

# For Your Ears Only Spring 2019

Welcome to the spring edition of For Your Ears Only bursting with a wide range of titles that we have recently added to Calibre's Audio Library.

We begin this edition with two featured articles, the first one is all about Calibre podcasts and how you can listen to them. In the second one we recognise that May 2019 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the year Queen Victoria was born. We have used this milestone to select some books from Calibre's library that feature kings and queens that will hopefully tempt you into borrowing them.

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Happy reading from the Editorial Team

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# Calibre Podcasts

In order to provide our members with the best service we can, we have been hard at work pulling together a range of podcast channels that you can subscribe to, or just dip into, whenever you want.

Firstly, we have made our current audio programmes like the Calibre Echo, and For Your Ears Only available as podcasts. We have also added a new range of articles under the heading Calibre News. As the name suggests, this will bring the latest news from Calibre including: book highlights, author recommendations and varied discussions about something we all love – books.

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## Kings and Queens

The 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 marks 200 years since Queen Victoria's birth. In recognition of this we have selected some books from our library that feature Kings and Queens.

### **Fiction**

#### **10140 The Uncommon Reader**

**By Alan Bennett**

**Reader Alan Bennett**

When the Queen, in pursuit of her wandering corgis, stumbles upon a mobile library she feels duty bound to borrow a book. Aided by Norman, a young man from the palace kitchen who frequents the library, Bennett describes the Queen's transformation as she discovers the liberating pleasures of the written word.

#### **11978 A Dangerous Inheritance**

**By Alison Weir**

**Reader Maggie Mash**

The year is 1562. Lady Catherine Grey, cousin of Elizabeth I, and her husband have been arrested - their crime is to have secretly married and produced a child who might threaten the Queen's title. Alone in her chamber at the Tower of London, Catherine hears ghostly voices; echoes, she thinks, of a crime committed in the same room where she is imprisoned.

#### **12232 The Queen of Four Kingdoms**

**By HRH Princess Michael of Kent**

**Reader Anne Marlow**

At the age of nineteen, Yolande of Aragon is sent away from everything she knows to marry the Duke of Anjou, cousin of King Charles VI. Arranged to form an alliance between the two warring kingdoms, their union becomes not only a great love story, but also sets in motion events which will change the course of history.

## **Non-Fiction**

### **12709 White King: Traitor, Murderer, Martyr**

**By Leanda de Lisle**

**Reader Derina Dinkin**

Forty years after the golden age of Elizabeth I, England was at war with itself. The bloody, devastating civil wars set family against family, friend against friend. At the head of this disintegrating kingdom was Charles I. His rule would change the face of the monarchy for ever.

### **12704 The Victoria Letters**

**By Helen Rappaport**

**Reader Miscellaneous**

At only 18 years old, Victoria ascended the throne as a rebellious teenager and gradually grew to become one of the most memorable, unshakeable and powerful women in history. The extensive writings she left behind document this personal journey and show how she triumphed over scandal and corruption.

### **12972 Jane Seymour: Henry VIII's True Love**

**By Elizabeth Norton**

**Reader Ann Clark**

Jane Seymour, Henry VIII's third wife, died in childbirth giving the king what he craved most - a son and heir. Often portrayed as the most successful, but one of the least significant, of Henry VIII's wives, this is the thrilling life of a country girl from rural Wiltshire who rose to the throne of England and became the ideal Tudor woman.

# RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

**X** - Denotes Sex, Violence or Strong Language

**Time** - Maximum listening time

**All Books** Available in the European Union and the UK

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

## Fiction

### 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY CLASSICS

#### **13013 MOUNTOLIVE**

**By Lawrence Durrell**

**Reader Bob Rollett**

Beginning with the affair of a young David Mountolive with the mother of Nessim and Narouz, this novel recounts his development and career as a diplomat, and finally places the materials previously seen in *Justine* (11039) and *Balthazar* (12774) in a different context.

Faber; 2012

12hrs 0mins

#### **12848 HEARTBURN**

**By Nora Ephron**

**Reader Pamela Todd**

Seven months into her pregnancy, Rachel discovers that her husband is in love with another woman. Food is her consolation, and since Rachel is a cookery writer, and between trying to win Mark back and wishing him dead, she offers us some of her favourite recipes. 'Heartburn' is a roller coaster of love, betrayal, loss and - most satisfyingly - revenge.

Virago; 2018

6hrs 30mins

## **12914 A BURNT-OUT CASE**

**By Graham Greene**

**Reader Terrence Hardiman**

Querry, a world-famous architect, is the victim of an attack of indifference, no longer finding meaning in art or pleasure in life. Arriving anonymously at a Congo leper village, he loses himself in work for the lepers. As he helps the lepers, so he approaches a self-cure.

Vintage Classics; 2004

7hrs 30mins

## **12864 QUARTET IN AUTUMN**

**By Barbara Pym**

**Reader Nicola Down**

In 1970s London Edwin, Norman, Letty and Marcia work in the same office and suffer the same problem - loneliness. Their work is their chief point of contact with each other and with the outside world. When the two women retire, the equilibrium of the quartet is upset.

Picador; 2015

5hrs 30mins

## **ADVENTURE STORIES**

### **12992 THE FOX**

**By Frederick Forsyth**

**Reader David Rintoul**

Most weapons do what you tell them. Most weapons you can control. But what if the most dangerous weapon in the world is a 17-year-old boy with a brilliant mind, who can run rings around the most sophisticated security services across the globe, who can manipulate that weaponry and turn it against the superpowers themselves? Whatever happens he must not fall into the wrong hands. Because what follows after that is unthinkable...

Random House Audio; 2018

8hrs 0mins

**12807 FLASHMAN AND THE MOUNTAIN OF LIGHT**

**By George Macdonald Fraser Reader Colin Mace**

Given the choice between defending Britannia's frontier against the mighty Sikh army and pleasuring a ravishing maharani in the Court of the Punjab, Flashman knew where he'd rather be. Of course, that was before he found out about the torture chambers or the malevolent influence of the Mountain of Light....

HarperCollins; 2015

11hrs 30mins

**12988 KILO CLASS**

**By Patrick Robinson Reader George Guidall**

China has ordered 10 deadly Russian Kilo Class submarines with plans to close off its nearby shipping lanes and take over Taiwan. When Pentagon officials discover the sinister purchase, they assign the irascible Vice Admiral Arnold Morgan to stop delivery of the stealthy diesel-powered subs. Soon, the Navy's secret Black Op hit squads are embarking on missions so dangerous, one mistake could plunge the nations into World War III.

Recorded Books Audio; 1998

6hrs 0mins

**CLASSIC FICTION**

**12837 THE BROTHERS KARAMAZOV**

**By Fyodor Dostoevsky Reader Constantine Gregory**

A passionate, philosophical novel set in 19th century Russia, that enters deeply into the ethical debates of God, free will, and morality. It is a spiritual drama of moral struggles concerning faith, doubt, judgement, and reason, set against a modernizing Russia, with a plot which revolves around the subject of patricide.

Naxos Audio Books; 2013

37hrs 0mins

## **13042 NOTES FROM UNDERGROUND**

**By Fyodor Dostoevsky**                      **Reader George Guidall**

Written in 1864, this novel is the first and strangest of Dostoevsky's masterpieces - and the source of those that followed. Violating literary conventions in ways never before attempted, this classic tells of a mid-19th-century Russian official's breakaway from society and descent 'underground'.

Clipper Audio; 1995

5hrs 0mins

## **CONTEMPORARY FICTION**

### **12951 THE CONGRESS OF ROUGH RIDERS**

**By John Boyne**                                      **Reader Bob Rollett**

William Cody grows up surrounded by his father's tales of Buffalo Bill, to whom he is distantly related, and his own fantasies of the Wild West. Though he escapes his heritage by fleeing abroad and starting a new life for himself, he finds that he is always drawn back to England and to his ancestry. When tragedy strikes however, it is to his father that he eventually returns.

Phoenix; 2006

14hrs 0mins

### **12936 THE HOUSE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE**

**By John Boyne**                                      **Reader Richard Teverson**

Russia, 1915: Sixteen year old farmer's son Georgy Jachmenev steps in front of an assassin's bullet intended for a senior member of the Russian Imperial Family and is instantly proclaimed a hero. Rewarded with the position of bodyguard to Alexei Romanov, the only son of Tsar Nicholas II, the course of his life is changed for ever. Privy to the secrets of Nicholas and Alexandra, Georgy is both a witness and participant in a drama that will echo down the century.

Isis Audio Books; 2009

16hrs 30mins

**12916 HOTEL DU LAC**

**By Anita Brookner**

**Reader Jill Johnson**

Into the rarefied atmosphere of the Hotel du Lac timidly walks Edith Hope, romantic novelist and holder of modest dreams. Edith has been exiled from home after embarrassing herself and her friends. She has refused to sacrifice her ideals and remains stubbornly single. But among the pampered women and minor nobility Edith finds Mr Neville, and her chance to escape from a life of humiliating loneliness is renewed . . .

Penguin; 1994

5hrs 30mins

**13019 MILKMAN**

**By Anna Burns**

**Reader Brid Brennan**

In this unnamed city, to be interesting is dangerous. Middle sister, our protagonist, is busy attempting to keep everyone in the dark about her encounter with Milkman. But when first brother-in-law sniffs out her struggle, and rumours start to swell, middle sister becomes 'interesting'. The last thing she ever wanted to be. To be interesting is to be noticed and to be noticed is dangerous. Winner of the Man Booker Prize 2018.

Clipper Audio; 2018

14hrs 15mins

**12855 LARCHFIELD**

**By Polly Clark**

**Reader Elizabeth Goodrich**

When young poet, Dora Fielding, moves to the small Scottish town of Helensburgh with her new husband, she doesn't realise how lonely it will be at home alone with a baby; or how cold her neighbours will be. But then she finds a message in a bottle on the beach, with a phone number. She calls the number, and what happens next is a breathtaking connection that rejoices in the power of imagination.

Riverrun; 2018

11hrs 0mins

**12955 OLD BAGGAGE****By Lissa Evans****Reader Anne Marlow**

It is 1928. Matilda Simpkin, rooting through a cupboard, comes across a small wooden club – an old possession of hers, unseen for more than a decade. During the Women's Suffrage Campaign she was a militant. Jailed five times, she marched, sang, gave speeches, and nothing since then has given her the same excitement. Now in middle age, she is still looking for a fresh mould into which to pour her energies. Giving the wooden club a thoughtful twirl, she is struck by an idea...

Doubleday; 2018

10hrs 30mins

**12978 FLORA'S LOT****By Katie Fforde****Reader Kim Ismay**

Flora Stanza has sub-let her London life in a bid to join the family antiques business. What she lacks in experience she makes up for in blind enthusiasm, so she is more than a little put off when she doesn't receive the warm country welcome she expected. But Flora soon discovers country life is far from dull as she sets about rebuilding the crumbling business ...

Arrow; 2006

13hrs 0mins

**12932 A SUMMER AT SEA****By Katie Fforde****Reader Jilly Bond**

Emily is happy with her life just as it is, but she feels it's time for a change. So when her friend Rebecca asks if she'd like to spend the summer cooking on a "puffer" boat just off the Scottish coast, she jumps at the chance. But she finds herself with a lot on her plate. Emily's competitive kitchen assistant thinks she should be head cook. And Alasdair, the handsome local doctor who Emily is trying not to notice. Because if she falls in love with him, will she ever want her old life back again?

Isis Audio Books; 2016

9hrs 15mins

**12930 MUDBOUND**

**By Hillary Jordan**

**Reader Liza Ross**

Two men return from war to a cotton farm in the Mississippi Delta in 1946. One is Jamie McAllan: charming, handsome, and sensitive to the plight of his sister-in-law Laura who hates rural living. The other is Ronsel Jackson, the eldest son of the black sharecroppers who live on the McAllan farm, who finds he still has to fight the bigotry of his own countrymen. These two unlikely friends become players in a tragedy on the grandest scale.

Oakhill Audio; 2008

9hrs 25mins

**12983 THE SECRET DREAMWORLD OF A SHOPAHOLIC**

**By Sophie Kinsella**

**Reader Emily Gray**

On the face of it, Rebecca Bloomwood has it all. Confident, single and happily living in Fulham, she's a financial journalist who spends her days writing articles advising other people on the importance of budgeting and prudent investment. Her private life is a different story though; Rebecca manages her own finances in a way that would make most of her readers' hair curl. For Rebecca is a woman on a mission - she just can't stop spending.

Clipper Audio; 2003

11hrs 45mins

**12853 THE PORTRAIT**

**By Antoine Laurain**

**Reader David Hobbs**

Avid antiques collector Pierre-François Chaumont unearths the find of a lifetime at a Paris auction house: an eighteenth-century portrait of a gentleman who looks just like him. Researching into the painting's history, he has the chance to abandon his tedious existence and walk into a brand new life . . .

Vintage Classics; 2004

3hrs 0mins

### **13068 CHORAL SOCIETY**

**By Prue Leith**

**Reader Julia Franklin**

Three women in their fifties - one widowed, one divorced and one never married - meet when they join a choir. When they decide to combine their talents to restore a run-down hotel on the Cornish coast and turn it into a spa offering holiday courses, conflict is bound to result. In the months that follow they discover that a choir can teach you a good deal more than how to sing.

Isis Audio Books; 2009

10hrs 30mins

### **13071 THE GARDENER**

**By Prue Leith**

**Reader Ann Stutz**

Lotte is in unfamiliar territory. After her divorce, she has abandoned a successful career as an architect for a degree in garden history, and taken a job as head gardener to millionaire Brody Keegan in Oxfordshire. As Lotte locks horns with her boss, she finds herself on an emotional roller coaster. She knows what is right for the garden, but - still raw from divorce and frightened of entanglement - she is less sure of what is right for her.

Quercus; 2011

11hrs 0mins

### **13064 LOST INNOCENCE**

**By Susan Lewis**

**Reader Anna Bentinck**

When Alicia Carlyle returns to the home of her childhood after the tragic death of her husband, she is hoping to put the past behind her. But first she must come face to face with the woman who tore her family in two - her sister-in-law, Sabrina. Their enmity runs deep and soon the two families are locked in a battle that is fraught with mistrust, betrayal and lies - a battle that threatens to destroy them all...

Isis Audio Books; 2010

17hrs 30mins

**12969 THE BOOKMAN'S TALE**

**By Charlie Lovett**

**Reader Edward Peel**

After the death of his wife, Peter Byerly, a young antiquarian bookseller, opens an eighteenth-century study on Shakespeare forgeries. He is shocked to find a Victorian portrait strikingly similar to his wife tumble out of its pages, and becomes obsessed with tracking down its origins. As he follows the trail back to the nineteenth century, Peter unearths a book that might prove that Shakespeare was indeed the author of all his plays.

Alma Books; 2013

13hrs 30mins

**12970 LOVE AND RUIN**

**By Paula McLain**

**Reader January Lavoy**

In 1937, twenty-eight-year-old Martha Gellhorn travels to Madrid to report on the atrocities of the Spanish Civil War. Drawn to the stories of ordinary people caught in the devastating conflict, it's her chance to prove herself a worthy journalist in a field dominated by men. But she also finds herself unexpectedly - and uncontrollably - falling in love with Ernest Hemingway, a man on his way to becoming a legend.

Random House Audio; 2018

11hrs 30mins

**12866 LAST VOYAGE OF THE VALENTINA**

**By Santa Montefiore**

**Reader Clare Francis**

Italy, 1945. The war is over but deep in the lush countryside an eccentric aristocrat is savagely murdered in his beautiful palazzo. London, 1971. Years later, this unsolved crime touches the life of Alba, a hedonistic girl who lives on a houseboat in swinging Chelsea. The past unfolds revealing a secret web of partisans and Nazis, peasants and counts and in the centre of it all, an alluring woman of mystery: her mother...

Simon & Schuster; 2014

13hrs 0mins

### **13046 THE TEMPTATION OF GRACIE**

**By Santa Montefiore**

**Reader Rachel Atkins**

Gracie Burton, living quietly in Devon, has rarely left the village over the past forty years. But when she stumbles upon an advertisement for a weeklong cookery course in the heart of the Tuscan countryside, she cannot resist and ploughs her life savings into the trip. Her daughter Carina and 17-year old granddaughter Anastasia accompany her, but they have no idea that Gracie is harbouring the secret of an extraordinary life that preceded them...

Clipper Audio; 2018

13hrs 30mins

### **12820 THE LAND OF SPICES**

**By Kate O'Brien**

**Reader Jill Hetherington**

Behind the closed walls of a convent in the Irish countryside, the lives of its inhabitants are marked by the daily rituals of spiritual life. Watching over her sensitive young charge Anna, the Mother Superior revisits her childhood relationships. She comes to understand her own heart and finally makes peace with her past.

Virago; 2006

13hrs 30mins

### **13106 THE LOVE LETTER**

**By Lucinda Riley**

**Reader Camilla Rockley**

When Sir James Harrison, one the greatest actors of his generation, passes away at the age of ninety-five he leaves behind not just a heartbroken family but also a secret so shocking that it could rock the English establishment to its core. Ambitious young journalist, Joanna Haslam, stumbles on the mention of a letter, the contents of which others have been desperate to conceal for over 70 years. Soon she realizes that there are forces that will stop at nothing to reach the letter before she does....

Clipper Audio; 2018

16hrs 45mins

**12877 FALL FROM GRACE**

**By Danielle Steel**

**Reader Luis Moreno**

Sydney Wells' perfect, golden life vanishes when her devoted husband dies suddenly and she discovers that he has failed to include her in his will. Sydney is removed from her beautiful house and despite warnings from her own daughters, she returns to the world of fashion she'd enjoyed as a talented young designer. Her girls only want the best for their mother, but they are concerned she's back in a world she is no longer familiar with.

Clipper Audio; 2018

9hrs 45mins

**12918 THE POSTMAN'S FIANCÉE**

**By Denis Theriault**

**Reader Ann Stutz**

Twenty-two-year-old Tania has moved to Montreal to study. Finding work as a waitress in an unpretentious down-town restaurant, she meets Bilodo, a shy postman who spends his days perfecting his calligraphy and writing haiku. The two hit it off. But then one stormy day their lives take a dramatic turn, and as their destinies become entwined Tania and Bilodo are led into a world where nothing is as it seems.

Oneworld Publications; 2017

4hrs 30mins

**12912 VERY VALENTINE**

**By Adriana Trigiani**

**Reader Elizabeth Charles**

The Angelini Shoe Company, run so devotedly by Valentine and her grandmother Teodora, faces financial ruin. Juggling a romantic relationship with a dashing chef, her duty to her family, and a design competition for a prestigious department store, Valentine accompanies her grandmother to Italy in the hope of finding inspiration.

Simon & Schuster; 2010

15hrs 30mins

## **12964 A THOUSAND PAPER BIRDS**

**By Tor Udall**

**Reader Vivienne Ennemoser**

Jonah roams Kew Gardens trying to reassemble the shattered pieces of his life after the death of his wife, Audrey. Weathering the seasons and learning to love again, he meets Chloe, an enigmatic origami artist who is hesitant to let down her own walls.

Bloomsbury; 2018

8hrs 30mins

## **COSY CRIME: GENTLE MYSTERIES**

### **12967 SHADOW OF THE SERPENT**

**By David Ashton**

**Reader Bob Rollett**

Edinburgh, 1880. The city is gripped by election fever. But while the rich and educated argue about politics, a murderous madman seems to have resurfaced after 30 years, and Inspector McLevy is lured into a world of politics, perversion, deception and mystery.

Two Roads; 2017

8hrs 30mins

### **12890 THE GHOST AND MRS JEFFRIES**

**By Emily Brightwell**

**Reader Anita Gilson**

Early in the new year, Mrs. Hodges attends her first seance and the medium foresees her death. That same night, the prediction comes true, and Scotland Yard's Inspector Witherspoon, is on the case. As ever, his housekeeper Mrs. Jeffries is observing and coming to her conclusions.

C & R Crime; 2013

8hrs 0mins

## **12961 THE SCANDAL OF FATHER BROWN**

**By G K Chesterton**

**Reader Tony Pearce-Smith**

In this charming and humorous collection, clerical detective Father Brown finds his skills put to the test, and becomes embroiled in a scandal of his own. From a murdered millionaire to a drowned admiral and an aged man who ends up poisoned, Father Brown confronts all manner of human nature, from passion to superstition, and unravels the truth every time.

Echo; 2007

7hrs 0mins

## **12915 MANNA FROM HADES**

**By Carola Dunn**

**Reader Grace Dives**

One morning, in 1960's Cornwall, amateur sleuth and charity shop worker, Eleanor Trewynn opens her shop and finds both a particularly valuable donation and a corpse stuffed into the storeroom. With the help of her niece, Detective Sergeant Megan Pencarrow, and, begrudgingly, Detective Inspector Scumble, Eleanor sets out to unscramble a confounding case of daring theft, double cross, and murder most foul.

C & R Crime; 2013

9hrs 30mins

## **13091 A LADY'S GUIDE TO ETIQUETTE AND MURDER**

**By Dianne Freeman**

**Reader Karen Cass**

Frances Wynn, the American-born Countess of Harleigh, enjoys more freedom as a widow than she did as a wife. But no sooner has Frances begun her new life than the ghosts of her old one make an unwelcome appearance when the Metropolitan police receive an anonymous letter implicating Frances in her husband's death.

Lamplight Audio; 2018

9hrs 0mins

### **13047 A RARE INTEREST IN CORPSES**

**By Ann Granger**

**Reader Glen McReady**

It is 1864 when Lizzie Martin takes up the post of companion to a wealthy widow who is also a slum landlord. Lizzie is intrigued to learn that her predecessor disappeared, supposedly having run off with an unknown man. But when the girl's body is found in the rubble of one of the recently demolished slums around the prestigious new railway station at St Pancras, Lizzie begins to wonder exactly what has been going on...

Clipper Audio; 2006

12hrs 45mins

### **12985 THE MYSTERY OF THREE QUARTERS**

**By Sophie Hannah**

**Reader Julian Rhind-Tutt**

Hercule Poirot investigates a baffling mystery: why have four people all received a letter supposedly signed by him, which accuses each one of them of murdering Barnabas Pandy? Poirot has never heard of a Barnabas Pandy, and has accused nobody of murder. Who is Barnabas Pandy, is he dead, and, if so, was he murdered? And can Poirot find out the answers without putting more lives in danger?

Lamplight Audio; 2018

10hrs 0mins

### **12893 AN APPETITE FOR MURDER**

**By Linda Stratmann**

**Reader Jill Hetherington**

The sudden death of overweight Thomas Whibley sparks off an acrimonious furore in Bayswater, and sparks fly between rival diet doctors, vegetarians and the extremist Pure Food Society. Young sleuth Frances Doughty is engaged to discover the author of anonymous libels. Before she can start, however, there will be more murders before she finally resolves a number of knotty questions.

The History Press; 2010

14hrs 30mins

## **12976 THE CHILDREN OF SILENCE**

**By Linda Stratmann**

**Reader Pat Steadman**

London, 1881: A body is found in the Paddington canal basin, and a woman claims that the remains are those of her missing husband, who disappeared three years ago. Unable to prove her case, she appeals to Frances Doughty to investigate. Frances soon learns that the missing man has secrets of his own, and, when a witness is viciously attacked, it becomes clear that she must choose her allies wisely.

History Press; 2015

16hrs 0mins

## **12750 A COTSWOLD ORDEAL**

**By Rebecca Tope**

**Reader Elizabeth Goodrich**

Thea Osborne and her spaniel Hepzibah embark on another house-sitting commission with very few worries. The Phillips are obviously a laid back family and she arrives at idyllic Frampton Mansell with renewed enthusiasm. But she soon finds herself in the centre of the action when an apparent suicide takes place in one of the barns.

Allison & Busby; 2006

10hrs 0mins

## **13011 FEAR IN THE COTSWOLDS**

**By Rebecca Tope**

**Reader Caroline Lennon**

Following a string of disastrous house-sitting assignments, Thea Osborne is understandably apprehensive about her latest commission: a wintry month in an isolated house with only her loyal spaniel Hepzie for company. Thea spends her first few days exploring the beautiful hamlet of Hampnett, meeting some of the locals. But when she stumbles across a man lying dead in a snow-covered field, Thea finds herself once again at the heart of a mystery.

Soundings Audio; 2009

9hrs 0mins

### **12938 A SHOT IN THE DARK**

**By Lynne Truss**

**Reader Matt Green**

Brighton, 1957. Inspector Steine enjoys his life as a policeman by the sea. No criminals, no crime, no stress. So it's rather annoying when an ambitious new constable shows up to work and starts investigating a series of burglaries. And when Constable Twitten is despatched to the theatre for the night, he sits next to a vicious theatre critic who is promptly shot dead part way through the opening night of a new play. It seems Brighton may be in need of a police force after all...

Lamplight Audio; 2018

7hrs 45mins

### **13033 MURDER IN ADVENT**

**By David Williams**

**Reader Richard Simpson**

The cathedral town of Litchester is more used to carols by candlelight during the festive period than flames and intrigue, but the proposed sale of its 1225 copy of the Magna Carta in order to raise funds turns out to have far-reaching consequences. Merchant banker Mark Treasure has been invited down to arbitrate the sale and finds himself dealing with more than he bargained for when the Dean's verger is discovered murdered, his body left to burn, along with the ecclesiastical library.

Pan; 2016

8hrs 0mins

## DETECTIVE & MYSTERY STORIES

### **13004 LIAR LIAR**

**By M J Arlidge**

**Reader Elizabeth Bower**

For DI Helen Grace, three raging fires in the dead of night announce the arrival of an evil she has never encountered before. Because this is no firestarter seeking sick thrills, but a series of calculating acts of murder. But what's driving the killer? And who will be next? A powder keg of fear, suspicion and dread has been laid. Now all it needs is a spark to set it off...

Isis Audio Books; 2015

9hrs 50mins

### **12935 SECRETS OF DEATH**

**By Stephen Booth**

**Reader Mike Rogers**

A series of suicides throughout the Peaks throws Detective Inspector Ben Cooper and his team in Derbyshire into a race against time to find a connection to these seemingly random acts. Meanwhile, in Nottingham Detective Sergeant Diane Fry finds a key witness has vanished...But what are the mysterious Secrets of Death? And is there one victim whose fate wasn't suicide at all?

Isis Audio Books; 2016

9hrs 45mins

### **13002 WILD FIRE**

**By Ann Cleeves**

**Reader Kenny Blyth**

Hoping for a fresh start, an English family moves to the remote Shetland islands, eager to give their autistic son a better life. But when a young nanny's body is found hanging in the barn beside their home, rumors of her affair with the husband spread like wildfire. As suspicion and resentment of the family blazes in the community, Detective Inspector Jimmy Perez is called in to investigate.

Isis Audio Books; 2018

10hrs 30mins

## **12904 THE BLACK BOX**

**By Michael Connelly      Reader Michael McConnohie**

In a case that spans 20 years, Harry Bosch links the bullet from a recent crime to a file from 1992, the killing of a young female photographer during the L.A. riots, which was never solved. Like an investigator combing through the wreckage after a plane crash, Bosch searches for the "black box," the one piece of evidence that will pull the case together.

Little Brown Audio; 2012

10hrs 30mins

## **12900 THE CROSSING**

**By Michael Connelly      Reader Titus Welliver**

When Harry Bosch left the LAPD before they could fire him, he hired maverick Defense Attorney Mickey Haller to sue the department for forcing him out. Although it wasn't the way he wanted to go, Harry had to admit that being out of the game had its benefits. Until Mickey asked him to help on one of his cases, and suddenly Harry is back where he belongs, right in the centre of a particularly puzzling murder mystery.

Orion Audio; 2015

9hrs 25mins

## **13109 DARK SACRED NIGHT**

**By Michael Connelly      Reader Titus Welliver**

Detective Renée Ballard returns to Hollywood Station in the early hours to find an intruder rifling through old file cabinets. But it is none other than legendary LAPD detective Harry Bosch, working a cold case that has gotten under his skin. Ballard kicks him out, but eventually Bosch persuades her to help to finally bring a killer to justice...

Orion Audio; 2018

10hrs 40mins

### **12913 A PAINTED DOOM**

**By Kate Ellis**

**Reader Ellen Staples**

Teenager Lewis Hoxworthy discovers a painting in a medieval barn; a discovery which excites archaeologist Neil Watson who is excavating an ancient manor house nearby. But when former rock star Jonny Shellmer is found shot through the head in Lewis's father's field and Lewis himself goes missing, Detective Inspector Wesley Peterson and his boss, Gerry Heffernan face one of their most intriguing cases yet.

Piatkus; 2006

13hrs 0mins

### **13016 QUIET AS A NUN**

**By Antonia Fraser**

**Reader Pat Steadman**

When a nun is found dead in a ruined tower at Blessed Eleanor's Convent, Jemima Shore, a renowned television reporter, is called in by Reverend Mother Ancilla to investigate. Blessed Eleanor was Jemima's own convent school, and the dead nun was heiress to a fortune ...

Phoenix: 2014

9hrs 0mins

### **13062 CASTING THE FIRST STONE**

**By Frances Fyfield**

**Reader Sean Barrett**

After her husband's death, young widow and art collector Diana Porteous plans to rediscover her talents as a thief, as well as art expert, to recover stolen paintings. She begins with Steven, her neighbour's son, who is amassing works of art in London, including work stolen from his mother. But if Di is interested in his illicit treasures, he is equally fascinated by hers - and in the secrets still held in her house by the sea...

Isis Audio Books; 2014

7hrs 35mins

### **13020 LETHAL WHITE**

**By Robert Galbraith**

**Reader Robert Glenister**

When Billy, a troubled young man, comes to private eye Cormoran Strike's office to ask for his help investigating a crime he thinks he witnessed as a child, Strike is left deeply unsettled. Trying to get to the bottom of Billy's story, Strike and his partner Robin Ellacott, set off on a twisting trail that leads into a secretive inner sanctum within Parliament, and to a beautiful but sinister manor house deep in the countryside.

Hachette Audio; 2018

22hrs 30mins

### **13012 THE NEIGHBOUR**

**By Lisa Gardner**

**Reader Miscellaneous**

Sandra and Jason Jones seem like any other couple in suburban Boston. But then Sandra disappears, leaving behind her four-year-old daughter as the only witness. With Jason seemingly intent on destroying evidence and isolating his young daughter, Detective Sergeant D. D. Warren must determine if he is struggling to protect his way of life, or fighting to cover his tracks. The perfect family or the ultimate lie?

Isis Audio Books; 2009

13hrs 30mins

### **13111 THE GREAT CALIFORNIA GAME**

**By Jonathan Gash**

**Reader Bob Wildgust**

Whilst he is working in a New York bar, Lovejoy's recognition of zircons paraded as priceless diamonds leads to his involvement in the richest card game in America. Using his desperate wiles, he sets about raising a stake from museums, auction houses and collectors.

Cresset Press; 1991

11hrs 30mins

**13066 L IS FOR LAWLESS**

**By Sue Grafton**

**Reader Liza Ross**

Kinsey Malone is about to meet her duplicitous match in a couple of world-class prevaricators who quite literally take her for the ride of her life. Kinsey's on a plane to Dallas, at the start of a thrilling rollercoaster ride through Texas and Kentucky on the trail of long-buried treasure. Unfortunately there's a fire-raising psychopath on her tail - and she's going to be late for a very important wedding...

Isis Audio Books; 2002

9hrs 40mins

**12933 SETTLED BLOOD**

**By Mari Hannah**

**Reader Anne Dover**

When a young girl is found dead at the base of Hadrian's Wall, it's not long before Detective Chief Inspector Kate Daniels realises her death was no ordinary homicide. As the murder investigation team delve deeper into the case, half truths are told, secrets exposed, and while Daniels makes her way through a mountain of obstacles time is running out for one terrified girl.

Oakhill Audio; 2013

11hrs 50mins

**12917 ANGELS PASSING**

**By Graham Hurley**

**Reader Geoff Cummings**

A young girl falls to her death, and the shadowy figure of a young boy is caught on CCTV. DI Joe Faraday is on the case, but his investigation is hampered when he tracks down the boy, and he is faced with a crisis much closer to home.

Orion; 2010

15hrs 0mins

### **12973 CUT TO BLACK**

**By Graham Hurley**

**Reader Paul Moriarty**

For years Bazza Mackenzie has made millions selling cocaine and heroin into the streets of Portsmouth. The police set up a year long undercover operation to trap Mackenzie, but when one of the investigation's leading lights is put in hospital, Joe Faraday is drafted in to wrap things up. It should be a dream job but Bazza seems to be one step ahead of the investigation at every turn ..

Orion; 2010

16hrs 30mins

### **12844 X DEADLIGHT**

**By Graham Hurley**

**Reader Paul Moriarty**

Freshly promoted to the elite Major Crimes Team, DI Joe Faraday is thrown into the deep end with the investigation into the murder of prison officer Paul Coughlin. Was the violent Coughlin killed by a recently released con he brutalised in prison? Or is his death a legacy of a wider, more savage violence from twenty years before? X rated, contains offensive language and graphic violence.

Orion; 2010

14hrs 0mins

### **12954 COVER HER FACE**

**By P D James**

**Reader Judy Franklin**

Headstrong and beautiful, the young housemaid Sally Jupp is put rudely in her place, and strangled in her bed behind a bolted door. Investigating the violent death at Martingale manor house, Detective Chief Inspector Adam Dalgliesh becomes embroiled in the complicated passions beneath the calm surface of English country life.

Faber; 2006

10hrs 0mins

## **12922 MARCH VIOLETS**

**By Philip Kerr**

**Reader Jeff Harding**

The year is 1936 and Berlin is preparing for the Olympic Games. Some of Bernie Gunther's Jewish friends are beginning to realise that they should have left while they could; and now ex-policeman Bernie has been hired by a wealthy industrialist to investigate two murders that reach high into the Nazi Party.

Isis Audio Books; 2008

9hrs 25mins

## **12945 THE OTHER SIDE OF SILENCE**

**By Philip Kerr**

**Reader Jeff Harding**

It is 1956 on the French Riviera. A world-weary Bernie Gunther is working as concierge at the Grand Hotel, living under a false name. Then his past walks through the door in the shape of Harold Hennig, a former captain in the Nazi security service. Bernie never forgets a face, especially when it belongs to a mass murderer who, in 1945, was responsible for the deaths of thousands; among them a woman Bernie loved. Bernie has a score to settle with Hennig....

Clipper Audio; 2016

9hrs 45mins

## **12822 THE INSPECTOR'S DAUGHTER**

**By Alanna Knight**

**Reader Vivienne Ennemoser**

In a desperate attempt to recover from the loss of her husband and her baby son, Rose McQuinn has returned home to Edinburgh from America. She has little time to ponder her loneliness before she unwittingly steps into the shoes of her father, the legendary Detective Inspector Faro. She agrees to help investigate the strange behaviour of the husband of her childhood friend, Alice. But when Rose starts to get too near the truth, she puts her own life in danger.

Allison & Busby; 2005

7hrs 0mins

### **13069 MURDER IN PARADISE**

**By Alanna Knight**

**Reader Robbie MacNab**

1860: The young Inspector Faro stumbles on a plot involving the theft of a priceless jewel. His investigation leads him to Kent, and on to the trail of his nemesis Macheath. A chance encounter with an old friend leads to Faro's sojourn in William Morris's Red House while he continues his search.

Soundings Audio; 2009

7hrs 30mins

### **12966 THE CRITIC**

**By Peter May**

**Reader Simon Edginton**

Four years ago, wine critic Gil Petty went missing during a tour of the wine region of Gaillac; his body was discovered strung up on a cross in a vineyard. Looking into the unsolved murder, forensic expert Enzo Macleod finds that beneath the tranquil façade of French viticulture lurks a back-stabbing community riddled with rivalry - and someone who is ready to stop him even if they have to kill again...

Riverrun; 2014

10hrs 0mins

### **13103 BROKEN GROUND**

**By Val McDermid**

**Reader Cathleen McCarron**

When a body is discovered in the remote depths of the Highlands, DCI Karen Pirie finds herself in the right place at the right time. The victim seems to belong to the distant past - until new evidence suggests otherwise, and Karen is called in to unravel a case where nothing is as it seems. It soon becomes clear that she's dealing with a version of justice terrifyingly different to her own . . .

Clipper Audio; 2018

13hrs 0mins

**12878 COMMON MURDER**

**By Val McDermid**

**Reader Caroline Guthrie**

A protest group hits the headlines when unrest at a women's peace camp explodes into murder. Already on the scene, journalist Lindsay Gordon desperately tries to peel back the layer of deception surrounding the protest and its opponents. She finds that no one – ratepayer or reporter, policeman or peace woman – seems wholly above suspicion. Then Lindsay uncovers a truth that even she can scarcely believe...

Avid Audio; 2018

7hrs 15mins

**13074 DEAD BEAT**

**By Val McDermid**

**Reader Hilary Spiers**

As a favour, private detective Kate Brannigan agrees to track down a missing songwriter, Moira Pollock, a search that takes her into some of the seediest parts of Leeds and Bradford. But little does she realize that finding Moira is a prelude to murder...

HarperCollins; 2002

9hrs 0mins

**13010 A RISING MAN**

**By Abir Mukherjee**

**Reader Simon Bubb**

Captain Sam Wyndham is seeking a fresh start after his experiences during the Great War and he has been recruited to head up a new post in the police force in Calcutta. With rising political dissent, Wyndham and his two new colleagues - arrogant Inspector Digby and British-educated, but Indian-born Sargeant Banerjee - embark on an investigation that will take them from the luxurious parlours of wealthy British traders to the seedy opium dens of the city.

Isis Audio Books; 2016

11hrs 45mins

## **12997 THE BLACK BOOK**

**By James Patterson & David Ellis**

**Reader Edoardo Ballerini**

Being a cop runs in Billy Harney's family, he would give up everything for the job - including his life. But after a brutal shooting, which somehow Billy survives - he is charged with double murder. He remembers nothing about the shooting, and retracing his steps to find proof of his innocence, he discovers the existence of a little black book that he suspects contains the truth that will either set him free, or confirm his worst fears...

Hachette Audio; 2017

10hrs 30mins

## **13017 THE MIDNIGHT CLUB**

**By James Patterson**

**Reader James Murphy**

New York cop John 'Stef' Stefanovitch was left widowed and wheelchair-bound after local crime boss the 'Grave Dancer' brutally shot him and his wife. Now, the Grave Dancer is dead and the shadowy Midnight Club - a secretive group who are rumoured to control organised crime around the world, are believed to be behind his murder. Soon, more criminals turn up dead, but when men like that are threatened, everyone is in danger...

Arrow; 2017

9hrs 30mins

## **13067 BURY YOUR DEAD**

**By Louise Penny**

**Reader Adam Sims**

As Quebec shivers in the grip of winter, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache plunges into the strangest case of his celebrated career. A man has been brutally murdered in one of the city's oldest buildings - a library where the English citizens of Quebec safeguard their history. And the death opens a door into the past, exposing a mystery that has lain dormant for centuries...a mystery Gamache must solve if he's to catch a present-day killer.

Isis Audio Books; 2011

12hrs 15mins

**12991 IN A HOUSE OF LIES**

**By Ian Rankin**

**Reader James MacPherson**

A missing private investigator is found dead, locked in a car hidden deep in the woods. After a decade without answers, Detective Inspector Siobhan Clarke is part of a new inquiry, combing through the mistakes of the original case. It seems everyone involved has something to hide, and everything to lose. But there is one man who knows where the trail may lead - and that it could be the end of him: John Rebus.

Orion Audio; 2018

11hrs 40mins

**13065 NO CURE FOR LOVE**

**By Peter Robinson**

**Reader Regina Reagan**

As a detective in the LAPD Threat Management Unit in 1990s Hollywood, Arvo Hughes is tasked with finding out who has been sending unsettling anonymous letters to beautiful TV star Sarah Broughton. Arvo expects this case to be nothing out of the ordinary, but he soon discovers that the squeaky-clean star seems to be keeping all memories of a shady history locked away . . .

Isis Audio Books; 2015

12hrs 15mins

**13050 LIVE BAIT**

**By P J Tracy**

**Reader Sarah Borges**

Elderly Morey Gilbert is found lying dead in the grass by his wife, Lily, with a bullet hole in his skull. It looks like an execution, and soon the whole city is fearful as new victims are found, killed with the same cold precision. All elderly. All apparently blameless. Detectives Gino and Magozzi race to uncover a connection, and the answers, it seems, are buried in a terrible past...

Penguin Audio; 2018

10hrs 0mins

## **12911 BLACK DIAMOND**

**By Martin Walker**

**Reader James Murphy**

At the heart of French gastronomy lies the famed black truffle of the Périgord. But France's truffles are being adulterated with cheaper ones from China, and it seems that Chinese organised crime is behind the fraud. When a vicious murder and illegal immigration are added to the mix, Bruno, Chief of Police, has his work cut out to keep St Denis from tearing itself apart.

Quercus; 2011

9hrs 0mins

## **12931 YOU WILL NEVER FIND ME**

**By Robert Wilson**

**Reader Steven Pacey**

Charlie Boxer's work took him places no man can come back from unscarred. But then he finds a note in his teenage daughter's empty room: 'You will never find me'. Charlie knows that sometimes, the missing don't want to be found. And for the families - the vanished are neither dead nor alive. He also knows how quickly a life can fall apart once you're living under the radar.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

13hrs 0mins

## **FAMILY SAGAS**

### **12946 THE CAVENDON LUCK**

**By Barbara Taylor Bradford**

**Reader Anna Bentinck**

As the clouds of war gather over Cavendon Hall, sons, husbands and brothers are called up to fight; trials and tragedies strike the great house itself. The women must rise to meet the terrible threat posed by Hitler. The Cavendon Luck has held for a long time. Can it hold in the face of this greatest threat of all – and can it protect the next generation?

Lamplight Audio; 2016

16hrs 15mins

**12990 A SILVER LINING**

**By Catrin Collier**

**Reader Ann Stutz**

In Pontypridd in 1938, tongues are quick to wag when Bethan John comes back to her mining family's house with her new baby - but without her husband, or any word of explanation. Ostracised by most - even her own mother - Bethan faces a lonely struggle to survive. Then taciturn Russian Charlie, an outsider haunted by his own past, reaches out the hand of friendship, and in so doing begins to thaw his own heart...

Accent Press; 2013

13hrs 0mins

**13141 THE CHRISTMAS ROSE**

**By Dilly Court**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

Rose Munday is on the way back to the city she was born in, but expecting to be met by her sweetheart, she is left alone on the docks, surrounded by whistles and scornful glances. How could Max have abandoned her? With no money left, Rose must go to work. Finding herself a position as a typist, Rose's future begins to take shape. But London is a treacherous place for a young woman, and what initially seemed a brave decision, might just be a dangerous one...

Lamplight Audio; 2018

11hrs 15mins

**12974 OUTCAST**

**By Josephine Cox**

**Reader Judy Le Besque**

On a fateful night in 1860, the dying Thadius Grady realises that he has made a fatal mistake in entrusting his daughter Emma to his sister and her conniving husband, Caleb Crowther. When Emma falls in love with a young bargee, Marlow Tanner, their love, although made in heaven, may lead them to hell.

Headline; 2015

10hrs 0mins

## **12952 VAGABONDS**

**By Josephine Cox**

**Reader Pat Steadman**

It is 1885 and Emma returns from Australia to be reunited with Marlow Tanner. She has a loving family, yet she is still haunted by the past, unable to forget how her uncle Caleb Crowther ignored her when she needed help. Caleb curses his niece's return and hounds both Emma and her daughter Molly. Molly flees with no money and three children, but she has inherited Emma's indomitable spirit...

Headline; 2015

15hrs 0mins

## **13076 A WOMAN'S FORTUNE**

**By Josephine Cox**

**Reader Carole Boyd**

In the middle of the night, Evie Carter is torn away from her beloved home and close-knit community as her family run away to the south. Her father's luck has finally run out, but what should mark a hopeful new beginning is just the start of young Evie's troubles as she carries the burden of earning their keep. Holding the family together becomes harder when tragedy strikes at its heart, but there is hope on the horizon . . .

HarperCollins; 2018

9hrs 20mins

## **13090 CHRISTMAS ANGELS**

**By Nadine Dorries**

**Reader Georgia Maguire**

Christmas may be the season of goodwill and festive cheer, but not for the poor of 1950s Liverpool. And for St Angelus Hospital in Lovely Lane, it is frantically busy. There are the old, the dying, the children and the emergencies. The nurses, known locally as the Angels of Lovely Lane, are run off their feet. Dana, Beth, Pammy and Victoria hardly have time to catch their breath, let alone have a Christmas of their own.

Lamplight Audio; 2017

13hrs 0mins

**13133 SHADOWS IN HEAVEN**

**By Nadine Dorries**

**Reader Avena Wallace**

In post-war Tarabeg, two women are waiting for ambitious Michael Malone to return home. Rosie, the local schoolteacher and Sarah, whose brutal fisherman father would kill her if he knew, both love Michael, and hope to become his wife. Michael Malone's choice will have fateful consequences for everyone especially, in due course, for his young daughter.

Lamplight Audio; 2019

11hrs 0mins

**12868 A DAUGHTER'S CHOICE**

**By June Francis**

**Reader Joy Dansette**

Katie is the apple of her mother's eye and is being groomed to take over the family business. But when Celia, her natural mother, re-enters her life, her world is turned completely upside down. Tormented by her divided loyalties, Katie is plagued by a question Celia refuses to answer – who is her real father?

Ebury Press; 2015

10hrs 0mins

**12928 DANCE LITTLE LADY**

**By Lilian Harry**

**Reader Anne Dover**

As the country braces itself for D-Day, three young munitions workers at Priddy's Yard near Portsmouth all face their own very personal problems. Kate is terrified that she carries a jinx, Maxine makes a discovery that changes her entire view of her family, while Elsie is bitter over the death of her son. Each dilemma brings the women face to face with her own strengths and failings and, ultimately, her own destiny.

Soundings Audio; 2004

15hrs 0mins

## **12926 PRIDE OF LANCASHIRE**

**By Anna Jacobs**

**Reader Anne Dover**

Carrie Preston - the oldest of ten, with an incompetent mother and a drunken father, struggles to find food for the younger children. But a small act of kindness brings her hope when Eli Beckett offers her a job at the Dragon pub. Then Eli's uncle gives his nephew some spare land to build a music room, and the locals of Hedderby are soon looking forward to their own place of merriment. But not everyone in the town shares this excitement, and some will stop at nothing in the pursuit of selfish gain...

Soundings Audio; 2006

15hrs 0mins

## **12872 THE PENNY BANGLE**

**By Margaret James**

**Reader Patricia Gallimore**

It's 1942 when Cassie Taylor leaves Birmingham to become a land girl on a farm in Dorset. There she meets Robert and Stephen Denham, twins recovering from injuries sustained at Dunkirk. Cassie is instantly drawn to Stephen, but is wary of the more complex Robert. At first, Robert wants to sack the inexperienced city girl. But Cassie learns quickly, and Robert comes to admire her courage. But just as their romance blossoms, he's called back into active service...

Clipper Audio; 2012

10hrs 0mins

## **12925 BLITZ**

**By Molly Lefebure**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

When World War II breaks out, and the conflict begins to take its toll, the lives of four families become entwined, while the world around them is torn apart. Families become fragmented, love is found and the young are forced to grow up too quickly - but all are determined to remain defiant and united against the upheaval.

Soundings Audio; 2014

16hrs 30mins

**12876 BITTERSWEET**

**By Colleen McCullough      Reader Deirdre Rubenstein**

The four Latimer sisters were famous throughout New South Wales for their beauty, wit and sisterly love. But then they left home to train as nurses, swapping their feather beds for the bunks of nursing accommodation. And now, as the Depression casts its shadow across Australia, they must confront their own secret desires. Will the sisters find the independence they crave? Or is life - like love - always bittersweet?

Lamplight Audio; 2014

16hrs 45mins

**12956 MOTHER'S RUIN**

**By Kitty Neale      Reader Yvonne Clemenson**

When Sally and her family have to move back to Candle Lane to look after her grandmother, the cracks in her marriage soon begin to show. Both Sally and Arthur must work out where their priorities lie before it's too late...

Avon; 2010

11hrs 0mins

**13000 CONNIE OF KETTLE STREET**

**By Carol Rivers      Reader Annie Aldington**

In 1940 the Isle of Dogs suffers a terrible nine-month Blitz. Amidst the death and destruction young Connie Marsh finds an orphaned baby boy in the rubble. She also finds love with handsome Vic Champion, the man who helped her rescue the child they've named Lucky, but then his call-up papers arrive and Vic leaves for the navy. Will she turn for comfort to dashing GI Clint Hershey, or will she stay true to Vic, the man she really loves?

Magna Story Sound; 2006

12hrs 0mins

### **13001 A WARTIME CHRISTMAS**

**By Carol Rivers**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

Kay Lewis is determined to give her young son Alfie a merry Christmas, even though her husband, Alan, has been called up to serve his country. But when a strange woman and her son arrive on her doorstep, Kay's world is shaken to the core. Kay will have some difficult decisions to make if she is to keep the faith in the man she thought she knew.

Magna Story Sound; 2013

13hrs 0mins

### **12943 THE ALLOTMENT GIRLS**

**By Kate Thompson**

**Reader Helen Lloyd**

During the Second World War, in the iconic Bryant & May match factory, Annie, Rose, Pearl and Millie carry on making matches for the British Army, with bombs raining down around them. Inspired by the Dig for Victory campaign, Annie persuades the owners to start an allotment in the factory grounds. In the darkest of times, the girls find their allotment a tranquil, happy escape and they bring about a powerful change, not just in the factory, but their own lives.

Lamplight Audio; 2018

9hrs 15mins

### **12888 THE SKY BLUE TEE SHIRT**

**By Jenny Whitfield**

**Reader Brenda White**

After a lifetime of obedience and subservience, the purchase of a sky blue tee shirt marks a new direction in Belle's life. She can now be the person she truly is and find the path she wants to follow, although she will need to be brave and determined to succeed.

Troubador Publishing; 2018

7hrs 30mins

## FANTASY FICTION

### **12889 RED QUEEN**

**By Christina Henry**

**Reader Kay Morrison**

The land outside of the Old City was supposed to be green and lush, but the verdant fields are nothing but ash and hope is nowhere to be found. Still, Alice and Hatcher are on a mission to find his daughter: a quest that will take them deep into the clutches of the mad White Queen or into the realm of the twisted and cruel Black King. The pieces are set and the game has begun, and each move brings Alice closer to her destiny.

Titan Books; 2016

9hrs 0mins

### **13026 RED SISTER**

**By Mark Lawrence**

**Reader Laura Kirman**

At the Convent of Sweet Mercy young girls are raised to be killers: it takes ten years to educate a Red Sister in the ways of blade and fist. But even the mistresses of sword and shadow don't truly understand what they have purchased when Nona Grey is brought to their halls as a bloodstained child of eight, falsely accused of murder, but guilty of worse...

HarperCollins; 2017

19hrs 30mins

## GENERAL FICTION

### **12919 THE FALCONER**

**By Alice Thompson**

**Reader Angela Holland**

It is 1936. Iris Tennant has applied, under a pseudonym, to become personal assistant to Lord Melfort, the Under-Secretary of War, at his estate in the Scottish Highlands. Her plan is to find out why her younger sister Daphne committed suicide there a year previously. What actually happened to Daphne, and is Iris destined for the same fate?

Salt Publishing; 2014

4hrs 30mins

# GHOST STORIES

## **13023 THE GHOST TREE**

**By Barbara Erskine**

**Reader Vivian Helbrun**

Ruth has returned to Edinburgh after the death of her estranged father, and is faced with the daunting task of sorting through his possessions. Amidst the dust of her old life, Ruth discovers a hidden diary from the eighteenth century, written by her ancestor, Thomas Erskine. As she sifts through the ancient pages of the past, Ruth is pulled into a story that she can't escape.

HarperCollins; 2018

21hrs 30mins

## **12941 HELL HOUSE**

**By Richard Matheson**

**Reader Ray Porter**

Belasco House in Maine, has been abandoned and sealed since 1949 after a decade of drug addiction, alcoholism, and debauchery. Two previous expeditions to investigate its secrets met with disaster, the participants destroyed by murder, suicide or insanity. Now a new investigation has been mounted - four strangers, each with his or her own reason for daring the unknown torments and temptations of the mansion...

Clipper Audio; 2009

9hrs 0mins

## **13097 THE LOST VILLAGE**

**By Neil Spring**

**Reader Louise Jameson**

The village of Imber - remote, lost and abandoned. The outside world hasn't been let in since soldiers forced the inhabitants out, much to their contempt. But now, a dark secret threatens all who venture near. Everyone is in danger, and only Harry Price can help. Reluctantly reunited with his former assistant Sarah Grey, he must unlock the mystery of Imber. But will Sarah's involvement be the undoing of them both?

Clipper Audio; 2018

14hrs 45mins

# HISTORICAL FICTION

## **13098 THE SILENCE OF THE GIRLS**

**By Pat Barker**

**Reader Michael Fox**

There was a woman at the heart of the Trojan war whose voice has been silent - till now. Briseis was a queen until her city was destroyed. Now she is slave to Achilles, the man who butchered her husband and brothers. Trapped in a world defined by men, can she survive to become the author of her own story?

Penguin Audio; 2018

10hrs 45mins

## **13058 THE AUTUMN THRONE**

**By Elizabeth Chadwick**

**Reader Katie Scarfe**

England, 1176. Imprisoned by her husband, King Henry II, Eleanor of Aquitaine - freed only by his death, becomes dowager Queen of England. But the competition for land and power that Henry stirred up among his sons has intensified to a dangerous rivalry. Her indomitable spirit will be tested to its limits as she attempts to keep the peace between her warring sons, and find a place in the centre of power for her daughters.

Soundings Audio; 2016

18hrs 0mins

## **12944 THE GLASS OF TIME**

**By Michael Cox**

**Reader Gareth Armstrong**

1876. Nineteen-year-old orphan Esperanza Gorst arrives at the great country house of Evenwood to be interviewed for the position of lady's-maid. But Esperanza is no ordinary servant. She has been sent by her guardian, the mysterious Madame de l'Orme, to uncover the dark and dangerous secrets that her new mistress has sought to conceal, and to set right a past injustice in which Esperanza's own closest interests are bound up.

Clipper Audio; 2009

20hrs 15mins

## **12960 WORLD WITHOUT END**

**By Ken Follett**

**Reader Richard Simpson**

On the day after Halloween, in the year 1327, four children slip away from the cathedral city of Kingsbridge. They are a thief, a bully, a boy genius and a girl who wants to be a doctor. In the forest they see two men killed. As adults, their lives will be braided together by ambition, love, greed and revenge, but always they will live under the long shadow of the unexplained killing they witnessed on that fateful childhood day.

Pan; 2017

52hrs 0mins

## **12891 AGNES SOREL: MISTRESS OF BEAUTY**

**By H R H Princess Michael of Kent**

**Reader Vivienne Ennemoser**

Yolande, the Queen of Four Kingdoms is dead. Agnès Sorel, had arrived a year earlier with the court of Yolande's son, René D'Anjou. Agnès captivates everyone she meets, and finds herself firmly ensconced in the royal court. Soon though, whispers at court regarding Charles's burgeoning feelings for her begin to grow, and despite her best efforts to resist, Agnès is alarmed to discover that she too is in love.

Constable; 2015

8hrs 0mins

## **12939 FIGURE OF HATE**

**By Bernard Knight**

**Reader Paul Matthews**

Exeter, 1195: At a local jousting day, there's a serious altercation between Hugh Peverel, lord of Sampford Peverel, and a stranger by the name of Reginald de Charterai. Two days later, Hugh's body is found in a barn. Is de Charterai to blame? The county coroner, Sir John de Wolfe, soon finds plenty of other suspects for the killing of the almost universally hated Hugh Peverel..

Clipper Audio; 2005

12hrs 45mins

### **12854 THE SANCTUARY SEEKER**

**By Bernard Knight**

**Reader Paul Vates**

November, 1194. Sir John de Wolfe rides out to the lonely moorland village of Widecombe to hold an inquest on an unidentified body. However, on his return to Exeter, he finds that Sheriff Richard de Revelle is intent on thwarting the murder investigation, particularly when it emerges that the dead man is a Crusader and a member of one of Devon's finest and most honourable families.

Simon & Schuster; 2004

9hrs 30mins

### **12958 THE MAGICIAN'S LIE**

**By Greer Macallister**

**Reader Elizabeth Goodrich**

The Amazing Arden is the most notorious female illusionist of her day, renowned for sawing a man in half. One night, with policeman Virgil Holt in the audience, she swaps her saw for a fire axe. A new trick or an all-too-real murder? When a dead body is discovered, the answer seems clear. But under Holt's interrogation, what Arden's story reveals is both unbelievable and spellbinding

Legend Press; 2017

11hrs 0mins

### **13077 MRS WHISTLER**

**By Matthew Plampin**

**Reader Jessica Ball**

Chelsea, 1876. Struggling artist Jimmy Whistler is at war with his patron. Denied full payment, he and muse Maud Franklin face ruin. As Jimmy's enemies mount, he resolves to sue a famous critic for libel, in a last-ditch attempt to ward off the bailiffs. Although she has no position in society, Maud is expected to do her part. But Maud has a secret that forces her to choose between art and love...

HarperCollins; 2018

13hrs 0mins

### **13059 THE CONSCIENCE OF THE KING**

**By Martin Stephen      Reader Michael Tudor Barnes**

Gentleman spy Henry Gresham is called to the deathbed of his archenemy, Robert Cecil, and given the task of retrieving letters that could be used against the King. Little does he realise that he is being set up, as live bait, to draw out a madman determined to destroy James I.

Oakhill Audio; 2007

11hrs 25mins

### **12980 THE TURN OF MIDNIGHT**

**By Minette Walters      Reader Helen Keeley**

As the year 1349 approaches, the Black Death continues its devastating course across England. In Dorsetshire, the quarantined people of Develish question whether they are the only survivors. When Lady Anne and Thaddeus conceive an audacious plan to secure her people's independence, neither foresees the life-threatening struggle over power, money and religion will follow...

Clipper Audio; 2018

12hrs 15mins

## **HORROR**

### **12910 LAIR**

**By James Herbert      Reader Richard Langley**

Sequel to 'The Rats' (12443). The rats have returned, now hideously mutated. Their craving has become uncontrollable, a craving that only living human flesh can satisfy.

Pan; 2012

8hrs 0mins

**13096 GHOST VIRUS**

**By Graham Masterton**

**Reader Mark Meadows**

A young woman pours acid over her body. A loving husband kills his wife. A headteacher throws her pupils out of a window. Who or what has made ordinary Londoners commit such horrific acts? DC Jerry Pardoe and DS Jamila Patel of Tooting police are at a loss. Something evil is stirring in the city. A supernatural force that infects its victims with a lust to murder. And Jerry and Jamila are powerless to stop it...

Clipper Audio; 2018

12hrs 15mins

**HUMOUROUS FICTION**

**12940 THE DEAD FATHERS CLUB**

**By Matt Haig**

**Reader Mark Meadows**

Philip Noble is an eleven-year-old in crisis. His father has died in a road accident, and his mother is succumbing to the charms of her dead husband's brother, Uncle Alan. Then Philip's father's ghost appears and declares Uncle Alan murdered him. Philip vows to carry out the ghost's relentless demands for revenge. But can the words of a ghost be trusted any more than the lies of the living?

Jammer Audio; 2007

7hrs 45mins

**13087 THE ACCIDENTAL FURTHER ADVENTURES OF THE HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD MAN**

**By Jonas Jonasson**

**Reader Peter Kenny**

It all begins with a hot air balloon trip and three bottles of champagne. Allan and Julius are ready for some spectacular views, but they're not expecting to land in the sea and be rescued by a North Korean ship. Soon Allan and Julius are at the centre of a complex diplomatic crisis involving world figures from the Swedish foreign minister to Angela Merkel and President Trump. Things are about to get very complicated...

Clipper Audio; 2018

10hrs 15mins

## **12867 THE CUCUMBER MAN**

**By David Nobbs**

**Reader Bob Wildgust**

It is 1957. The Suez Crisis has been and gone. Henry Pratt has completed his National Service and having abandoned an unsuccessful career as a cub reporter in Thurmarsh, he is determined to find a role in life which will also help to make the world a better place. Who would have thought that working for the Cucumber Marketing Board might help him to achieve this?

Arrow; 1995

17hrs 0mins

## **LOVE STORIES**

### **13045 INDISCREET**

**By Mary Balogh**

**Reader Rosalyn Landor**

Viscount Rawleigh longs for a little diversion, and beautiful young widow Catherine Winters seems like easy prey. But when she roundly rejects his proposal to become his mistress, Rex finds himself faced with a delectable challenge. Catherine knows she must fight the indecent feelings the Viscount arouses within her. But temptation proves an insurmountable foe, and Catherine cannot ignore the beating of her treacherous heart...

ROSA; 2016

10hrs 30mins

### **13139 COMING HOME**

**By Fern Britton**

**Reader Helen Lloyd**

When Ella's beloved grandmother dies, she returns to the beautiful Cornish coast to heal her heart. There she finds her home again and discovers a new life, and new love. But she also opens a treasure trove of secrets. Sennen left Cornwall a young single mum but unable to cope. She left her children, her family and part of her. Now it's time to come back. To face her mistakes. To hope for a future with her daughter.

Jammer Audio; 2018

11hrs 15mins

### **13140 LOVE NOTES FOR FREDDIE**

**By Eva Rice**

**Reader Liza Ross**

Marnie FitzPatrick is a reclusive sixth-former with a dysfunctional family, and Julie Crewe is a disillusioned maths teacher who lives vicariously through the girls she teaches. This is the story of summer 1967, when the sun burned down on the roof of the Shredded Wheat factory, and a boy called Freddie danced to the records he had stolen. This is what happens when three people are bound together by something that can't be explained by any equation.

Jammer Audio; 2018

11hrs 0mins

## **SHORT STORIES**

### **13093 THE DREAMS OF BETHANY MELLMOTH**

**By William Boyd**

**Reader William Boyd**

A philandering art dealer tries to give up casual love affairs - seeking only passionate kisses as a substitute. A man recounts his personal history through the things he has stolen from others throughout his life. A couple chart the journey of their five year relationship backwards, from awkward reunion to lovelorn first encounter. And, at the heart of this collection of stories, a young woman, Bethany Mellmoth, embarks on a year-long journey of wishful and tentative self-discovery.

Clipper Audio; 2017

7hrs 30mins

### **12962 UNCOMMON TYPE: SOME STORIES**

**By Tom Hanks**

**Reader Tom Hanks**

A collection of seventeen wonderful short stories, ranging from the hilarious to the deeply touching, showing that two-time Oscar winner Tom Hanks is as talented a writer as he is an actor.

Random House Audio; 2017

10hrs 0mins

## **12816 WHAT I CANNOT SAY TO YOU**

**By Vanessa Furse Jackson**                      **Reader Jenny Clay**

A collection of stories that explore the basic nature of friendship: how friendships are formed and deepened, how they can be betrayed and lost. Among these characters, there are friendships between married couples, sisters, women, grandparents and grandchildren, and among youngsters.

University of Missouri Press; 2003      9hrs 30mins

## **SPY STORIES**

### **13108 TRANSCRIPTION**

**By Kate Atkinson**                                      **Reader Fenella Woolgar**

In 1940, eighteen-year-old Juliet Armstrong is reluctantly recruited into the world of espionage. She is sent to an obscure department of MI5 tasked with monitoring the comings and goings of British Fascist sympathizers. Ten years later, now a radio producer at the BBC, Juliet is unexpectedly confronted by figures from her past. A different war is being fought now, and she finally begins to realize that there is no action without consequence.

Hachette Audio; 2018                                      11hrs 0mins

### **12937 A DIVIDED SPY**

**By Charles Cumming**                                      **Reader Jot Davies**

Thomas Kell, former MI6 officer, devoted his life to the service, but was left with nothing except grief and a simmering anger against the Kremlin. Then Kell is offered an unexpected chance at revenge and embarks on a mission to recruit a top Russian spy, who is in possession of a terrifying secret... As the mission reaches boiling point, the threat of a catastrophic terrorist attack looms over Britain. Kell is faced with an impossible choice. Loyalty to MI6 – or to his own conscience?

Clipper Audio; 2016                                      11hrs 0mins

## THRILLERS

### **12953 THE MISTRESS OF ALDERLEY**

**By Robert Barnard**

**Reader Bob Wildgust**

Caroline Fawley lives in the Yorkshire village of Alderley. Her wealthy boyfriend keeps her in the lap of luxury. Life couldn't get much better. But when her boyfriend Marius goes missing, and later a body turns up, that idyllic life is completely shattered.

Allison & Busby; 2003

10hrs 0mins

### **12934 BLACKLANDS**

**By Belinda Bauer**

**Reader Colleen Prendergast**

Steven Lamb is 12 when he writes his first letter . . .to a serial killer. His uncle disappeared on Exmoor, aged eleven and is assumed to have fallen victim to the notorious serial killer Arnold Avery - but his body has never been found. And there begins a dangerous cat-and-mouse game between a desperate child and a bored psychopath . . .

Isis Audio Books; 2010

8hrs 0mins

### **13005 DARKSIDE**

**By Belinda Bauer**

**Reader John Sackville**

Shipcott is a close knit community where no stranger goes unnoticed. So when an elderly woman is murdered in her bed, village policeman Jonas Holly is doubly shocked. Jonas finds himself sidelined as the investigation is snatched away from him by a senior detective. But this isn't the end of it for Jonas, because someone in the village is taunting him, blaming him for the tragedy, and watching every move he makes...

Isis Audio Books; 2011

10hrs 20mins

### **13032 PAST TENSE**

**By Lee Child**

**Reader Jeff Harding**

Jack Reacher plans an epic road trip from Maine to California. He doesn't get far. On a country road he sees a sign to a place he has never been - the town where his father was born. He takes the detour, and in the city clerk's office Reacher asks about the old family home. He's told no one named Reacher ever lived in that town. He knows his father never went back. Now he wonders, was he ever there in the first place?

Random House Audio; 2018

12hrs 30mins

### **13003 VALHALLA RISING**

**By Clive Cussler**

**Reader Garrick Hagon**

When a luxury cruise liner, powered by a revolutionary new propulsion system - becomes a raging inferno and sinks mysteriously, it is lucky that NUMA special projects director Dirk Pitt is on hand to rescue the passengers and investigate the tragedy. But before long, Pitt finds himself caught between the secrets of the past and the intrigues of the future. A future that will hold the world to ransom...

Isis Audio Books; 2001

18hrs 40mins

### **12929 RIVER OF DESTINY**

**By Barbara Erskine**

**Reader Gina Peach**

On the banks of the River Deben in Suffolk lies a set of barn conversions dating back to the Anglo Saxons. Zoe and Ken have just moved into one of the barns, away from the hustle and bustle of the city. But the strange presence Zoe feels within their home and the ghostly shapes she sees through the cloying mists on the river are getting harder to ignore. Are they linked to the Victorian tragedy the locals whisper about?

Oakhill Audio; 2012

14hrs 30mins

### **13049 DAY OF THE DEAD**

**By Nicci French**

**Reader Beth Chalmers**

At long last, a final reckoning is coming for Frieda Klein... As autumn leaves fall, a serial killer runs amok in the capital, playing games with the police. The death toll is rising fast, and the investigation is floundering. But this is no ordinary killer, and every new victim is intended as a message to just one woman. Because psychologist Frieda Klein is in hiding. And someone is coming to find her . . .

Clipper Audio; 2018

10hrs 15mins

### **13061 THURSDAY'S CHILD**

**By Nicci French**

**Reader Beth Chalmers**

Frieda Klein is surprised when her former classmate, Maddie Capel, shows up at her door - until she hears about Maddie's troubled daughter, Becky. The teenager claims she was raped in her own bed one night while her mother was downstairs. Becky's story awakens dark memories of an eerily similar incident in Frieda's own past that she's been avoiding for decades. But confronting the ghosts of the past turns out to be more dangerous than she ever expected.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

11hrs 10mins

### **13060 WAITING FOR WEDNESDAY**

**By Nicci French**

**Reader Beth Chalmers**

Ruth Lennox, beloved mother of three, is found by her daughter in a pool of her own blood. Who would want to murder an ordinary housewife? And why? When it emerges that Ruth was leading a secret life, her family closes ranks and DCI Karlsson finds he needs psychotherapist Frieda Klein's help more than ever before.

Isis Audio Books; 2013

14hrs 0mins

### **13043 PANIC ROOM**

**By Robert Goddard**

**Reader John Sackville**

High on a Cornish cliff, Blake, a young woman of mysterious background, is acting as housesitter in a vast uninhabited mansion. The house has a panic room. Cunningly concealed, even Blake doesn't know it's there. But her remote existence is going to be invaded when people come looking for the house's owner, missing rogue entrepreneur, Jack Harkness, and Blake is asked the sort of questions she can't – or won't – want to answer...

Random House Audio; 2018

12hrs 45mins

### **13028 ANGEL OF DEATH**

**By Jack Higgins**

**Reader Jonathan Oliver**

A mysterious terrorist group is killing other terrorists, IRA thugs, and CIA and KGB agents, all in a bid to break the fragile Northern Ireland peace process. With the carnage mounting the Prime Minister authorises a special investigation to hunt down the terrorists. Sean Dillon is the only man who can find them - if he can live long enough.

HarperCollins; 2016

8hrs 45mins

### **12927 THE JUDAS GATE**

**By Jack Higgins**

**Reader Jonathan Oliver**

Helmand Province, Afghanistan: a convoy edging its way towards a deserted mountain village is hit by a roadside bomb. But not all the Taliban voices heard on the battlefield are Afghan - some are British. Sean Dillon is put in charge of hunting the traitor down, and then a familiar, deadly face makes a dramatic reappearance. Before long, Dillon will learn that this Judas has al-Qaeda on his side...

Oakhill Audio; 2011

9hrs 30mins

**12949 TWILIGHT****By Peter James****Reader Mike Duffin**

When muffled thuds ring from the partially filled grave of a newly wed girl, an exhumation order is granted. Reporter Kate Hemingway sneaks into the small suburban churchyard when the coffin is opened, and the scene she witnesses is so horrific she can never forget it. As she starts work on the story, Kate finds herself caught up in a sinister and macabre cover-up.

Orion; 2005

13hrs 30mins

**12981 CODENAME VILLANELLE****By Luke Jennings****Reader Yolanda Kettle**

In a remand centre in the Ural Mountains, Oxana Vorontsova awaits trial for triple murder. Not what you'd expect from a star linguistics student. Half a world away, her potential has been noted. Sprung from prison and trained in the dark arts of assassination, she's reborn as the beautiful, lethal Villanelle. The price of her luxurious new life: to eliminate targets assigned to her by a shadowy group of all-powerful businessmen.

Clipper Audio; 2014

1hr 30mins

**12982 VILLANELLE: HOLLOWPOINT****By Luke Jennings****Reader Yolanda Kettle**

Villanelle is the ultimate assassin. Beautiful and heartless, she's been trained to be the best. Her latest target is a firebrand Russian leader whose extreme political theories threaten to unleash global conflict. But lying in wait for Villanelle is intelligence officer Eve Polastri. A hunter by nature, fiercely clever, Eve is ready to pursue her adversary wherever the search leads her. And so starts a deadly game between two brilliant and determined female protagonists...

Clipper Audio; 2014

2hrs 0mins

## **12847 THE GOOD GERMAN**

**By Joseph Kanon**

**Reader David Hobbs**

Jake Geismar, foreign correspondent in pre-war Berlin, returns in 1945 to cover the Potsdam conference, but he finds the city unrecognisable. Trawling through the illegal night clubs and the thriving black market, Jake discovers that the twilight war of intrigue between west and east has already begun and that he could quite easily be one of its first casualties.

Sphere; 2004

19hrs 0mins

## **12948 THE WHISPERING CITY**

**By Sara Moliner**

**Reader Hilary Spiers**

A glamorous socialite is found dead in a wealthy district of fascist Barcelona. The police scramble to seize control of the investigation, while Ana Martí Noguer, an eager young journalist, is surprised to be assigned the important story. Together with her cousin Beatriz, a scholar, Ana hunts for the truth as the city's corrupt and murderous elite closes in.

Abacus; 2016

13hrs 0mins

## **12993 ALERT**

**By James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge**

**Reader Henry Leyva**

New York has seen more than its fair share of horrific attacks, but after two devastating catastrophes in quick succession, everyone is on edge. Detective Michael Bennett is given the task of hunting down the shadowy terror group responsible. Fighting the chaos all around him, Bennett is racing against the clock to save his beloved city - before the most destructive force he has ever faced tears it apart.

Random House Audio; 2015

8hrs 30mins

**12995 BULLSEYE**

**By James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge**

**Reader Danny Mastrogiorgio**

As the most powerful men on earth gather in New York for a meeting of the UN, Detective Michael Bennett receives intelligence warning that there will be an assassination attempt on the US president. The details are shadowy, and Bennett finds false leads and unreliable sources at every turn. But he can't afford to get this wrong. If the plotters succeed, the shockwaves will be felt across the globe.

Hachette Audio; 2016

7hrs 30mins

**12994 BURN**

**By James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge**

**Reader Danny Mastrogiorgio**

Detective Michael Bennett is thrust into a horrifying case when a witness claims to have seen a group of well-dressed men holding a sickeningly depraved and murderous gathering in a condemned building. The report reads like the product of an overactive imagination. But when a charred body is found in that very same building, the unbelievable claim becomes all too real...

Random House Audio; 2014

8hrs 0mins

**12996 HAUNTED**

**By James Patterson & James O Born**

**Reader Danny Mastrogiorgio**

Detective Michael Bennett is ready for a vacation, so he takes his family to an idyllic small town in the Maine woods. But just when Bennett thinks he can relax, he gets pulled into a case that has shocked the tight-knit community. Kids are disappearing with no explanation – until several bodies turn up in the woods, and he finds himself fighting to protect a town, the law, and the family that he loves above all else.

Hachette Audio; 2017

6hrs 30mins

## WAR STORIES

### **13027 WHERE EAGLES DARE**

**By Alistair MacLean**

**Reader Jonathan Oliver**

One winter night, seven men and a woman are parachuted onto a mountainside in wartime Germany. Their objective: an apparently inaccessible castle, headquarters of the Gestapo. Their mission: to rescue a captured American general before the Nazi interrogators can force him to reveal secret D-Day plans.

HarperCollins; 2017

9hrs 10mins

### **13078 A WOMAN OF WAR**

**By Mandy Robotham**

**Reader Julia Winwood**

Germany, 1944. Taken from the camps to serve the Führer himself, Anke Hoff is assigned as midwife to one of Hitler's inner circle. If she refuses, her family will die. Torn between her duty as a caregiver and her hatred for the Nazi regime, Anke discovers that many of those at the Berghof are just as trapped as she is. And soon, she's falling for a man who will make her world more complicated still...

HarperCollins; 2018

10hrs 0mins

## WESTERNS

### **13007 BUGLE'S WAKE**

**By Curtis Bishop**

**Reader Jeff Harding**

Protected by smuggled rifles, Black Cat, dreaded Seminole chief, leads his tribe across the Mexican border into Texas - and into bloody warfare with the US Cavalry.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

5hrs 0mins

### **13008 OUTCASTS OF REBEL CREEK**

**By Frank Bonham**

**Reader Jeff Harding**

Four stories capturing all the action and adventure of the most colourful characters to ever ride the West. You'll meet a gambler trying to clear his family name, a resourceful rancher who has to fight both a terrible drought and an unscrupulous cattle buyer; rough-and-tumble outlaws trying to survive the harsh High Sierras, and a young Texan who undertakes a gritty drive to Mexico during the Civil War.

Isis Audio Books; 2012

5hrs 25mins

### **12986 THE BRANCH AND THE SCAFFOLD**

**By Loren D Estleman**

**Reader Paul Hecht**

Brutally efficient judge Isaac C Parker is determined to rid Arkansas and the Indian Territory of all manner of criminals. But his quest for justice and liberal use of the gallows earn him just as many friends as enemies and take a toll on every aspect of his life.

Lone Star Audio; 2009

7hrs 30mins

### **13104 THE LUCK OF ROARING CAMP: AND OTHER STORIES**

**By Bret Harte**

**Reader Victor Raider-Wexler**

A fascinating collection of pre-1923 short stories that capture the beauty, mystery and adventure of the old west. From honourable cowboys and spirited pioneer women to questionable sheriffs, notorious gunslingers and unruly outlaws, these classic westerns introduce lively characters who embody the essence of the American frontier.

Lone Star Audio; 1989

4hrs 15mins

## **12987 BUFFALO WAGONS**

**By Elmer Kelton**

**Reader George Guidall**

By 1873, the great buffalo herds have been all but wiped out, and the hide hunters are looking for other work. So when Gage Jameson hears of one remaining herd, he sees a final opportunity to make a huge profit. But to find the buffalo, he will have to take his line of wagons deep into Comanche territory, where death lurks behind every rock...

Recorded Books Audio; 2002

6hrs 30mins

## **Non-Fiction**

### **ANIMALS**

## **13031 TALES FROM A WILD VET**

**By Jo Hardy**

**Reader Emily Lucienne**

From African goats to blue wildebeest, and potty pigs to dippy donkeys, Jo Hardy, now a qualified vet, is about to take on the world, one animal at a time. Determined to go where vets are desperately needed she heads out to the townships of South Africa, then to Uganda, where she has to trust her training as never before.

HarperCollins; 2016

8hrs 0mins

## **13073 THE HORSES IN MY LIFE**

**By Monty Roberts**

**Reader Fred Parker**

Monty Roberts is known as 'the man who listens to horses' because of his amazing ability to understand and communicate with them. He has written this book to tell their stories, and to put them centre stage. We are invited not only to get to know the individual horses but to share the immense joy that Monty found with them.

Headline; 2006

8hrs 0mins

## **ARTS – GENERAL**

### **13029 BEING WAGNER**

**By Simon Callow**

**Reader Simon Callow**

Simon Callow plunges headlong into Wagner's world to discover what it was like to be Wagner, and to be around one of music's most influential figures. The perfect introduction to the Master, a hundred and thirty-five years after his death, Richard Wagner's music dramas stand at the centre of the culture of classical music.

HarperCollins; 2017

6hrs 30mins

## **BIOGRAPHY - ART MUSIC & LITERATURE**

### **12920 THE ENCHANTED PLACES: A CHILDHOOD MEMOIR**

**By Christopher Milne**

**Reader Michael Rabin**

Christopher Milne draws a memorable portrait of his father, A A Milne, recalling his early childhood and remembering 'the enchanted places' where he used to play in Sussex. The Hundred Acre Wood, Galleon's Lap and Poohsticks Bridge existed not only in the stories and poems but were part of the real world surrounding the Milne home at Cotchford Farm.

Pan; 2016

5hrs 30mins

### **13022 YOU LEFT EARLY**

**By Louisa Young**

**Reader Louisa Young**

This brutal memoir from novelist Louisa Young is a heartbreaking portrayal of love, grief and the merciless grip of addiction. Louisa first met Robert Lockhart when they were both 17, but always snapping at their heels was Roberts alcoholism, a helpless, ferocious dependency that affected his personality before crippling and finally, despite five years of hard-won sobriety, killing him.

HarperCollins; 2018

12hrs 0mins

## **BIOGRAPHY – HISTORICAL**

### **13041 THE MYSTERY OF PRINCESS LOUISE: QUEEN VICTORIA'S REBELLIOUS DAUGHTER**

**By Lucinda Hawksley                      Reader Jill Hetherington**

The secrets of Queen Victoria's sixth child, Princess Louise, may be destined to remain hidden forever. What was so dangerous about this artistic, tempestuous royal? When Lucinda Hawksley started to investigate, often thwarted by inexplicable secrecy, she discovered a fascinating woman, modern before her time, whose story has been shielded for years from public view.

Vintage; 2010

19hrs 0mins

### **12971 ANNE OF CLEVES: HENRY VIII'S DISCARDED BRIDE**

**By Elizabeth Norton                      Reader Anne Marlow**

Anne of Cleves was Henry VIII's least favourite wife - but the one who outlived them all. 'I like her not!' was the verdict of Henry VIII on meeting his fourth wife for the first time. But Anne was both intelligent and practical, ensuring that, whilst she was queen for the shortest period, she was the last of all Henry VIII's wives to survive.

Amberley Publishing; 2010

7hrs 30mins

### **12894 AMELIA EARHART: A BIOGRAPHY**

**By Doris L Rich                      Reader Derina Dinkin**

Amelia Earhart died mysteriously, disappearing in the South Pacific on an around-the-world flight attempt in 1937. She was the best-known female aviator in the world, and set the record for the first trans-Atlantic solo flight by a woman, a flight that launched her on a double career as a fighter for women's rights and a tireless crusader for commercial air travel. And as her dream has persisted through the decades, so has her story, and her spirit.

Bravo; 1996

13hrs 0mins

## **BIOGRAPHY – ENTERTAINMENT**

### **12959 ADVENTURES OF A YOUNG NATURALIST**

**By David Attenborough**

**Reader David Hobbs**

In 1954, a young television presenter named David Attenborough was offered the opportunity of a lifetime - to travel the world finding rare and elusive animals for London Zoo's collection, and to film the expeditions for the BBC. Written with his trademark wit and charm, this is not just the story of his remarkable adventure, but of the man who made us fall in love with the natural world, and who is still doing so today.

Two Roads; 2018

13hrs 0mins

### **13036 ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE: A SORTA BIOGRAPHY**

**By Eric Idle**

**Reader Eric Idle**

We know him best for his unforgettable roles on Monty Python - from the Flying Circus to The Meaning of Life. Now, Eric Idle reflects on the meaning of his own life in this entertaining memoir that takes us on a remarkable journey from his childhood in an austere boarding school, through his successful career in comedy, television, theatre and film.

Orion Audio; 2018

8hrs 10mins

## **BIOGRAPHY – POLITICAL**

### **12908 BE LIKE THE FOX: MACHIAVELLI'S LIFELONG QUEST FOR FREEDOM**

**By Erica Benner**

**Reader Ann Clark**

Was Niccolò Machiavelli really the cynical schemer of legend - or was he a profound ethical thinker, who tried to save the democratic freedom of Renaissance Florence as it was threatened by ruthless dynasties? This revelatory biography shows us a man of fox-like dissimulation: a master of disguise in dangerous times.

Profile Books; 2013

16hrs 0mins

### **13137 BECOMING**

**By Michelle Obama**

**Reader Michelle Obama**

As First Lady of the United States of America, Michelle Obama helped to create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history, whilst also establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls around the world. Here she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it - in her own words and on her own terms.

Penguin Audio; 2019

19hrs 0mins

## **BIOGRAPHY – SPORT**

### **13015 INTERESTING: MY BIOGRAPHY**

**By Steve Davis**

**Reader Fred Parker**

Steve Davis was just a rookie from south London, learning how to play from an old book his snooker-obsessed father had given him, when an encounter with Barry Hearn changed his life forever. By the eighties, Steve had helped transform a previously shady sport into a national obsession. His memoir tells of the intrigue behind the scenes and the personal psychology and sacrifice that is required to stay at the top of such an exacting sport.

Ebury Press; 2016

14hrs 0mins

### **13100 A BOY IN THE WATER**

**By Tom Gregory**

**Reader Tom Gregory**

This evocative memoir recounts an agonising, hallucination-filled swim across the English Channel in 1988, when Tom Gregory was just 11 years old, encouraged at each stroke by his coach, John Bullet, who has become a second father. The gruelling, awe-inspiring feat is recounted with poignancy and affection, and becomes a thrilling and moving tribute to the joys and perils of open-water swimming.

Penguin Audio; 2018

5hrs 30mins

## **CRIME AND LAW**

### **12957 THE CLYDACH MURDERS**

**By John Morris**

**Reader John Fidell**

John Morris investigates the Clydach murders, which occurred in 1999, for which Dai Morris was convicted in 2006. In a case which shocked the country Mandy Power, her bed-ridden mother and her two young daughters were battered to death. The crime sparked a huge investigation yet the police made little progress. Is Dai Morris a brutal murderer or the victim of a terrible miscarriage of justice?

Seren; 2017

14hrs 0mins

### **13092 NEXT STOP EXECUTION**

**By Oleg Gordievsky**

**Reader Saul Reichlin**

Oleg Gordievsky was the highest ranking KGB officer ever to work for Britain. From 1974 to 1985, he acted as a secret agent, reporting to the British Secret Intelligence Service while continuing to work as a KGB officer. Gordievsky paints the most graphic picture yet of the paranoia and incompetence, intrigues and sheer nastiness of the all-encompassing and sometimes ridiculous KGB.

Clipper Audio; 2018

17hrs 15mins

### **12850 AMERICAN MAFIA: A HISTORY OF ITS RISE TO POWER**

**By Thomas Reppetto**

**Reader John Hobday**

Thomas Reppetto provides a balanced history of the mafia's rise from the 1880s to the post-World War II era. He draws on a lifetime of field experience and access to unseen documents, and features the stories of Lucky Luciano and Al Capone, noting the role that Prohibition had in the establishment of the mafia's defining characteristics.

Picador; 2005

14hrs 0mins

**12989      STRANGWAYS: A PRISON OFFICER'S  
STORY**

**By Neil Samworth**

**Reader Jonathan Keeble**

Neil 'Sam' Samworth spent eleven years working as a prison officer in HMP Manchester, aka Strangeways. He had to deal with it all – gangsters, terrorists and psychopaths, addicts and the mentally ill. Men who should not be locked up and men who should never be let out. This is his shocking and at times darkly funny account of life in a high security prison.

Clipper Audio; 2018

8hrs 45mins

**13099      UNNATURAL CAUSES**

**By Dr Richard Shepherd**

**Reader Dr Richard Shepherd**

As the country's top forensic pathologist, Dr Richard Shepherd has spent a lifetime uncovering the secrets of the dead. When death is sudden or unexplained, it falls to Shepherd to establish the cause. Each post-mortem is a detective story in its own right - and through his skill, dedication and insight, Dr Shepherd solves the puzzle to answer our most pressing question: how did this person die?

Penguin Audio; 2018

11hrs 45mins

## **DISABILITIES**

### **12975    NOTES ON BLINDNESS: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE DARK**

**By John Hull**

**Reader Jeremy Neville**

Days before the birth of his first son, writer and academic John Hull started to go blind. He would lose his sight entirely, plunged into darkness, unable to distinguish any sense of light or shadow. With astonishing lucidity of thought and no self-pity, he finds a new way of experiencing the world and of seeing the light despite the darkness.

Wellcome; 2017

7hrs 30mins

## **HEALTH & WELLBEING**

### **12875    YOUR LIFE IN MY HANDS: A JUNIOR DOCTOR'S STORY**

**By Rachel Clarke**

**Reader Cassie Layton**

These are the extraordinary realities of the NHS frontline. From the historic junior doctor strikes to the 'humanitarian crisis' declared by the Red Cross, the overstretched health service is on the precipice. This is a powerful polemic on its systematic degradation, and a letter of optimism to that same health service and those who support it. It captures with tenderness, a new doctor's experiences of an NHS at breaking point.

Clipper Audio; 2018

8hrs 15mins

**13105    NOTES ON A NERVOUS PLANET**

**By Matt Haig**

**Reader Matt Haig**

After experiencing years of anxiety and panic attacks, author Matt Haig began to look for the link between what he felt and the world around him. Notes on a Nervous Planet is a personal and vital look at how to feel happy, human and whole in the twenty-first century.

Clipper Audio; 2018

5hrs 15mins

**12968    LIVING WITH MOTHER - RIGHT TO THE  
VERY END**

**By Michele Hanson**

**Reader Ann Stutz**

In Michele Hanson's bittersweet columns in the Guardian, collected here, she explores the physical deterioration of her spirited and resilient elderly mother. From bowel trouble to views on Camilla Parker-Bowles, life is never dull in the Household from Hell! Speaking with emotional candour and gentle poignancy, Michele tells it like it is: somewhere between anguish and hope, tragedy and comedy, tears and laughter.

Virago; 2006

7hrs 30mins

**12880    MY YEAR OFF: REDISCOVERING LIFE  
AFTER A STROKE**

**By Robert McCrum**

**Reader Robert McCrum**

Robert McCrum was forty-two when he suffered a massive stroke which left one side of his body totally paralysed, his speech drastically impaired, and his sense of himself radically altered. What followed was a prolonged period of recovery, full of heartache and frustration, as he gradually regained sensation, movement and self-esteem and as his family pulled together in the extraordinary effort necessary to make him well again.

Clipper Audio; 2018

7hrs 0mins

**12963 THE LANGUAGE OF KINDNESS: A NURSE'S STORY**

**By Christie Watson**

**Reader Katherine Shaw**

Christie Watson was a nurse for twenty years. Taking us from birth to death and from A&E to the mortuary, this is her astounding account of a profession defined by acts of care, compassion and kindness.

Chatto & Windus; 2018

9hrs 0mins

**12979 FRAGILE LIVES**

**By Professor Stephen Westaby**

**Reader Gordon Griffin**

The balance between life and death is so delicate; the heart surgeon walks that rope between the two. At the forefront of pioneering cardiac technology, Professor Steve Westaby has seen it all. This astounding memoir details some of his most remarkable cases, such as 'the pulseless man,' a woman who lived the nightmare of locked-in syndrome after surgery and a man whose life was powered by a battery for eight years.

Clipper Audio; 2017

10hrs 30mins

## **HISTORY – BRITISH**

**13089 THE KING AND THE CATHOLICS**

**By Antonia Fraser**

**Reader Steven Crossley**

The story of Catholic Emancipation begins with the Anti-Catholic Gordon Riots in 1780. Fifty years later, the passing of the Emancipation Bill was hailed as a 'bloodless revolution'. Yet, had the Irish Catholics been a 'millstone' or were they the prime movers? Antonia Fraser brings colour and humour to this vivid drama, reflecting the political issues arising from religious intolerance.

Clipper Audio; 2018

11hrs 30mins

## **HISTORY – GENERAL**

### **13054 OUR UNINVITED GUESTS**

**By Julie Summers**

**Reader Derina Dinkin**

During the Second World War, thousands of houses were requisitioned to provide accommodation for the armed forces, vulnerable children, the sick and the elderly, who needed to be housed safely beyond the reach of Hitler's Luftwaffe. Julie Summers gives a behind-the-scenes glimpse of life in some of Britain's greatest country houses that were occupied by people who would otherwise never have set foot in such opulent surroundings.

Simon & Schuster; 2018

17hrs 0mins

## **HISTORY – WORLD**

### **13051 THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION: HISTORY IN AN HOUR**

**By Rupert Colley**

**Reader Jonathan Keeble**

In 1917, one of the most influential and contentious events in recent history, the Russian Revolution unleashed the greatest political experiment ever conducted, one which continues to influence both Eastern and Western politics today. This is a concise and straightforward overview: from the circumstances behind the rise of Lenin and the Bolsheviks, to the consequences of their struggle for a new socialist utopia.

Clipper Audio; 2012

1 hr 30mins

**12965 RAFFLES: AND THE GOLDEN  
OPPORTUNITY**

**By Victoria Glendinning**

**Reader John Hobday**

Thomas Stamford Raffles was the charismatic founder of Singapore and Governor of Java. An English adventurer, zoologist and civil servant, he carved an extraordinary life for himself in South East Asia. After a turbulent time in the East Indies, Raffles returned to the UK and founded London Zoo in 1826, the year of his death. Victoria Glendinning charts his prodigious rise within the social and historical contexts of his world.

Profile Books; 2013

14hrs 0mins

**12870 HIDDEN FIGURES**

**By Margot Lee Shetterly**

**Reader Robin Miles**

Before Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as “human computers” calculated the numbers that would launch rockets into space. Among these were a group of exceptionally talented African American women, and even though they were segregated from their white counterparts, the women helped America achieve a decisive victory over the Soviet Union. These four African American women participated in some of NASA’s greatest successes.

Clipper Audio; 2016

10hrs 45mins

## HOME AND GARDEN

### **12795 KITCHEN ESSAYS**

**By Agnes Jekyll**

**Reader Ann Clark**

These short essays about food were first published in The Times and include titles such as 'Tray Food' and 'Sunday Supper' as well as 'For The Too Fat' and 'For The Too Thin'.

Persephone Books; 2008

5hrs 30mins

## PLAYS, THEATRE & DANCE

### **13044 THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**

**By Oscar Wilde**

**Reader Miscellaneous**

First performed on 14 February 1895, this most popular of Oscar Wilde's plays is a farcical comedy of confusions of identity. Also included are rare recordings of John Gielgud reading poems by Donne, Shelley, Byron, Kingsley, Rossetti, Tennyson and Shakespeare.

Clipper Audio; 2005

2 hrs 0mins

## POETRY

### **13053 CHRISTMAS POEMS**

**By Wendy Cope**

**Reader Ellen Staples**

For more than thirty years Wendy Cope has been one of the nation's most popular and respected poets. In this anthology she celebrates the joyful aspects of the season but doesn't overlook the problems and sadness it can bring.

Faber; 2017

0hrs 15mins

## **12950    SERIOUS CONCERNS**

**By Wendy Cope**

**Reader Pamela Todd**

A collection of poems featuring works such as 'Bloody Men', 'Men and the Boring Arguments', and 'Two Cures for Love'. Light and humorous but with depth, these poems will resonate with both men and women making their way in the modern world.

Faber; 2002

1hr 0mins

## **13037    CLASSIC FM FAVOURITE POEMS**

**By Miscellaneous authors**

**Reader Anne Marlow**

This delightful anthology is a timeless collection of poems chosen by Classic FM listeners. Whether you're reading them for the first time or revisiting a classic, this is a selection to enchant, move and delight.

Hodder & Stoughton; 2009

4hrs 0mins

## **RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY**

### **12849    I'M FINE!**

**By Wendy Billington**

**Reader Alan Bowen**

Wendy Billington gently explores ways of helping people remove the 'I'm fine!' mask and grow through the challenges posed by issues such as loneliness, low self-esteem and parenting pain, as well as a variety of addictive behaviours. Using case studies, Bible teaching and practical guidelines, Wendy shows how church members can understand and support one another, not only helping individuals but building a community that is characterised by loving, sensitive pastoral care.

The Bible Reading Fellowship; 2013    7hrs 0mins

**13070 A FIELD GUIDE TO THE ENGLISH CLERGY**

**By Revd Fergus Butler-Gallie Reader Bob Rollett**

Judge not, lest ye be judged. This timeless wisdom has guided the Anglican Church for hundreds of years, fostering a certain tolerance of eccentricity among its members. This book celebrates the cream of the crop: the drinkers (and publicans), the inventors, the lion tamers, the suicidal missionaries, and even one piratical Archbishop. But despite their sometimes bizarre behaviour, many in the clergy saw the church as their true calling.

Oneworld; 2018

5hrs 30mins

## **SCIENCE – BIOLOGICAL**

**13025 HUMAN UNIVERSE**

**By Brian Cox & Andrew Cohen**

**Reader Samuel West**

Where are we? Are we alone? Who are we? Why are we here? What is our future? Professor Brian Cox tackles some of the greatest questions that humans have asked to try and understand the very nature of ourselves and the Universe in which we live.

HarperCollins; 2016

7hrs 30mins

## SCIENCE – ENVIRONMENTAL

### **13048 TWEET OF THE DAY: A YEAR OF BRITISH BIRDS**

**By BBC Radio**

**Reader Miscellaneous**

'Tweet of the Day' was named BBC Radio Programme of the Year 2014. This collection contains the songs of over 260 birds, featuring a mix of native birds, such as the Blackbird and Tawny Owl, and migrant visitors including the Icterine Warbler and Ortolan Bunting. The series provides memorable insight into their behaviour and habits, explains their literary or folkloric associations, and tells stories of scientific or conservation success.

Random House Audio; 2018

6hrs 45mins

### **13088 THE DUN COW RIB: A VERY NATURAL CHILDHOOD**

**By John Lister-Kaye**

**Reader Saul Reichlin**

John Lister-Kaye has spent a lifetime exploring, protecting and celebrating the British landscape and its wildlife. His joyous childhood holidays - spent scrambling through hedges and ditches after birds and small beasts, keeping pigeons in the loft and tracking foxes around the edge of the garden - were the perfect apprenticeship for his two lifelong passions: exploring the wonders of nature, and writing about them.

Clipper Audio; 2018

14hrs 0mins

### **13021 THE SEABIRD'S CRY**

**By Adam Nicolson**

**Reader Dugald Bruce-Lockhart**

Seabirds are master navigators, thriving in the most demanding environment on earth. In this masterly book, drawing on all the most recent research, Adam Nicolson follows them to the coasts and islands of Scotland, Ireland, Iceland, Norway, and the Americas.

HarperCollins; 2017

9hrs 45mins

### **13024 PACIFIC: THE OCEAN OF THE FUTURE**

**By Simon Winchester      Reader Simon Winchester**

Travelling the circumference of the gigantic Pacific Ocean and navigating the newly evolving patterns of commerce and trade, Simon Winchester tells the story of the world's largest body of water. With the world's most violent weather and fascinating histories, and problems in matters economic, political and military - this is truly the ocean of the future.

HarperCollins; 2015

14hrs 0mins

## **SCIENCE – EARTH & PHYSICAL**

### **13052 BRIEF ANSWERS TO THE BIG QUESTIONS**

**By Stephen Hawking      Reader Ben Wishaw**

Stephen Hawking, the world-famous cosmologist and bestselling author of *A Brief History of Time* (2694), leaves us with his final thoughts on the universe's biggest questions in this brilliant posthumous work. As we face potentially catastrophic changes here on Earth, this is his personal view on the challenges we face as a human race, and where we, as a planet, are heading next.

John Murray Audio; 2018

5hrs 0mins

### **13030 THE GLASS UNIVERSE**

**By Dava Sobel      Reader Laurence Bouvard**

In the mid-nineteenth century, a group of remarkable women were employed by Harvard College Observatory as 'Human Computers' to interpret the observations made by their male counterparts. Enriched by excerpts from letters, diaries, and memoirs, Dava Sobel shines a light on the hidden history of these extraordinary women, who changed the burgeoning field of astronomy and our understanding of the stars and our place in the universe.

HarperCollins; 2015

12hrs 0mins

## **TRAVEL – BRITISH ISLES**

### **12869 OUR GREAT CANAL JOURNEYS**

**By Timothy West**

**Reader Timothy West**

A shared love of canals and narrowboats has been inseparable from the marriage of Timothy West and Prunella Scales. In 2014, Tim and Pru took to the canals of Britain with a television crew to record their best-loved trips along the beautiful waterways. Little did anyone guess that their seemingly light-hearted travelogue, would become something entirely more powerful. Timothy tells how Prunella's struggle with dementia has both changed, and yet failed to change, their lives together.

Lamplight Audio; 2018

4hrs 15mins

## **TRAVEL – EUROPEAN**

### **13040 WHERE THE WILD WINDS ARE**

**By Nick Hunt**

**Reader Bob Rollett**

Nick Hunt sets off on an unlikely quest: to follow four of Europe's winds across the continent. From the fells of Cumbria to the Alps, the Rhône to the Adriatic coast, he explores how these unseen powers affect the countries and cultures of Europe.

Nicholas Brealey; 2017

9hrs 0mins

## **TRAVEL – WORLD**

**13095 HEAT**

**By Ranulph Fiennes**

**Reader Ranulph Fiennes**

Ranulph Fiennes, the world's greatest living explorer, has travelled to some of the most remote, dangerous parts of the globe. Well-known for his experiences at the poles and climbing Everest, he has also endured some of the hottest conditions on the planet, where temperatures regularly exceed 40 degrees and, without water and shelter, death is inevitable.

Clipper Audio; 2018

16hrs 0mins

## **WAR – GENERAL**

**12821 VULCAN 607**

**By Rowland White**

**Reader Fred Parker**

When Argentine forces invaded the Falklands in April 1982, Britain's military chiefs were faced with a real-life Mission Impossible. The idea was to destroy the vital landing strip at Port Stanley. The only aircraft that could possibly do the job was three months from being scrapped, and it would take seventeen separate in-flight refuellings to get one Avro Vulcan B2 over the target, and give its crew any chance of coming back alive. This is the dramatic account of the operation.

Corgi; 2007

14hrs 30mins

## **WORLD WAR II**

### **12909 FIGHTER: THE TRUE STORY OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN**

**By Len Deighton**

**Reader John Hobday**

Len Deighton recounts the thrilling history of the ensuing Battle of Britain – the aerial combat between the RAF and the Luftwaffe that was fought over the summer of 1940. Ex-RAF pilot Deighton expertly tells us of the development of the aeroplanes – the Spitfires and Messerschmitts – and of radar. Behind the strategies and tactics, and in the cockpits of the aeroplanes, are the men brought vividly to life by Deighton's skill as a novelist.

Collins; 2014

11hrs 0mins

### **12873 OUR LAND AT WAR: A PORTRAIT OF RURAL BRITAIN 1939–45**

**By Rupert Hart-Davis**

**Reader Hugh Kermode**

On the outbreak of World War II, the countryside was invaded by service personnel and evacuee children by the thousand; land was taken arbitrarily for airfields, training grounds and firing ranges, and whole communities were evicted. Combining both hardship and farce, this book examines the profound changes that the war brought to Britain's countryside.

Lamplight Audio; 2015

13hrs 45mins

**12998      SOME SUNNY DAY: A NURSE. A SOLDIER.  
A WARTIME LOVE STORY  
By Madge Lambert & Tony Blair**

**Reader Grace Dives**

It was July 1944 when Madge stepped onto a troopship that was to carry her thousands of miles away from home. Not long qualified as a nurse, she had signed up to serve in the Burma Campaign. She spent long, exhausting hours nursing the badly-injured young soldiers, but found strength in her friendship with the other nurses. And then, one day, she met Captain Basil Lambert . . . Could their fragile, new found romance survive the terrifying final months of war?

Pan; 2018

10hrs 0mins

**12984      SAS GHOST PATROL**

**By Damien Lewis**

**Reader Leighton Pugh**

In 1942 the SAS donned Nazi uniforms to perpetrate the most audacious and daring mission of the war. Beyond top secret, deniable in the extreme (and of course enjoying Churchill's enthusiastic blessing), this is one of the most remarkable stories of wartime lawlessness, eccentricity and raw courage in the face of impossible odds - a thoroughly British undertaking.

Clipper Audio; 2017

9hrs 45mins

**12818 THE WOMEN WHO FLEW FOR HITLER: THE  
TRUE STORY OF HITLER'S VALKYRIES**

**By Clare Mulley**

**Reader Grace Dives**

Clare Mulley tells the extraordinary story of Hanna Reitsch and Melitta von Stauffenberg, the only female test pilots to serve the Nazi regime, yet who ended their lives on opposite sides of history. This is a full - and as yet largely unknown – account of their contrasting yet strangely parallel lives, against a changing backdrop of the 1936 Olympics, the Eastern Front, the Berlin Air Club, and Hitler's bunker.

Pan; 2018

16hrs 0mins

**13107 DAD'S WAR: FATHER, SOLDIER, HERO**

**By Chris Tarrant**

**Reader Chris Tarrant**

Chris Tarrant and his father Basil were very close, but it was only after Basil's death that he realised he hardly knew him at all. In an emotional journey, Chris discovers that Basil was involved in some of WWII's most significant campaigns, including the Dunkirk evacuation, the D-Day landings and also took part in some of the most brutal, close-range fighting in Cleve.

Lamplight Audio; 2014

8hrs 30mins

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