and treacherous - than anyone knew.

Avid Audio; 2016

14hrs 20mins

+ THRILLERS

13940 VOICES ON THE WIND

By Evelyn Anthony Narrator Maggie Stokes

Forty years after World War II, Katharine Alfurd, a former Resistance fighter must revisit the past and make a decision that could shatter the lives of both the innocent and the guilty.

Arrow; 1986

11hrs 30mins

13807 THE SHUT EYE

By Belinda Bauer Narrator Andrew Wincott

Five footprints are the only sign that Daniel Buck was ever here. And now they are all his mother has left, and every day, Anna guards the little prints in the cement. When a psychic offers hope, Anna grasps it. Maybe he can tell her what happened to her son... But is this man what he claims to be? Is he a visionary? A shut eye? Or a cruel fake, preying on the vulnerable? Or is he something far, far worse?

Isis Audio Books; 2015

8hrs 30mins

13996 DEAD WOMAN WALKING

By Sharon Bolton Narrator Julia Barrie

Just before dawn in the hills near the Scottish border, a man murders a young woman. At the same time, a hot-air balloon crashes out of the sky. There's just one survivor. She's seen the killer's face - but he's also seen hers. And he won't rest until he's eliminated the only witness to his crime. Alone, scared, trusting no one, she's running to where she feels safe - but it could be the most dangerous place of all...

Isis Audio Books; 2017

13hrs 45mins

14000 THE CRUELLEST GAME**By Hilary Bonner****Narrator Karen Cass**

Marion Anderson lives the perfect life. She has a beautiful home, a loving husband, and a caring son. But as easily as perfect lives are built, they can also be demolished. When tragedy strikes, Marion finds herself in the middle of a nightmare, with no sign of waking-up. The life she treasured is disintegrating, but it's just the beginning of something much worse and altogether more deadly...

Isis Audio Books; 2014

12hrs 10mins

13808 DEATH COMES FIRST**By Hilary Bonner****Narrator Karen Cass**

Joyce Mildmay's life is torn apart when her husband Charlie is killed in a tragic yachting accident. Six months later a mysterious letter arrives on her doorstep which turns her world upside down. The letter is from Charlie, delivered belatedly in the event of his death, and reveals a trail of intrigue and deception that stretches back through the years. It seems that death is just the beginning...

Isis Audio Books; 2016

11hrs 30mins

14126 THE BLACK PATH**By Paul Burston****Narrator David Hobbs**

Helen has been holding out for a hero all her life. Her father was a hero - but he was murdered when she was ten. Her husband is a hero - but he's thousands of miles away, fighting a war people say will never be won. And when he returns home, altered in a way she can't understand, bitter truths are uncovered. Helen must finally face her fears and the one place which has haunted her since childhood - the Black Path.

Accent Press; 2016

10hrs 30mins

13998 THE LIAR**By Steve Cavanagh****Narrator Adam Sims**

When wealthy businessman Leonard Howell's daughter is kidnapped, he calls on the only man he trusts to get her back. Eddie Flynn knows what it's like to lose a daughter and vows to bring Caroline home safe. Once a con artist, now a criminal attorney, Flynn is no stranger to the New York underworld. However, as he steps back into his old life, Flynn realizes that he is being played. But who is pulling the strings? And is anyone in this twisted case telling the truth?

Isis Audio Books; 2017

10hrs 0mins

14031 THE GUEST LIST**By Lucy Foley****Narrator Miscellaneous**

On an island off the windswept Irish coast, guests gather for the wedding of the year – the marriage of Jules Keegan and Will Slater. The wedding cake has barely been cut when one of the guests is found dead. And as a storm unleashes its fury on the island, everyone is trapped. All have a secret. All have a motive. One guest won't leave this wedding alive . . .

Clipper Audio; 2020

10hrs 0mins

14153 THE MURDERER'S DAUGHTER**By Jonathan Kellerman Narrator Katherine Fenton**

Brilliant psychologist, Grace Blades has a gift for treating troubled souls and tormented psyches - because she bears her own invisible scars. At only five years old she watched her parents die in a bloody murder-suicide. But her now-accomplished life has a secret side, ruled by an insatiable desire: by night she pursues the addictive thrills of sexual trysts with strangers. And when her two worlds unexpectedly converge, Grace's past returns with a vengeance, threatening to destroy everything she's fought for - including her life.

Isis Audio Books; 2015

12hrs 30mins

13918 THE COUPLE NEXT DOOR**By Shari Lapena****Narrator Kirsten Potter**

Anne and Marco Conti seem to have it all a loving relationship, a wonderful home, and their beautiful baby, Cora. But one night when they are at a dinner party next door, a terrible crime is committed. Suspicion immediately focuses on the parents. Detective Rasbach knows that the panicked couple is hiding something. Both Anne and Marco soon discover that the other is keeping secrets, secrets they've kept for years.

Random House Audio; 2016 8hrs 40mins

14067 A STRANGER IN THE HOUSE**By Shari Lapena****Narrator Tavia Gilbert**

You're waiting for your husband to get home from work, looking forward to hearing about his day. That's the last thing you remember. You wake up in hospital, with no idea how you got there. They tell you that you were in an accident, whilst driving in a dangerous part of town. The police suspect you were up to no good. But your husband refuses to believe it. Your best friend isn't so sure. And even you don't know what to believe...

Random House Audio; 2017 9hrs 0mins

14140 THE CHINAMAN**By Stephen Leather****Narrator Russell Boulter**

Jungle-skilled, silent and lethal, he had killed for the Viet Cong and then for the Americans. He had watched helpless when his two eldest daughters had been raped and killed by Thai pirates. Now, quiet and hard-working he was building up his South London take-away business. Until the day his wife and youngest daughter were destroyed by an IRA bomb. Which was when the Chinaman, denied justice, decided on revenge...and went back to war.

Isis Audio Books; 2007 13hrs 0mins

14142 THE DOUBLE TAP**By Stephen Leather****Narrator Martyn Read**

Mike Cramer's past in the SAS has caught up with him. Ex-IRA extremist Dermot Lynch blames Cramer for his lover's death and he's out for revenge. As Cramer trains for the most dangerous mission in his career, Lynch hunts down his sworn enemy. And the unknown assassin silently closes in on his target. The players are in position for the final, deadly game...

Isis Audio Books; 2008

17hrs 30mins

14141 THE LONG SHOT**By Stephen Leather****Narrator Martyn Read**

Cole Howard of the FBI knows he has only days to prevent an audacious assassination. But he doesn't know who the target is or where the crack marksmen will strike. Former SAS sergeant Mike Cramer is also on the trail, infiltrating the Irish community in New York as he tracks down Mary Hennessy, the ruthless killer who tore his life apart. Unless Cramer and Howard agree to cooperate, the world will witness the most spectacular terrorist coup of all time...

Isis Audio Books; 2008

19hrs 0mins

13976 NIGHTSHADE**By Stephen Leather****Narrator Paul Thornley**

In Jack Nightingale's world - where reality and the occult collide - sometimes the only way to fight evil is with evil. A murdered young girl miraculously returns to life, claiming she's spoken to those from beyond the grave. Those in contact with her are dying hideous deaths, forcing Jack to make the hardest decision he's ever faced.

Isis Audio Books; 2013

10hrs 0mins

13819 CHAIN OF EVENTS**By Fredrik T Olsson****Narrator Paul Moriarty**

We've been looking for you,' they tell William Sandberg when they abduct him. Imprisoned at a secret location, this broken genius can only win his freedom by completing an impossible task. Out on the streets, people begin to die horrible, gruesome deaths. Every moment that William fails to complete his task, more will perish. The search is on to rescue William. But soon he realises the answer to the puzzle might be the most terrifying secret of all.

Little Brown; 2014

13hrs 30mins

14059 LITTLE FRIENDS**By Jane Shemilt****Narrator Imogen Church**

Their children are friends first. They hit it off immediately, as kids do. So the parents are forced to get to know each other. Three wildly different couples. Three marriages, floundering. But as they get closer, they start to take their eyes off their children. And while they have been looking the other way, evil has crept in.

Penguin Audio; 2020

11hrs 30mins

13882 BLOOD ON SNOW**By Jo Nesbo****Narrator Patti Smith**

Olav lives the lonely life of a fixer. When you 'fix' people for a living – terminally – it's hard to get close to anyone. Now he's finally met the woman of his dreams. But there are two problems. She's his boss's wife. And Olav's just been hired to kill her...

Isis Audio Books; 2015

3hrs 45mins

13742 BEFORE SHE KNEW HIM**By Peter Swanson****Narrator Graham Halstead**

Henrietta and her husband Lloyd have settled into life in a new house outside of Boston, Massachusetts. But when they meet the neighbours, Matthew and Mira Dolamore, their calm begins to erode when Hen thinks she sees something suspicious in Matthew's study. Could this charming, mild-mannered College Professor really be hiding a dark secret, one that only Hen, whose been battling her own problems with depression, could know about?

Clipper Audio; 2019

10hrs 15mins

13997 STEALING PEOPLE**By Robert Wilson****Narrator Steven Pacey**

In the space of 32 hours, the children of six billionaires are taken off the streets in a well-planned kidnapping. When your child goes missing, you need Charles Boxer. A man who will stop at nothing. The wealthy parents of the missing children know that Boxer will do more than the police can, but soon the investigation goes beyond the corridors of power and into even darker corners. Nobody knows what this mysterious kidnap gang ultimately want - and, if they have a cause, what is it?

Isis Audio Books; 2015

13hrs 0mins

+ WAR STORIES**14009 HELLFIRE****By James Holland****Narrator Saul Reichlin**

August, 1942. North Africa. When the commander of the Eighth Army, General Gott, is killed, it's clear that foul play is at work. Jack Tanner, recovering from wounds in a Cairo hospital, receives a battlefield commission which will propel him into a very different world when he returns to action. But in the murky world of deceit and murder he must somehow discover who to trust in the cat-and-mouse world of counter-espionage before it's too late...

Magna Story Sound; 2011

19hrs 0mins

13957 THE HUNTRESS**By Kate Quinn****Narrator Saskia Maarleveld**

On the icy edge of Soviet Russia, Nina Markova joins the infamous Night Witches – an all-female bomber regiment. But when she is downed behind enemy lines, Nina must use all her wits to survive her encounter with a lethal Nazi murderer known as the Huntress. British war correspondent Ian Graham abandons journalism to become a Nazi hunter, yet one target eludes him: the Huntress. And Nina Markova is the only witness to escape her alive...

HarperCollins; 2019

18hrs 40mins

+ WESTERNS**13973 THE SANTA DOLORES STAGE****By W C Tuttle****Narrator Robert G Slade**

Hashknife Hartley and Sleepy Stevens ride down to Willow Wells and get a job at the Pellier Ranch, but find themselves confronted by mystery and danger. The trouble actually began 20 years earlier when three men robbed the Santa Dolores stage and found themselves loaded not with gold, but with the care of two hungry babies....

Isis Audio Books; 2017

7hrs 10mins

+ Non-Fiction

+ ANIMALS

13936 BABYLON'S ARK: THE INCREDIBLE WARTIME RESCUE OF THE BAGHDAD ZOO

By Lawrence Anthony Narrator Bob Rollett

When the Iraq war began, conservationist Lawrence Anthony could only think of the fate of the Baghdad Zoo, caught in the war's crossfire. Anthony discovered that full-scale combat and uncontrolled looting had killed many of the animals of the zoo. But not all of them. Here he chronicles the zoo's transformation from bombed-out rubble to peaceful park in an uplifting story of both sides working together for the sake of innocent animals.

Griffin; 2008

9hrs 0mins

13922 BIRD THERAPY

By Joe Harkness Narrator Joe Harkness

When Joe Harkness suffered a breakdown, he tried medication, counselling and mindfulness. But nothing came close to nature, particularly birds. How had he never noticed such beauty before? The positive change in Joe's wellbeing was so profound that he has become a spokesperson for the benefits of birdwatching. Here Joe explains the impact that it had on his life, and invites the reader to discover these extraordinary effects for themselves.

Whole Story Audio; 2018

5hrs 30mins

This is the inspiring true story of one of the Second World War's most unusual combatants - a 500-pound cigarette-smoking, beer-drinking brown bear. Originally adopted as a mascot by the Polish Army in Iran, Wojtek soon took on a more practical role, carrying heavy mortar rounds for the troops. After the war, Wojtek came to Berwickshire, where he became a significant member of the local community before subsequently moving to Edinburgh Zoo.

Birlinn Ltd: 2014

8hrs 0mins

+ ARTS – GENERAL

13813 REBEL WRITERS: THE ACCIDENTAL FEMINISTS

By Celia Brayfield

Narrator Ann Clark

Shelagh Delaney, was the first in a succession of young women who wrote with an honesty that dazzled the world. Then came Edna O'Brien, Lynne Reid-Banks, Charlotte Bingham, Nell Dunn, Virginia Ironside and Margaret Forster; a disparate group who were united in their determination to shake the concepts of womanhood. In this biographical study, the acclaimed author, Celia Brayfield, tells their story for the first time.

Bloomsbury; 2019

10hrs 30mins

13891 TWELVE MINUTES OF LOVE: A TANGO STORY

By Kapka Kassabova

Narrator Clare Francis

Kapka Kissabova first set foot in a tango studio ten years ago and, from that moment, she was hooked. Here, Kapka takes us inside the esoteric night-time world of tango, to tell the story of the dance from its afro roots to its sequined apotheosis in 'show tango', exploring its cultural and emotional pull and enticing us to join her at the milonga.

Portobello Books; 2012

10hrs 30mins

+ BIOGRAPHY - ART MUSIC & LITERATURE

14102 JOHN CLARE: A BIOGRAPHY

By Jonathan Bate

Narrator Bob Rollett

John Clare was a great Romantic poet, with a name to rival that of Blake, Byron, Wordsworth or Shelley - and a life to match. Here, Clare's ringing voice - quick-witted, passionate, vulnerable, courageous - emerges through extracts from his letters, journals, autobiographical writings and poems, as Jonathan Bate brings this complex man, his revered work and his ribald world, vividly to life.

Picador; 2004

21hrs 0mins

14062 CHARLOTTE BRONTË

By Claire Harman

Narrator Claire Harman

Raised motherless on the remote Yorkshire moors, Charlotte Brontë's life has all the drama and tragedy of the great Gothic novels it inspired. Charlotte was a literary visionary, a feminist trailblazer and the driving force behind the whole Brontë family. She pushed Emily to publish *Wuthering Heights* and in *Jane Eyre* she introduced the world to a brand new kind of heroine, modelled on herself. This is the definitive biography of one of Britain's best loved writers.

Penguin Audio; 2015

15hrs 30mins

14013 WALTER GROPIUS: VISIONARY FOUNDER OF THE BAUHAUS

By Fiona MacCarthy

Narrator Anne Marlow

From 1910 to 1930 the German art school, the Bauhaus was at the very centre of European modern art and design. Walter Gropius, the charismatic founder, had little choice but to leave Germany when Hitler came to power. Here, Fiona MacCarthy argues that his visionary ideas still influence the way we live, work, and think today.

Faber; 2019

21hrs 30mins

13984 THE LIFE AND WORKS OF BEETHOVEN**By Jeremy Siepmann Narrator Miscellaneous**

Ludwig van Beethoven's music helped define the classical style and he is considered by many to be the greatest composer who ever lived. This biographical portrait reveals a titanic personality, both vulnerable and belligerent, comic and tragic, and above all heroic, as he comes to grips with deafness, perhaps the greatest disability a musician can suffer.

Naxos Audio Books; 2012 5hrs 0mins

14063 RISE UP**By Stormzy Narrator Miscellaneous**

In three years Stormzy has risen from one of the most promising musicians of his generation to a spokesperson for a generation. Here is the story of how he got there. It's a story about faith and about knowing where you're from and where you're going. It's about following your dreams without compromising who you are. This is Stormzy's story, in his words, and the record of a journey unlike any other.

Random House Audio; 2018 4hrs 50mins

14016 CLINGING TO THE WRECKAGE**By John Mortimer Narrator Bob Rollett**

John Mortimer recounts his childhood in the English countryside, with affectionate portraits of his remote parents - an increasingly unconventional barrister father, whose blindness must never be mentioned, and a vague and endlessly patient mother. As a boy dreaming of a tap-dancing career on the stage, his father pushes him to pursue the law, where Mortimer embarks on the career that was to inspire his hilarious and immortal literary creations.

Penguin; 2010 9hrs 0mins

+ BIOGRAPHY – DIARIES & LETTERS

**13987 THE DIARY OF SAMUEL PEPYS VOLUME III:
1667 - 1669**

By Samuel Pepys

Narrator David Timson

In the last three years of Pepys' diary, he was in his mid-30s and confident in his ability to deal with differing political factions within the Navy Office; his affection for his wife, Elizabeth, grew ever stronger, and he found he was worth £6,000 a considerable sum for the son of a tailor, who started with nothing. But with fears for his eyesight, it was with some regret that he stopped writing his diary at the end of May 1669.

Naxos Audio Books; 2015

36hrs 0mins

+ BIOGRAPHY – ENTERTAINMENT

14093 THINKING SIDEWAYS

By Spike Milligan

Narrator Spike Milligan

Named for Spike's explanation of his sense of humour – 'I'm Irish – we think sideways' – this BBC radio anthology provides unique insight into his genius. Plus, we hear Spike's favourite Goon Show episode, 'Fear of Wages', and some magical poems from both Spike's Poems and an award-winning documentary in which Spike's three daughters discuss how their father's serious poetry reflected his life and personality.

Random House Audio; 2018

4hrs 30mins

+ BIOGRAPHY – HISTORICAL

Sir Kenelm Digby was one of the most remarkable Englishmen who ever lived: a trusted advisor to the King, but the sworn enemy of the all-powerful Duke of Buckingham. In 1628, Digby assembled a fleet and set sail for the Mediterranean - a world of pirate cities and ancient ruins. His journey is a great and terribly overlooked adventure, and a prism through which to view England, and all of Europe, during one of the most pivotal periods in its history.

Windmill; 2017 14hrs 0mins

+ BIOGRAPHY – HUMOROUS

Sergeant Colin Taylor, has been a valuable member of the police force for over twenty years, five of which have been spent policing the 'quiet' Isles of Scilly. Colin has made it his purpose to keep the streets of Scilly free from anchor thieves, goldfish abductors and other culprits, mostly drunken, intent on breaking the law. This is the first hand account of how he did it.

Soundings Audio; 2017 8hrs 0mins

+ BIOGRAPHY – POLITICAL

13958 THE MAN WHO WAS SATURDAY: THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF AIREY NEAVE

By Patrick Bishop

Narrator Tim Frances

Soldier, spy, lawyer, politician - Airey Neave was assassinated in the House of Commons car park in 1979. The murder was claimed by the breakaway Irish Republican group the INLA. His killers have never been identified. Patrick Bishop examines the life, the heroic war achievements, and the death of one of Britain's most remarkable 20th-century figures. It answers the question of who killed him and why their identities have been hidden for so long.

HarperCollins; 2019

10hrs 0mins

14082 BRITISH PRIME MINISTERS

By Robert J Parker

Narrator John Hobday

A handy and accessible guide to all of Britain's heads of government, from Sir Robert Walpole right through to Boris Johnson, lifting the veil of obscurity from an all-too-neglected cast of characters.

Amberley; 2019

6hrs 0mins

14072 SAILING CLOSE TO THE WIND: REMINISCENCES

By Dennis Skinner

Narrator Bob Rollett

Fiery and forthright, Dennis Skinner, is one of the best-known politicians in Britain. He has watched prime ministers come and go, and yet remains uncorrupted by patronage and compromise. Skinner at eighty has a unique take on post-war Britain. A combatant in the great social, industrial and political upheavals of the last half century, he's resisted telling his extraordinary story. Until now.

Quercus; 2015

9hrs 30mins

+ BIOGRAPHY – SPORT

14064 JURGEN KLOPP

By Elmar Neveling

Narrator Saul Reichlin

Jürgen Klopp is the charismatic German manager who single-handedly took Borussia Dortmund from nowhere to the Champions League final. In 2019, Klopp cemented his name in the history books by returning Liverpool to Champions League glory. Here is the definitive story of what makes Liverpool's saviour tick and just how Klopp has managed to turn around the fortunes of a sleeping giant in a few short years.

Penguin Audio; 2019

11hrs 20mins

+ CRIME

13955 THE PRISON DOCTOR

By Amanda Brown

Narrator Sophie Aldred

Horrifying, heartbreakng and eye-opening, these are the stories, the patients and the cases that have characterised a career spent behind bars. These are the no-holds-barred memoirs of a GP who went from working at a quiet suburban practice to treating the country's most dangerous criminals - first in young offenders' institutions, then at the notorious Wormwood Scrubs and finally at Europe's largest women-only prison in Europe, Bronzefield.

HarperCollins; 2019

6hrs 0mins

14061 MURDER BY THE BOOK
By Claire Harman Narrator Andy Secombe

One morning in May 1840, on a respectable Mayfair street, elderly Lord William Russell was discovered in bed with his throat cut. When his assassin claimed he had been inspired by a recent sensational novel, it sent shock waves through literary London, and drew both Dickens and Thackeray into the fray. The crime, the investigation, the city's fevered fixation and the Victorian age are all brilliantly scrutinized in this account of a surprisingly literary crime.

Penguin Audio; 2018 7hrs 45mins

13935 FOR THE LOVE OF JULIE
By Ann Ming Narrator Kay Morrison

When her 22-year-old daughter, Julie, went missing, Ann Ming was certain she had been murdered. Three months later she found her decomposing body behind a bath panel. Local man, Billy Dunlop, was tried for her murder but a series of blunders allowed him to walk free. Protected by the law of double jeopardy, he callously bragged about his 'perfect crime'. But Dunlop had not reckoned on Ann Ming...This is the extraordinary story of a fight for justice which she never gave up.

HarperElement; 2009 7hrs 30mins

**14027 THE PEMBROKESHIRE MURDERS:
CATCHING THE BULLSEYE KILLER**
By Steve Wilkins Narrator Fred Parker

Operation Ottawa was the cold case detection of John Cooper for two double killings: the Scoveston Manor murder of Richard and Helen Thomas in 1985 and the Pembrokeshire Coastal Path murder of Peter and Gwenda Dixon in 1989. Detective Chief Superintendent Steve Wilkins tells how he used cutting edge forensic techniques to prove Cooper's involvement in the crimes, and how the TV programme Bullseye led to a crucial identification.

Seren; 2013 10hrs 0mins

+ DISABILITIES

14129 INSIGHTS INTO AN UNSIGHTED WORLD

By Robert Thompson Narrator David Hobbs

Robert Thompson has lived with very significant sight loss for many years and has accumulated a wealth of experience and knowledge on visual impairment and its impact. Here, Robert explores and explains many of the life challenges facing visually impaired people and offers practical guidance on how sighted people can most helpfully react and assist in a range of everyday situations.

Robert Thompson; 2018

2hrs 30mins

+ ECONOMICS, POLITICS & CURRENT AFFAIRS

13928 THE WINDRUSH BETRAYAL

By Amelia Gentleman Narrator Amelia Gentleman

The Windrush scandal shocked the nation and led to the resignation of Amber Rudd as Home Secretary. This is a devastating account of how British citizens brought to Britain as children by their parents, and who had made their working lives here, were accused of being illegal immigrants and forcibly deported. One of the most shameful episodes in our history is revealed, bringing tears for the victims and shame for the government that oversaw the policy.

Clipper Audio; 2019

10hrs 10mins

**13948 THE GIRL FROM ALEPOO
By Nujeen Mustafa & Christina Lamb**

Narrator Raghad Chaar

Nujeen Mustafa has cerebral palsy and cannot walk. This did not stop her braving inconceivable odds to travel in her wheelchair from Syria in search of a new life. Sharing her full story, Nujeen recounts the details of her childhood and disability, as well as the specifics of her harrowing journey across the Mediterranean to Greece and finally to Germany to seek an education and the medical treatment she needs.

HarperCollins; 2016

6hrs 45mins

+ HEALTH & WELLBEING

14020 A FAMILY GUIDE TO DEMENTIA

By Kate Corr (editor) Narrator Derina Dinkin

This down to earth guide is for the silent army of unpaid carers who support people living with dementia. Whether you're just starting out, or already caring for a loved one, you'll find all the essential information you need. From dealing with challenging behaviour to sorting our financial and legal issues or searching for answers to tricky, ethical dilemmas, this book provides some long-awaited advice.

Unforgettable Trading; 2017

4hrs 0mins

**13842 THE SHAPELESS UNEASE: A YEAR OF NOT
SLEEPING**

By Samantha Harvey

Narrator Ann Stutz

Samantha Harvey's insomnia arrived, seemingly, from nowhere; for a year she has spent her nights chasing sleep that rarely comes. She's tried everything to appease it. Nothing is helping. Her extreme sleep deprivation resulted in a raw clarity about life itself. This is her startlingly insightful exploration of memory, writing and influence, death and grief, and the will to survive.

Jonathan Cape; 2020

4hrs 30mins

13956 JOG ON: HOW RUNNING SAVED MY LIFE**By Bella Mackie****Narrator Bella Mackie**

Divorced and struggling with deep-rooted mental health problems, Bella Mackie could barely find the strength to get off the sofa, let alone piece her life back together. Until one day she pulled on a pair of trainers and went for a run. Before she knew it, her mood was lifting for the first time in years. Her motivational story will encourage you to say 'jog on' to your problems and get your life back on track – no matter how small those first steps may be.

HarperCollins; 2018

6hrs 30mins

14068 THE NAKED SURGEON**By Samer Nashef****Narrator Simon Edginton**

Ever since his days as a medical student, Samer Nashef has challenged the medical profession to be more open and accurate about the success of surgical procedures, for the sake of the patients. Here he unclothes his own profession to demonstrate many revelations, such as the paradox at the heart of the cardiac surgeon's craft: the more an operation is likely to kill you, the better it is for you. And he does so with absolute clarity, fluency and not a little wit.

Scribe UK; 2016

6hrs 0mins

+ HISTORY – BRITISH**14079 THE BROKEN BISCUIT****By John Cowell****Narrator John Hobday**

This is Winifred's story written as a tribute to her by her son. Poverty, tragedy, love and wry humour are all to be found in abundance. It is also the story of working class life in the first half of the 20th century and it portrays a culture, which although still within living memory, has long since disappeared.

Blake Publishing; 2001

13hrs 30mins

**13923 LEGACY: ONE FAMILY, A CUP OF TEA AND
THE COMPANY THAT TOOK ON THE WORLD**

By Thomas Harding Narrator Mark Meadows

In the early 1800s, Lehmann Gluckstein and his family escaped Eastern Europe and made their way to London's East End. There, starting with nothing, they worked tirelessly to create a small tobacco factory that grew to become the largest catering company in the world - J Lyons. It was an ascent from rags to riches in the face of many obstacles: poverty, hatred and anti-Semitism stood between this poor immigrant family and the British Dream.

Clipper Audio; 2020 14hrs 30mins

**14123 THE LAST OFFICE: 1539 AND THE
DISSOLUTION OF A MONASTERY**

By Geoffrey Moorhouse Narrator John Hobday

What happened to the monks, their orders and the communities they served after Henry VIII's break with Rome in 1536? Here, Geoffrey Moorhouse reveals how the Dissolution of the Monasteries affected the great Benedictine priory at Durham, drawing from his sources on material that has lain forgotten in the recesses of one of our great cathedrals.

Phoenix; 2009 12hrs 30mins

**13931 THE STORY OF THE BRITISH ISLES IN 100
PLACES**

By Neil Oliver Narrator Neil Oliver

The British Isles, this archipelago of islands, is to Neil Oliver the best place in the world. This is Neil's very personal account of what makes these islands so special, told through the places that have witnessed the unfolding of our history. From windswept headlands to battlefields, ancient trees to magnificent cathedrals, each of his destinations is a place where, somehow, the spirit of the past seems to linger.

Random House Audio; 2019 14hrs 0mins

13894 THE HIGHLAND CLEARANCES**By John Prebble****Narrator John Hobday**

In the aftermath of the battle of Culloden, the Highlanders suffered at the hands of their own clan chiefs. John Prebble recounts how the Highlanders were deserted and then betrayed into famine and poverty. While their chiefs grew rich on meat and wool, the people died of cholera and starvation or were evicted from the glens to make way for sheep, and forced to emigrate to foreign lands.

Penguin; 1992

14hrs 0mins

+ HISTORY – EUROPEAN**14066 THE CUT OUT GIRL****By Bart van Es****Narrator Bart van Es**

Little Lien was given away from her Jewish parents in the Hague in the hope that she might be saved. Raised by a foster family in the provinces during the Nazi occupation, she survived the war only to find that her real parents had not. When she fell out with her foster family, Bart van Es - the grandson of Lien's foster parents - knew he needed to find out why. This is a moving story of a young girl's struggle for survival during war, and the powerful love and challenges of foster families.

Penguin Audio; 2018

8hrs 50mins

+ HISTORY – GENERAL

14033 MAGNIFICENT WOMEN AND THEIR REVOLUTIONARY MACHINES

By Henrietta Heald

Narrator Lara J West

In 1919, in the wake of the First World War, a group of extraordinary women came together to create the Women's Engineering Society. They were trailblazers, pioneers and boundary breakers, but many of their stories have been lost to history. This is not just the story of the women themselves, but also the era in which they lived and the changing attitudes towards women in society and in the workplace.

Clipper Audio; 2020

8hrs 0mins

14047 MUDLARKING: LOST AND FOUND ON THE RIVER THAMES

By Lara Maiklem

Narrator Katherine Shaw

Lara Maiklem has scoured the banks of the Thames for over fifteen years, in pursuit of the objects that the river unearths: from Neolithic flints to Roman hair pins, medieval buckles to Tudor buttons, Georgian clay pipes to Victorian toys. These objects tell her about London and its lost ways of life. And she has discovered, it is often the tiniest objects that tell the greatest stories.

Bloomsbury; 2019

10hrs 0mins

+ HOME AND GARDEN

13837 THE MAGIC APPLE TREE: A COUNTRY YEAR

By Susan Hill

Narrator Jill Johnson

The Magic Apple Tree stands in the garden of Moon Cottage, in the small village of Barley, Oxfordshire. Susan Hill's book is an evocation of a year seen from that cottage, in which she and her family lived for thirteen years.

Penguin; 1983

8hrs 0mins

14040 MY LAST SUPPER**By Jay Rayner****Narrator Jay Rayner**

You're about to die. What would your final meal be? This question has long troubled restaurant critic Jay Rayner. He decides to embark on a journey through his life in food in pursuit of the meal to end all meals. This is an entertaining account of a life built around mealtimes and a fascinating global exploration of our relationship with what we eat.

Jammer Audio; 2020

8hrs 45mins

+ JOURNALISM**13839 ON DUTY WITH THE QUEEN****By Dickie Arbiter****Narrator Richard Simpson**

In this honest and entertaining book, Dickie Arbiter recounts his life's journey from a broadcast journalist to becoming a press spokesman to the Royal family. He discusses the inner workings of everyday life in Buckingham Palace, and what it was really like to work under the media spotlight with the most famous family in the world.

Blink Publishing; 2014

8hrs 30mins

+ PLAYS, THEATRE & DANCE**14113 THE CARETAKER****By Harold Pinter Narrated by The Unbound Theatre**

It was with this play that Harold Pinter had his first major success, and its production history since it was first performed in 1960 has established the work as a landmark in twentieth-century drama. It is a play in three acts and is a psychological study of the confluence of power, allegiance, innocence, and corruption among two brothers and a tramp.

Faber & Faber; 1991

1hr 30mins

+ POETRY

14036 FLÈCHE

By Mary Jean Chan

Narrator Mary Jean Chan

Flèche (the French word for 'arrow') is an offensive technique commonly used in fencing, a sport of Mary Jean Chan's young adult years, when she competed for her home city, Hong Kong. Much like the fencer who must constantly read and respond to her opponent's tactics during a fencing bout, this collection of poems deftly examines relationships at once conflictual and tender.

Clipper Audio; 2014

1hr 15mins

13886 THE MIZZY

By Paul Farley

Narrator Bob Rollett

Paul Farley is widely recognized as one of the leading English poets writing today, but it is impossible to summarize his poetry in terms of theme, as his interests are too various. The Mizzy encapsulates one of poetry's most capacious and eclectic imaginations.

Picador; 2019

1hr 0mins

+ PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY

14042 TALKING TO STRANGERS

By Malcolm Gladwell Narrator Malcolm Gladwell

Through a series of encounters and misunderstandings, Malcolm Gladwell takes us on an intellectual adventure into the darker side of human nature, where strangers are never simple and misreading them can have disastrous consequences. He uses stories of deceit and fatal errors to cast doubt on our strategies for dealing with the unknown, inviting us to rethink our thinking in these troubled times.

Penguin Audio; 2019

8hrs 45mins

+ SCIENCE – ENVIRONMENTAL

14021 REWILD: THE ART OF RETURNING TO NATURE

By Nick Baker

Narrator Bob Rollett

As our busy, technology-driven lives become more sedentary and less connected to wildlife, it is important to remember the natural connection we have to the wilderness. Nick Baker, naturalist and wildlife presenter, takes us back to our natural instincts. From learning to observe the creatures and beasts within hands' reach and seeing and hearing the birds and trees of our forests, Nick inspires us to get back to nature.

Aurum Press; 2017

8hrs 0mins

+ SPORT & GAMES

13841 MORE BLOOD, SWEAT AND BEERS: WORLD CUP RUGBY TALES

By Lawrence Dallaglio

Narrator Mike Duffin

World Cup-winning rugby legend Lawrence Dallaglio shares his favourite stories from his time at international rugby's greatest tournament. With razor-sharp wit and good humour he lets the reader behind the closed doors of the tournament, to see what happens on and off the pitch when the cameras aren't looking.

Simon & Schuster; 2012

8hrs 30mins

14094 UNLIMITED OVERS: A SEASON OF MIDLIFE CRICKET

By Roger Morgan-Grenville Narrator Fred Parker

As Roger Morgan-Grenville prepares for a new season with the White Hunter Cricket Club, he is starting to feel his age, so he embarks on a secret plan of coaching, yoga and psychology to improve his game. This is the humorous and heartwarming story of that cricket season, an uplifting tale of friendship among a team of not-very-good players who find enough moments of near brilliance to remind them why they love the game of cricket.

Quiller; 2019

6hrs 0mins

13944 GLORIOUS GOODWOOD: A BIOGRAPHY OF BRITAIN'S GREATEST SPORTING ESTATE

By James Peill Narrator Fred Parker

Goodwood has been the home of English sport for centuries. This story of how a small hunting lodge became the iconic location for the globally-renowned Festival of Speed and the Goodwood Revival events, is set against a panoramic backdrop of English history. At the heart of this vivid portrait is a rich sense of the British heritage that Goodwood embodies.

Constable; 2019

10hrs 0mins

14048 PASSING THE TORCH: SPORTSWOMEN WHO INSPIRE

By Mary Peters (editor) Narrator Kay Morrison

Former pentathlete, Lady Mary Peters, has inspired a generation of athletes, ensuring her passion for sport has passed down to young people for many years to come. She initiated this series of interviews with sportswomen across a variety of disciplines. It gives a lively insight into their initial motivation, the highs and lows of competing, the physical and mental benefits of exercise and the camaraderie of female sport.

Gateway Publishing; 2019

6hrs 30mins

+ TRANSPORT

13818 HIGH TEA ON THE CUNARD QUEENS

By Paul Curtis

Narrator Bob Rollett

This amusing insight into Cunard's legendary liners begins more than fifty years ago when the author joined the original Queen Mary as an entertainments officer. Over a Cunard high tea in the Queens Room, Paul recounts the stories of these iconic ships. His frank and funny account mixes Cunard history with personal anecdote and vividly reveals how passenger and crew life have changed over the years across the Cunard liners.

History Press; 2019

5hrs 0mins

14070 DEEP SEA AND FOREIGN GOING

By Rose George

Narrator Wendy Denison

There are 100,000 freighters on the seas. Between them they carry nearly everything we eat, wear and work with. In this unique investigation, we join the crew of a container ship to chart the murky waters of international shipping to reveal the hidden industry upon which our world turns and our future depends.

Portobello; 2014

11hrs 0mins

+ TRAVEL – WORLD

14025 SURFACING

By Kathleen Jamie

Narrator Pamela Todd

In this luminous essay collection, acclaimed author Kathleen Jamie visits archeological sites and mines her own memories – of her grandparents, of youthful travels – to explore what surfaces and what reconnects us to our past. As always she looks to the natural world for her markers and guides. Most movingly, she considers, as her father dies and her children leave home, the surfacing of an older, less tethered sense of herself.

Sort Of Books; 2019

7hrs 0mins

13986 THE YOSEMITE**By John Muir****Narrator Nick McArdle**

For two years, Scots-born John Muir lived in a small cabin along the Yosemite creek, observing the valley's natural beauty and reading Emerson under the stars. The experience forged a lifelong affinity with the site, which would result in its establishment as a national park in 1890. Originally written as a guidebook to the park, Muir describes every aspect of wildlife and landscape that one might encounter there.

Naxos Audio Books; 2020

7hrs 30mins

13907 NORTH KOREA JOURNAL**By Michael Palin****Narrator Michael Palin**

In 2018, Michael Palin spent two weeks in the notoriously secretive Democratic People's Republic of Korea, where the countryside has barely moved beyond a centuries-old peasant economy, but where the cities have gleaming skyscrapers and luxurious underground train stations. He shares his day-by-day diary of his visit, offering a rare insight into the North Korea behind the headlines.

Penguin Audio; 2019

3hrs 0mins

+ WAR – GENERAL**13980 THE SEVEN YEARS' WAR****By Daniel Marston****Narrator Tim Redman**

The closest thing to total war before World War One, the Seven Years' War was fought in North America, Europe, the Caribbean and India with major consequences for all parties involved. This fascinating book is the first to truly review the grand strategies of the combatants and examine the differing styles of warfare used in the many campaigns.

Osprey; 2001

3hrs 30mins

+ WORLD WAR II

13816 THE BIG SHOW

By Pierre Clostermann

Narrator John Hobday

Pierre Clostermann was one of the outstanding Allied aces of the Second World War. A Frenchman who flew with the RAF, he survived over 420 operational sorties, shooting down scores of enemy aircraft while friends and comrades lost their lives in the deadly skies above Europe. This is his extraordinary account which has been described as the greatest pilot's memoir of WWII.

Silvertail; 2019

10hrs 0mins

13897 THE CHILDREN'S WAR

By Juliet Gardiner

Narrator Grace Dives

A poignant account of how the Second World War impacted on the lives of children. It describes every aspect of life on the home front - through letters and diaries, plus numerous vivid first hand accounts. The result is a supremely nostalgic reminder of what the war meant for the innocent children caught up in it.

Portrait; 2005

7hrs 0mins

14086 BUGLES AND A TIGER: MY LIFE IN THE GURKHAS

By John Masters

Narrator Nigel Bonyngé

John Masters was a soldier before he became a bestselling novelist. He joined a Gurkha regiment on receiving his commission, and his depiction of garrison life and campaigning on the North-West Frontier is a matchless evocation of the British Army in India on the eve of the Second World War. Still very much the army depicted by Kipling, it stands on the threshold of a war that will transform the world.

W & N; 2012

11hrs 30mins

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