

## For Your Ears Only Winter 2016-17

Welcome to the winter issue of For Your Ears Only, packed with lots of new titles for you to choose from. At the time of writing we have added a total of 714 books to the library which will have increased even further by the end of 2016.

We have introduced some new fiction authors into the library this time round all of whom write in very different genres so there is something for everyone. Alan Bradley writes cosy crime novels with his main character being an inquisitive young girl called Flavia who helps (or hinders!) investigations into crimes that have been committed in her village. Dilly Court and Annie Murray are popular authors of family saga and Laura Wilson who writes crime stories featuring Detective Inspector Ted Stratton uses London during World War Two and on into the 1950s as the setting for her novels. Lastly we have several titles by David Donachie who writes nautical, historical fiction.

This issue is full of exciting new titles to see you through the rest of the winter so we hope you find something to tempt you. You may order any of the books in this FYEO by using the enclosed order form. Alternatively you can email us at [enquiries@calibre.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@calibre.org.uk) or telephone Membership Services on 01296 432 339.

Happy reading from the Editorial Team  
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## **Books You Might Have Missed by Emma Scott**

As we have added hundreds of books over the past year it is easy for some of the titles to get lost in the mix of others. So here are some titles new to the library in 2016 which you may have missed the first time round.

### **11064 MY NAME IS LUCY BARTON**

**By Elizabeth Strout**

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.

### **11218 SHTUM By Jem Lester**

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.

### **10612 ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE**

**By Anthony Doerr**

Marie-Laure has been blind since the age of six. Her father builds a miniature version of their Paris neighbourhood so she can memorise it. But when the Nazis invade, they flee with a dangerous secret to St. Malo. Werner is a German orphan destined to labour in the mines, until he discovers a knack for engineering. As Europe is engulfed by war their lives collide unpredictably.

**11336 THE HANGING CLUB By Tony Parsons**

A band of vigilante executioners roam London abducting evil men and hanging them. As the bodies pile up and riots explode all over the sweltering city, DC Max Wolfe embarks on his most dangerous investigation yet: hunting a gang of killers who many believe to be heroes...

**11049 THE LONEY By Andrew Michael Hurley**

The locals called it the Loney - that strange nowhere between the Wyre and the Lune. No one ever went near the water. No one apart from us, that is. I suppose I always knew that what happened there wouldn't stay hidden for ever, no matter how much I wanted it to. No matter how hard I tried to forget....

**11384 EVERYONE BRAVE IS FORGIVEN**

**By Chris Cleave**

When war is declared, Mary North leaves finishing school unfinished, goes straight to the War Office, and signs up. Tom Shaw decides to give it a miss, until his flatmate Alistair unexpectedly enlists and the conflict can no longer be avoided. When Mary and Alistair meet, it is love, as well as war, that will test them in ways they could not have imagined.

**11380 THE HOUSE BY THE LAKE By Thomas Harding**

In 1993, Thomas Harding travelled to Germany with his grandmother to visit a house by a lake. It had been a holiday home that her family had been forced to leave as the Nazis swept to power. As he began to piece together the lives of the five families who had lived there, he realised that this house had withstood the trauma of a world war, and the dividing of a nation.

# 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

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

#### 11288 THE GOOD COMPANIONS

**By J B Priestley**

**Reader Richard Simpson**

Three unhappy characters, Jess Oakroyd, Miss Trant and Inigo Jollifant flee from their old lives to seek adventure on the open road. Fate brings them together and into the presence of a broken-down theatrical touring company. Throwing caution to the winds they save the group and set off on an unforgettable tour of the pavilions and provincial theatres of England.

Great Northern Books; 2007

30hrs 0mins

#### 11382 LADIES OF LYNDON

**By Margaret Kennedy**

**Reader Jill Johnson**

Beautiful and young, Agatha knows she is securing a luxurious future in marrying handsome John Clewer and becoming Mistress of Lyndon. But when her cousin Gerald, with whom she had a brief affair in the past, appears and war in Europe disturbs the sheltered comfort of Lyndon forever, Agatha is haunted by the idea of a different life.

Vintage Classics; 2014

10hrs 0mins

## **11447 NO SURRENDER**

**By Constance Maud**

**Reader Judy Franklin**

Jenny is a mill worker who's passion is fired by 'Votes for women'. Soon her life and work becomes entwined with the mill owner's daughter, Mary O'Neil. They are both determined that women should be equal to men, as they struggle together as part of the suffrage movement.

Persephone; 2011

12hrs 30mins

## **CONTEMPORARY FICTION**

### **11290 BACK HOME**

**By Bethan Darwin**

**Reader Jenny Clay**

Ellie decamps home with her broken heart, after bumping into her boyfriend - and his wife. Tea and sympathy from grandad Trevor help, as does the distracting and hunky Gabriel. But just when it looks like everything is shaping up there's a knock on the door that turns her grandad's world upside down and takes them unexpectedly back to the Welsh Valleys in wartime...

Honno Welsh Women's Press; 2009

12hrs 30mins

### **11486 BRING ME HOME**

**By Alan Titchmarsh Reader Alan Titchmarsh**

Charlie Stuart welcomes his guests. Conversation and the clinking of glasses soon fill the air as friends and neighbours come together to toast the laird's happiness. But in a few hours the perfect afternoon will come to an end. The past is about to catch up with him, and it could tear his family apart...

Lamplight Audio; 2014

8hrs 45mins

## **11232 DAISY FAY AND THE MIRACLE MAN**

**By Fannie Flagg**

**Reader Judy Le Besque**

We embark on a journey to the Gulf Coast's Shell Beach, the South that only Southerners know, and into the life of Daisy Fay Harper. Daisy is a sassy, truth-telling heroine who just can't stay out of trouble. What's more, she tells us everything.

Vintage; 1993

10hrs 30mins

## **11502 ELLIS ISLAND**

**By Kate Kerrigan**

**Reader Grainne Gillis**

Rural Irish girl Ellie loves living in New York, working for a wealthy socialite. When her father dies she returns to Ireland, intending to sort her affairs quickly. But once home she decides, painfully, that she must stay to look after her mother and she is thrown back into the simple, rural life she believed she had grown out of...

Oakhill Audio; 2012

10hrs 30mins

## **11533 FINDING AUDREY**

**By Sophie Kinsella**

**Reader Gemma Whelan**

Audrey can't leave the house, she can't even take off her dark glasses inside the house. Then her brother's friend Linus stumbles into her life. With his friendly smile he starts to entice Audrey out again - and with Linus at her side, finding her way back to the real world suddenly seems achievable.

Random House Audio; 2016

7hrs 0mins

## **11424 THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT**

**By Ella Griffin**

**Reader Deirdre O'Connell**

Blossom & Grow is a tiny flower shop in the heart of Dublin where Lara works her magic, translating feelings into flower arrangements that change hearts and lives. But what about her own heart? Has she really healed since she lost her chance to be a mother? What will happen when her own story takes a sudden turn?

Clipper Audio; 2016

13hrs 30mins

## **11427 THE GUSTAV SONATA**

**By Rose Tremain**

**Reader Ann Stutz**

Gustav Perle grows up in a small town in 'neutral' Switzerland, where the horrors of the Second World War seem a distant echo. His childhood is spent in lonely isolation, but an intense friendship with a boy of his own age, Anton Zwiebel, begins to define Gustav's life. Jewish and mercurial, a talented pianist, Anton fails to understand how deeply and irrevocably his life and Gustav's are entwined.

Chatto & Windus: 2016

8hrs 0mins

## **11421 HIDDEN TREASURES**

**By Fern Britton**

**Reader Fern Britton**

Helen Merrifield says goodbye to her West London house to live in an idyllic country cottage in Cornwall. Here she finds herself the love-interest of enigmatic local historian Piran. Then Helen stumbles across a tin chest full of Edwardian treasures. Who do they belong to? Will Piran help her to find out?

Oakhill Audio; 2012

8hrs 0mins

## **11408 THE HOUSE AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD**

**By Julia Rochester**

**Reader Avita Jay**

John Venton's drunken fall from a cliff leaves his family with an embarrassing ghost. His twin children flee in separate directions, as their mother embraces merry widowhood. Only their grandfather finds solace in the crumbling house, painting their story onto a large canvas map. As the twins are drawn back to the house, they discover that their father's absence is part of the map's mysterious pull.

Clipper Audio; 2015

10hrs 0mins

## **11282 IN A LAND OF PAPER GODS**

**By Rebecca Mackenzie**

**Reader Ann Stutz**

Atop the fabled mountain of Lushan, celebrated for its temples, mists and plunging ravines, perches a boarding school for the children of British missionaries. As her parents pursue their calling to bring the gospel to China's most remote provinces, ten-year-old Etta discovers that she has been singled out for a divine calling of her own...

Tinder; 2016

9hrs 0mins

## **11418 IT STARTED AT SUNSET COTTAGE**

**By Bella Osborne**

**Reader Kay Morrison**

As an author, Kate Marshall has been able to hide herself away from the world, after losing her fiancé. But when one of her books is optioned for a film, Hollywood suddenly comes knocking on her door. Then she is given the opportunity to stay at a beautiful country retreat in the Cotswolds, it's an offer she can't refuse...

Avon; 2015

14hrs 0mins

## **11455 THE LUBETKIN LEGACY**

**By Marina Lewycka**

**Reader Ann Stutz**

Berthold and Violet are neighbours in a block of flats in North London. Their lives become connected as they mingle with the different people living in the apartment block, and as they both struggle to figure out what they want to do in life.

Fig Tree; 2016

10hrs 50mins

## **11367 THE MILL HOUSE**

**By Susan Lewis**

**Reader Pat Steadman**

Julia Thayne moves from London to a remote mill house in Cornwall, determined to break free from the past and save her fractured relationship with her husband, Josh. But it is here that she makes a fatal mistake, and her marriage is rocked to its very foundation ...

Arrow; 2006

19hrs 0mins

## **11534 X MOUNT!**

**By Jilly Cooper**

**Reader Sian Thomas**

Rupert Campbell-Black is consumed by one obsession: that Love Rat, his adored grey horse, be proclaimed champion stallion. But when Gala, a grieving but ravishing Zimbabwean widow moves to his racing empire at Penscombe as carer for Rupert's wayward father, Rupert finds himself dangerously tempted.

Random House Audio; 2016

19hrs 0mins

## **11429 THE NIGHT CIRCUS**

**By Erin Morgenstern**

**Reader Jim Dale**

The circus arrives without warning. It is called Le Cirque des Rêves, and it is only open at night. But behind the scenes, a fierce competition is underway, and the fates of everyone involved hang in the balance, suspended as precariously as the daring acrobats overhead.

Random House Audio; 2011      13hrs 30mins

## **11434 NUTSHELL**

**By Ian McEwan**

**Reader Rory Kinnear**

Trudy has betrayed her husband, John. She's still in the marital home – a dilapidated, priceless London townhouse – but not with John. Instead, she's with his brother, the profoundly banal Claude, and the two of them have a plan. But there is a witness to their plot: the inquisitive, nine-month-old resident of Trudy's womb.

Random House Audio; 2016      5hrs 0mins

## **11230 THE STONE DIARIES**

**By Carol Shields**

**Reader Anne Marlow**

Born in 1905, Daisy Goodwill drifts through the chapters of childhood, marriage, widowhood, remarriage, motherhood and old age. Daisy attempts to find a way to tell her own story within a novel that is itself about the limitations of autobiography.

World Editions; 2016      13hrs 30mins



## **11453 THE GRAND BANKS CAFÉ**

**By Georges Simenon**

**Reader John Leeson**

Sailors don't talk much to other men, especially not to policemen. But after Captain Fallut's body is found floating near his trawler, they all mention the Evil Eye. To discover the truth about his doomed expedition, Maigret enters a remote, murky world where fierce loyalties hide sordid deeds.

Penguin Classics; 2014

4hrs 30mins

## **11469 THE WEED THAT STRINGS THE HANGMAN'S BAG**

**By Alan Bradley**

**Reader Sophie Aldred**

A grisly murder during a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk in Bishop's Lacey village hall tests Flavia de Luce's powers of deduction to the limit - and provides a shocking insight into the darker corners of the adult world.

Clipper Audio; 2010

9hrs 30mins

## **DETECTIVE & MYSTERY STORIES**

### **11328 BITTERROOT**

**By James Lee Burke**

**Reader Tom Stechschulte**

Texas lawyer Billy Bob Holland is in Montana visiting an old friend when he is pulled into an investigation of a string of murders. At first, he seeks to protect his friend. But as the body count rises, Billy Bob begins to see evidence of a grisly vendetta..

Clipper Audio; 2002

12hrs 15mins

## **11521 A CAPITAL CRIME**

**By Laura Wilson**

**Reader Sean Barrett**

London in the early 1950s; John Davies confesses to strangling his wife and baby daughter. It proves to be a straightforward case for DI Ted Stratton of West End Central, and Davies is convicted and hanged. But after a series of gruesome discoveries, Stratton begins to suspect there has been a terrible miscarriage of justice...

Isis Audio Books; 2010

13hrs 50mins

## **11490 CLASSIC DETECTIVE STORIES**

**By Miscellaneous**

**Reader Edward Hardwicke**

A collection of ten classic detective stories featuring some of the greatest fictional detectives ever, including: Sherlock Holmes, Hugh "Bulldog" Drummond, Father Brown, Morris Klaw, and Inspector Morse amongst others.

Clipper Audio; 2010

4hrs 30mins

## **11426 DEAD SIMPLE**

**By Peter James**

**Reader Edward Peel**

It was meant to be a harmless stag-night prank. But with only three days to the wedding, Michael Harrison has disappeared and his friends are dead. Detective Superintendent Roy Grace discovers that the one man who ought to know Michael's whereabouts is saying nothing - for one man's disaster is another man's fortune. . .

Pan; 2014

14hrs 20mins

## **11346 DEATH AT THE CLOS DU LAC**

**By Adrian Magson**

**Reader John Leeson**

Midnight at the exclusive Clos du Lac Spa, near Poissons-les-Marais. A man is standing in the therapy pool. But he's not there for his health; someone has chained him to the bottom and left him to die very, very slowly. Along with the elaborate method of execution, the dead man has Inspector Lucas Rocco's name and number in his pocket...

Allison & Busby; 2014

11hrs 30mins

## **11520 AN EMPTY DEATH**

**By Laura Wilson**

**Reader Sean Barrett**

After five years of conflict, London's exhausted inhabitants are living in a world of dereliction. War-weary DI Ted Stratton is no exception. But called on to investigate when a doctor is found dead in Fitzrovia's Middlesex Hospital, Stratton soon realizes that someone involved is not who they appear to be.

Isis Audio Books; 2009

15hrs 0mins

## **11491 THE FROST FAIR**

**By Edward Marston**

**Reader Glen McCready**

December 1669. The Thames freezes over and a frost fair is held on the thick ice. Architect Christopher Redmayne and puritanical constable Jonathan Bale are both visiting the fair when one of Bale's sons gets into trouble on the ice. They rescue the boy but in the process make a grim discovery - a frozen corpse...

Clipper Audio; 2007

11hrs 0mins

### **11383 A GREAT DELIVERANCE**

**By Elizabeth George**

**Reader Ann Stutz**

When Roberta Teys is found beside her father's headless corpse, wearing her best dress and with an axe in her lap, Inspector Lynley and DS Barbara Havers are sent to solve this particularly gruesome murder. And soon they uncover a series of shocking revelations that shatter the façade of the peaceful Yorkshire village.

Hodder; 2012

12hrs 0mins

### **11485 MURDER HOUSE**

**By James Patterson & David Ellis**

**Reader Jay Snyder**

Detective Jenna Murphy has moved to Bridgehampton to escape her troubled past. But when a Hollywood power broker and his mistress are found dead in a notorious abandoned house, Jenna becomes involved in a case that at first seems open and shut, but reveals more secrets than she could possibly imagine.

Random House Audio; 2015

11hrs 0mins

### **11354 NIGHT BLIND**

**By Ragnar Jonasson**

**Reader Mark Campbell**

The peace of a close-knit Icelandic community is shattered by the murder of a policeman. With a killer on the loose and the dark Arctic winter closing in, it falls to Ari Thor to piece together a puzzle that involves tangled local politics, a compromised new mayor and a psychiatric ward in Reykjavik where someone is being held against their will...

Orenda Books; 2016

5hrs 30mins

## **11450 PAYMENT IN BLOOD**

**By Elizabeth George**

**Reader Richard Simpson**

Members of a West End theatre company gather together for a reading of a controversial new play. Before the evening is over, however, the playwright is savagely murdered, and Inspector Thomas Lynley must face the most baffling case of his Scotland Yard career - and the most difficult choice he has ever had to make.

Hodder; 2012

15hrs 15mins

## **11482 RUTHLESS**

**By Cath Staincliffe**

**Reader Julia Barrie**

A blaze at an abandoned chapel turns out to be more than just arson when the body of a man who has been shot twice is discovered in the ashes. Detective Constable Rachel Bailey and her partner, DC Janet Scott must put aside their own troubles if they are to solve this murder investigation.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

9hrs 15mins

## **11488 SMOKE AND MIRRORS**

**By Elly Griffiths**

**Reader Daniel Philpott**

Brighton, 1951. Pantomime season is in full swing. When two children mysteriously disappear, DI Edgar Stephens has plenty of leads to investigate. Does the clue lie in the missing girl's unfinished and disturbing last script? Or with the eccentric theatricals who have assembled for the pantomime?

Jammer Audio; 2016

8hrs 15mins

**11368 SNOW BLIND**

**By Ragnar Jonasson**

**Reader John Fidell**

Siglufjorour: an idyllically quiet fishing village in Northern Iceland. But when a young woman is found lying half-naked in the snow, bleeding and unconscious, rookie policeman Ari Thor Arason is dragged straight into the heart of a community where he can trust no one, and secrets and lies are a way of life.

Orenda Books; 2015

10hrs 30mins

**11519 STRATTON'S WAR**

**By Laura Wilson**

**Reader Anna Bentinck**

London, June 1940. When the body of silent screen star Mabel Morgan is found impaled on railings, the coroner rules her death as suicide, but DI Ted Stratton of CID is not convinced. As he starts asking questions, he soon uncovers a criminal network and a secretive pro-fascist organisation.

Isis Audio Books; 2008

17hrs 15mins

**11522 A WILLING VICTIM**

**By Laura Wilson**

**Reader Sean Barrett**

London, November, 1956. DI Ted Stratton is investigating the murder of Jeremy Lloyd, a young man with a taste for esoteric religion. Stratton's enquiries lead him to Suffolk, where the mysterious Mr Roth has founded a Foundation for Spiritual Understanding.

Isis Audio Books; 2012

13hrs 0mins

# **FAMILY STORIES**

## **11529 ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIVES**

**By Annie Murray**

**Reader Penelope Freeman**

It is 1946: The war is over and three young women face a new kind of life. But peacetime brings its own pressures, each facing life with all its joys, sorrows, and surprises.

Soundings Audio; 2011

16hrs 0mins

## **11449 ANNIE**

**By Lynda Page**

**Reader Pat Steadman**

When Charlie Higgins is unfairly dismissed from his job in a Leicester shoe factory his family become crippled by poverty. Refusing to surrender to her husband's misfortunes, Annie manages to keep food on the table and faith in their hearts. Until tragedy strikes again...

Headline; 1993

18hrs 0mins

## **11527 THE BELLS OF BOURNVILLE GREEN**

**By Annie Murray**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

Pretty 17-year-old Greta has never known a stable family life, and is happiest at work with her friends at the Cadbury factory in Birmingham. But life takes a turn for the worse when her missing vixen of a sister Marleen turns up during the freezing winter of 1962.

Soundings Audio; 2008

14hrs 0mins

## **11492 THE BEST OF DAUGHTERS**

**By Dilly Court**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

Despite her privileged upbringing, Daisy Lennox has always longed to make something of her life. She is drawn to the suffragette movement, but when her father faces ruin they are forced to move to the country and Daisy's first duty is to her family.

Magna Story Sound; 2012

11hrs 30mins

## **11524 BIRMINGHAM BLITZ**

**By Annie Murray**

**Reader Julia Franklin**

August 1939. Genie Watkins, a Birmingham kid, would love to have a proper happy family like her Italian friend, Teresa. But Genie hasn't reckoned with the outbreak of war, her already rocky family being split up and the strangely liberating effect it all has on her mother....

Soundings Audio; 1998

14hrs 30mins

## **11523 BIRMINGHAM FRIENDS**

**By Annie Murray**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

Anna Craven grew up captivated by stories of her mother Kate's childhood in Birmingham. But when Kate dies, she leaves her daughter one final story, and Anna is shocked to discover how little she really knew about the mother with whom she once felt so close.

Soundings Audio; 1996

17hrs 0mins

## **11412 CALL NURSE MILLIE**

**By Jean Fullerton**

**Reader Penelope Freeman**

It's 1945 and, as the troops begin to return home, the inhabitants of London attempt to put their lives back together. 25-year-old Millie, a qualified nurse, tends to the needs of the East End community around her. But when misfortune befalls her own family, it is the enduring spirit of the community that shows Millie that even the toughest of circumstances can be overcome.

Magna Story Sound: 2014

17hrs 30mins

## **11466 CINDERELLA SISTER**

**By Dilly Court**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

Lily Larkin is the youngest of six, and with their father dead and their mother a stranger to them, she must stay at home and keep house whilst her elder siblings go out to work. As she goes about her daily chores, her head is full of dreams. And she longs for the day she can have a life of her own.

Magna Story Sound; 2011

14hrs 0mins

## **11528 A HOPSCOTCH SUMMER**

**By Annie Murray**

**Reader Penelope Freeman**

Emma Brown is a happy-go-lucky child, content to work hard at school, and to play hopscotch with her friends in the run-down Nechells area of Birmingham in the 1930s. But her life is turned upside down when her mother, Cynthia, has another baby, and doesn't seem able to cope.

Soundings Audio; 2010

11hrs 30mins

## **11461 A LOVING FAMILY**

**By Dilly Court**

**Reader Penelope Freeman**

Eleven-year-old Stella Barry is forced into service in a country house outside London. When she returns home one Sunday, she discovers her family have been thrown out of their lodgings and no one knows where they have gone. Years later, when circumstances compel her to flee, she is determined to find out what happened to them.

Magna Story Sound; 2014

12hrs 0mins

## **11531 MEET ME UNDER THE CLOCK**

**By Annie Murray**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

1940: As war closes in and the bombs fall, on the Homefront two sisters must find their place in a new world of 'men's' work, in which a telegraph can break your heart and nothing in the future is certain.

Soundings Audio; 2014

15hrs 30mins

## **11462 A MOTHER'S SECRET**

**By Dilly Court**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

Seventeen-year-old Belinda Phillips falls in love with a handsome Anglo-Indian officer and discovers that she is pregnant. Facing disgrace and ruin she has no option other than to accept an arranged marriage with a middle-aged widower, knowing she must keep the secret of her child's birth for ever.

Magna Story Sound; 2012

14hrs 0mins

### **11463 A MOTHER'S TRUST**

**By Dilly Court**

**Reader Julie Maisey**

Phoebe Giamatti lives with her lively Italian family in the heart of London's East End. Despite her widowed English mother Annie's feckless ways, Phoebe is fiercely protective of her. When Annie falls dangerously ill, Phoebe has little choice but to turn to the man she holds responsible for all her family's troubles....

Magna Story Sound; 2011

13hrs 30mins

### **11530 MY DAUGHTER, MY MOTHER**

**By Annie Murray**

**Reader Penelope Freeman**

In 1984, two young mothers meet at a toddler group in Birmingham. As their friendship grows, they share with each other the difficulties and secrets in their lives. They both come to discover the heartbreak in their own mothers' lives, and how mothers create daughters - and learn from them.

Soundings Audio; 2012

16hrs 0mins

### **11525 THE NARROWBOAT GIRL**

**By Annie Murray**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

To escape her abusive stepfather, young Maryann Nelson befriends Joel Bartholomew, who works on the canal. Aboard his narrowboat, she finds herself falling in love with her new life. But old nightmares that she had thought were long buried resurface, and in panic she takes flight...

Soundings Audio; 2008

13hrs 30mins

## **11464 THE RAGGED HEIRESS**

**By Dilly Court**

**Reader Penelope Freeman**

An unnamed girl lies ill in hospital and two rough-speaking individuals claim that she is their sister Lucy. But she can remember nothing of the events that brought her here. As her memory gradually returns, she realises that she is really Lucetta Froy, the daughter of a prosperous importer, and she has been kidnapped..

Magna Story Sound; 2010

13hrs 30mins

## **11360 THE SHELL SEEKERS**

**By Rosamunde Pilcher**

**Reader Brenda White**

Artist's daughter Penelope Keeling has had a full and varied life: a Bohemian childhood in London and Cornwall, an unhappy wartime marriage, and the one man she truly loved. When she discovers that her most treasured possession, her father's painting, The Shell Seekers, is now worth a small fortune, Penelope must make decisions that may split apart her family.

Hodder; 2005

23hrs 30mins

## **11526 WATER GYPSIES**

**By Annie Murray**

**Reader Penelope Freeman**

It is 1942, and after a childhood of suffering in Birmingham, Maryann Bartholomew has built a life of happiness and safety with her husband, Joel, and their children, working the canals on his narrowboat. But the tragic loss of her old friend, Nancy, leads her to a desperate act which nearly costs her her life.

Soundings Audio; 2016

14hrs 0mins

## **11532 THE WOMEN OF LILAC STREET**

**By Annie Murray**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

Birmingham, almost a decade after the end of the Great War, and the women of Lilac Street have had more than their fair share of troubles. These women, along with their neighbours, find strength in friendship, as they discover that the best way to solve their problems is to face them together.

Soundings Audio; 2013

15hrs 0mins

## **11465 THE WORKHOUSE GIRL**

**By Dilly Court**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

When her mother dies in childbirth, eight-year-old Sarah is forced to enter the notorious St Giles and St George's Workhouse. But the independent-minded Sarah soon falls foul of the workhouse master, Trigg, and his cruel wife.

Magna Story Sound; 2013

13hrs 0mins

## **FANTASY FICTION**

### **11286 DAWN OF DARKNESS**

**By Julia Caesar**

**Reader Anita Gilson**

The Sorceress Ikella reaches far beyond her previously circumscribed existence, as she adopts a foundling of the Storm. Facing a choice between the child she loves, and the security of a world on the brink of ecological disaster, she must discover why the word 'Sandsinger' haunts her dreams, and how their very existence depends on finding a mysterious 'Tapestry of Tten'.

Arima

18hrs 0mins

## **11456 THE SIN EATER'S DAUGHTER**

**By Melinda Salisbury**

**Reader Kim Ismay**

For four years Twylla, the goddess-embodied, whose touch can poison and kill, has lived in the castle of Lormere. But when Prince Merek, her betrothed who is immune to her touch, returns to the kingdom she finds herself caught up in palace intrigues, unsure if she can trust him or the bodyguard who claims to love her.

Scholastic; 2015

10hrs 30mins

## **GENERAL FICTION**

### **11436 COMETH THE HOUR**

**By Jeffrey Archer**

**Reader Alex Jennings**

Book 6 of the 'Clifton Chronicles', sequel to 'Mightier than the Sword' (11083). Giles Barrington must decide if he should withdraw from politics and try to rescue Karin, the woman he loves, from behind the Iron Curtain. But is Karin truly in love with him, or is she a spy?

Isis Audio Books; 2016

13hrs 0mins

### **11411 VILLAGE FORTUNES**

**By Rebecca Shaw**

**Reader Penelope Freeman**

Things are heating up in the village of Turnham Malpas. Now comfortably settled in the Big House, Johnny and Alice Templeton are over the moon at the arrival of their second son. But Johnny's roguish younger brother, Chris, is visiting from Brazil and causing trouble in the village.

Magna Story Sound; 2013

9hrs 0mins

# **GHOST STORIES**

## **11430 THE HOUSE ON COLD HILL**

**By Peter James**

**Reader Nicholas Boulton**

Moving from the heart of Brighton to the Sussex countryside is a big undertaking for townies Ollie and Caro Harcourt and their daughter, Jade. But within days of moving into Cold Hill House the terrified family discover it's dark history, and the horrible truth of what it could mean for them...

Clipper Audio; 2016

9hrs 30mins

# **HISTORICAL FICTION**

## **11512 THE ADMIRALS' GAME**

**By David Donachie**

**Reader Peter Wickham**

1794. Lieutenant John Pearce is caught between a feuding trio of admirals. One puts him in a position of danger while another asks him to undertake a hazardous commission in order to protect his friends, the Pelicans.

Soundings Audio; 2009

10hrs 0mins

## **11420 THE BALLROOM**

**By Anna Hope**

**Reader Anne Marlow**

1911: Inside an asylum at the edge of the Yorkshire moors, where men and women are kept apart, there is a ballroom vast and beautiful. For one bright evening every week they come together and dance. When John and Ella meet, it is a dance that will change two lives forever.

Doubleday; 2016

12hrs 30mins

## **11467 THE BEAUTY CHORUS**

**By Kate Lord Brown**

**Reader Maggie Mash**

New Year's Eve, 1940: three women are thrust together in the heat of war, determined to help their country. Billeted in a tiny cottage, they must learn to live and work together. Brave, beautiful and fiercely independent, they find romance, confront loss, and forge friendships that will last a lifetime.

Clipper Audio; 2011

18hrs 0mins

## **11423 THE BIRDCAGE**

**By Clive Aslett**

**Reader Jonathan Keeble**

Salonika in 1916, one of the jewels in the Ottoman crown, is now suddenly Greek. In a city seething with intrigue, cafe society continues unperturbed. The native inhabitants make from the soldiers what money they can, trading their traditional chivalry towards the enemy against the need to survive.

Oakhill Audio; 2016

11hrs 0mins

## **11514 BLOWN OFF COURSE**

**By David Donachie**

**Reader Jonathan Keeble**

Lieutenant John Pearce's companions arrive in London just in time to join him in fetching a ship laden with contraband back from France - an illegal act but very profitable. Are Pearce and his Pelicans sailing into prosperity or danger?

Soundings Audio; 2011

11hrs 0mins

### **11361 THE BORGIA BRIDE**

**By Jeanne Kalogridis      Reader Elizabeth Goodrich**

The dramatic tale of that most intriguing of Renaissance women, Lucrezia Borgia. Incest, poison and betrayal are the three wedding presents in store for the Borgia bride.

HarperCollins; 2005

15hrs 0mins

### **11504 BREAKING THE LINE**

**By David Donachie      Reader Andrew Wincott**

Having evacuated the King and Queen of Naples ahead of Napoleon's advancing army, Nelson must now await developments in Sicily. Finally he is given the chance he's been waiting for, off a little-known Spanish cape called Trafalgar. He will soon show the world what he is made of!

Soundings Audio; 2013

13hrs 30mins

### **11484 CONCLAVE**

**By Robert Harris      Reader Roy McMillan**

The Pope is dead. Behind the locked doors of the Sistine Chapel, cardinals from all over the globe cast their votes in the world's most secretive election. They are holy men, but they have ambition. And they have rivals. Over the next seventy-two hours one of them will become the most powerful spiritual figure on earth.

Random House Audio; 2016

9hrs 0mins

## **11505 THE DEVIL'S OWN LUCK**

**By David Donachie**

**Reader Peter Wickham**

During the Napoleonic Wars, Harry and James Ludlow are aboard the Magnanime, a gunship under the command of Oliver Carter. Oliver and Harry are old rivals and when James is found near the dead body of the First Lieutenant, Carter assumes James is the murderer. Harry has to prove otherwise.

Soundings Audio; 2007

12hrs 0mins

## **11518 A DIVIDED COMMAND**

**By David Donachie**

**Reader Peter Wickham**

1794. The Mediterranean is proving dangerous waters for John Pearce and his Pelicans. When he unknowingly delivers a letter promoting the shady and incompetent Admiral Hotham, Pearce finds himself entangled in a political plot that soon puts those closest to him at peril.

Soundings Audio; 2013

9hrs 30mins

## **11506 THE DYING TRADE**

**By David Donachie**

**Reader Peter Wickham**

Privateersman Harry Ludlow and his younger brother, James, arrive in the seething port of Genoa. After the discovery of a hanged British sea captain, Harry is drawn into the midst of the lurid murder investigation, only to find himself embroiled in intrigue and danger - and the deadly charms of a beautiful woman.

Soundings Audio; 2008

13hrs 30mins

## **11507 AN ELEMENT OF CHANCE**

**By David Donachie**

**Reader Peter Wickham**

It is 1795. As war spreads across the globe, Harry Ludlow joins the struggle for the richest trade in the world. When half his crew is illegally pressed into the Royal Navy by the vicious Captain Toner, Harry sets off in pursuit, but soon sails into a maelstrom of piracy, corruption, and murder, stirred up by a French privateer.

Soundings Audio; 2009

17hrs 30mins

## **11515 ENEMIES AT EVERY TURN**

**By David Donachie**

**Reader Michael Tudor Barnes**

1794. Free from jail, John Pearce is not free from the smugglers whose boat he stole. While lying low, Pearce soon has other pressing concerns on his mind. Granted a commission by William Pitt, John Pearce evades his pursuers by undertaking a dangerous mission in France.

Soundings Audio; 2012

9hrs 30mins

## **11511 A FLAG OF TRUCE**

**By David Donachie**

**Reader Peter Wickham**

Firebrand John Pearce has been promoted to lieutenant and is in a position of command on board HMS Faron. He is entrusted with the task of escorting 5,000 radical French sailors to a port on the Atlantic coast, but when the assignment goes awry, it is up to Pearce and his trio of friends, the Pelicans, to prevent judicial murder...

Soundings Audio; 2008

11hrs 0mins

## **11509 A GAME OF BONES**

**By David Donachie**

**Reader Peter Wickham**

Following an encounter with a mystery vessel, the red flags fluttering from the top masts of the 'Bucephalas' signal that His Majesty's Navy has reached a state of mutiny. However, Harry Ludlow soon finds himself back at sea and staking everything he owns in a bid to alter the course of history.

Soundings Audio; 2010

13hrs 0mins

## **11513 AN ILL WIND**

**By David Donachie**

**Reader Peter Wickham**

It is 1793. John Pearce and his Pelicans are going home - to gain their freedom and put the treacherous Captain Ralph Barclay in the dock. Emily Barclay discovers Pearce has papers that would ruin her husband's career and her future security. And then comes that dread thing, a fire aboard a wooden ship of war!

Soundings Audio; 2010

9hrs 30mins

## **11358 MRS ENGELS**

**By Gavin McCrea**

**Reader Grace Dives**

In September 1870 a train leaves Manchester bound for London. On board is Lizzie Burns, a poor worker from the Irish slums, embarking on the journey that will change her forever.

Scribe; 2016

12hrs 0mins

## **11501 THE RED VELVET TURNSHOE**

**By Cassandra Clark**

**Reader Julia Barrie**

Black February in the year 1383: The nun Hildegard is sent across Europe in search of a precious relic, the Cross of Constantine. She will need remarkable skills to survive such a dangerous quest. Many want her mission to fail, and one, above all, who plans a deadly revenge.

Oakhill Audio; 2009

10hrs 40mins

## **11508 THE SCENT OF BETRAYAL**

**By David Donachie**

**Reader Peter Wickham**

New Orleans, 1795. The discovery of an abandoned Spanish merchant ship off the coast of America plunges the Ludlows into a far-reaching conspiracy fuelled by jealousy, ambition and nationalistic fervour. Harry Ludlow must win freedom for his ship in a deadly game played out in the dark woods of the American hinterland.

Soundings Audio; 2010

17hrs 30mins

## **11517 A SEA OF TROUBLES**

**By David Donachie**

**Reader Peter Wickham**

1794. In the wake of an equivocal success for the British naval fleet against Revolutionary France, Lieutenant John Pearce must undertake an urgent commission from Lord Hood. Meanwhile smugglers whose ship Pearce inadvertently stole, are on his tail. And it is not only John Pearce who has his fair share of trouble.

Soundings Audio; 2012

10hrs 0mins

## HUMOUROUS FICTION

### 11381 THE HOUSE THAT BERRY BUILT

**By Dornford Yates**

**Reader Richard Simpson**

A comic romp featuring the famous 'Berry' Pleydell and based on Yates' own experience of building a house for himself in the Pyrennes. The house was seized by the Germans during World War II, and this tale, written soon afterwards, gives a hilarious account of its construction and early life.

House of Stratus; 2008

12hrs 0mins

## LOVE STORIES

### 11458 THE CONSTANT HEART

**By Dilly Court**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

Rosina May has wanted for little in life - until her father's feud with a fellow bargeman threatens to destroy everything. To save them all, Rosina agrees to marry Harry, the son of a wealthy merchant. But a chance encounter with a handsome river pirate has turned her head and she longs to meet him again.

Magna Story Sound; 2012

13hrs 15mins

### 11459 THE DOLLMAKER'S DAUGHTERS

**By Dilly Court**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

For Ruby and Rosetta Capretti life in the slums of the East End holds little promise. Rosetta is desperate to work in the music hall, while Ruby has always longed to train as a nurse. But when they meet handsome Jonas Crowe, little do they know how much one man will affect both their lives for ever.

Magna Story Sound; 2007

13hrs 15mins

## **11489 THE GIRLS FROM SEE SAW LANE**

**By Sandy Taylor**

**Reader Rebecca Courtney**

Dottie and Mary forged a friendship when they were eight years old. Now at seventeen, they go out into the world in pursuit of love and happiness, and life becomes more complicated. The heady excitement of first love will consume them both, but the pain of unintentional betrayal will test their friendship.

ROSA; 2016

9hrs 0mins

## **11460 THE LADY'S MAID**

**By Dilly Court**

**Reader Patience Tomlinson**

Despite differences in their circumstances, Kate and Josie have been friends since childhood. But their past binds them together in ways they must never know. A chance meeting forces Kate and Josie to confront a truth that turns both their worlds upside down and threatens to destroy their friendship forever...

Magna Story Sound; 2012

13hrs 30mins

## **SCIENCE FICTION**

### **11452 THE MARTIAN**

**By Andy Weir**

**Reader James Murphy**

Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die there, when he finds himself stranded and alone on Mars' surface. But he's not ready to quit, and soon hatches a mad plan to contact NASA back on Earth.

Del Ray; 2012

13hrs 0mins

## **SHORT STORIES & ANTHOLOGIES**

### **11451 CHRISTMAS FIRESIDE STORIES**

**By Miscellaneous                      Reader Yvonne Clemenson**

Snuggle up by the fire with this delightful festive collection of short stories from six best selling authors.

Pan; 2014

3hrs 30mins

### **11363 THE LOTTERY AND OTHER STORIES**

**By Shirley Jackson                      Reader Yvette Smith-Bell**

In this collection, the creeping unease of lives squandered and the bloody glee of lives lost is chillingly captured in these tales of wasted potential and casual cruelty, by a master of the short story.

Penguin Classics; 2009

8hrs 30mins

### **11369 STORIES FROM THE KITCHEN**

**By Dina Secker Tesdell (Editor)**

**Reader Pamela Todd**

A mouth-watering smorgasbord of stories with food in the starring role, by a rich variety of authors from Dickens, Chekhov and Saki to Isak Dinesen. The menu includes choice titbits from many famous novels such as Virginia Woolf's *To the Lighthouse*, and Proust's rhapsodic memories of watching the family cook prepare asparagus in *Remembrance of Things Past*.

Everyman; 2015

12hrs 0mins

## **11431 A TWIST OF THE KNIFE**

**By Peter James**

**Reader Leighton Pugh**

In this collection of short stories Peter James exposes the Achilles heel of each of his characters, and makes us question how well we can trust ourselves, and one another. Each tale carries a twist that will haunt readers for days after they turn the final page . . .

Clipper Audio; 2015

10hrs 45mins

## **11440 UNACCUSTOMED EARTH**

**By Jhumpa Lahiri**

**Reader Ann Clark**

Eight luminous stories exploring the heart of family life and the immigrant experience, that take us from America to Europe, India and Thailand as they follow new lives forged in the wake of loss.

Bloomsbury; 2009

13hrs 20mins

## **SPY STORIES**

### **11438 DEAD LIONS**

**By Mick Herron**

**Reader Sean Barrett**

London's Slough House is where disgraced MI5 spies go to finish their washed-up careers. Now they have a chance at redemption. An old Cold War-era spy is found dead on a bus outside Oxford, far from his usual haunts. Jackson Lamb soon uncovers a shadowy tangle of ancient Cold War secrets. How many people will have to die to keep those secrets buried?

Isis Audio Books; 2014

11hrs 0mins

## **11419 ILLEGAL ACTION**

**By Stella Rimington**

**Reader Hilary Spiers**

When MI5 intelligence officer Liz Carlyle learns of a Russian government plot to kill super-rich Nikita Brunovsky - a man who openly criticises the Putin regime from his London base - it's a race against time to track down the killer. The Foreign Office dreads any kind of incident and Liz must work fast to protect him.

Arrow; 2008

8hrs 0mins

## **11503 THE RED EAGLES**

**By David Downing** **Reader Jeff Harding**

1945. The Red Army tears through Europe and victory over Hitler seems certain. But from the Kremlin, Stalin worries about a new enemy. When the war is over, how will the Soviet Union protect itself against the Americans? For both, the atom bomb is the answer. And both are willing to sacrifice their best spies to get it.

Oakhill Audio; 2015

8hrs 0mins

## **11439 REAL TIGERS**

**By Mick Herron**

**Reader Sean Barrett**

London's Slough House is where disgraced MI5 operatives are reassigned to spend the rest of their spy careers pushing paper. But when one of them is kidnapped by a former soldier bent on revenge, Jackson Lamb's agents soon uncover a web of intrigue that involves not only a group of private mercenaries but also the highest authorities in the Security Service.

Isis Audio Books; 2016

10hrs 50mins

## **11437 SLOW HORSES**

**By Mick Herron**

**Reader Sean Barrett**

Jackson Lamb's misfit crew of highly trained spooks don't run ops, they push paper. But then a young boy is kidnapped and held hostage with his beheading scheduled for live broadcast on the net. Whatever the instructions of the Service, the 'slow horses' aren't going to just sit quiet and watch . . .

Isis Audio Books; 2010

9hrs 50mins

## **THRILLERS**

### **11444 THE 63 STEPPES**

**By Keith Edmondson**

**Reader Edward Peel**

A chance encounter with an old university friend leads newly qualified priest, James Brittain, to accept an invitation to participate in the CND Aldermaston march in April 1963, where he unwittingly learns of a plot to assassinate President Kennedy during his forthcoming visit to the UK.

Croft; 2012

7hrs 15mins

### **11228 BERLIN**

**By Pierre Frei**

**Reader James Murphy**

Occupied Berlin, 1945, American Sector. When the body of a beautiful young woman is discovered trapped under a subway station, the victim is mistaken for an American and a local investigation becomes a matter for the US Military police. When the bodies of other young women are discovered it becomes clear that this is no isolated act of violence.

Atlantic Books; 2005

17hr 30mins

## **11410 TYPHOON**

**By Charles Cumming**

**Reader Stephen Hogan**

Hong Kong 1997 - with only a few months of British rule remaining before the territory returns to Chinese rule, the spooks are hard at work, jostling for position and influence. So when an elderly man emerges from the seas off the New Territories, claiming to know secrets he will share only with the Governor himself, a young MI6 agent, Joe Lennox, sees an opportunity to make his reputation.

Clipper Audio; 2008

12hrs 45mins

## **WAR STORIES**

### **11349 THE CRUEL SEA**

**By Nicholas Monsarrat**

**Reader Michael Rabin**

Based on the author's own experiences, this is the story of Compass Rose, a corvette assigned to protect convoys crossing the North Atlantic in World War Two. It tells the story of ordinary heroic men who daily faced the terrifying threat posed by German U-boats.

Penguin; 2009

18hrs 0mins

## **Non-Fiction**

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

#### **11364 THE PINECONE**

**By Jenny Uglow**

**Reader Clare Francis**

In the village of Wreay, near Carlisle, a masterpiece in Victorian architecture stands - the strangest and most magical church in England. This is the story of it's builder, Sarah Losh, a forgotten architectural genius of the nineteenth century.

Faber; 2013

10hrs 30mins

#### **11445 SUMMER BEFORE THE DARK**

**By Volker Weidermann**

**Reader Bob Rollett**

Ostend, 1936: Writer Stefan Zweig is a man in crisis; he seeks refuge here, in this paradise of promenades and parasols, and reunites with his estranged friend Joseph Roth. But as Europe begins to crumble around them, they find themselves trapped on an uncanny kind of holiday, watching the world burn...

Pushkin Press; 2016

4hrs 30mins

## **BIOGRAPHY – ENTERTAINMENT**

### **11435 THE ELEPHANT TO HOLLYWOOD**

**By Michael Caine**

**Reader Michael Caine**

Sir Michael Caine, with warmth, honesty, and humour describes every aspect of his life from his humble South London beginnings to performing alongside the greatest Hollywood actors of the day. Here are many entertaining stories from his life and career, shedding light on the real Hollywood and the years he struggled to get there.

Isis Audio Books; 2011

12hrs 45mins

## **BIOGRAPHY – GENERAL**

### **11416 AD AND WAL**

**By Peter Hain**

**Reader Bob Rollett**

This is the story of two modest parents who rebelled against the apartheid regime knowing they were putting themselves and their family in grave danger. Peter Hain, MP and former Cabinet minister, tells the story of his parents - campaigners, fighters, exiles - in this searing and inspiring account.

Biteback Publishing; 2014

9hrs 30mins

### **11413 BANDAGING THE BLITZ**

**By Phyll MacDonald-Ross & I D Roberts**

**Reader Annie Aldington**

In 1938, 18-year-old Phyllis Ellsworth sets off from her quiet seaside home for Hackney Hospital in London's bustling East End, where she is to fulfill her dream to train as a nurse. But when Britain declares war on Germany, her eagerness to do good in the world brings her suddenly face to face with death and drama in all its many guises.

Magna Story Sound; 2015

9hrs 0mins

### **11233 THE GREAT WESTERN BEACH**

**By Emma Smith**

**Reader Grace Dives**

Prize winning author Emma Smith recalls in evocative detail growing up in Cornwall between the wars.

Bloomsbury; 2009

14hrs 0mins

### **11400 IN THE COUNTRY**

**By Kenneth Allsop**

**Reader Richard Simpson**

At the end of the 1960s, Kenneth Allsop, a famous television presenter and literary man-about-town, left London and settled in rural Dorset. He was at his very happiest here, and for three years he devoted a weekly newspaper column to his day-to-day life at the mill, brimming with humor and delight for the wildlife which shared his home.

Hodder and Stoughton; 1975

7hrs 30mins

### **11433 THE MAN WHO COULDN'T STOP**

**By David Adam**

**Reader Daniel Philpott**

David Adam has suffered from OCD for twenty years, and this is his attempt to understand the condition. Drawing on the latest research on the brain, as well as historical accounts of patients and their treatments, this book will challenge the way you think about what is normal, and what is mental illness.

Clipper Audio; 2014

8hrs 0mins

### **10992 PLEASE DON'T CRY**

**By Jane Plume**

**Reader Derina Dinkin**

Jane and Gina were the best of friends. When Gina's husband Shaun was diagnosed with terminal cancer, Jane vowed to do everything she could to help her best mate and her two small sons through the awful time to come. But when Gina was killed in a shock car crash, Jane stepped in to care for the two orphans, becoming the mother her best friend could no longer be.

Virgin Books; 2014

7hrs 30mins

### **11442 RISE: SURVIVING AND THRIVING AFTER TRAUMA**

**By Sian Williams**

**Reader Vivienne Ennemoser**

Respected journalist and broadcaster Sian Williams writes with honesty and feeling about her experience of breast cancer, from its initial diagnosis through to her slow recovery and reconstructive surgery. It describes her sense of bewilderment and vulnerability but most importantly her resilience in the darkest of days.

W&N: 2016

10hrs 0mins

## **BIOGRAPHY – HISTORICAL**

### **11045 EMINENT VICTORIANS**

**By Lytton Strachey**

**Reader John Hobday**

A groundbreaking work of biography that raised the genre to the level of high art. Strachey's portraits of Cardinal Manning, Florence Nightingale, Thomas Arnold, and General Gordon changed perceptions of the Victorians for a whole generation.

SMK Books; 2009

11hrs 0mins

## **BIOGRAPHY – SPORT**

### **11468 THE WINNING MIND**

**By Sebastian Coe**

**Reader Jonathan Keeble**

From a childhood amidst the steel mills of Yorkshire to Olympic glory and beyond, Sebastian Coe has always known how to capitalise on the moments which separate winners from losers. Here he combines inspirational leadership, self-development and biography that will help nurture the qualities needed to achieve your full potential.

Clipper Audio; 2010

5hrs 0mins

## **DISABILITIES**

### **11428 FROM LIGHT TO DARK: THE STORY OF BLIND DAVE HEELEY**

**By Dave Heeley & Sophie Parkes**

**Reader John Fidell**

Born sighted, Dave Heeley showed athletic promise from an early age, however a devastating diagnosis shattered his sporting dreams. But this amazing man overcame his blindness and rediscovered his boyhood talent for running. He went on to undertake some of the world's toughest challenges, including John O Groats to Land's End and ten marathons in ten days!

Pitch; 2016

13hrs 30mins

## **HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

### **11417 THE EMPEROR OF ALL MALADIES**

**By Siddhartha Mukherjee**

**Reader John Hobday**

Siddhartha Mukherjee, doctor, researcher and award-winning science writer, examines cancer with a cellular biologist's precision, a historian's perspective, and a biographer's passion. The result is a lucid and eloquent chronicle of a disease humans have lived with, and perished from, for more than five thousand years.

Fourth Estate; 2011

24hrs 30mins

## **11454 THE OUTRUN**

**By Amy Liptrot**

**Reader Katherine Shaw**

At the age of thirty, Amy Liptrot finds herself washed up and back home on Orkney. As she tries to come to terms with the addiction that has swallowed the last decade of her life, she spends her days tracking Orkney's wildlife, and discovers how the wild can restore life and renew hope.

Canongate; 2016

7hrs 30mins

## **11487 REASONS TO STAY ALIVE**

**By Matt Haig**

**Reader Matt Haig**

Aged 24, Matt Haig triumphed over an illness that almost destroyed him, and learned to live again. A moving, funny and joyous exploration of how to live better, love better and feel more alive, this is more than a memoir. It is a book about making the most of your time on earth.

Jammer Audio; 2015

4hrs 30mins

## **HISTORY – BRITISH**

### **11457 THE CO-OP'S GOT BANANAS**

**By Hunter Davies**

**Reader Bob Rollett**

In his memoir of growing up in post-war North of England, Hunter Davies captures the dreariness of life amid the immense damage wrought by the Second World War. He recalls the struggle to make ends meet on rationing, when chocolate was scarce, and bananas a pipe dream!

Simon & Schuster; 2016

11hrs 30mins

**11422 FIGHTING FIT: THE WARTIME BATTLE FOR  
BRITAIN'S HEALTH**

**By Laura Dawes**

**Reader Karen Cass**

At the beginning of the Second World War, medical experts predicted epidemics of physical and mental illness on the home front. Rationing would decimate the nation's health, they warned; yet, astonishingly, Britain ended the war in better health than ever before. Fighting Fit reveals an extraordinary, forgotten story of medical triumph against the odds.

Oakhill Audio; 2016

9hrs 35mins

**POETRY**

**11353 FOR ALL OCCASIONS**

**By Peter Barkworth (editor)**

**Reader Richard Simpson**

Peter Barkworth has compiled this book of his favourite selections to be read and used by anyone who has to read in front of an audience. Useful at Christmas and other holidays; benefits, charity dos and church concerts; remembrance days, funerals and memorials; special luncheons and dinners; weddings and christenings.

Methuen; 1999

9hrs 0mins

## **PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY**

### **11425 THE ANTIDOTE**

**By Oliver Burkeman**

**Reader Oliver Burkeman**

Is our search for happiness futile? Or are we just going about it the wrong way? Oliver Burkeman argues that there is, in fact, an alternative path to contentment and success that involves embracing the things we spend our lives trying to avoid - uncertainty, insecurity, pessimism and failure.

Clipper Audio; 2013

6hrs 15mins

### **11432 THE SECRET**

**By Rhonda Byrne**

**Reader Miscellaneous**

Once known only by an elite who were unwilling to share their knowledge, 'the secret' of obtaining anything you desire is now revealed by prominent physicists, authors and philosophers as being based in the universal Law of Attraction. And the good news is that anyone can access its power to bring themselves health, wealth and happiness.

Clipper Audio; 2007

4hrs 30mins

## **SPORT & GAMES**

### **11441 LANTERNE ROUGE**

**By Max Leonard**

**Reader Ben Seymour**

If you complete a bike race of over 3,000 kilometres in the slowest time, should you be branded the loser? *Lanterne Rouge* flips the Tour de France on its head and examines the stories of the riders who don't win the trophy, and forces us to re-examine the meaning of success, failure and the very nature of sport.

Yellow Jersey; 2015

10hrs 15mins