

For Your Ears Only Summer 2016

Welcome to the summer edition of For Your Ears Only, and once again we bring you lots of lovely new titles to whet your appetite. It is ten years since we started to publish FYEO in its current format, and it just keeps getting bigger as we now add so many books to the library each year. For the past ten years, I have had the pleasure of introducing each edition, but this is the last time as I have decided to retire from Calibre in August.

We always aim to offer our members a wide assortment of books, old favourites as well as new authors, and I hope we have introduced you to some interesting reads. Working in the editorial department has always been fun, as we are constantly finding new favourites among the books we add to the library - books which we hope will be popular with you too!

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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 disk and USB memory stick

Fiction

20TH CENTURY CLASSICS

11134 THE BELL JAR

By Sylvia Plath

Reader Maggie Gyllenhaal

When Esther Greenwood wins an internship at a New York fashion magazine in 1953, she believes she will finally realise her dream to become a writer. But Esther's life begins to slide out of control, as she grapples with difficult relationships and a society which refuses to take women's aspirations seriously. Clipper Audio; 2006 7hrs 15mins

10991 THE FORTNIGHT IN SEPTEMBER

By R C Sherriff

Reader Ann Clark

The Stevens family are living ordinary lives in 1930s' England, making the most of small pleasures and hard-won achievements. They look forward to their holiday in Bognor all year and enjoy it all the more for that. We share their feelings, thoughts and the delightful anticipation of the holiday to come.

Persephone; 2006 10hrs 0mins

11106 THE GARDEN OF EDEN

By Ernest Hemingway

Reader Patrick Wilson

On a Mediterranean honeymoon, writer David Bourne is eager to begin writing again. His wife encourages him, but resenting his working solitude, she involves them both in a strange, erotic triangle with a young woman named Marita. However, only one of them can have Marita...

Clipper Audio; 2009

6hrs 30mins

11041 GREENGATES

By R C Sherriff

Reader Anne Marlow

Mr Baldwin's retirement is something of a disappointment to him. His boredom, his wife's dismay at the quiet orderliness of her life being destroyed and their growing tension with each other slowly grows, until one day they go for a country walk and discover Weldon Valley. Their lives change forever when they see a house for sale and decide to move there.

Persephone; 2015

11hrs 30mins

11044 I GO BY SEA, I GO BY LAND

By P L Travers

Reader Diane Darwin

This is the fictional diary of Sabrina Lind, an eleven-year-old English girl who, with her little brother James, is sent on the long voyage across the sea to her aunt in America. Virago; 2015

4hrs 30mins

11105 ISLANDS IN THE STREAM

By Ernest Hemingway

Reader Bruce Greenwood

Thomas Hudson is living in the Bimini Islands in the Gulf Stream in the 1930s. Separated from his sons for most of the year by their controlling mother, Hudson lives a life carved out by the rolling waves of the sea and the currents of the tide. When his sons come to visit the island, Hudson is forced to come to terms with his unfamiliar role as a father.

Clipper Audio; 2008

13hrs 30mins

11039 JUSTINE

By Lawrence Durrell

Reader Bob Rollett

The tragic story of the mysterious and fascinating Justine, and those whose lives she touched in pre-war Alexandria, is told by her lover, an impoverished Irish teacher who has sought refuge across the Mediterranean in Greece.

Faber; 2012

9hrs 0mins

11148 THE MASTER AND MARGARITA

By Mikhail Bulgakov Reader Julian Rhind-Tutt

The devil makes an appearance in Moscow accompanied by various demons, including a naked girl and a huge black cat. When he leaves, the asylums are full and the forces of law and order in disarray. Only the Master, a man devoted to truth, and Margarita, the woman he loves, can resist the devil's onslaught.

Clipper Audio; 2011 16hrs 45mins

10964 THE PUMPKIN EATER

By Penelope Mortimer Reader Judy le Besque

In this semi-autobiographical novel, Penelope Mortimer depicts a married woman's breakdown in 1960s' London. It is a moving account of one woman's realisation that marriage and family life may not, after all, offer all the answers to the problems of living.

Penguin; 2015 5hrs 0mins

10970 RAGTIME

By E L Doctorow Reader James Murphy

Welcome to America at the turn of the twentieth century, where the rhythms of ragtime set the beat. This dazzling literary mosaic brings to life an era of dire poverty, fabulous wealth, and incredible change.

Penguin; 2006 9hrs 30mins

11129 THE RAINBOW

By D H Lawrence Reader Paul Slack

This controversial classic follows the lives and loves of three generations of the Brangwen family, between 1840 and 1905. Their tempestuous relationships are played out against a backdrop of change as they witness the arrival of industrialization – the only constant being their unending attempts to grasp a higher form of existence, symbolized by the persistent, unifying motif of the 'rainbow'.

Naxos Audio; 2015 20hrs 30mins

11149 THE STORY OF THE BETROTHED

By Umberto Eco

Reader Peter Noble

Lorenzo and Lucia, both from peasant families, are planning their wedding. However, after meeting the villainous Don Rodrigo, the couple are forced to flee their village. Their dangerous journey in exile takes them through one of the most dramatic eras in Italian history, filled with war, famine and plague. Will they ever be able to find happiness together?

Nudged Audio; 2015

1hr 15mins

11107 THE SUN ALSO RISES

By Ernest Hemingway

Reader William Hurt

Paris in the twenties: Jake is wildly in love with Brett Ashley, aristocratic and irresistibly beautiful. When the couple drift to Spain to the dazzle of the fiesta and the heady atmosphere of the bullfight, their affair is strained by new passions, new jealousies, and Jake must finally learn that he will never possess the woman he loves.

Clipper Audio; 2008

7hrs 15mins

11108 TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT

By Ernest Hemingway

Reader Will Patton

Harry Morgan is an honest boat owner who is forced into running contraband between Cuba and Key West as a means of keeping his crumbling family financially afloat. His adventures lead him into the world of the wealthy and dissipated yachtsmen who swarm the region, and involve him in a strange and unlikely love affair.

Clipper Audio; 2008

5hrs 30mins

11070 VAIN SHADOW

By Jane Hervey

Reader Wendy Denison

A wealthy family gathers at their estate in Derbyshire, in the aftermath of the patriarch's death, to mourn him, bury him and read his will. Relationships between the old man's surviving wife and adult children start to shift as they begin to realise what his death will mean.

Persephone; 2015

7hrs 30mins

11037 WAR OF THE WORLDS

By H G Wells **Reader Brian Snellgrove**

H. G. Wells' classic vision of interplanetary warfare and a Martian invasion of Earth, and the resulting panic and destruction. Createspace; 2013 8hrs 0mins

ADVENTURE STORIES

11210 THE LION OF MISTRA

By James Heneage **Reader Lee Maxwell Simpson**

Luke Magoris has to find a fortune to build defences for his beloved Mistra, the last outpost of Imperial Rome. He turns to the Ming Empire for trade, and to Italy for its rapidly developing banks. And yet the Varangian treasure - which only Luke can uncover - may hold the key to all. Clipper Audio; 2015 16hrs 15mins

11209 THE TOWERS OF SAMARCAND

By James Heneage **Reader Colin Mace**

A band of soldiers led by Luke Magoris are on a long journey to Samarcand, hoping to persuade Tamerlane to defend Constantinople. Luke, torn away from the woman he loves, is caught in the crossfire and questions if his mission is honourable, and whether those who sent him have the best interests of Byzantium at heart.

Clipper Audio; 2014 15hrs 15mins

11208 THE WALLS OF BYZANTIUM

By James Heneage **Reader William Rycroft**

Fifteenth-century Europe: a time of warring states and ruthless growing empires. In the midst of growing unrest, rivals battle for a mysterious treasure, each desperate to secure its alleged power for their own nations. The crossed allegiances, plots and passions of four remarkable characters are played out in this epic tale.

Clipper Audio; 2013 16hrs 45mins

CLASSIC FICTION

11074 CHRISTMAS AT THOMPSON HALL

By Anthony Trollope

Reader John Hobday

Mostly set in the imaginary county of Barsetshire, this collection of stories depict the festive period with all Trollope's trademark zest, humour, and cheerfulness. They offer rich and psychologically acute portrayals of the middle class and gentry of Victorian England at Christmas time.

Penguin Classics; 2014

5hrs 30mins

11146 THE COSSACKS

By Leo Tolstoy

Reader Jonathan Oliver

Dissolute, disenchanted Dmitri Olénin decides to join the Army as a cadet and is despatched to the Caucasus. There, he is transformed by seeing how the indigenous people live in harmony with nature, how their lives have more meaning than those of the superficial social elite in Moscow, and he finds a new sense of self and purpose. But nothing is ever quite that simple...

Clipper Audio; 2011

7hrs 0mins

11113 KING SOLOMON'S MINES

By H Rider Haggard **Reader Colonial Radio Theatre**

Allan Quatermain is approached by Sir Henry Curtis and his friend Captain Good to search for Sir Henry's missing brother, who was hunting for treasure in the fabled King Solomon's Mines, deep in the African interior. Their journey takes them to Kukuanialand, where they become embroiled in a desperate tribal battle, and Quatermain's expedition can only reach its goal with the aid of Gagool, the ancient 'mother' no one trusts.

Isis Audio Books; 2011 3hrs 30mins

11087 THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

By John Bunyan Reader David Shaw-Parker

For three hundred years The Pilgrims Progress has remained perhaps the best-loved and most read of devotional fictions. In plain yet powerful and moving language, Bunyan tells the story of Christian's struggle to attain salvation and the Gates of Heaven.

Clipper Audio; 2013 12hrs 0mins

11112 SHE

By H Rider Haggard Reader Peter Joyce

Horace Holly and his ward Leo Vincey travel to a lost kingdom in the African interior. There they discover a primitive race of natives and a mysterious white queen named Ayesha who reigns as the all-powerful "She-who-must-be-obeyed". Their encounter with this all-powerful queen ends in horror and tragedy.

Assembled Stories; 2008 12hrs 30mins

11147 WALDEN AND CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

By H D Thoreau Reader Rupert Degas

In 1845 Henry David Thoreau, one of the principal New England Transcendentalists, left the small town of Concord for the country. Beside the lake of Walden he built himself a log cabin and returned to nature, to observe and reflect. From this experience emerged Walden, one of the great classics of American literature. Here also is 'Civil Disobedience', Thoreau's essay on just resistance to government.

Clipper Audio; 2011 11hrs 45mins

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

11190 ALL HE EVER WANTED

By Anita Shreve **Reader Jeff Harding**

A man receives a bill for a chandelier that he never ordered and has never seen. This mysterious document turns out to be the hinge of his world and his attempts to make sense of it lead him to facts about himself, his marriage and his orderly life that had previously been hidden from him.

Clipper Audio; 2007 10hrs 45mins

11219 THE ASTONISHING RETURN OF NORAH WELLS

By Virginia Macgregor **Reader Clare Corbett**

One ordinary morning, Norah walked out of her house and never looked back. Six years later, she returns only to find another woman in her place. Fay held Norah's family together after she disappeared. Now that Norah has returned, everyone has questions. Why did she leave? And why is she back? What happens to the mother who stayed when the mother who left comes back?

Oakhill Audio; 2016 11hrs 0mins

11172 THE BEGINNING OF SPRING

By Penelope Fitzgerald **Reader Angela Holland**

It is March 1913, and the grand old city of Moscow is stirring herself to meet the beginning of spring. But at 22 Lipka Street, Nellie Reed disappears from her home and her husband Frank, suspecting she has returned to England, must raise their three young children with the help of beautiful Lisa Ivanovna.

Fourth estate; 2014 6hrs 0mins

10953 BROTHER OF THE MORE FAMOUS JACK

By Barbara Trapido Reader Elizabeth Goodrich

Katherine, a suburban girl, is introduced to bohemian, academic life when she meets the eccentric Goldman family. She falls for their odious son Roger - despite his parents' warnings - and sure enough, first love quickly leads to heartbreak and sends her fleeing to Rome. Then ten years later, she returns to find love where she least expected it.

Bloomsbury; 2009

7hrs 0mins

11167 THE CHIMES

By Anna Smail

Reader Simon Howard

A boy stands on the roadside on his way to London, no memories, beyond what he can hold in his hands at any given moment. No parents - just a melody that tugs at him, that says if he can just get to the capital he may find some answers. In the city Simon meets Lucien, who has some secrets of his own, and a theory about the danger lurking in Simon's past.

Sceptre; 2015

10hrs 30mins

11187 CLEVER GIRL

By Tessa Hadley

Reader Julie Teal

We follow the story of Stella, the daughter of a single mother in a Bristol bedsit in the 1960s, into the mysterious shallows of her middle age. The story is full of drama, violent deaths, an abrupt end to Stella's schooldays, and two sons by different fathers who aren't around to see the boys grow up.

Clipper Audio; 2013

9hrs 30mins

11185 CREATURE COMFORTS

By Trisha Ashley

Reader Julia Barrie

Izzy Dane lives in the sleepy village of Halfhidden with her aunt Debo, who runs the local kennels. Izzy's life isn't particularly exciting, but that's just how she likes it. So what happens when someone forces Izzy to fall in love with life again? Can you make an omelette without breaking a few eggs?

Jammer Audio; 2014

12hrs 30mins

11261 ELIGIBLE

By Curtis Sittenfeld

Reader Cassandra Campbell

A retelling of *Pride and Prejudice*, set in modern-day Cincinnati. When their father has a health scare, the Bennet sisters return to their childhood home in Cincinnati to help - and discover that the sprawling mansion they grew up in is crumbling and the family is in disarray. And Mrs. Bennet has one thing on her mind: how to marry off her daughters...

Random House Audio; 2016

13hrs 30mins

11223 THE ENGLISH GIRL

By Katherine Webb

Reader Anna Bentinck

Joan Seabrook, a fledgling archaeologist, longs to explore the desert fort of Jabrin, and unearth the treasures it is said to conceal. When she meets her childhood heroine, pioneering explorer Maude Vickery, Joan is seduced by Maude's stories, and the thrill of the adventure they hold. Only too late does she question actions that will spark a potentially disastrous, chain of events...

Oakhill Audio; 2016

16hrs 40mins

11103 THE FORGET-ME-NOT SONATA

By Santa Montefiore Reader Juanita McMahon

The Hurlingham Club in Buenos Aires is a little piece of England. Here the Anglo-Argentinean community devour gossip as eagerly as the scones and Earl Grey tea. And it is here that Audrey Garnet loses her heart to Louis Forrester, the talented, troubled composer who sets tongues wagging with his eccentricities and chequered past...

Clipper Audio; 2007 18hrs 0mins

11104 THE GIRL IN THE RED COAT

By Kate Hamer Reader Antonia Beamish

Eight-year-old Carmel Wakeford becomes separated from her mother at a local children's festival, and is found by a man who claims to be her estranged grandfather. He tells her that her mother has had an accident and that she is to live with him for now. While her mother desperately tries to find her, Carmel embarks on an extraordinary journey, one that will make her question who she is - and who she might become.

Clipper Audio; 2015 12hrs 0mins

11056 THE GIRL UNDER THE OLIVE TREE

By Leah Fleming Reader Penelope Freeman

1938: When her sister Evadne needs her help in Athens, Penelope George seizes the opportunity to escape London society. Arriving in the historic city, she reinvents herself.. until war breaks out. Sixty years later she returns on a journey which leads her to a reunion with the friend she thought she had lost forever - and the truth behind a secret buried deep in the past...

Magna; 2014 14hrs 0mins

11239 THE GIRLS**By Lisa Jewell****Reader Amelie Jewell**

You've known your neighbours for years and you trust them. Implicitly. You think your children are safe. But are they really? On a midsummer's night, a thirteen-year-old girl is found unconscious in a dark corner of the garden square. What really happened to her? And who is responsible? Clipper Audio; 2015 9hrs 30mins

11135 THE GUEST CAT**By Takashi Hiraide****Reader Michael Duffin**

A couple in their thirties live in a small rented cottage in a quiet part of Tokyo. They work at home as freelance writers. They no longer have very much to say to one another until one day a cat invites itself into their small kitchen, and life suddenly seems to have more promise; until something happens that will change everything again... Picador; 2014 3hrs 15mins

11118 HAPPY BIRTHDAY**By Danielle Steel****Reader Angela Dawe**

For April Wyatt, turning thirty is not what she had expected. Her successful restaurant in downtown New York consumes every ounce of her passion and energy. Ready or not, though, April's life is about to change, in a tumultuous discovery on the morning of her milestone birthday. Brilliance Audio; 2011 8hrs 0mins

10986 HONOUR**By Elif Shafak Reader Jenny Clay**

Leaving her twin sister behind, Pembe leaves Turkey for love - following her husband Adem to London. There the Topraks hope to make new lives for themselves and their children. Yet, no matter how far they travel, the traditions and beliefs they left behind stay with them.

Viking; 2013

18hrs 30mins

11237 IMOGEN'S BABY

By Amanda Prowse Reader Cathleen McCarron

It's hard enough having a baby on your own. But for Imogen, 24 years old and blind since birth, it will be harder than most. Her journey will take her from heartache to hope and back again. But Imogen has never let blindness rule her life, and she isn't going to start now... Clipper Audio; 2016 2hrs 45mins

11176 IN THE PLACE OF FALLEN LEAVES

By Tim Pears Reader Yvonne Clemenson

One hot summer everything seems to be slowing down in the tiny Devon village where Alison lives. She feels that time has stopped just as she wants to enter the real world of adulthood. In fact, in the cruel heat of summer, time is creeping towards her, and closing in around the valley. Bloomsbury; 2005 11hrs 30mins

11102 THE ITALIAN MATCHMAKER

By Santa Montefiore Reader Juanita McMahon

Gianluca's life is empty. His City job, his seven-figure income, his glossy girlfriends - all have long ceased to satisfy him. His marriage is over and he barely knows his young daughters. In search of serenity and a deeper purpose, he flees to Italy. But life is not as peaceful as he anticipates... Clipper Audio; 2009 12hrs 45mins

11150 LETTERS TO THE LOST

By Iona Grey Reader Avita Jay

1943: in the ruins of Blitzed London, Stella Thorne and Dan Rosinski fall in love. Sixty years later Dan sends a letter to the house where they shared a brief yet perfect happiness. But Stella has gone, and the letter is opened by Jess. She is captivated by the story of a love affair that burned so bright. Can she help Dan find Stella before it is too late?

Lamplight Audio; 2015 17hrs 0mins

11269 THE LITTLE PARIS BOOKSHOP

By Nina George

Reader Jilly Bond

On a beautifully restored barge on the Seine, Jean Perdu runs a bookshop or, rather, a 'literary apothecary', for this bookseller possesses a rare gift for sensing which books will soothe the troubled souls of his customers. The only person he is unable to cure, it seems, is himself...

Isis Audio Books; 2015 12hrs 0mins

11189 THE LIVES OF STELLA BAIN

By Anita Shreve

Reader Penelope Rawlins

When American woman, Stella Bain, is found suffering from shell shock in a London garden, surgeon August Bridge and his wife agree to take her in. Stella had been working as a nurse's aide near the front, but she can't remember anything prior to four months earlier when she was found wounded on a French battlefield, and August soon develops a clinical interest in his houseguest.

Clipper Audio; 2014 8hrs 0mins

11064 MY NAME IS LUCY BARTON

By Elizabeth Strout

Reader Kimberley Farr

Lucy Barton is recovering slowly from what should have been a simple operation. Her mother, to whom she hasn't spoken for many years, comes to see her. Gentle gossip about people from Lucy's childhood in Amgash, Illinois, seems to reconnect them, but just below the surface lie the tension and longing that have informed every aspect of Lucy's life.

Random House Audio; 2016 4hrs 0mins

11075 NOAH'S ARK

By Barbara Trapido

Reader Brenda White

Ali Bobrow is an other-worldly single parent with a fraught nine-year-old daughter, a malevolent 'ex', and an underused artistic talent. Then she meets Noah Glazer, a solid man of science, who walks into her over-populated life bringing good sense, order and security. But ten years on, Ali is drawn back into the complexities of her past: an old lover, two ex-spouses, and a colleague from clown school, all help to rock the boat.

Bloomsbury; 2009

10hrs 30mins

11054 THE ORPHAN MASTER'S SON

By Adam Johnson

Reader Tim Kang

Imagine the life of an orphan boy plucked from nowhere to be trained as a tunnel assassin, a kidnapper, a spy. Here we follow a young man's journey through the icy waters, dark tunnels, and eerie spy chambers of the world's most mysterious dictatorship, North Korea.

Random House Audio; 2012 19hrs 30mins

11161 PARADISE CITY

By Elizabeth Day

Reader Ann Stutz

Four strangers, each inhabitants of the same city, where the gulf between those who have too much and those who will never have enough is impossibly vast. But when the glass that separates their worlds is shattered by an inexcusable act, they discover that the capital has connected them in ways they could never have imagined.

Bloomsbury; 2015

12hrs 0mins

11263 A PARTISAN'S DAUGHTER

By Louis de Bernieres

Reader Jeff Rawle

Bored, lonely, and trapped in a loveless marriage forty-something Chris is a stranger to London's 1970s' youth culture, when he propositions Roza, a Yugoslavian newcomer who spends the next few months telling Chris the story of her past. But is Roza telling the truth? Does Chris hear the stories through the filter of his own need? Does it even matter?

Random House Audio; 2008 6hrs 0mins

11188 THE PAST

By Tessa Hadley

Reader Antonia Beamish

Three sisters and a brother meet up in their grandparents' old house one summer. The house is full of memories of their childhood and their past, but now they may have to sell it. Secrets are uncovered and passions erupt as a way of life winds down to its inevitable end. Clipper Audio; 2016 11hrs 0mins

11192 A PERFECTLY GOOD MAN

By Patrick Gale

Reader Stephen Perring

Twenty-year-old Lenny Barnes, paralysed in a rugby accident, commits suicide in the presence of Barnaby Johnson, the much-loved priest of a West Cornwall parish. Soon the tragedy's reverberations open up the fault-lines between Barnaby and his nearest and dearest. Clipper Audio; 2012 11hrs 15mins

11145 THE QUAKER CAFE

By Brenda Bevan Remmes

Reader Bahni Turpin

When Liz Hoole marries into a conservative Quaker family, she knows that life will be challenging. Twenty-five years later, Liz eavesdropping on gossip at the Quaker Café, discovers the truth about an injustice that she cannot reveal to anyone - not even her husband.

Brilliance Audio; 2015 11hrs 30mins

11095 SEED**By Lisa Heathfield****Reader Avita Jay**

Fifteen-year-old Pearl has lived her whole life protected within the small community at Seed, where they worship Nature and idolise their leader, Papa S. But when some outsiders arrive, Pearl experiences feelings that she never knew existed and begins to realise that there is darkness at the heart of Seed, from which she must escape before it's too late.

Jammer Audio; 2015

8hrs 45mins

11218 SHTUM**By Jem Lester****Reader David Thorpe**

Ben Jewell's 10-year-old son, Jonah, has never spoken. As Ben battles single fatherhood, a string of well-meaning social workers and his own demons, he learns some difficult home truths. Jonah, blissful in his innocence, becomes the prism through which all the complicated strands of personal identity, family history and misunderstanding are finally untangled.

Oakhill Audio; 2016

9hrs 0mins

11137 STRANGERS ON THE 16:02**By Priya Basil****Reader Molly Hanson**

It's a hot, crowded train. Two strangers are jammed against each other in a crowded carriage. Noisy school kids fill the train - and three of them are about to cause a whole heap of trouble. In the chaos, Helen and Kerm are thrown together in a way they never expected.

Black Swan; 2011

2hrs 0mins

11182 THE SUMMER BEFORE THE WAR

By Helen Simonson Reader Fiona Hardingham

East Sussex, 1914. It is the end of England's brief Edwardian summer, and everyone agrees that the weather has never been so beautiful. But the perfect summer is about to end. Soon the limits of progress, and the old ways, will be tested as this small Sussex town and its inhabitants go to war.

Random House Audio; 2016 16hrs 0mins

11101 THE SWALLOW AND THE HUMMINGBIRD

By Santa Montefiore Reader Juanita McMahon

When George Bolton returns home to Devon at the end of the war, Rita assumes that her childhood sweetheart will marry her and that their future will be a reassuring continuation of their past. But the boy who joined the RAF has come back a man, and a man irrevocably changed by the horrors that he has seen...

Clipper Audio; 2005 17hrs 0mins

11193 SWEET CARESS: THE MANY LIVES OF AMORY CLAY

By William Boyd

Reader Jilly Bond

When Amory's photographer uncle gives her a camera and some lessons in photography, he unwittingly unleashes a passion that will irrevocably shape her future. Her search for life, love and artistic expression takes her to the demi monde of Berlin of the late 20s, to New York of the 30s, and to France in the Second World War where she becomes one of the first women war photographers.

Clipper Audio; 2015 15hrs 0mins

11160 A TEASPOON OF EARTH AND SEA

By Dina Nayeri

Reader Vivienne Ennemoser

All her life Saba has been taught that 'fate is in the blood,' which must mean that twins will live the same life, even if separated by land and sea. As Saba struggles with the limited possibilities available to her as a woman in Iran, she imagines a simultaneous, parallel life - a Western version, for her twin sister in America, which Saba believes gives her a freedom and control that she can only dream of.

Allen and Unwin; 2013

13hrs 0mins

11142 UNDER A CORNISH SKY

By Liz Fenwick

Reader Anne Dover

Demi can't help wondering why everything always goes wrong for her. Left with nowhere to stay following her boyfriend's betrayal, pitching up at her grandfather's cottage in Cornwall is her only option: Victoria thinks she's finally got what she wanted - after years of a loveless marriage, she thinks new widowhood will suit her very well indeed... But both women are in for a surprise...

Soundings Audio; 2015 11hrs 30mins

11222 UNDER ITALIAN SKIES

By Nicky Pellegrino

Reader Jane McDowell

Stella has life under control - and that's the way she likes it, until one day she finds a house swap website and sees a beautiful old villa in a southern Italian village. Could she really exchange her poky London flat for that? As Stella wonders if she can let go of the safety of her past, perhaps there's a chance for her to find a way into her future...

Oakhill Audio; 2016

9hrs 20mins

11245 VANISHING

By Gerard Woodward Reader Finlay Robertson

Towards the end of the Second World War, young British artist Kenneth Brill is arrested for painting landscapes near the old village of Heathrow. The authorities suspect his paintings contain coded information about the new military airfield that is to be built there. Under interrogation a more complicated picture emerges as Brill tells the story of his life..

Clipper Audio; 2014 16hrs 0mins

11091 THE VERSIONS OF US

By Laura Barnett Reader Clare Corbett

Eva and Jim are nineteen, and students at Cambridge, when their paths first cross in 1958. Jim is walking along a lane when a woman approaching him on a bicycle swerves to avoid a dog. What happens next will determine the rest of their lives. We follow three different courses their lives could take following this first meeting.

Richard & Judy Bookclub

Clipper Audio; 2015 12hrs 45mins

**10987 THE VOYAGE OF THE GOLDEN
HANDSHAKE**

By Terry Waite Reader Terrence Hardiman

Albert Hardcastle and his wife Alice decide to celebrate their retirement by taking the luxury cruise they had always dreamed of. But when they embark on The Golden Handshake's maiden voyage, they encounter characters and experiences more colourful than they could ever have imagined, and meet with both triumph and disaster, as well as plenty in between.

Silvertail; 2015 12hrs 45mins

11191 THE WEIGHT OF WATER

By Anita Shreve

Reader Liza Ross

In 1873, three Norwegian women were brutally attacked on a small bleak island off the coast of New Hampshire. More than a century later, Jean, a photojournalist, travels to the island on a research assignment to investigate the murder. As she immerses herself in a tale of love and loss, the ancient story begins to affect her behaviour, driving her to wild, impulsive action - with irreversible consequences.

Clipper Audio; 2003

8hrs 30mins

11186 WISH UPON A STAR

By Trisha Ashley

Reader Julia Barrie

Single mum Cally has no time for love; her life is all about her little girl Stella. But when Stella gets sick, Cally realizes how tough it can be to go it alone. Can laid-back, charming Jago unlock Cally's frozen heart and show her that the best gifts aren't always found under the tree? Clipper Audio; 2013

13hrs 30mins

11030 WITHOUT YOU

By Saskia Sarginson

Reader Kim Ismay

When 17-year-old Eva goes missing at sea, everyone presumes that she drowned. Her parents' relationship is falling apart, undermined by guilt and grief. But her younger sister, Faith, refuses to consider a life without Eva; she's determined to find her sister and bring her home alive. Piatkus; 2014

12hrs 0mins

COSY CRIME: GENTLE MYSTERIES

11202 ANTIDOTE TO VENOM

By Freeman Wills Croft

Reader Gordon Griffin

George Surridge, director of the Birmingham Zoo, is a man with many worries: his marriage is collapsing; his finances are insecure; and an outbreak of disease threatens the animals in his care.

Soundings Audio; 2015

9hrs 0mins

**11267 BLOTTO, TWINKS AND THE HEIR TO THE
 TSAR**

By Simon Brett

Reader Simon Brett

Tawcester Towers has suffered an unwelcome injection of distant cousins. Count Igor and Count Lyudmilla Bashusky had to flee Russia after the Revolution. Their arrival causes a stir, and it's up to Blotto and Twinks, that indefatigable duo, to provide a solution to get them back to Russia. Isis Audio Books; 2015 6hrs 30mins

11065 THE CARTER OF LA PROVIDENCE

By Georges Simenon

Reader David Hobbs

Inspector Maigret is standing in the pouring rain by a canal. A well-dressed woman, Mary Lampson, has been found strangled in a stable nearby. Why did her glamorous, hedonistic life come to such a brutal end here? Surely her taciturn husband Sir Walter knows...

Penguin; 2014

4hrs 0mins

11055 DEATH OF AN AVID READER

By Frances Brody

Reader Anne Dover

Kate Shackleton's sterling reputation for courageous sleuthing is put to the test when the body of the respected Horatio Potter is found in the Leeds Library basement. The quiet literary community is suddenly turned upside down with suspicions, accusations and - much to Kate's surprise - the appearance of a particularly intelligent Capuchin monkey! Magna; 2014 11hrs 30mins

11081 THE FULL CUPBOARD OF LIFE

By Alexander McCall Smith

Reader Hilary Neville

Now engaged, but wondering if the wedding day will ever be named - Mma Ramotswe must put her energy into her work. A wealthy lady has several suitors, but are the men only interested in her money?

Isis Audio Books; 2015

6hrs 40mins

11201 THE HOG'S BACK MYSTERY

By Freeman Wills Croft Reader Gordon Griffin

Dr James Earle and his wife live in comfortable seclusion near the Hog's Back, a ridge in the beautiful Surrey countryside. When Dr Earle disappears from his cottage, Inspector French is called in to investigate.

Soundings Audio; 2015 11hrs 0mins

11005 INSPECTOR MORIMOTO AND THE DIAMOND PENDANTS

By Timothy Hemion Reader Nicola Down

Morimoto and Suzuki encounter some intriguing puzzles centered around an expensive piece of diamond jewellery. How are the wealthy owner of the downtown kimono shop and the no-nonsense manager of the Okayama Central Hospital connected to the case?

iUniverse; 2004 6hrs 0mins

11111 INSPECTOR MORIMOTO AND THE FAMOUS POTTER

By Timothy Hemion Reader Pauline Beale

Inspector Morimoto and Officer Suzuki become involved in the feud of a proud and famous family of potters. As they grapple with intriguing puzzles, Morimoto and Suzuki realize that the essence of the case is the interaction between trust and mistrust, and one man's dream for the future of Bizen pottery.

iUniverse; 2004 9hrs 0mins

11068 MURDER FOR CHRISTMAS

By Francis Duncan Reader Richard Simpson

Mordecai Tremaine has been invited to spend Christmas at the country retreat of Benedict Grame. Soon the party-goers discover that it's not just presents nestling under the tree...there's a dead body too. One that bears a striking resemblance to Father Christmas! With suspicions flying, it's up to Mordecai to sniff out the culprit..

Vintage; 2015 9hrs 30mins

**11196 RESORTING TO MURDER: HOLIDAY
MYSTERIES**

By Martin Edwards (editor) Reader Maureen Marshall

From a golf course at the English seaside to a pension in Paris, and from a Swiss mountain resort to the cliffs of Normandy, this selection of stories shows the enjoyable and unexpected ways in which crime writers have used summer holidays as a theme.

British Library; 2015 9hrs 30mins

**11085 SIDNEY CHAMBERS AND THE
FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

By James Runcie Reader Peter Wickham

The loveable full-time priest and part-time detective, Canon Sidney Chambers, continues his sleuthing adventures in 1960s' Cambridge. Sidney is adjusting to married life and gaining more experience in his job. But things don't always go smoothly and he finds that he has to deal with sins and the forgiveness of them - his own and other people's, almost on a daily basis.

Isis Audio Books; 2015 11hrs 20mins

**11084 SIDNEY CHAMBERS AND THE PROBLEM
OF EVIL**

By James Runcie Reader Peter Wickham

As well as attempting to stop a serial killer who has a grievance against the clergy, full-time priest and part-time detective, Canon Sidney Chambers, wrestles with the problem of evil, attempts to fulfill the demands of Dickens - his faithful Labrador, and contemplates, as always, the nature of love.

Isis Audio Books; 2014 8hrs 0mins

DETECTIVE & MYSTERY STORIES

11086 ALEX

By Pierre Lemaitre

Reader David Rintoul

Alex Prévost may be no ordinary victim, but her time is running out. Commandant Camille Verhoeven and his detectives have nothing to go on: all they know is that a girl was snatched off the streets of Paris and bundled into a white van. And before long, saving her life will be the least of his worries.

Jammer Audio; 2013 11hrs 15mins

10962 BLACK DOG

By Stephen Booth

Reader Patrick Lunt

When teenager Laura Vernon goes missing during a hot summer in the Peak District, the local police mount a full-scale search. DC Ben Cooper's instinctive feelings about the case are called into question by the arrival of Diane Fry, a ruthlessly ambitious detective from another division. Soon Ben and Diane discover that to understand the present, they must also understand the past. Harper; 2007

13hrs 30mins

11121 BLOOD EAGLE

By Craig Russell

Reader Sean Barrett

The first woman had her lungs ripped out. When the same gruesome ritualistic method was used again, it was clear that the same killer was responsible. But there is no precise evidence to link the two cases, except for a tantalising email. In his desperate attempt to solve the case before more victims are discovered, Jan Fabel of the Hamburg murder squad, gradually uncovers layer upon layer of intrigue.

Isis Audio Books; 2006 13hrs 0mins

11099 DEAD LIKE YOU

By Peter James

Reader David Bauckham

After a New Year's Eve ball, a woman is raped as she returns to her hotel room. A week later, another woman is attacked. Superintendent Roy Grace realises that these new cases bear close similarities to an unsolved series of crimes in Brighton back in 1997. When more women are assaulted, Grace becomes increasingly certain that they are dealing with the same twisted individual... Clipper Audio; 2010 14hrs 30mins

11097 DEAD MAN'S FOOTSTEPS

By Peter James

Reader David Bauckham

The discovery of the skeletal remains of a woman's body in a storm drain in Brighton, leads Detective Superintendent Roy Grace on an enquiry spanning the globe, and into a desperate race against time to save the life of a woman being hunted down like an animal in the streets and alleys of Brighton.

Clipper Audio; 2008 14hrs 45mins

11194 DEAD MAN'S GRIP

By Peter James

Reader Jamie Glover

Carly Chase is traumatised after being in a fatal traffic accident. When the drivers of the other vehicles involved are found murdered, Detective Superintendent Roy Grace issues her a stark and urgent warning: she could be next. The police advise Carly her only option is to go into hiding. But she disagrees...

Clipper Audio; 2012 12hrs 30mins

11122 DEATH ON THE MARAIS

By Adrian Magson **Reader Gordon Griffin**

France, 1963. Inspector Lucas Rocco finds himself moved from the Paris metropolis to a small village. His new patch might be rural, but it's certainly not uneventful: on his first day, he finds a murdered woman wearing a Gestapo uniform lying in a British military cemetery. Before long Rocco realises he's up against a formidable enemy who will go to any lengths - even murder - to stop his investigation.

Soundings Audio; 2010 11hrs 0mins

11124 EVEN DOGS IN THE WILD

By Ian Rankin **Reader James MacPherson**

Retirement doesn't suit John Rebus. So when DI Siobhan Clarke asks for his help on a case, Rebus doesn't need long to consider. Clarke's been investigating the death of a lawyer whose body was found along with a threatening note. Meanwhile, Big Ger Cafferty - Rebus's long-time nemesis - has received an identical note and a bullet through his window. Now it's up to Clarke and Rebus to connect the dots and stop a killer.

Clipper Audio; 2015 11hrs 15mins

11133 THE GHOSTS OF ALTONA

By Craig Russell **Reader Peter Noble**

When a body is unearthed in a mini-market car park Jan Fabel, Chief of the Hamburg murder squad, suspects it is a young woman, Monika Krone, who disappeared 15-years earlier. Some days later a prominent artist is murdered in bizarre circumstances. A further three bizarre murders follow and Fabel starts to suspect that they may be linked in some way to the discovery of Monika's body.

Jammer Audio; 2015 12hrs 30mins

11089 IRENE**By Pierre Lemaitre****Reader Peter Noble**

Commandant Verhoeven is happily married and expecting his first child with the lovely Irène. But his blissful existence is punctured by a murder of unprecedented savagery. When he discovers that the killer has killed before – and that each murder is a homage to a classic crime novel - the newspapers are quick to coin a nickname - The Novelist.

Jammer Audio; 2014 12hrs 30mins

11217 A KILLING IN ANTIQUES**By Bill Knox****Reader James Bryce**

Detective Inspector Colin Thane, of the Scottish Crime Squad, is called in to investigate Glasgow's most recent and costly crime wave. Someone with impeccable taste is discreetly stealing antiques from some very fashionable addresses. Thane's job is to replace the irreplaceable - and fast.

Isis Audio Books; 2009 7hrs 0mins

11215 LONG WAY HOME**By Eva Dolan****Reader David Thorpe**

A man is burnt alive in a suburban garden shed. DI Zigic and DS Ferreira are called in from the Peterborough Hate Crimes Unit to investigate the murder. Their victim is quickly identified as a migrant worker and when another migrant worker is attacked, tensions rapidly begin to rise as Zigic and Ferreira search for their killer.

Isis Audio Books; 2014 12hrs 35mins

11098 LOOKING GOOD DEAD

By Peter James

Reader David Thorpe

Tom Bryce picks up a CD which has been left behind on a train seat, but when he attempts to track down the owner, he finds himself the only witness to a savage killing. Reporting the crime to the police has disastrous consequences for Bryce, and when Roy Grace becomes involved, he finds himself up against a malign group of very well organised criminals...

Clipper Audio; 2007

16hrs 0mins

11157 NARROWING THE FIELD

By A P McCoy

Reader Daniel Weyman

Everything seems to be going right for brilliant young jockey Duncan Claymore. But when Michelle O'Brien - a friend and talented fellow jockey - is killed, Duncan knows it was far from a tragic accident. He will stop at nothing to avenge Michelle's death and with his seemingly perfect world starting to come apart at the seams, can he balance his desire for victory on the field with his desire to see justice served?

Oakhill Audio; 2016

7hrs 45mins

11088 THE NEON RAIN

By James Lee Burke

Reader Will Patton

Homicide detective Dave Robicheaux has been warned that he's on somebody's hit list, and now he is trying to discover just who that is before he ends up dead. Meanwhile he has taken on the murder investigation of a young girl found dead in the Bayou swamp. Robicheaux uncovers a web of corruption that leads him to a terrifying confrontation with the one horror he fears most of all.

Clipper Audio; 2016

8hrs 15mins

11100 NOT DEAD ENOUGH

By Peter James

Reader David Bauckham

Detective Superintendent Roy Grace is investigating the bizarre slaying of Katie Bishop, a member of Brighton's social elite. Her husband Brian appears to be in the clear - he was in another town at the time, sound asleep. But as Grace gets close to the truth, he finds - paradoxically - that it's his own beleaguered private life which is on the line...
Clipper Audio; 2007 15hrs 45mins

11051 X NOW'S THE TIME

By John Harvey

Reader Bob Rollett

Twelve short stories featuring Detective Inspector Charlie Resnick. In an inner-city world of struggling heroes and feckless villains, a woman is beaten; a charred body is found in a warehouse: another 4 a.m. call for Charlie Resnick.

Arrow; 2002

8hrs 0mins

11132 A PLACE OF EXECUTION

By Val McDermid

Reader Paddy Glynn

When 13-year-old Alison Carter vanished from the village of Scarsdale in the winter of '63, everyone assumed it was an unsolved murder. Journalist Catherine Heathcote, a child herself when Alison vanished, persuades DI George Bennett to speak of the hunt for Alison. But when a fresh lead emerges, Bennett tries to stop the story – plunging Catherine into a world of buried secrets and revelations...

Clipper Audio; 2016

15hrs 0mins

11177 THE SILENCE OF THE SEA

By Yrsa Sigurdardottir

Reader Julia Barrie

A luxury yacht arrives in Reykjavik harbour with nobody on board. What has happened to the crew, and to the family who were on board when it left Lisbon? Thora Gudmundsdottir is hired by the young father's parents to investigate, and is soon drawn deeper into the mystery.

Isis Audio Books; 2014 13hrs 10mins

11078 SOMEONE ELSE'S SKIN

By Sarah Hilary **Reader Imogen Church**

Detective Inspector Marnie Rome and DS Noah Jake visit a women's shelter to interview a resident, only to find one of the women's husbands, who shouldn't have been there, lying stabbed on the floor. As Marnie and Noah investigate, the violence escalates. If Marnie is going to find the truth she will have to face her own demons head on. Because the time has come for secrets to be revealed...

Isis Audio Books; 2014 11hrs 10mins

11184 THE THIRD WOMAN

By Jonathan Freedland **Reader Jennifer Woodward**

Journalist Madison Webb never thought she would be investigating her own sister's murder. She uncovers evidence that suggests that Abi was a victim in a series of killings that have been hushed up as part of a major conspiracy. With her life on the line, Madison must give up the story, or face the consequences...

Jammer Audio; 2015 13hrs 45mins

11247 THOSE WE LEFT BEHIND

By Stuart Neville **Reader Deirdre O'Connell**

When 12-year-old Ciaran Devine confessed to murdering his foster father it sent shock waves through the nation. But was there more to this case than the police uncovered? When concerns are brought to DCI Serena Flanagan, years of lies begin to unravel, setting a deadly chain of events in motion.

Clipper Audio; 2016 10hrs 0mins

11195 WANT YOU DEAD

By Peter James

Reader Daniel Weyman

When Red Westwood meets Bryce Laurent through an online dating agency, there is an instant attraction. But soon the truth about his past begins to emerge. Everything he has told Red about himself turns out to be lies, and her infatuation with him gradually turns to terror as Bryce intends to destroy everything and everyone she has ever known - and then her too . . .

Clipper Audio; 2014

12hrs 15mins

FAMILY STORIES

11114 A BROKEN FAMILY

By Kitty Neale

Reader Penelope Freeman

Celia Frost has always thought herself a cut above the other residents of Lark Rise in Battersea. When her beloved son, Thomas, marries Amy Miller, a girl from the bottom of the Rise, Celia disapproves, thinking her common. As a tide of jealousy and hate grows, Amy must fight for her marriage, and her baby.

Soundings Audio; 2013

12hrs 0mins

11072 DOWN OUR STREET

By Lena Kennedy

Reader Ann Lander

With the outbreak of World War II the Flanagan family is shaken from their crowded nest in London's East End. The young ones are evacuated from the war-torn capital - the girls to Devon and the boys to a school in the Midlands they reckon is worse than Colditz! The war brings tragedy - but it's Amy, with her fierce courage and determination, who pulls the family back together in the turbulent years that follow.

Hodder; 2013

9hrs 0mins

11179 DREAMS OF HOME

By Gwen Kirkwood

Reader Hilary Neville

After her brother's death, Megan Oliphant continued writing to his best friend, Steven Caraford. Now the war is over, Steven has longed for the day when he can return to Scotland and continue farming with his family, but then a crisis almost tears his world apart.

Soundings Audio; 2010 8hrs 30mins

11225 EMMA

By Rosie Clarke

Reader Helena Coates

When Emma Robinson discovers she is carrying Paul Greenslade's child, he disappears rather than marry a common shop-girl. Forced by her tyrannical father to marry Richard Gillows, Emma learns quickly that a jealous husband is a violent one. How can Emma escape the ties that bind her, to build a life for herself and her child?

Oakhill; 2015 9hrs 20mins

11227 EMMA'S DUTY

By Rosie Clarke

Reader Helena Coates

Emma is slowly adjusting to her husband's return from the war, even though his appalling injuries mean their marriage is in name only. But when tragedy strikes, Emma finds she cannot turn to Jack Harvey, her long-standing friend and one-time lover – for while he still loves her, he is now a married man..

Oakhill; 2016 9hrs 30mins

11226 EMMA'S WAR

By Rosie Clarke

Reader Helena Coates

Newly married Emma thinks that life couldn't be better. But her happiness is short-lived when within months, Jon's plane is shot down over France and he is declared missing, presumed dead. When she makes a new friend in the American businessman Jack Harvey, she is faced with a difficult decision. Should she take a last chance at happiness? Oakhill; 2015 9hrs 30mins

11119 HOTEL VENDOME**By Danielle Steel****Reader Fred Stella**

Swiss-born Hugues Martin transforms a small, run-down hotel in New York into a beautiful boutique hotel, run with the precision and attention to detail he learned through his training in Europe. A single parent to four-year-old Heloise, the hotel is the centre of their world. And when Heloise grows up, she longs to follow in her father's footsteps and one day run the Hotel Vendome.

Brilliance Audio; 2011 9hrs 30mins

10989 KEEP SMILING THROUGH**By Lilian Harry****Reader Pat Steadman**

May 1941 - and the people of April Grove, Portsmouth are beginning to feel the war will never end. Yet as the war irredeemably changes their lives, the families of April Grove learn to endure - and even to keep smiling through.

Orion; 2000

21hrs 30mins

11052 QUEENIE'S CASTLE**By Lena Kennedy****Reader Elizabeth Charles**

On his release from prison on a wrongful charge of murder, Joe Walowski heads to the East End of London to find the real killers. There he meets the mysterious Queenie, proprietor of the Ship and Castle pub, and as he falls under her spell, he gradually becomes entangled in London's underworld.

Hodder; 2013

6hrs 0mins

FANTASY FICTION

11211 BROKEN HOMES

By Ben Aaronovitch

Reader Kobna Holdbrook-Smith

A mutilated body in Crawley. The prime suspect is one Robert Weil, an associate of the twisted magician known as the Faceless Man. Before PC Peter Grant can get his head round the case a town planner goes under a tube train, adding to his case-load. And then Peter gets word of something very odd happening in Elephant and Castle... Isis Audio Books; 2015 10hrs 0mins

11212 MOON OVER SOHO

By Ben Aaronovitch

Reader Kobna Holdbrook-Smith

When Dr Walid called me to the morgue to listen to a corpse, I recognised the tune it was playing. Cyrus Wilkinson, part-time jazz saxophonist, had apparently dropped dead of a heart attack just after finishing a gig in Soho. He wasn't the first. No one was going to let me exhume corpses to see if they were playing my tune, so it was back to old-fashioned legwork, starting in Soho.

Isis Audio Books; 2015 10hrs 0mins

11213 WHISPERS UNDERGROUND

By Ben Aaronovitch

Reader Kobna Holdbrook-Smith

Something horrible is happening in the labyrinth of tunnels that make up the tube system that honeycombs the ancient foundations of London. And delays on the Northern line is the very least of it. Time to call in the Met's Economic and Specialist Crime Unit 9, aka 'The Folly'. Time to call in PC Peter Grant, Britain's Last Wizard. Isis Audio Books; 2015 10hrs 20mins

GENERAL FICTION

11116 44 CHARLES STREET

By Danielle Steel

Reader Arthur Morey

Everything is falling to pieces for Francesca Thayer. Her relationship collapses and she can't possibly manage the mortgage alone, so she is forced to do the one thing she never imagined she would: she advertises for lodgers. But soon she finds that her tenants have become the most important people in her life and Francesca discovers that she might be able to open her heart again after all...

Brilliance Audio; 2010 9hrs 0mins

11082 BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR

By Jeffrey Archer

Reader Alex Jennings

Book 4 of the 'Clifton Chronicles', sequel to 'Best Kept Secret' (010455). Harry Clifton and his wife, Emma, are rushing to hospital to learn the fate of their son, Sebastian, who has been involved in a fatal car accident... but who died? Sebastian, or his best friend Bruno, the son of Don Pedro Martinez, who is trying to bring down the esteemed Barrington family.

Isis Audio Books; 2014 11hrs 40mins

11117 BETRAYAL

By Danielle Steel

Reader Renee Raudman

Tallie Jones is a Hollywood legend. An ambitious and passionate film director, her award-winning productions achieve the rare combination of critical and commercial success. But her once safe world of trusted associates is suddenly shaken to its very core - and Tallie is in shock, trying to figure out who has betrayed her among those she trusts and holds dear...

Brilliance Audio; 2012 9hrs 15mins

11204 THE BRIGHTEST STAR IN THE SKY

By Marian Keyes

Reader Gerri Halligan

Fate is on its way to the tenants of 66 Star Street, bringing with it love and tragedy, friendship and heartbreak, and the power to change lives.... For some, secrets they want to stay buried will come to light and for others the unveiling of those secrets will have tragic consequences.

Clipper Audio; 2009

16hrs 30mins

11092 CHESTNUT STREET

By Maeve Binchy

Reader Kate Binchy

The lives of the residents of Chestnut Street are revealed in these wonderfully compelling tales. We hear about Bucket Maguire, the window cleaner, who must do more than he bargained for to protect his son; Melly, whose gossip about the neighbours leads to trouble, and Lilian, the generous girl with a big heart, and the fiancé not everyone approves of.

Lamplight Audio; 2014

12hrs 30mins

11115 DESPERATE MEASURES

By Kitty Neale

Reader Penelope Freeman

Val Thorn, Paula Richardson, Cheryl Cutter and Betty Grayson have one thing in common - they have all been betrayed by men. Now these four women want revenge. Masterminded by Val, the four women set out to right past wrongs. But will their role of avenging angels take them down a terrible road?

Soundings Audio; 2009

13hrs 0mins

11131 THE EARTH IS SINGING

By Vanessa Curtis

Reader Melody Grove

My name is Hanna. I am 15. I am Latvian. I live with my mother and grandmother. My father is missing, taken by the Russians. I have a boyfriend and I'm training to be a dancer. But none of that is important any more. Because the Nazis have arrived, and I am a Jew. And as far as they are concerned, that is all that matters. This is my story. Jammer Audio; 2015 7hrs 30mins

11093 A FEW OF THE GIRLS

By Maeve Binchy

Reader Kate Binchy & Gordon Snell

Maeve Binchy's wonderful stories give an insight into how Ireland has changed over the decades, but how people remain the same. They still fall in love, sometimes unsuitably, and they still have hopes and dreams. This is a collection of the very best of her stories, full of the warmth, charm and humour that has always been an essential part of her writing.

Lamplight Audio; 2015 13hrs 0mins

11244 THE FISHERMEN

By Chigozie Obioma

Reader Chukwudi Iwuji

In a small town in western Nigeria, four young brothers go fishing at a forbidden local river. They encounter a dangerous local madman who predicts that the oldest brother will be killed by another. This prophesy breaks their strong bond and unleashes a tragic chain of events of almost mythic proportions.

Clipper Audio; 2016 9hrs 45mins

11080 THE GIRL FROM KRAKOW

By Alex Rosenberg **Reader Michael Page**

1935. Rita Feuerstahl comes to the university in Krakow intent on enjoying her freedom. But life has other things in store - marriage, a love affair, a child, all in the shadows of the oncoming war. When the war arrives, Rita is armed with a secret so enormous that it could cost the Allies everything. She must find a way both to keep her secret and to survive amid the chaos of Europe at war. Brilliance Audio; 2015 13hrs 30mins

11096 JAM AND ROSES

By Mary Gibson **Reader Anne Dover**

Three sisters in the 1920s struggle to make ends meet and protect their mother from their violent father. Milly works in Southwells jam factory, Elsie dreams of a career on the stage, while little Amy runs wild with her friends. The three girls fear the unforgiving temper of their father and their courageous attempts to protect their defenceless mother will have dramatic, disastrous consequences for them all.

 Lamplight Audio; 2015 16hrs 15mins

11083 MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD

By Jeffrey Archer **Reader Alex Jennings**

Book 5 of the 'Clifton Chronicles', sequel to 'Be Careful What You Wish For' (011082). Sir Giles Barrington is now a minister of the crown and looks set for even higher office. Then his political career is thrown off balance by none other than his old adversary, Major Alex Fisher, who is selected to stand against him at the general election. But who wins this time?

 Isis Audio Books; 2015 13hrs 0mins

11203 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY

By Marian Keyes

Reader Gerri Halligan

Jojo Harvey is a literary agent whose star is on the rise. In love with both her married boss and her burgeoning career, not much distracts her. Until she finds herself representing two women who used to be best friends. Used to be... Clipper Audio; 2005 17hrs 45mins

11205 THIS CHARMING MAN

By Marian Keyes

Reader Caroline Lennon

The news that charming politician Paddy de Courcy is to marry is especially momentous to four very different women: Alicia, the bride to be, is determined to be the perfect politician's wife but there's a dark secret that binds them all...

Clipper Audio; 2008

26hrs 45mins

11178 WHEN THE HEATHER BLOOMS

By Gwen Kirkwood

Reader Hilary Neville

Following the death of her brother Victoria Pringle has lost touch with his fiancée so it is a surprise to learn that she has a nephew, Peter. In spite of his upbringing he has inherited his ancestor's love of the land but he faces fierce opposition if he follows his dream.

Soundings Audio; 2009 9hrs 30mins

GHOST STORIES

11008 DARK ENTRIES

By Robert Aickman

Reader Kate Bonner

Six eerie tales of love, life and the supernatural which will haunt and intrigue you.

Faber; 2014

7hrs 0mins

11053 THE GHOST HUNTERS

By Neil Spring

Reader Ann Stutz

The year is 1926 and Sarah Grey has landed herself an unlikely new job - personal assistant to Harry Price, London's most infamous ghost hunter. When Harry and Sarah are invited to Borley Rectory - a house so haunted that objects frequently fly through the air unbidden - they're sure that this case will be just like any other...
Quercus; 2013 15hrs 30mins

HISTORICAL FICTION

11154 THE DISORDERLY KNIGHTS

By Dorothy Dunnett

Reader Andrew Napier

Sequel to 'Queens' Play' (011153). The year is 1551, and Scottish nobleman Francis Crawford of Lymond has been called to fight with the Knights of Hospitallers to defend the island of Malta against the Turks.

Clipper Audio; 2009

25hrs 0mins

11152 THE GAME OF KINGS

By Dorothy Dunnett

Reader Samuel Gillies

It's August 1547, and unrest in Europe is rife. The notorious rebel, Crawford of Lymond, is rumoured to be back in Edinburgh. As usual, he leaves a characteristic trail of hue and cry. Stories about him abound, agreeing only that he's not a man to sit idle. With Europe recently unbalanced by royal deaths, he'll soon take a hand in The Game Of Kings.

Clipper Audio; 2008

25hrs 0mins

11071 HORNBLOWER IN THE WEST INDIES

By C S Forester

Reader Edward Peel

1815, the Napoleonic Wars are over. Yet Horatio Hornblower, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's ships and vessels in the West Indies, must still face savage pirates, reckless revolutionaries and a violent hurricane. Hornblower will need every ounce of his courage and leadership - to ensure that the lasting peace in Europe reaches the turbulent seas of the West Indies.

Penguin; 2011

13hrs 0mins

11254 LADY PENELOPE

By Lena Kennedy

Reader Tamara Rabin

Warm-hearted and wilful, her temper as fiery as her beautiful auburn hair, Lady Penelope is forced to marry a wealthy but repulsive nobleman. Caught up in the dangerous intrigues of Queen Elizabeth's court, she pours all her passion into her children. But though her heart often rules her head, Penelope survives tragedy to emerge triumphant.

Hodder; 2013

8hrs 30mins

11050 MR DARCY'S DIARY

By Amanda Grange

Reader Robert Seymour

The only place Darcy could share his innermost feelings was in the private pages of his diary. Torn between his sense of duty to his family name and his growing passion for Elizabeth Bennet, this is a skillful and graceful imagining of the hero's point of view in one of the most beloved and enduring love stories of all time.

Sourcebooks; 2007

9hrs 0mins

11130 THE NAME OF THE ROSE

By Umberto Eco

Reader Sean Barrett

Franciscan friar, William of Baskerville, tries to discover why people are dying inexplicably and nastily in the monastery. There is something not altogether right within the library that is the pride of the establishment...

Naxos Audio; 2013

21hrs 0mins

11156 NICCOLO RISING

By Dorothy Dunnett

Reader Gordon Griffin

Bruges, 1460. Street smart, brilliant at figures, adept at the subtleties of diplomacy and the well-timed untruth, Nicholas van der Poele rises from wastrel to prodigy in a breathless adventure that wins him the love of the strongest woman in Bruges and the hatred of two powerful enemies. Clipper Audio; 2013 26hrs 15mins

11155 PAWN IN FRANKINCENSE

By Dorothy Dunnett

Reader Andrew Napier

Sequel to 'The Disorderly Knights' (011154). Lymond is travelling a desperate path across the Ottoman Empire of Suleiman the Magnificent in search of a kidnapped child. In the subtle and savage game of treachery, enslavement and torture, Lymond is compelled to make an unthinkable choice - and face the darkest ambiguities of his own nature.

Clipper Audio; 2009

26hrs 45mins

11144 THE PRAGUE CEMETERY

By Umberto Eco

Reader Sean Barrett

Nineteenth-century Europe abounds with conspiracy both ghastly and mysterious. Jesuits plot against Freemasons. French criminals plan bombings by day and celebrate black masses by night. Every nation has its own secret service, perpetrating forgeries, plots, and massacres. But what if, behind all of these conspiracies, lies just one man...

Isis Audio Books; 2012

14hrs 25mins

11153 QUEENS' PLAY

By Dorothy Dunnett

Reader Andrew Napier

Sequel to 'The Game of Kings' (011152). Riven by internal discord, Scotland in 1548 clung to a single hope of survival as a nation - an alliance with France to be sealed by the betrothal of the five-year-old Mary, Queen of Scots, to the Dauphin. Francis Crawford of Lymond is dispatched to France and embarks upon a nightmare game of hide-and-seek at the very heart of the decadent court of Henri II.

Clipper Audio; 2009

20hrs 0mins

11038 THE STOLEN QUEEN

By Lisa Hilton

Reader Elizabeth Goodrich

The year is 1199, and King Richard the Lionheart is dead, leaving his brother John to inherit both his French and English lands. Young Isabelle of Angouleme is told that she is to be married to King John in a complex and treacherous plot to gain the English succession. But when Isabelle takes matters into her own hands, passions will rage and dynastic fortunes will rise and fall.

Corvus; 2015

8hrs 15mins

11079 WINTER SIEGE

By Ariana Franklin & Samantha Norman

Reader Peter Wickham

It's 1141 and Gwil, a battle-hardened mercenary, watches in horror as a little girl is dragged away by his own men. Caught in the middle of the fight for England she is just one more victim in a winter of atrocities. Gwil finds the girl close to death, clutching a sliver of parchment - and he knows what he must do. He will bring her back to life.

Soundings Audio Books; 2014 11hrs 0mins

HORROR

11048 BREAKFAST WITH THE BORGIAS

By D B C Pierre

Reader Mike Rogers

Ariel Panek, a promising young academic, is stranded in a lonely guesthouse on the Suffolk coast, his plane grounded by fog at Stanstead. He falls in with a family who appear to be commemorating an event. But this is no ordinary celebration. And this is no ordinary family...

Hammer; 2015

4hrs 30mins

HUMOUROUS FICTION

11270 A LESSON IN LOVE

By Gervase Phinn

Reader Gervase Phinn

Love is in the air in the little village of Barton-in-the-Dale. Anyone can see that Ashley Underwood and Emmet O'Malley are made for each other. But as the saying goes, the course of true love never did run smooth. Meanwhile, an angry young boy struggles to believe in love. But when tragedy strikes, he learns that comfort and care can come from the most unexpected of places.

Isis Audio Books; 2015 11hrs 25mins

LOVE STORIES

11164 A DREAM COME TRUE

By Maureen Lee

Reader Pat Steadman

Maggie's marriage has turned sour, leaving her tied to a husband who no longer seems to love her. She continues to work, keeps in touch with her friends and tries not to think about the lack of love in her life. But all that changes when Maggie meets someone who transforms how she feels about herself and turns her entire world upside down. Quick Reads.

Orion; 2007

3hrs 0mins

11206 THE MUNITIONS GIRLS

By Rosie Archer

Reader Anne Dover

For Pixie and Rita, the Munitions Girls, work is dangerous and the hours long but they are making the most of the war while trying to stay alive. Then Pixie falls pregnant and her life changes dramatically. Alone and unable to work, she has to rely on the kindness of friends to help her survive...

Lamplight Audio; 2015 9hrs 30mins

SCIENCE FICTION

11158 DOWN STATION

By Simon Morden

Reader Thomas Judd

When a group of commuters and tube workers witnesses a fiery apocalypse overtaking London, they make their escape through a service tunnel where they meet a man dressed in a wolf's cloak. He tells them other people have arrived here down the ages. None of them have returned, except one - who travels between the two worlds at will. The group begins a quest to find this one survivor who holds the key to their return.

Oakhill Audio; 2016 10hrs 0mins

11271 TIME OUT OF JOINT

By Philip K Dick

Reader Jeff Cummings

Ragle Gumm is an ordinary man leading an ordinary life, except that he makes his living by entering a newspaper contest every day - and winning, every day. But he gradually begins to suspect that his life - indeed his whole world - is an illusion, constructed around him for the express purpose of keeping him docile and happy. But if that is the case, what is his real world like...

Brilliance Audio; 2012 7hrs 30mins

SHORT STORIES & ANTHOLOGIES

11241 BEST OF WOMEN'S SHORT STORIES: VOL I

By Miscellaneous authors **Reader Harriet Walter**

Some of the great classic short stories inspired by women. These empowering selections explore the many experiences and complexities of womanhood.

Clipper Audio; 2010 4hrs 45mins

11242 BEST OF WOMEN'S SHORT STORIES: VOL II

By Miscellaneous authors **Reader Harriet Walter**

Clipper Audio; 2011 5hrs 0mins

11243 BEST OF WOMEN'S SHORT STORIES: VOL III

By Miscellaneous authors **Reader Miscellaneous**

Clipper Audio; 2011 5hrs 0mins

11067 CONSTITUTIONAL

By Helen Simpson **Reader Pamela Todd**

A collection of dark stories charting tantrums, funerals, pregnancy, war and love affairs. One woman finds grief for her lost lover is assuaged by involvement in some carpentry repair work, while another grows increasingly angry as the grim reaper scythes through her circle, with farcical and tragic results. Other tales unroll with piercing wit and sympathy.

Vintage; 2006 4hrs 30mins

10958 X THE STORY: THE LIVES OF WOMEN

By Victoria Hislop (editor) **Reader Ann Stutz**

Witty, heartbreaking, shocking, satirical: the short story can excite or sadden, entice or repulse. The one thing it can never be is dull. These stories written by women, on the theme of the lives of women, are selected and introduced by Victoria Hislop, one of the nation's favourite novelists.

Head of Zeus; 2013 15hrs 0mins

SPY STORIES

11171 CHARITY

By Len Deighton

Reader Paul Moriarty

Bernard continues to chip away at the mystery of his sister-in-law Tessa Kosinski's death in Berlin on the crucial night when his wife Fiona was brought out of the East. Fighting to uncover the truth, he must also confront the key relationships in his own life..

Harper; 2011

10hrs 0mins

11066 FAITH

By Len Deighton

Reader Paul Moriarty

Bernard Samson has known that he is not getting the full picture from London Central ever since discovering that his wife Fiona was a double agent. Werner Volkmann has been cast out as untrustworthy, yet still seems able to pickup information that Bernard should have been told...

Harper; 2011

12hrs 0mins

11220 THE UNFORTUNATE ENGLISHMAN

By John Lawton

Reader Lewis Hancock

When the Russians started building the Berlin wall in 1961, two 'Unfortunate Englishmen' were trapped on opposite sides. Geoffrey Masefield in the Lubyanka, and Bernard Alleyn (alias KGB Captain Leonid Liubimov) in Wormwood Scrubs. In 1965 there is a new plan. To exchange the prisoners, a swap upon Berlin's bridge of spies...

Oakhill; 2016

11hrs 0mins

THRILLERS

11240 THE ALCHEMIST'S SECRET

By Scott G Mariani

Reader William Rycroft

Former elite member of the SAS, Ben Hope is tortured by a tragedy from his past and now devotes his life to finding kidnapped children. But when Ben is recruited to locate an ancient manuscript which could save a dying child, he embarks on the deadliest quest of his life...

Jammer; 2014

11hrs 15mins

11029 THE CORNERS OF THE GLOBE

By Robert Goddard

Reader Tony Pearce-Smith

James "Max" Maxted is sent on a mission for legendary German spy Fritz Lemmer, the very man who claims responsibility for the murder of Max's father. As Max travels to Scotland's remote Orkney Islands to collect a mysterious grey file from a German captain, the stakes could not be higher... it is life and death for all concerned. Sequel to 'The Ways of the World (010338)

Bantam Press; 2014

12hrs 30mins

11268 THE DEFENCE

By Steve Cavanagh

Reader Adam Sims

Eddie Flynn used to be a con artist. Then he became a lawyer. Turned out the two weren't that different. But when Olek Volchek, the infamous head of the Russian mafia in New York, kidnaps Eddie's ten-year-old daughter, Eddie has only 48 hours to defend Volchek in an impossible murder trial - and win - if he wants to save his daughter.

Isis Audio Books; 2016 10hrs 55mins

11224 THE END GAME

By Raymond Khoury

Reader Jeff Harding

For months FBI Special Agent Reilly has sought the man who kidnapped and brainwashed his five-year-old son. But that man is a highly protected CIA official with no name. Framed for crimes he didn't commit, Reilly becomes a fugitive. He's left with no choice but to risk everything to unearth secrets that would shake the country to its core – if he's ever allowed to get that far.

Oakhill; 2016

13hrs 20mins

11221 THE LOVING HUSBAND

By Christobel Kent

Reader Clare Corbett

Fran Hall and her husband Nathan live in a farmhouse on the edge of the Fens. One night, when Fran is woken by her baby, she finds the bed empty beside her and Nathan gone. As Fran finds herself under police scrutiny, the questions begin to mount. Is there something that she is hiding from them – something she has kept hidden from everyone, including her husband?

Oakhill; 2016

11hrs 30mins

11143 NUMERO ZERO

By Umberto Eco

Reader Mark Meadows

It's 1992. Hack writer Colonna is offered a fee he can't refuse to ghostwrite a memoir. His subject, Braggadocio, is convinced that Mussolini's corpse was a body double and part of a wider Fascist plot. When a body is found stabbed to death in a back alley, even Colonna is jolted out of his complacency.

Isis Audio Books; 2016 5hrs 0mins

11251 PASSENGER 13

By Scott G Mariani

Reader Leighton Pugh

When an aircraft piloted by Nick Chapman crashed off the Cayman Islands killing everyone on board, the official line was that Chapman committed suicide. But things don't add up, and soon unfolding events point to something far more sinister going on. Nick's former army comrade, SAS soldier Ben Hope, quickly discovers that some kinds of knowledge will get you killed - fast.

Clipper Audio; 2014 4hrs 45mins

11214 SWIMMING WITH SHARKS

By Nele Neuhaus

Reader Justine Eyre

Ambitious, brilliant, and beautiful, Alex Sondheim is the undisputed star of Wall Street. But an assassination attempt against the city's crusading mayor claims the lives of three innocent people, and to protect the city's people and save herself, she'll have to put everything on the line: her job, her reputation...and her life.

Brilliance Audio; 2013 18hrs 0mins

10980 THE TALENTED MR RIPLEY

By Patricia Highsmith

Reader David Menkin

Tom Ripley is struggling to stay one step ahead of his creditors and the law. Ripley wants money, success, and the good life, and he's willing to kill for it. When his new found happiness is threatened, his response is as swift as it is shocking.

Hachette Audio; 2007 9hrs 0mins

11059 TEN DAYS

By Gillian Slovo

Reader Ann Stutz

A death at police hands has repercussions far beyond one family plunged into grief... As violence erupts the dead man becomes a useful tactic in political games at the highest level. So while lives are at risk on the Lovelace Estate, across London in Westminster, careers are being made... or ruined.

Canongate; 2016 11hrs 15mins

Non-Fiction

ANIMALS

11009 LABRADOR: THE STORY OF THE WORLD'S FAVOURITE DOG

By Ben Fogle

Reader John Hobday

A social history of Labradors, and how they have become the world's most beloved dogs, by writer, presenter and long-time dog lover Ben Fogle, whose black Labrador, Inca, famously accompanied him on numerous journeys and adventures

William Collins; 2015 8hrs 30mins

11151 JUDY: A DOG IN A MILLION

By Damien Lewis

Reader Ben Addis

Judy, the only animal POW of WWII, truly was a dog in a million. It was in recognition of the extraordinary friendship and protection she offered amidst the savage environment of a Japanese prison camp in Indonesia that she gained her formal status as a POW. Her incredible story is one of the most inspiring tales you will ever read.

Clipper Audio; 2015 11hrs 0mins

11250 PURE JOY

By Danielle Steel

Reader Renee Raudman

Danielle Steel tells the story of how she met a dog the size of a mouse, with a personality that could light up an entire room: Minnie's adventures provide the perfect backdrop for a heartfelt look at the magic that dogs bring to our lives, and how they become part of the family.

Clipper Audio; 2013 3hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY - ART MUSIC & LITERATURE

10956 EFFIE GRAY:THE PASSIONATE LIVES OF EFFIE GRAY, RUSKIN AND MILLAIS

By Suzanne Fagence Cooper Reader Grace Dives

The Scottish beauty Effie Gray is the heroine of a great Victorian love story. Married at 19 to John Ruskin, she found herself trapped in an unconsummated union. She would fall in love with her husband's protege, John Everett Millais, and inspire some of his most memorable art, but controversy and tragedy continued to stalk her.

Duckworth; 2014

12hrs 30mins

11060 X INSTRUMENTAL

By James Rhodes

Reader James Murphy

James Rhodes' passion for music has been the thread that has held him together through a life that has encompassed pain, conflict and turmoil. The exquisite miracles of musical genius have helped him survive his demons, and, along with a chance encounter with a stranger, inspired him to become the renowned concert pianist he is today.

Canongate; 2015

9hrs 0mins

11094 MAEVE'S TIMES

By Maeve Binchy

Reader Kate Binchy

Maeve Binchy is well-known for her bestselling novels but for many years Maeve was a journalist, writing for the Irish Times. Arranged in decades, from the 1960s to the 2000s, and including Maeve's first and last ever piece of writing for the Irish Times, the columns also give a fascinating insight into the author herself.

Lamplight Audio; 2014

11hrs 45mins

11197 MY LIFE IN HOUSES

By Margaret Forster Reader Pauline Beale

Margaret Forster was born in 1938 in the front bedroom of a house in Orton Road, a sparkling new council estate. This is her journey through the houses she's lived in, to her beloved London home of today. She tells about what houses are to us, the effect they have on the way we live our lives and the changing nature of our homes.

Vintage; 2016 6hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY - DIARIES

10957 MY BETTER HALF AND ME

**By Joss & Rosemary Ackland
Reader Anne Marlow**

Rosemary Ackland began writing her diary in 1945, aged just fifteen. For the next fifty-eight years, through happiness and heartache, she continued to write. Even after the tragic onset of Motor Neurone Disease, which left her mute and immobile, and during her last days, as her husband Joss helped her hold a pen, her diary was still an outlet - in fact, then more than ever.

Ebury Press; 2010 11hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – ENTERTAINMENT

11031 OLIVIER

By Philip Ziegler Reader Richard Simpson

The twentieth century abounded in great actors, but none could challenge Laurence Olivier's range and power. With access to candid, unpublished interviews, Philip Ziegler ensures that Olivier's true character - at its most undisguised - shines through as never before.

MacLehose; 2013 18hrs 30mins

10960 A POSTILLION STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

By Dirk Bogarde

Reader Brian Snellgrove

This vivid and engaging memoir traces the first steps of Dirk Bogarde as a young actor before he became world famous, as well as his childhood amidst the enchanting beauty of rural Sussex.

Phoenix; 2009

13hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY – GENERAL

11069 BIRDS, BEASTS AND RELATIVES

By Gerald Durrell

Reader Alan Bowen

The Durrell family returns to live on the island of Corfu. Already an ardent naturalist at the age of ten, the young Gerald lives in an unconventional and disordered household with his mother, sister and two brothers. Gerald spends hours observing and marvelling at the natural environment around him describing the island's beauty with a child-like wonder that he never fails to impart to his reader.

Penguin; 2006

9hrs 0mins

11076 CHRISTMAS AT THE RAGDOLL ORPHANAGE

By Suzanne Lambert

Reader Julia Barrie

When Suzanne was left, two weeks old, at the door of Nazareth House orphanage, she was abandoned by those who should have protected and loved her. But it was Nancy, a nanny at the orphanage, who was to provide all the love and support that a child could need, going on to fight for the right to adopt Suzanne and give her a mother figure for life. This is her story.

Magna Story Sound; 2013

13hrs 0mins

11090 DOWN AND OUT IN PARIS AND LONDON

By George Orwell **Reader Jeremy Northam**

George Orwell's acclaimed memoir of his time among the poor and destitute in London and Paris. He documents a world of unrelenting drudgery and squalor - sleeping in bug-infested hostels and doss houses, living alongside tramps and surviving on scraps and cigarette butts - in an unforgettable account of what being down and out is really like.

Clipper Audio; 2010 6hrs 45mins

11127 THE FLAME TREES OF THIKA

By Elspeth Huxley **Reader Ann Clark**

When Elspeth Huxley's pioneer father buys a remote plot of land in Kenya, the family sets off to discover their new home. This childhood memoir is a sensitive account of settler life at the turn of the twentieth century and a love song to the harshness and beauty of East Africa.

Vintage Classics 13hrs 0mins

11235 THE LAST ACT OF LOVE

By Cathy Rentzenbrink **Reader Jenny Funnell**

In the summer of 1990, Cathy's brother Matty was knocked down by a car, two weeks before receiving his GCSE results. Sitting by his unconscious body in hospital, holding his hand and watching his heartbeat on the monitors, Cathy and her parents willed him to survive. They did not know then that there are many fates worse than death.

Jammer Audio; 2016 6hrs 45mins

11123 MY LIFE ON THE ROAD

By Gloria Steinem

Reader Debra Winger

In vivid stories that span an entire career, Gloria Steinem - journalist, organizer, activist, and speaker - writes about her time on the campaign trail. From Bobby Kennedy to Hillary Clinton; it covers her early exposure to social activism in India; organizing ground-up movements in America; and the "surrealism in everyday life" that Steinem encountered as she travelled across the country.

Random House Audio; 2015 9hrs 30mins

**10973 REMEMBERED WITH ADVANTAGES:
GROWING UP BETWEEN TWO WORLD
WARS**

By Jean Langdale Williams

Reader Grace Dives

The quiet dramas of family life, are lovingly recalled in this account of a childhood between the wars.

Prioryswan; 2012

12hrs 0mins

11265 RUNNING FOR THE HILLS

By Horatio Clare

Reader Horatio Clare

An enchanting story which tells of Horatio's parents decision to leave London and set up home in a remote Welsh hillside sheep farm. It focuses on Horatio's mother Jenny, a remarkable woman who is completely and passionately obsessed with her desire to succeed in the toughest of environments, doing a job traditionally the domain of men.

Isis Audio Books; 2006 9hrs 30mins

11126 SEE YOU AFTER THE DURATION

By Michael Henderson

Reader Fred Parker

A fascinating account of the WWII evacuations when children were sent away to live with complete strangers in the USA and Canada. The author was evacuated aged eight to America along with his younger brother, for five long years. It is a tale that is at times moving, often humorous, evoking an authentic picture of life and attitudes during wartime.

Publish America; 2004 10hrs 0mins

10976 STALIN'S ENGLISHMAN

By Andrew Lownie

Reader Bob Rollett

Guy Burgess was the most important, complex and fascinating of 'The Cambridge Spies'. Through interviews with more than a hundred people who knew Burgess personally, and the discovery of hitherto secret files, the many lives of Guy Burgess are unravelled in all their intriguing, chilling and colourful wonder.

Hodder & Stoughton; 2015

13hrs 30mins

11040 WALKING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK: A DISTRICT NURSE'S LIFE JOURNEY

By Dinah Latham

Reader Grace Dives

Retired district nurse and midwife, Dinah, reflects on her life whilst walking with her close companion Harriet the dog, through the changing seasons of the Chiltern countryside. The reader will both laugh and cry as the author recounts many moving stories of patients cared for in 1960s' London.

Matador; 2014

6hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY- HISTORICAL

11047 THE FORTUNES OF FRANCIS BARBER

By Michael Bundock Reader Barry Wilsher

The story of a young boy's journey from the horrors of Jamaican slavery to the heart of London's literary world, and the unlikely friendship that changed his life. Francis Barber, born in Jamaica, was brought to London by his owner in 1750 and became a servant in the household of the renowned Dr. Samuel Johnson.

Yale University Press; 2015 9hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – POLITICAL

11246 CAMERON AT 10

**By Anthony Seldon & Peter Snowdon
Reader Dugal Bruce Lockhart**

The gripping inside story of the Cameron premiership, based on over 300 in-depth interviews with senior figures in 10 Downing Street, including the Prime Minister himself.

Clipper Audio; 2016 19hrs 30mins

10982 THE CHURCHILL FACTOR: HOW ONE MAN MADE HISTORY

By Boris Johnson Reader Brian Snellgrove

On the eve of the fiftieth anniversary of Winston Churchill's death, and written in conjunction with the Churchill Estate, Boris Johnson explores what makes up the 'Churchill Factor' - the singular brilliance of one of the most important leaders of the twentieth century.

Hodder; 2015 14hrs 0mins

**11062 FIRST LADY: THE LIFE AND WARS OF
CLEMENTINE CHURCHILL**

By Sonia Purnell

Reader Clare Francis

Without Churchill's inspiring leadership Britain could not have survived its darkest hour and repelled the Nazi menace. Without his wife Clementine, however, he might never have become Prime Minister. This is the inspiring but often ignored story of one of the most important women in modern history.

Aurum Press; 2015

17hrs 30mins

10967 LADY CONSTANCE LYTTON

By Lyndsey Jenkins

Reader Judy Franklin

Lady Constance Lytton (1869-1923) was the most unlikely of suffragettes. One of the elite, she was the daughter of a Viceroy of India and a lady in waiting to the Queen. This is the fascinating story of the woman who abandoned a life of privilege to fight for women's rights.

Biteback Pub; 2015

10hrs 30mins

**10968 SOPHIA: PRINCESS, SUFFRAGETTE,
REVOLUTIONARY**

By Anita Anand

Reader Derina Dinkin

In 1876 Sophia Duleep Singh was born into royalty. Her father, Maharajah Duleep Singh, was heir to the Kingdom of the Sikhs. Sophia transcended her heritage to devote herself to battling injustice and inequality, a far cry from the life to which she was born.

Bloomsbury; 2015

16hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY – SPORT

11248 AIM HIGH

By Tanni Grey-Thompson Reader Kate Lock

In Seoul in 1988, Tanni Grey-Thompson represented Great Britain and won her first Paralympic medal - the 400m bronze. It was the beginning of an outstanding career leading to an astonishing sixteen medals - eleven of which are gold - countless European titles, six London Marathons and over thirty world records.

Clipper Audio; 2007 1hr 45mins

ECONOMICS

10990 HIGH STREET HEROES: THE STORY OF BRITISH RETAIL IN 50 PEOPLE

By John Timpson Reader Bob Wildgust

In 1960, there were no supermarkets, no out-of-town shopping centres and not even a hint of internet shopping. The British high street was full of made-to-measure tailors and traditional grocers. Timpson paints a compelling, personal and vivid picture of how shops have changed over the last 100 years.

Icon; 2015 9hrs 30mins

11238 I WILL TEACH YOU TO BE RICH

By Ramit Sethi Reader Ramit Sethi

Ramit Sethi explains how to earn while sleeping, why your new best friend should be the taxman and how to beat banks at the fee game. How do you negotiate a raise? How can you manage student loans? Sethi's 6-week plan shows you how.

Clipper Audio; 2010 9hrs 15mins

HEALTH & WELL- BEING

11180 MINDFULNESS FOR WORRIERS

By Padraig O'Morain

Reader Alan Bowen

Aimed at anyone who is stressed or anxious, as well as people suffering from more extreme levels of anxiety, this book will provide the scientific evidence behind the effectiveness of mindfulness as well as lots of practical advice on how to quiet an anxious, racing mind. Yellow Kite; 2016 5hrs 0mins

HISTORY – BRITISH

11058 THE MISTRESSES OF CLIVEDEN

By Natalie Livingstone

Reader Derina Dinkin

From its dawn in the 1660s, Cliveden was an emblem of elite misbehaviour and intrigue. Conceived by the Duke of Buckingham as a retreat for his scandalous affair with Anna-Maria, Countess of Shrewsbury, the house later served as the backdrop for the Profumo Affair, which would bring down a government and change the course of British history. This is an intimate history of the relationships between people and place. Hutchinson; 2015 16hrs 30mins

10950 AN UTTERLY IMPARTIAL HISTORY OF BRITAIN

By John O'Farrell

Reader Barry Wilsher

In this 'Horrible History for Grown Ups' you can read: how Anglo-Saxon liberals struggled to be positive about immigration; discover how England's peculiar class system was established by some snobby French nobles; and explore the complex socio-economic reasons why Britain's kings were the first in Europe to be brought to heel!

Black Swan; 2008

18hrs 30mins

HISTORY – WORLD

11266 BRIDGE OF SPIES

By Giles Whittell

Reader Jonathan Keeble

Who were the three men the Soviet and American superpowers exchanged on Berlin's Glienicke Bridge on February 10, 1962? They had been drawn into the Cold War by duty and curiosity, rescued against daunting odds by fate and by their families, and then all but forgotten. This is the true story of those men.

Soundings Audio; 2010

11hrs 0mins

HOME & GARDEN

11236 A BUNCH OF SWEET PEAS

By Henry Donald

Reader Judi Dench

In 1911, in the Scottish Border village of Sprouston, the young parish minister wrote to the Daily Mail for entry forms for its sweet pea competition. The top prize was a staggering £1000, but a fortnight before the deadline a nation-wide drought would threaten the very existence of the sweet peas he was so painstakingly cultivating.

Clipper Audio; 2012

0hrs 45mins

10365 DEAR FRIEND AND GARDENER: LETTERS ON LIFE AND GARDENING

By Beth Chatto & Christopher Lloyd

Reader Jim Swingler

In this exchange of personal letters, two of Britain's leading gardeners - Christopher Lloyd and Beth Chatto - share their successes and failures, and learn from each other's experiences in their two very different gardens.

Frances Lincoln; 1998

12hrs 30mins

11063 GARDENER'S NIGHTCAP

By Muriel Stuart

Reader Gill Wilsher

Muriel Stuart, a successful poet during and just after the First World War took to gardening, with great enthusiasm, after having children and giving up poetry. After the Second World War Muriel Stuart was a well-known columnist writing for gardening magazines for thirty years. Gardener's Nightcap is a collection of small pieces intended to take as a 'nightcap' before settling down for the night...

Persephone Books; 2006 4hrs 45mins

POETRY

11139 AUTUMN JOURNAL

By Louis MacNeice

Reader Bob Rollett

Written between August and December 1938, this is a moving testament of living through the thirties. It is a record of the author's emotional and intellectual experience during those months, the trivia of everyday living set against the events of the world outside.

Faber & Faber; 2013 2hrs 0mins

11057 LOOP OF JADE

By Sarah Howe

Reader Alice Barclay

An exquisite collection of poems exploring the writer's dual heritage, as she travels back to Hong Kong in search of her roots. Crossing the bounds of time, race and language, this is an enthralling exploration of self and place, of migration and inheritance. Winner of the TS Eliot Prize 2016

Chatto and Windus; 2015 2hrs 0mins

SCIENCE - ENVIRONMENTAL

11252 A BAD BIRDWATCHER'S COMPANION

By Simon Barnes

Reader Simon Barnes

Simon Barnes is one of Britain's leading bird writers and humorists. Here he reads his own illuminating introductions to the fifty main birds of Britain, supported by the distinguishing bird song of each species. He not only gives helpful identifying features, but enriches them with whimsical observations on their characters and tendencies.

Clipper Audio; 2011

4hrs 45mins

TRAVEL - BRITISH ISLES

11169 JOURNEY THROUGH BRITAIN

By John Hillaby

Reader Bob Rollett

An account of a walk along the length of the mainland, from Land's End to John O'Groats, told with much warmth and humour.

Paladin; 1970

9hrs 0mins

TRAVEL – WORLD

10955 SHOW ME A MOUNTAIN: A FAMILY ADVENTURE ACROSS AFRICA

By Maureen McMullan

Reader Gill Wilsher

To cross the Sahara in the early seventies presented many problems from the supply of fuel and water, to security issues; to do so alone without joining a convoy as recommended and without modern navigation aids was an added risk. To uproot your entire family and take them through such an experience required a leader with truly special qualities. Maureen McMullan certainly had those qualities.

Author House; 2013

7hrs 30mins

TRANSPORT

11077 CONCORDE: THE RISE AND FALL OF THE SUPERSONIC AIRLINER

By Jonathan Glancey Reader Andrew Cullum

Jonathan Glancey traces the development of Concorde from the moment Captain Chuck Yeager first broke the sound barrier in 1947 through to the last commercial flight of the supersonic airliner in 2003. He uses not only existing material and archives, but also interviews with those who lived with the supersonic project from its inception.

Oakhill Audio; 2016

10hrs 0mins

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