

For Your Ears Only Spring 2017

Welcome to the spring issue of For Your Ears Only packed with lots of new titles for you to choose from. You may not be aware that June is National Crime Reading Month so we are celebrating this with an article telling you all about it, followed by a list of crime titles available in the library which may tempt you to explore the genre further.

Recently we have had some comments from members regarding unacceptable language or content in certain books. Every time we receive these we look at each of the titles to make sure we have categorised them correctly. Generally any books with material which may offend are in the X-rated genre which members would have to request to receive. However some of these books will be in the contemporary genre which could have some content that may offend but is deemed as being an acceptable level for the category. If you wish to reassess your genre interests so that you do not receive these books then please contact our membership services team who will be happy to help.

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 or telephone Membership Services on 01296 432339.

Happy reading from the Editorial Team
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National Crime Reading Month

National Crime Reading Month happens in June and is a unique literary festival, held throughout the UK.

Co-ordinated by the Crime Writer's Association it is designed to bring together writers and readers in order to promote the crime genre as a whole.

The main aim is to get people talking about crime writing and more specifically to get them reading. In recognition of this, here are some crime titles that we have available in the library that may tempt you to discover the crime genre for the first time or highlight some new authors to you.

8780 Cambridge Blue by Alison Bruce

Gary Goodhew is just setting out on his career as a detective at Cambridge's Parkside Station. When he discovers the body of a young woman on a nearby common he is given his first opportunity to work on a murder investigation.

10887 A Time to Die by Hazel Holt

When Charlie Hamilton is found dead in his stables from a blow to the head, the entire community is shaken. Especially since Charlie's is just the first in a series of shocking and suspicious deaths. Mrs. Malory is on the case, but the trail of clues proves to be anything but a smooth ride.

9078 A Dance of Ghosts by Kevin Brooks

A Private Investigator looks into the case of a missing girl that leads to links with his own young wife's murder 16 years before.

10805 London Rain by Nicola Upson

May, 1937, and at the height of the Coronation celebrations, Detective Chief Inspector Archie Penrose is called to the BBC to investigate the murder of a famous broadcaster, a death which Josephine Tey suspects is linked to a decade-old scandal.

11301 The Funeral Owl by Jim Kelly

The 'Funeral Owl' is supposedly an omen of death, so when there is a rare sighting, Philip Dryden, editor of the local newspaper, has a sense of foreboding. When Dryden is asked for help in solving a horrifying ten-year-old case, he uncovers a curious link between some seemingly unrelated cases.

11325 The Hunting Dogs by Jorn Lier Horst

Seventeen years ago William Wisting led the investigation into one of Norway's most notorious criminal cases, the murder of Cecilia Linde. When it is discovered that evidence was falsified, he is suspended from duty. It looks like a man has been wrongly convicted, suddenly the media are baying for blood.

8045 Christine Falls by Benjamin Black

Pathologist Quirke returns to his office to find his brother-in-law, a paediatrician, making notes in a dead woman's chart. The woman died in childbirth but Quirke doubts the cause of death. His determination to discover what is going on leads him to a Catholic orphanage and a remarkable conspiracy.

8000 Requiem Mass by Elizabeth Corley

When a young woman falls to her death the only people with her are her four school friends. One – or maybe all of them – is responsible. Twenty years later someone is intent on letting them have their just desserts.

9917 Dark Winter by David Mark

DS McAvoy is a man with a troubled past. His unwavering belief in justice has made him an outsider in the police force he serves. When three seemingly unconnected people are murdered in the weeks before Christmas, it is only McAvoy who can see the connection between the victims. Can he find a way to stop the deadly game?

9886 The Norfolk Mystery by Ian Sansom

It is 1937 and disillusioned Spanish Civil War veteran Stephen Sefton sees a mysterious advertisement for a job where 'intelligence is essential'. Thus begins Sefton's association with Professor Swanton Morley. When the vicar of Blakeney is found hanging from his church's bellrope, Morley and Sefton find themselves drawn into a fiendish plot.

7489 Cold in the Earth by Aline Templeton

As DI Marjory Fleming carries out her first murder investigation a deadly virus is killing the local cattle and destroying the lives of the people of Galloway. In New York, Laura is out to solve the mystery of her sister's disappearance fifteen years ago.

10727 The Swedish Girl by Alex Gray

When Kirsty Wilson lands a room in a luxury Glasgow flat, owned by Swedish fellow student Eva Magnusson, she can't believe her luck. But Kirsty's delight turns to terror when she finds the beautiful Swedish girl lying dead in their home and their male flatmate accused of her murder. Kirsty refuses to accept he is guilty and, inspired by family friend Detective Superintendent Lorimer, sets out to clear his name.

Emma Scott

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

11622 THE FOLLOWING STORY

By Cees Nooteboom

Reader Bob Rollett

Waking one morning to find himself in a seedy hotel room in Lisbon and with the feeling that he is perhaps dead, Herman Mussert is certain that he went to bed the night before in Amsterdam. Mussart consequently looks back into his past, questioning the whys and wherefores of his former lives and his one love.

Vintage; 1996

3hrs 0mins

11498 A LADY AND HER HUSBAND

By Amber Reeves

Reader Pat Steadman

Mary Heyham discovers that her husband is not treating the waitresses in his chain of tea shops as well as he should - they have to stand for hours, work 12 hour days, and are not paid very much because they live at home with their parents, so Mary attempts to improve things.

Persephone; 2016

14hrs 0mins

ADVENTURE FICTION

11551 CARIBBEE

By Julian Stockwin

Reader Christian Rodska

Volume 14 of the Thomas Kydd series. A Caribbean posting seems a welcome respite for war hero Thomas Kydd, but when merchantmen begin vanishing from the sea, fear starts to spread. Kydd must embark on a dangerous game of espionage in order to destroy this new danger to the Empire.

Lamplight Audio; 2014

11hrs 15mins

11552 PASHA

By Julian Stockwin

Reader Christian Rodska

Volume 15 of the Thomas Kydd series. Following Nelson's death Kydd is sent into the Dardanelles to protect the route to India. The French covet this route and when they whip up strong anti-English sentiment, the British ambassador to Constantinople has to flee, and a deadly stand-off ensues...

Lamplight Audio; 2015

10hrs 0mins

11655 PREDATOR

By Wilbur Smith & Tom Cain **Reader Ben Onwukwe**

When terrorist activity sparks panic on an oil super tanker, ex-SAS officer Hector Cross is called into a mission that will test his emotional and physical limits. As Cross is thrown into the fire once more, he will not stop until he has snared his prey.

Lamplight Audio; 2016

15hr 15mins

11553 TYGER

By Julian Stockwin

Reader Christian Rodska

Volume 16 of the Thomas Kydd series. Kydd is given a commission on the recently mutinied Tyger and faces a crew still under some malign influence. To avoid disgrace he has to gamble his reputation and crew on a crazy mission to snatch a Prussian division out of the jaws of Napoleon's advancing army.

Lamplight Audio; 2016

10hrs 45mins

ANIMAL STORIES

11584 THE LAST FAMILY IN ENGLAND

By Matt Haig

Reader Paul Roberts

Prince is an earnest young dog, striving hard to live up to the tenets of the Labrador Pact (Remain Loyal to Your Human Masters, Serve and Protect Your Family at Any Cost). Other dogs, led by the Springer Spaniels, have revolted. Their slogans are 'Dogs for Dogs, not for Humans' and Prince is forced to break the Labrador Pact and take desperate action to save his Family.

Vintage 2005

7hrs 30mins

CLASSIC FICTION

11574 THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER

By Mark Twain

Reader Garrick Hagon

Impish, young Tom Sawyer is a hero to his friends and a torment to his relations. Wherever there is mischief or adventure, Tom is at the heart of it. During one hot summer, Tom witnesses a murder, runs away to be a pirate, foils a devilish plot and discovers a box of gold. But can he escape his nemesis, the villainous Injun Joe?

Clipper Audio; 2008

8hrs 25mins

11596 LITTLE WOMEN**By Louisa May Alcott****Reader Grace Dives**

The four March sisters Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy live in New England with their mother, while their father has been drafted to fight in the Civil War. The girls embark on a series of adventures and endure a number of unexpected misfortunes and experiences that allow their personalities to emerge.

Alma Classics; 2016

9hrs 40mins

11601 THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL**By Baroness Orczy****Reader Ann Clark**

Paris, 1792. Each day scores of the French nobility feed the guillotine. There is no escape. But rumours whisper of a league of English gentleman of unparalleled daring who are risking their lives to spirit aristocrats across the Channel. They leave no trace behind them except a note from the 'Scarlet Pimpernel'.

Hodder 2005

11hrs 0mins

11599 WHISKY GALORE**By Compton Mackenzie****Reader Ian Masters**

It's 1943 and the war has brought rationing to the Hebridean islands of Great and Little Todday. When food is in short supply, it is bad enough, but when the whisky runs out, it looks like the end of the world!

Vintage Classics; 2015

9hrs 30mins

CONTEMPORARY FICTION**11570 ALL THAT MAN IS****By David Szalay****Reader Miscellaneous**

Nine men. Each of them at a different stage of life. Each of them away from home, and each of them striving in a cheap hotel in the suburbs of Prague, to understand just what it means to be alive, here and now. And as the years chase them down, the stakes become bewilderingly high.

Clipper Audio; 2016

13hrs 15mins

11713 A BOY MADE OF BLOCKS

By Keith Stuart

Reader Gavin Osborn

Eight year old Sam has always been different - beautiful, surprising and autistic. His dad, Alex struggles to connect with Sam, and the strain has pushed his marriage with Jody to the edge. Can the fragmented family put themselves back together one piece at a time? Richard & Judy Bookclub.

Isis Audio Books; 2016

11hrs 30mins

11649 CHILDREN OF THE MASTER

By Andrew Marr

Reader Steven Crossley

The Prime Minister's days are numbered. The Master, a shadowy figure from his party's past, plans to replace him with someone he can manipulate to his own ends. Against a backdrop of intrigue and betrayal at Westminster, a struggle of sacrifices and compromises to seize the greatest political prize of all begins.

Clipper Audio; 2016

12hrs 0mins

11625 COMMONWEALTH

By Ann Patchett

Reader Laurence Bouvard

It is 1964: Bert Cousins shows up at Franny Keating's christening uninvited. When Bert kisses his host's wife, Beverley, he sets in motion the joining of two families. In 1988, Franny Keating, now 24, never dreams that the consequences of this encounter will extend into the lives of her scattered siblings and parents.

Clipper Audio; 2016

10hrs 45mins

11543 THE DAUGHTERS OF MARS

By Thomas Keneally

Reader Anne Marlow

In 1915, two spirited Australian sisters join the war effort as nurses, escaping the confines of their father's dairy farm. But nothing could have prepared them for what they confront, yet they find courage in the face of extreme danger and become the friends they never were before.

Sceptre; 2013

23hrs 0mins

11544 THE DAY YOU SAVED MY LIFE

By Louise Candlish

Reader Juanita McMahon

On a summer's day in Paris, tourists on a river trip watch in horror as a small boy falls overboard and disappears below the surface of the water. As his mother stands frozen to the spot, another passenger jumps... This is the story of how a single act of courage transforms the lives of all those involved.

Clipper Audio; 2012

18hrs 15mins

11707 DAYS WITHOUT END

By Sebastian Barry

Reader Aidan Kelly

Having signed up for the US army in the 1850s, aged barely seventeen, Thomas McNulty and his brother-in-arms, John Cole, go on to fight in the Indian wars and ultimately, the Civil War. Having fled terrible hardships they find these days to be vivid and filled with wonder, despite the horrors they both see.

Clipper Audio; 2016

8hrs 0mins

11546 THE DISAPPEARANCE OF EMILY MARR

By Louise Candlish

Reader Noreen Leighton

Arriving on the windswept Ile de Ré, Tabby Dewhurst enters the strange, hidden world of Emmie, whose sudden offer of friendship is at odds with her obsession with privacy. Tabby begins to form suspicions about Emmie, suspicions that lead her to a scandal with shattering consequences.

Clipper Audio; 2014

15hrs 15mins

11595 FIVE RIVERS MET ON A WOODED PLAIN

By Barney Norris

Reader Jenny Clay

One quiet evening in Salisbury, the peace is shattered by a serious car crash. At that moment, five lives collide, all facing their own personal disasters. As one of those lives hangs in the balance, the stories of all five unwind, drawn together by connection and coincidence into a web of love, grief, disenchantment and hope.

Doubleday; 2016

10hrs 30mins

11617 A GIRL IS A HALF-FORMED THING

By Eimear McBride

Reader Eimear McBride

This is the story of a young woman's relationship with her brother, and the long shadow cast by his childhood brain tumour. It is a shocking and intimate insight into the thoughts, feelings and chaotic sexuality of a vulnerable and isolated protagonist.

Faber Audio; 2014

7hrs 30mins

11638 GLASS

By Alex Christofi

Reader Paul Vates

Günter Glass - ex-milkman and aspiring window-cleaner, is struggling to find his way in the world. His mum has died, his dad's retired, he's just been let go from his milk round - and Günter Glass has his head in the clouds. But will Günter's innocence put him on a collision course with the modern world?

Serpent's Tail; 2015

9hrs 0mins

11650 HEAD OF STATE

By Andrew Marr

Reader Steven Crossley

September 2017, and the United Kingdom is on the verge of a referendum that will determine if the country remains a member of the European Union. But, unknown to all but a handful of members of the Prime Minister's innermost circle, there is a shocking secret that could change everything.

Clipper Audio; 2015

9hrs 45mins

11365 HIGH TIDE

By Veronica Henry

Reader Pauline Beale

Pennfleet might be a small town, but there's never a dull moment in its narrow winding streets. Kate has only planned a flying visit to clear out the family home after the death of her mother. But when she finds an anonymous letter, she is drawn back into her own past...

Orion; 2015

9hrs 30mins

11703 HIMSELF**By Jess Kidd****Reader Aidan Kelly**

When Mahony returns to Mulderrig, on Ireland's west coast, he brings only a photograph of his long-lost mother, and a determination to do battle with the village's lies. No one though, living or dead, will be able to guess what happened to the teenage mother who abandoned him as a baby.

Clipper Audio; 2016

9hrs 45mins

11614 HIS ILLEGAL SELF**By Peter Carey****Reader Greta Scacchi**

Seven year old Che, abandoned by his radical Harvard-student parents during the upheaval of the 1960s, has been raised in isolated privilege by his grandmother. When a woman named Dial comes to collect Che, it seems his mother has come back for him. But soon, Che is thrown into a world where nothing is what it seems.

Faber Audio; 2008

4hrs 30mins

11541 THE HOUSE OF HIDDEN MOTHERS**By Meera Syal****Reader Ruth Chatto**

Shyama, aged forty-eight, has fallen for a younger man. They want a child together. Meanwhile, in a rural village in India, young Mala, trapped in an oppressive marriage, dreams of escape. When Shyama and Mala meet, they help each other realise their dreams. But will fate guarantee them both happiness?...

Black Swan; 2016

15hrs 0mins

11639 HOW TO FIND LOVE IN A BOOK SHOP**By Veronica Henry****Reader Julia Barrie**

Nightingale Books, nestled in the idyllic Cotswold town of Peasebrook, is a dream come true for booklovers. But owner Emilia Nightingale is struggling to keep the bookshop open. The temptation to sell up is proving enormous – but what about the loyalty she owes to her customers...

Oakhill; 2016

11hrs 0mins

11481 I DO NOT SLEEP

By Judy Finnigan **Reader Patience Tomlinson**

Five years ago, Molly Gabriel lost her 20-year-old son, Joey, to a terrible sailing accident. His empty boat was washed ashore on the rocks, but his body was never found. Unable to accept he is gone and desperate for answers, she turns to Joey's best friend, Ben, to try and find out what really happened that day...

Isis Audio Books; 2015

8hrs 30mins

11633 IF I WAS YOUR GIRL

By Meredith Russo **Reader Samia Mounts**

Amanda Hardy is the new girl at school. Like everyone else, all she wants is to make friends and fit in. But Amanda is holding back, even from Grant, the guy she's falling in love with. Amanda has a secret. At her old school, she used to be called Andrew. And secrets always have a way of getting out...

Jammer Audio; 2016

7hrs 0mins

11560 A LAND MORE KIND THAN HOME

By Wiley Cash **Reader Miscellaneous**

One Sunday, 9-year-old Jess Hall watches in horror as his autistic brother is smothered during a healing service in the mountains of North Carolina. The unimaginable violence that follows must be untangled by a local sheriff with his own tragic past.

Clipper Audio; 2012

8hrs 30mins

11475 THE LEGACY

By Katherine Webb **Reader Pauline Beale**

Following the death of their grandmother, Erica Calcott and her sister Beth return to Storton Manor, where they spent their summer holidays as children. Erica is flooded with memories of her cousin Henry, whose disappearance from the manor tore the family apart, and sets out to discover what happened.

Orion; 2010

17hrs 0mins

11582 THE LIBRARY AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD

By Felicity Hayes-McCoy Reader Marcella Riordan

As Hanna Casey drives her mobile library between farms and villages she tries not to think of the London lifestyle she has abandoned. But when the threatened closure of the library puts her plans to reclaim her independence into jeopardy, she finds herself leading a battle to restore the heart and soul of Finfarran's fragmented community.

Oakhill; 2016

10hrs 10mins

11626 THE LITTLE RED CHAIRS

By Edna O'Brien Reader Juliet Stevenson

When a man who calls himself a faith healer arrives in a small, west-coast Irish village, the community is soon under the spell of this charismatic stranger from the Balkans. One woman in particular, Fidelma McBride, becomes enthralled in a fatal attraction that leads to unimaginable consequences.

Clipper Audio; 2016

9hrs 30mins

11564 A MAN CALLED OVE

By Fredrik Backman Reader Bob Rollett

Ove might be an irritating grumpy old man, but as you learn about his past life and his kind heart you'll warm to him. In the end, you will see, there is something about Ove that is quite irresistible...

Sceptre; 2015

10hrs 0mins

11613 MAN IN THE DARK

By Paul Auster Reader Paul Auster

August Brill lies in bed at night unable to sleep. Troubled by a recent spate of family disasters - death, accidents and separations - he creates stories in his head to fend off the realities of his life. Over the space of one night, both worlds eventually collide.

Faber Audio; 2008

5hrs 0mins

11583 THE MESSAGE

By Julie Highmore

Reader Jilly Bond

Jen has no idea that her neat life is about to unravel. With one misplaced voicemail from her husband, she discovers that her marriage is a sham. Numb with shock, she's hiding from the future when she's stunned by a face from the past.

Magna Story Sound; 2010

9hrs 15mins

11615 MY NAME IS RED

By Orhan Pamuk

Reader John Lee

The Sultan secretly commissions a great book: a celebration of his life and the Ottoman Empire, to be illuminated by the best artists of the day. But when one of the miniaturists is murdered, their Master has to seek outside help. Did the dead painter fall victim to professional rivalry, romantic jealousy or religious terror?

Faber Audio; 2008

20hrs 30mins

11569 THE NEW WOMAN

By Charity Norman

Reader Maggie Mash

Luke Livingstone is a respected solicitor, a father and grandfather, a pillar of the community. Yet Luke is struggling with an unbearable secret, and it's threatening to destroy him. But to continue living, he must become the person - the woman - he knows himself to be, whatever the cost.

Clipper Audio; 2015

14hrs 0mins

11742 NO THANKS! I'M QUITE HAPPY STANDING!

By Virginia Ironside

Reader Maggie Mash

Marie is turning 69 this year, but there are no signs of her slowing down! The year brings plenty of challenges, but worst of all, it seems Gene is getting too old to want to hang out with his groovy granny any more. Maybe learning to graffiti and speak street slang will help to win him back!

Lamplight Audio; 2017

10hrs 45mins

11559 THE NOISE OF TIME**By Julian Barnes****Reader Daniel Philpott**

In May 1937, a man in his early thirties waits by the lift of a Leningrad apartment block, expecting to be taken away to the 'Big House.' Any celebrity he has known in the previous decade is no use to him now, and few who are taken there ever return.

Clipper Audio; 2016

5hrs 45mins

11573 NOT QUITE NICE**By Celia Imrie****Reader Brenda White**

Theresa is desperate for a change. Forced into early retirement, she sells her house and moves to a picture-perfect town, just outside Nice. But life is never as simple as it seems, and when skeletons fall out of several closets, Theresa starts to wonder if life on the French Riviera is quite as nice as it first appeared.

Bloomsbury; 2016

8hrs 0mins

11516 OLIVE KITTERIDGE**By Elizabeth Strout****Reader Ann Stutz**

Olive Kitteridge: indomitable, compassionate and often unpredictable. A retired schoolteacher in a small coastal town in Maine, as she grows older she struggles to make sense of the changes in her life. She is a woman who sees into the hearts of those around her, their triumphs and tragedies.

Pocket Books; 2016

10hrs 30mins

11618 ON THE OTHER SIDE**By Carrie Hope Fletcher****Reader Judy Le Besque**

Evie Snow is 82 when she quietly passes away in her sleep, but when she reaches the door of her own private heaven, she finds that the door won't open. Evie's soul must be light enough to pass through, which means unburdening herself of three secrets that have weighed her down for over 50 years.

Sphere; 2016

7hrs 45mins

11656 THE ONE WE FELL IN LOVE WITH

By Paige Toon

Reader Juliette Burton

Phoebe can either settle down and get married, or return to the French Alps to pursue her passion. Eliza is in love with someone who is no longer hers. Rose is out of a job and out of a boyfriend. But these very different girls have one thing in common. Angus. The one they fell in love with...

Rosa Audiobooks; 2016

12hrs 0mins

11644 THE QUEEN OF NEW BEGINNINGS

By Erica James

Reader Juanita McMahon

Clayton Miller's promising media career and personal life are in tatters. To put it all behind him he retreats to a secluded country house. There he meets Alice, who goes to great lengths to avoid telling the truth about herself. When Alice and Clayton discover the truth about each other they form an unlikely friendship...

Clipper Audio; 2010

16hrs 0mins

11540 THE READER ON THE 6.27

By Jean-Paul Didierlaurent

Reader James Murphy

Sitting on the 6.27 train each day, Guylain Vignolles recites aloud from pages he has saved from the jaws of a monstrous book pulping machine. But it is when he discovers the diary of a lonely young woman, Julie - a woman who feels as lost in the world as he does - that his journey will truly begin . . .

Pan Books; 2016

4hrs 0mins

11567 THE SELLOUT

By Paul Beatty

Reader Prentice Onayemi

Born in Dickens, Los Angeles, the narrator of this story is told that his father's memoir will solve their financial woes. But when his father is killed, he discovers there never was a memoir. Fuelled by despair, he sets out to right this wrong by reinstating slavery and segregating the local high school. Booker Prize Winner 2016.

Clipper Audio; 2016

9hrs 30mins

11472 THE SHELL HOUSE

By Jane Thynne

Reader Clare Francis

At a conference in a country estate, Jessica discovers a ruined shell house. There is an intriguing mystery about its owner, the late Sir Lewis Appleby, a pioneering geneticist. Solving the mystery encompasses a quest into a man's past, the complexities of wartime subterfuge and a love story of a woman torn between two brothers.

Fourth Estate; 1999

11hrs 0mins

11542 THE SILK MERCHANT'S DAUGHTER

By Dinah Jefferies

Reader Hilary Spiers

1952, French Indochina. After her mother's death, 18-year-old half-French, half-Vietnamese Nicole is given an abandoned silk shop in the Vietnamese quarter of Hanoi. But when Nicole is awakened to the corruption of the militant rebels who want to end French rule, her own family's involvement shocks her to the core...

Viking; 2016

11hrs 15mins

11640 THE SONG COLLECTOR

By Natasha Solomons

Reader Charles Armstrong

Celebrated composer Harry Fox-Talbot wants to be left in peace. His beloved wife has died, and he's unable to write a note of music. Then one day he discovers that his 4-year-old grandson is a piano prodigy. The music returns and Fox is compelled to re-engage with life – and to confront an old family rift...

Oakhill; 2016

12hrs 0mins

11545 THE SUDDEN DEPARTURE OF THE FRASERS

By Louise Candlish

Reader Julie Teal

When Joe and Christy Davenport step into their new home, they believe their dreams have come true. But Christy becomes obsessed with the previous occupant, Amber Fraser, whose departure is shrouded in mystery. What happened to her? And why are their neighbourly attempts at friendship met with an unnerving silence?

Clipper Audio; 2015

14hrs 30mins

11647 THE SUMMER HOUSE**By Santa Montefiore****Reader Tara Ward**

When her husband, George, dies in a tragic accident, Antoinette's world falls apart. As she arrives at the church for his funeral, she sees an unfamiliar woman. Phaedra loved George too, and as she sits before his wife, she knows that what she is about to reveal will change their lives forever.

Clipper Audio; 2012

13hrs 45mins

11714 THIS MUST BE THE PLACE**By Maggie O'Farrell****Reader Sean Barrett**

Daniel Sullivan is a man with a complicated life. A New Yorker living in the wilds of Ireland, he is about to find out something about a woman he lost touch with 20 years ago, and this discovery will send him off course, far away from his wife and home.

Isis Audio Books; 2016

14hrs 30mins

11634 TRANSIT**By Rachel Cusk****Reader Julia Franklin**

In the wake of family collapse, a writer and her two young sons move to London. As she endeavours to construct a new reality for herself and her children, she is made to confront aspects of living she has, until now, avoided, in what becomes her struggle to re-attach herself and believe in life.

Clipper Audio; 2016

6hrs 45mins

11443 THE TRANSIT OF VENUS**By Shirley Hazzard****Reader Wendy Denison**

Caro and Grace are Australian sisters who come to post-war England to seek their fortunes. Here Caro finds that love brings passion, sorrow, betrayal and finally hope, while Grace seeks fulfilment in an apparently happy marriage. But as the decades pass, love, death and two slow-burning secrets wait in ambush for them.

Virago; 1995

15hrs 15mins

11386 THE TRAVELLING HORNPLAYER

By Barbara Trapido

Reader Jane Colgan

Ellen's sister Lydia is knocked down and killed outside Jonathan Goldman's London flat whilst he is on the train to his Oxfordshire home. He has just said goodbye to the gladiatorial Sonia, to return home to his wife. All these characters' lives become twisted together through bonds of passion, friendship and bereavement.

Bloomsbury; 2009

10hrs 30mins

11694 THE TROUBLE WITH GOATS AND SHEEP

By Joanna Cannon

Reader Yvonne Clemenson

England, 1976. Mrs Creasy is missing and The Avenue is alive with whispers. As the summer shimmers endlessly on, ten-year-olds Grace and Tilly decide to take matters into their own hands. And as the cul-de-sac starts giving up its secrets, the amateur detectives will find much more than they imagined...

The Borough Press; 2016

10hrs 30mins

11670 WHAT MILO SAW

By Virginia Macgregor

Reader Steve Hodson

Nine-year-old Milo Moon has retinitis pigmentosa: His eyes are slowly failing and he will eventually go blind. But for now he notices things other people don't. When his beloved gran moves into a nursing home, he soon realises there's something very wrong, and Milo sets out on a mission to expose the sinister Nurse Thornhill.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

9hrs 45mins

11415 WHAT WOULD MARY BERRY DO?

By Claire Sandy

Reader Judy Le Besque

Marie Dunwoody has a lovely husband, three wonderful children, and a business of her own. But her cupcakes are rubbish, her meringues are runny and her biscuits rock-hard. She cannot bake for toffee. Then Marie decides this is the year it all changes. She vows to follow - to the letter - recipes from the Queen of Baking, and at all times ask, 'What would Mary Berry do?'

Pan; 2014

10hrs 15mins

11493 A WHOLE LIFE

By Robert Seethaler

Reader Terrence Hardiman

Andreas lives his whole life in the Austrian Alps, where he arrives as a young boy taken in by a farming family. He falls in love with Marie, but when she dies in an avalanche, pregnant with their first child, Andreas' heart is broken. He leaves his valley to fight in WWII, and returns to find that modernity has reached his remote haven.

Picador; 2015

4hrs 0mins

11538 WIG BEGONE

By Charles Courtley

Reader Robert Seymour

An exhilarating tale of the trials of a fledgling barrister's life, as he confronts the problems which face him as he sallies forth into the legal world. With disaster often lurking round the corner the story culminates in his own appearance in front of England's most notorious judge!

Matador; 2009

10hrs 0mins

COSY CRIME: GENTLE MYSTERIES

11643 A BETTER QUALITY OF MURDER

By Ann Granger

Reader Maggie Mash

London, 1867. A woman lies murdered in Green Park. Allegra Benedict was the beautiful Italian wife of an art dealer. As Inspector Ben Ross of Scotland Yard begins his investigation, his wife Lizzie looks into Allegra's private life and uncovers more than one reason why someone might want her dead...

Clipper Audio; 2012

10hrs 30mins

11547 THE DEAD IN THEIR VAULTED ARCHES

By Alan Bradley

Reader Sophie Aldred

Flavia's mother, Harriet, has always been presumed dead, killed in a mountaineering accident in Tibet. Now, astonishingly, she returns to Buckshaw, and a series of bizarre and deadly events occur, as a most curious group of individuals converge to pay their respects...

Clipper Audio; 2014

7hrs 45mins

11723 THE DOUBLE COMFORT SAFARI CLUB

By Alexander McCall Smith Reader Adjoa Andoh

Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutsi are called to a safari lodge in Botswana's Okavango Delta to carry out a delicate mission on behalf of a former guest. Volume 11 of the series.

Isis Audio Books; 2010

7hrs 0mins

11720 THE GOOD HUSBAND OF ZEBRA DRIVE

By Alexander McCall Smith Reader Adjoa Andoh

Mr JLB Matekoni is drawn into the work of the agency when he investigates a case involving an errant husband. But can a man investigate such matters with as much skill as one of the ladies? Mma Ramotswe has her doubts... Volume 8 of the series.

Isis Audio Books; 2007

7hrs 0mins

11549 I AM HALF-SICK OF SHADOWS

By Alan Bradley Reader Sophie Aldred

With the family finances in a state, Flavia's father has rented Buckshaw to a film company for a location shooting. When the actors are talked into staging a benefit performance, old jealousies surface, and the leading lady is murdered! As the list of suspects grows, Flavia investigates.

Clipper Audio; 2013

7hrs 15mins

**11725 THE LIMPOPO ACADEMY OF PRIVATE
DETECTION**

By Alexander McCall Smith Reader Adjoa Andoh

The estimable Clovis Andersen, author of 'The Principles of Private Investigation' - the No. 1 Ladies' prized manual, has arrived in Botswana, on a case of his own. Professional courtesy suggests that he call and announce himself to Mma Ramotswe. Volume 13 of the series

Isis Audio Books; 2012

8hrs 50mins

11726 THE MINOR ADJUSTMENT BEAUTY SALON

By Alexander McCall Smith Reader Adjoa Andoh

With Mma Makutsi busy with motherhood, Mma Ramotswe must tackle detective work alone. Well-known troublemaker Violet Sephotho may be behind a smear campaign against the Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon, and a dispute over the will of a local dignitary points to a shocking family secret. Volume 14 of the series.

Isis Audio Books; 2013

8hrs 10mins

11721 THE MIRACLE AT SPEEDY MOTORS

By Alexander McCall Smith Reader Adjoa Andoh

When she receives a threatening anonymous letter, Mma Ramotswe is compelled to reconsider her unconquerable belief in a kind world. While she ponders the identity of the letter-writer, Mma Ramotswe has a further set of problems to solve, both professional and personal. Volume 9 of the series.

Isis Audio Books; 2008

7hrs 0mins

11719 MURDER IN BLOOM

By Lesley Cookman Reader Patience Tomlinson

When television personality Lewis Osbourne-Walker buys Creekmarsh Place, near Steeple Martin, Libby Sarjeant's son Adam is employed to help with the renovation of the garden. What he doesn't expect is to uncover a long buried skeleton. Libby, naturally, wants to know more about it.

Soundings Audio; 2009

9hrs 0mins

11478 THE NURSING HOME MURDER

By Ngaio Marsh Reader Richard Simpson

A Harley Street surgeon and his nurse are almost too nervous to operate. Their patient is the Home Secretary - and they both have very good personal reasons to want him dead. The operation is a complete success - but he dies within hours, and Inspector Alleyn must find out why...

Harper; 2009

8hrs 0mins

11683 A PLAGUE OF LIONS**By Guy Fraser****Reader Nick McArdle**

1863. Superintendent Henry Jarrett, Chief Detective of Glasgow Central, is comfortably ensconced in Elsie Maitland's superior guest house for single gentlemen. Unfortunately, this tranquillity is short-lived when a major bank robbery calls for the best efforts of Jarrett, Inspector Charlie Grant and Sergeant Tommy Quinn.

Soundings Audio; 2010

7hrs 0mins

11657 RECIPES FOR LOVE AND MURDER**By Sally Andrew****Reader Sandra Prinsloo**

Tannie Maria is a woman who likes to cook a lot and write a little. One morning, whilst making apricot jam, her good friend and editor Harriet arrives. What Maria doesn't realise is that Harriet is about to deliver the first ingredient in two new recipes (recipes for love and murder) and a whole basketful of challenges.

Lamplight Audio; 2016

11hrs 30mins

11550 RED HERRING WITHOUT MUSTARD**By Alan Bradley****Reader Sophie Aldred**

For Flavia de Luce, the words of an old gypsy open up old wounds. Is she a faker, or is there some truth to her powers? And when the village is rocked by another ghastly murder, how will a growing fascination with gypsy lore help Flavia to solve it?

Clipper Audio; 2011

10hrs 15mins

11724 THE SATURDAY BIG TENT WEDDING PARTY**By Alexander McCall Smith****Reader Adjoa Andoh**

As the countdown to Mma Makutsi's wedding begins, all is not as it should be at the No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency. Mma Ramotswe, has reason to reflect on Rule No. 3 of The Principles of Private Detection: never lie to the client. Vol. 12 of the series.

Isis Audio Books; 2011

7hrs 0mins

11548 SPEAKING FROM AMONG THE BONES

By Alan Bradley

Reader Sophie Aldred

The villagers of Bishop's Lacey are holding their breath as St Tancred's tomb is about to be opened after 500 years. But the body is not that of a saint; it is Mr Collicutt, St Tancred's celebrated organist. Flavia soon finds herself investigating one of Bishop's Lacey's most peculiar families.

Clipper Audio; 2014

9hrs 30mins

11722 TEA TIME FOR THE TRADITIONALLY BUILT

By Alexander McCall Smith

Reader Adjoa Andoh

The proprietor of a local football team has enlisted the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency to help explain its dreadful losing streak: surely someone must be fixing the games, it can't just be a case of unskilled players. Vol. 10 of the series.

Isis Audio Books; 2009

6hrs 35mins

DETECTIVE & MYSTERY STORIES

11446 BAD BLOOD

By Arne Dahl

Reader Terrence Hardiman

Detective Paul Hjelm and his team receive an urgent call from the FBI. A murderer whose methods bear a frightening resemblance to a serial killer they believed long dead is on his way to Sweden. Has he somehow returned from beyond the grave to torture a new generation?

Vintage; 2013

12hrs 30mins

11711 BLOWBACK

By Peter May

Reader Simon Vance

It is seven years since France's top chef, Marc Fraysse, was murdered and the identity of his killer remains an enigma. Enzo Macleod, in opening up this celebrated cold case, finds himself reopening old wounds from his own past.

Jammer Audio; 2016

8hrs 30mins

11619 THE BONES OF YOU**By Debbie Howells** **Reader Vivienne Ennemoser**

When 18-year-old Rosie Anderson disappears from the idyllic village where she lived, local gardener Kate is convinced the police are missing something. As the investigation deepens, so does Kate's obsession with solving the mystery of what happened to Rosie. Richard & Judy Bookclub

Pan; 2015

8hrs 15mins

11671 CAUSE OF DEATH**By Jane A Adams** **Reader Julia Franklin**

Summer in Frantham had been long and lazy, and DI MacGregor had enjoyed the peace after a traumatic year. But when the skeletal remains of a woman are found during excavations at the local airfield Mac finds himself swept up into a maelstrom.

Soundings Audio; 2014

8hrs 0mins

11586 DANGEROUS PURSUITS**By Alanna Knight** **Reader Hilary Neville**

When Rose McQuinn discovers the body of a woman in the ruins of St Anthony's Chapel, she is astonished that on returning to the scene, there is no evidence of either the victim or the local constable who had taken down Rose's story. Convinced of what she saw Rose pursues discreet investigations that soon turn into a more dangerous pursuit.

Soundings Audio; 2007

8hrs 0mins

11641 THE DARK SERPENT**By Paul Doherty** **Reader Richard Burnip**

After his recent unveiling of a devious assassin, Sir Hugh Corbett has returned to service as the Keeper of the Secret Seal, his appetite for adventure once again whetted. But the death of Corbett's close friend, Ralph Grandison, puts him in the path of extreme danger. Will he survive to see another day?

Oakhill; 2016

11hrs 0mins

11690 DEAD TO ME**By Cath Staincliffe****Reader Ann Stutz**

DC Rachel Bailey's boss thinks her new recruit has bags of raw talent but straight-laced DC Janet Scott, her reluctant partner in Manchester's Murder Squad, has her doubts. Together Scott and Bailey must hunt a killer, but a life fighting crime can be no life at all...

Corgi; 2012

9hrs 30mins

11348 DEATH IN A STRANGE COUNTRY**By Donna Leon****Reader Patricia Knight-Webb**

Early one morning Guido Brunetti, commissario of the Venice Police, confronts a grisly sight when the body of a young man is fished out of a Venetian canal. All the clues point to a violent mugging, but for Brunetti the robbery motive seems altogether too convenient.

Arrow; 2009

11hrs 15mins

11477 DEATH IN BORDEAUX**By Allan Massie****Reader David Hobbs**

In the spring of 1940, a mutilated body is discovered in a street near Bordeaux railway station. When Superintendent Lannes is warned off the investigation, he suspects that there is a political motive for the murder. In defiance of authority, he continues working on the case. And then another body is found...

Quartet Books; 2010

11hrs 0mins

11677 DEATH OF A GHOST**By Susan Kelly****Reader Gordon Griffin**

When two girls find a body in a remote cottage near Hungerford, Superintendent Gregory Summers discovers that the dead woman, Gillian Lestrangle, has been presumed dead for the past fifteen years. Somebody paid the price for Gillian's first death. Could it be that retribution has at last come calling?

Soundings Audio; 2004

8hrs 0mins

11575 GAME OF CHANCE**By A C Koning****Reader Richard Simpson**

It is 1929. Blind war veteran Frederick Rowlands has done his best to establish a secure existence for himself and his young family. But then his old friend Chief Inspector Douglas asks for his help in tracking down the killer of a beautiful dancer, and suddenly Fred's quiet, orderly world is under threat.

Arbuthnot Books; 2015

12hrs 15mins

11537 LINE OF SIGHT**By A C Koning****Reader Richard Simpson**

London, 1927. Frederick Rowlands works as a switchboard operator for a firm of City solicitors. With his sight badly damaged by shrapnel during the First World War, being a blind man in a sighted world hasn't been easy. Then something happens which threatens to destroy the safe, secure world Fred has established.

Arbuthnot Books; 2014

12hrs 30mins

11623 THE LOST CHRONICLES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES**By Denis O Smith****Reader Richard Simpson**

Whether in fogbound London or deep in the English countryside, these action-packed stories, set during the 1880s and early 1890s, before Holmes's disappearance at the Reichenbach Falls, faithfully recreate the atmosphere of Conan Doyle's early Holmes stories.

C & R Crime; 2014

21hrs 30mins

11653 MISSING, PRESUMED**By Susie Steiner****Reader Juanita McMahon**

When Detective Sergeant Manon Bradshaw receives a report of a missing woman, she knows the first 72 hours are critical: you find her, or you look for a body. And as soon as she sees a picture of Edith Hind, a Cambridge post-graduate from a well-connected family, she knows this case will be big...

Clipper Audio; 2016

13hrs 15mins

11682 MORIARTY

By Anthony Horowitz

Reader Julian Rhind-Tutt

After Sherlock Holmes and his arch-enemy Moriarty fall to their doom at the Reichenbach Falls, Pinkerton agent Frederick Chase arrives in Europe from New York. The death of Moriarty has created a poisonous vacuum which has been swiftly filled by a fiendish new criminal mastermind who has risen to take his place.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

10hrs 0mins

11587 AN ORKNEY MURDER

By Alanna Knight

Reader Hilary Neville

Rose McQuinn is visiting her childhood home on Orkney when an archaeological team stumbles across a body, which is identified as the corpse of a local woman, brutally murdered. Realising that she probably knows the identity of the killer, Rose is all too aware that she could destroy the happiness of those closest to her.

Soundings Audio; 2007

8hrs 0mins

11708 X OUT OF BOUNDS

By Val McDermid

Reader Cathleen McCarron

When a teenager crashes a stolen car and ends up in a coma, a routine DNA test reveals a connection to an unsolved murder from twenty-two years before.

Meanwhile, Karen Pirie finds herself drawn into another mystery that has its roots in a terrorist bombing two decades ago.

Clipper Audio; 2016

13hrs 0mins

11709 X SPLINTER THE SILENCE

By Val McDermid

Reader Saul Reichlin

When psychological profiler Tony Hill comes across a series of suicides among women tormented by vicious online predators, he begins to wonder if there is more to these tragedies than meets the eye. Could it be murder? But what kind of serial killer wants his crimes to stay hidden?

Clipper Audio; 2016

12hrs 45mins

11637 A VENETIAN RECKONING

By Donna Leon

Reader Patricia Knight-Webb

Commissario Guido Brunetti digs deep into the secret lives of the once great and good, and in a seedy Venetian bar uncovers an evil crime network reaching far beyond the laguna. But it will take another violent death in Venice before the forces of justice can even begin to proceed . . .

Pan; 2012

10hrs 0mins

FAMILY STORIES

11535 AUTUMN ALLEY

By Lena Kennedy

Reader Elizabeth Charles

Gas lights and horse drawn buses, gin-soaked night clubs and fluttering lace curtains: enter the world of Autumn Alley. Here you'll find Maud, the formidable Irish-American suffragette and her neighbours, struggling to survive in a world of poverty in London's East End.

Hodder; 2013

15hrs 30mins

11563 BROTHERS IN WAR

By E V Thompson

Reader Glen McCready

1915: Ben Retallick is asked by a War Office friend to provide two traction engines for a secret expedition from Cape Town to Lake Tanganyika. But he is arrested on circumstantial evidence provided by a business rival and accused of being pro-German.

Magna Story Sound; 2006

12hrs 0mins

11698 THE CANARY GIRLS

By Rosie Archer

Reader Helen Lloyd

1944, Hampshire: Her face still bearing the scars from the explosion at the factory, Rita Brown nonetheless manages to keep calm and carry on with a little help from her friends. But when she discovers someone there has been leaking secrets to the Germans, Rita must work out who she can rely on - and fast.

Lamplight Audio; 2016

10hrs 30mins

11668 DILLY'S HOPE

By Rosie Goodwin

Reader Charlie Sanderson

Widow, Dilly Carey, has struggled out of poverty to make a life for herself. But she is troubled by a secret she must never share. It's time for Dilly to make her peace with a choice that she was forced to make but will she also find a way to a new happiness - and a new love? Book 3 of 'Dilly's Story'.

Clipper Audio; 2016

13hrs 0mins

11667 DILLY'S LASS

By Rosie Goodwin

Reader Charlie Sanderson

One thing unites the wealthy Farthing family and hardworking Dilly Carey - Olivia, the daughter Dilly gave to the Farthings years before. Dilly is still living with the consequences when unmarried Olivia arrives on her doorstep, with a baby girl in tow, begging for help. Book 2 of 'Dilly's Story'.

Clipper Audio; 2016

14hrs 0mins

11666 DILLY'S SACRIFICE

By Rosie Goodwin

Reader Charlie Sanderson

With her husband unable to work and four children already, Dilly can't afford to feed her new-born baby. Heartbroken, she delivers her baby girl to the Farthing family who have just lost their own daughter to measles. This act of desperation will change the lives of both families irrevocably. Book 1 of 'Dilly's Story'.

Clipper Audio; 2015

14hrs 0mins

11705 THE FACTORY GIRLS

By Rosie Archer

Reader Helen Lloyd

Autumn, 1944. Doodlebugs are the latest threat to war-battered southern England but at Priddy's munitions factory, Em Earle is about to suffer a threat from much nearer home. Local crook Samuel Golden is up to his old tricks, trying to find ways to exploit people's hardship for his own gain.

Lamplight Audio; 2016

9hrs 15mins

11710 FADED GLORY**By David Essex****Reader Andrew Jarvis**

Albert Kemp is a lonely widower, whose only son was killed in the war. Now, in 1953, he is working in a boxing gym with Danny, who he rescued from gang life. But as Danny begins to grow into a champion he is lured into the corrupt world of match fixing. Will Danny listen to his wise old mentor?

Clipper Audio; 2017

11hrs 0mins

11717 THE HEART OF THE NIGHT**By Judith Lennox****Reader Patricia Gallimore**

In the spring of 1936 Kay Garland embraces an exciting new life of glamour when she becomes companion to Russian Konstantin Denisov's daughter, Miranda. But with the outbreak of war come death and destruction and, for both women, consuming passion, along with the fear of losing all that they hold dear.

Isis Audio Books; 2009

16hrs 30mins

11494 HOMECOMING**By Catrin Collier****Reader Elizabeth Goodrich**

It is January 1957 and Helen's husband Jack returns from National Service. Happy to be reunited, they resume their life together. But Helen is shattered when Jack tells her that a brief fling with a sergeant's widow has left the woman pregnant, forcing her to make a courageous decision...

Accent Press; 2013

13hrs 0mins

11700 LIZZIE'S SECRET**By Rosie Clarke****Reader Juliette Burton**

London, 1938: Young Lizzie Larch is a hat maker in London's east end. She is happy and popular, but she carries a secret. When she starts courting her boss' nephew, a shocking revelation surfaces, threatening to destroy their new-found happiness.

Rosa Audiobooks; 2016

11hrs 15mins

11483 MOONLIGHT AND ASHES

By Rosie Goodwin

Reader Carolyn Oldershaw

Despite being trapped in an abusive marriage, Maggie still feels blessed with her 8-year-old twins, Danny and Lizzie, and baby girl, Lucy. But when the Second World War begins the twins are evacuated to North Wales, and while Maggie struggles to survive the bombings at home, her children face danger of a different kind.

Magna Story Sound; 2006

16hrs 0mins

11585 THE ORPHAN'S DREAM

By Dilly Court

Reader Annie Aldington

Mirabel Cutler was raised by her father, but when he dies suddenly, she finds herself cast out on the street by her ruthless stepmother. She is taken to a place of refuge by charismatic sea captain, Jack Starke. The safe haven turns out to be a house of ill-repute, but Mirabel is determined to make the best of her life...

Magna Story Sound; 2015

12hrs 0mins

11480 ORPHANS OF WAR

By Leah Fleming

Reader Maggie Mash

When Madeleine Belfield loses her family and her home in the Blitz, she is sent to live with relatives in the safety of the Yorkshire Dales. She slowly adjusts to life at Brooklyn Hall and her new family, especially Aunt Plum. Years later a visit back to Yorkshire reveals the truth about the past - a revelation with unimaginable consequences.

Magna Story Sound; 2008

17hrs 15mins

11554 SECRETS OF THE SEWING BEE

By Kate Thompson

Reader Anne Dover

For the women of 1940's London, the battles are on the home front. The colourful mix of characters working at Trout's have turned their sewing expertise to war work. Dolly Doolaney and the sewing bees all play their part in defending the frontline. But as the Blitz hits London, can Dolly manage to contain the secret that binds them all?

Lamplight Audio; 2016

12hrs 45mins

11555 SECRETS OF THE SINGER GIRLS**By Kate Thompson****Reader Anne Dover**

1942. Poppy Percival starts work as a seamstress at Trout's clothing factory. For Poppy and her new friends, the war will throw their lives into turmoil but also bring these women closer to each other than they could ever have imagined.

Lamplight Audio; 2015

11hrs 30mins

11645 SECRETS SHE LEFT BEHIND**By Diane Chamberlain****Reader Abby Craden**

The sudden disappearance of Sara Weston is a mystery to her 17-year-old son, Keith. He must face a challenging situation alone on the release of his half-sister, Maggie, from prison. Somehow the two must find a way to overcome the past because Maggie and her family may be all Keith has left.

Lamplight Audio; 2015

13hrs 30mins

11681 SUNLIGHT ON THE MERSEY**By Lyn Andrews****Reader Julie Maisey**

The Great War is over, and sisters Iris and Rose are adjusting to life in their modest Liverpool home after their brother Charlie has returned from the front. But when their mother sends Rose to the beautiful Welsh village of Tregarron to recover from an illness she discovers a new world of possibility at her feet.

Soundings Audio; 2013

10hrs 30mins

11697 TREMARNOCK**By Emma Burstall****Reader Georgia Maguire**

Tremarnock is a classic Cornish seaside village where Liz has found sanctuary for herself and her young daughter, Rosie. Liz works all the hours God sends to provide for them both. But trouble is waiting just around the corner. As with all villages, there are tensions, secrets - and ambitions.

Lamplight Audio; 2016

12hrs 15mins

11695 TROUBLED WATERS

By Rosie Harris

Reader Siriol Jenkins

When 14-year-old Sara Jenkins rescues her baby sister, Myfanwy, from the fire which kills their mother, little does she realise the burden of responsibility she is taking on. She faces the hardest times of her life before happiness is finally within her reach ...

Magna Story Sound; 2013

9hrs 15mins

11673 THE TRUTH ACCORDING TO US

By Annie Barrows

Reader Miscellaneous

In the summer of 1938, Layla Beck finds herself far from her accustomed social whirl, assigned to cover the history of the remote mill town of Macedonia, West Virginia. As she peels back the layers of family feuds and deceit, she discovers to her cost an unknown story far darker than she could ever have imagined.

Random House Audio; 2015

19hrs 0mins

11624 THE WOOLWORTHS GIRLS

By Elaine Everest

Reader Annie Aldington

It's 1938 and Sarah Caselton starts her new job at Woolworths. She begins a blossoming romance with young assistant manager, Alan. But with the threat of war clouding the horizon, the young employees of Woolworths realize that it's a dangerous time for the nation, and an even more perilous time to fall in love...

Lamplight Audio; 2016

10hrs 45mins

FANTASY FICTION

11661 TALES OF THE PECULIAR

By Ransom Riggs

Reader Bob Rollett

In this collection of fantasy folk tales, we uncover hidden legends of the peculiar world. A fork-tongued princess, a girl who talks to ghosts, and wealthy cannibals who dine on the discarded limbs of peculiars are just a few of the characters whose stories will have you hooked.

Penguin; 2016

4hrs 30mins

GENERAL FICTION

11602 BALANCING ACT

By Joanna Trollope

Reader Julia Franklin

Susie Moran is a success. She has founded and run her own highly profitable company, and now her three daughters are all involved in the business. But can the needs of a family business override the needs of the family itself? In wanting to preserve her business, will Susie lose something much more precious?

Isis Audio Books; 2014

9hrs 25mins

11648 SECRETS OF THE SEA

By Nicholas Shakespeare

Reader Stan Pretty

Following the death of his parents, 11-year-old Alex Dove is torn from his life on a remote farm in Tasmania and sent to school in England. When he returns to Australia twelve years later, his encounter with a young woman persuades him to stay. They marry, and he finds himself drawn into the dynamics of island life.

Clipper Audio; 2008

15hrs 15mins

11715 THIS WAS A MAN

By Jeffrey Archer

Reader Alex Jennings

Book 7 of the 'Clifton Chronicles', sequel to 'Cometh the Hour' (11436). Tragedy engulfs the Clifton family when one of them receives a shocking diagnosis that will throw all their lives into turmoil.

Isis Audio Books; 2016

13hrs 10mins

GHOST STORIES

11669 ROALD DAHL'S BOOK OF GHOST STORIES

By Roald Dahl (editor)

Reader Terrence Hardiman

Who better to choose the ultimate in spine-chillers than Roald Dahl, whose own sinister stories have teased and twisted the imagination of millions? Here are fourteen of his favourite ghost stories.

Penguin; 2012

9hrs 30mins

**11635 THE TRAVELLING BAG AND OTHER
GHOSTLY STORIES**

By Susan Hill

Reader Paul Moriarty

From the foggy streets of Victorian London to the eerie perfection of 1950's suburbia, the everyday is invaded by the evil otherworldly in this unforgettable collection of new ghost stories from the author of *The Woman in Black*, (9268).

Profile Books; 2016

4hrs 0mins

HISTORICAL FICTION

11605 THE APOTHECARY'S DAUGHTER

By Charlotte Betts

Reader Anne Dover

1665: Susannah Leyton has grown up behind the counter of her father's apothecary shop in Fleet Street. But Susannah is dealt a shocking blow when her widowed father marries again, and her stepmother seems determined to remove her from the shop for good.

Soundings Audio; 2012

15hrs 0mins

11676 AN AWKWARD COMMISSION

By David Donachie

Reader Peter Wickham

John Pearce's recent promotion means that he is finally free to follow his own wishes. But while he is indulging himself in London, his trio of closest friends are shipped off to the Mediterranean. Riddled with guilt, Pearce vows to liberate them from the brutal tyrant they are serving under.

Soundings Audio; 2007

11hrs 0mins

11510 BY THE MAST DIVIDED

By David Donachie

Reader Peter Wickham

London: 1793. Young firebrand John Pearce, is press-ganged into brutal life aboard HMS Brilliant, a frigate on her way to war. He is drawn to a group of men who form an exclusive gun crew, the Pelicans. As they chase a French privateer across the English Channel, these disparate men form friendships that will last a lifetime.

Soundings Audio; 2007

16hrs 0mins

11740 THE ESSEX SERPENT**By Sarah Perry****Reader Juanita McMahon**

London 1893: When Cora Seaborne and her son Francis reach Essex, rumours spread from the estuary that the mythical Essex Serpent, once said to roam the marshes claiming lives, has returned to the coastal parish of Aldwinter. Cora, a keen amateur naturalist is enthralled, and sets out on its trail.

Clipper Audio; 2016

14hrs 45mins

11674 THE HEARTBREAKER**By Elisabeth McNeill****Reader Hilary Neville**

In 1746 Bonnie Prince Charlie evaded capture by the English redcoats because a young woman called Flora Macdonald guided him across Skye to where he was able to board a French ship and escape. They never met again but the twelve days they spent together determined the rest of the course of their lives.

Soundings Audio; 2010

7hrs 0mins

11479 THE QUEEN'S PROMISE**By Lyn Andrews****Reader Gordon Griffin**

Alluring Anne Boleyn knows she is required to use her charm to her advantage, and secure the status of her family at the Tudor court. When she bewitches the King himself, Anne will settle for nothing but the throne. But great power brings even greater enemies, and Anne's long-kept secrets might prove to be her undoing...

Soundings Audio; 2012

14hrs 0mins

11642 THE RAVEN'S HEAD**By Karen Maitland****Reader David Thorpe**

Vincent is an apprentice librarian who stumbles upon a secret powerful enough to destroy his master. With the foolish arrogance of youth, he attempts blackmail but the attempt fails and Vincent finds himself on the run and in possession of an intricately carved silver raven's head.

Oakhill; 2016

15hrs 30mins

11495 THE SPINNING WHEEL**By Claire Lorrimer****Reader Ann Lander**

The year is 1902. The love affair between a young aristocrat and the daughter of his tutor ends in disgrace. He is dispatched to Europe and she is left behind, pregnant and ruined. Her child, Harry, is fostered by the Pritchetts, a humble and caring family. Years later nothing can prepare Harry for the revelation of his father's true identity.

House of Stratus; 2001

24hrs 0mins

11603 WAKE**By Anna Hope****Reader Anna Hope**

Remembrance Day 1920: a wartime secret connects three women's lives. As the mystery that binds them begins to unravel, far away, in the fields of France, the Unknown Soldier embarks on his journey home. The mood of the nation is turning towards the future – but can these three women ever let go of the past?

Isis Audio Books; 2014

10hrs 35mins

11672 THE WILFUL HEIRESS**By Victoria Thorne****Reader Karen Cass**

Lady Elisabeth Silverwood is young, beautiful, and an heiress but no fool. Fleeing the advances of a notorious rake, she finds herself pursued and her carriage cut off at a ford. A personable young farmer rescues her and proves to be much more to her liking than Sir Maurice.

Soundings Audio; 2015

5hrs 0mins

HUMOUROUS FICTION

11588 THE SCHOOL INSPECTOR CALLS!

By Gervase Phinn

Reader Gervase Phinn

As a new term begins at the little primary school in Barton-in-the-Dale, head teacher Elisabeth Devine has her work cut out for her. A disruptive new pupil arrives, set to cause trouble, and there's a big school production of The Wizard of Oz to organise, as well as an impending visit from the Minister of Education.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

11hrs 0mins

11499 THE SECRET DIARY OF HENDRIK GROEN, 83¼ YEARS OLD

By Hendrik Groen

Reader Bob Rollett

Hendrik Groen may be old, but he is far from dead and isn't planning to be buried any time soon. Granted, his daily strolls are getting shorter because his legs are no longer willing and technically speaking he is ... elderly. But surely there is more to life at his age than weak tea and potted geraniums?

Michael Joseph; 2016

11hrs 25mins

LOVE STORIES

11702 THE FOOD OF LOVE

By Prue Leith

Reader Anna Parker-Naples

World War II is not yet over when Laura Oliver falls in love with Giovanni, an Italian ex prisoner-of-war, now a humble cook. Together, the couple flee to London where only their love for one another and their dream of opening a restaurant business keeps them going.

Lamplight Audio; 2015

12hrs 0mins

11448 THE NICE BLOKE**By Catherine Cookson****Reader Joy Dansette**

Harry Blenheim had always been known as the nice bloke, an inoffensive man whose existence was as dull as ditchwater. But when he gives into the demands of the vivacious Betty Ray, the scandal that follows not only splits his family but ruins his career.

Corgi; 1998

8hrs 30mins

11716 ONE SWEET MOMENT**By Maggie Craig****Reader Lesley Mackie**

Since losing their parents, Kate and Andrew Dunbar have been living with their cold-hearted aunt and uncle within the vaults of Edinburgh's South Bridge. Worked relentlessly, Kate has little chance to secure a different way of life for herself and her brother. Until the day that Richard Hope walks into her life...

Soundings Audio; 2009

13hrs 0mins

11598 PLOUGH THE FURROW**By Margaret Dickinson****Reader Pauline Beale**

Lincolnshire, 1910. Desperate for work and a place to stay, Esther Everatt arrives at Sam Brumby's farm, seeking the chance to earn her keep. Reluctantly, the old man takes her on, but as war arrives, Esther discovers that it is only the truest of love that can survive the passing of the seasons . . . Fleethaven Trilogy volume 1.

Pan Books; 2015

14hrs 30mins

11701 THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTER**By Prue Leith****Reader Karen Cass**

After growing up in her family's restaurant business, Angelica Angelotti moves to Paris to learn French cuisine. When her marriage fails she returns to run the inn on her family's estate in Gloucestershire, but little does Angelica know that what awaits her there is the greatest challenge of her life - and a second chance at love.

Lamplight Audio; 2016

11hrs 15mins

SCIENCE FICTION

11473 X NOD

By Adrian Barnes

Reader Michael Duffin

The apocalypse comes in many forms, but none stranger than that of the chronic sleep deprivation that leads to mass psychosis. Paul, a writer, continues to sleep while his partner Tanya disintegrates before his eyes, and the new world swallows the old one whole.

Titan; 2016

7hrs 30mins

SPY STORIES

11557 MEXICO SET

By Len Deighton

Reader James Lailey

Book 2 of the 'Game, Set and Match' trilogy. Sequel to 'Berlin Game' (11556). Bernard Samson is sent to Mexico in order to 'enrol' the East German Erich Stinnes, a man he knows already, having been interrogated by him in East Berlin.

Lamplight Audio; 2013

13hrs 30mins

THRILLERS

11604 61 HOURS

By Lee Child

Reader Jeff Harding

A tour bus crashes in a savage snowstorm and lands Jack Reacher in the middle of a deadly confrontation. In nearby Bolton, South Dakota, one brave woman is standing up for justice in a small town threatened by sinister forces. Reacher's original plan was to keep on moving. But the next 61 hours will change everything...

Soundings Audio; 2010

14hrs 30mins

11696 APPLE TREE YARD

By Louise Doughty

Reader Juliet Stevenson

Yvonne Carmichael has a high-flying career, a beautiful home and a good marriage. But when she meets a stranger she is drawn into a passionate affair. Keeping the two halves of her life separate seems easy at first. But she can't control what happens next...

Jammer Audio; 2014

14hrs 0mins

11571 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

By B A Paris

Reader Georgia Maguire

Jack has looks and wealth, Grace has charm and elegance. Jack and Grace are never apart. Some might call this true love. Others might ask why Grace never answers the phone. And why there are bars on one of the bedroom windows. Sometimes, the perfect marriage is the perfect lie.

Avid Audio; 2016

8hrs 45mins

11581 BLACK WATER LILIES

By Michel Bussi

Reader Joan Walker

Jérôme Morval, a man whose passion for art is matched only by his passion for women, has been found dead in the stream that runs through the gardens of the former home of the artist Claude Monet. Entangled in the mystery are three women, but what is the connection to the rumoured painting of Black Water Lilies?

Oakhill; 2016

10hrs 50mins

11566 BOOK OF SOULS

By Glenn Cooper

Reader Nigel Carrington

A shocking truth lies within an ancient library, locked inside a high-security complex deep beneath the Nevada desert. When a volume from the original collection mysteriously surfaces at a London auction house, former FBI agent Will Piper is persuaded to help obtain it and unlock the ultimate secret of the library, once and for all.

Clipper Audio; 2010

10hrs 45mins

11580 BREAKING COVER

By Stella Rimington

Reader Julia Barrie

Following a gruelling operation in Paris, Liz Carlyle's bosses post her to MI5's counter-espionage desk, but they haven't counted on the fallout from Putin's incursions into the Ukraine. Liz needs to track down a Russian spy who has entered the UK before he completes his fatal mission.

Oakhill; 2016

11hrs 30mins

11654 EILEEN

By Ottessa Moshfegh

Reader Alyssa Bresnahan

The Christmas season offers little cheer for Eileen Dunlop, trapped between her role as her alcoholic father's carer and her day job as a secretary at the prison. When the charismatic Rebecca Saint John arrives as the new counsellor at the prison, Eileen is pulled into a crime that surpasses her wildest imaginings.

Clipper Audio; 2016

8hrs 45mins

11496 THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

By Robert Goddard

Reader Tony Pearce-Smith

July 1919. Ex-flying ace James 'Max' Maxted's attempt to uncover the secret behind the death of his father, Sir Henry Maxted, murdered while serving as an adviser to the Paris peace conference, has seemingly ended in failure – and his own death...Sequel to 'The Corners of the Globe' (11029)

Bantam Press; 2015

12hrs 30mins

11572 FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITH LOVE

By Keith Edmondson

Reader Edward Peel

It's 1968. James Brittain, undercover MI6 agent, has a mission to meet up with a Czech scientist in Prague. What could be simpler? However James finds himself in the right place at the wrong time. Will he manage to complete his mission? Only time will tell. Sequel to 'The 63 Steppes' (11444)

Rowanvale Books; 2016

10hrs 30mins

11663 HARRY'S GAME**By Gerald Seymour****Reader Michael Rabin**

A British cabinet minister is gunned down on a London street by an IRA assassin. In the wake of national outcry, the authorities must find the hitman. Undercover agent Harry Brown is sent into the heart of enemy territory to infiltrate the terrorists.

Hodder; 2015

9hrs 45mins

11741 HER EVERY FEAR**By Peter Swanson****Reader Juliette Burton**

Kate Priddy decides to move from London to Boston, after her cousin, Corbin Dell, suggests a temporary apartment swap. Soon after her arrival she discovers that Corbin's next-door neighbour, Audrey Marshall, has been murdered. Then the police begin asking questions about Corbin's relationship with Audrey...

Clipper Audio; 2017

13hrs 0mins

11568 HIS BLOODY PROJECT**By Graeme Macrae Burnet****Reader Crawford Logan**

The year is 1869. A brutal triple murder in the Scottish Highlands leads to the arrest of Roderick Macrae. It falls to the country's finest legal and psychiatric minds to uncover what drove him to commit such acts of violence. Was he mad? Only the persuasive powers of his advocate stand between Macrae and the gallows.

Clipper Audio; 2016

10hrs 45mins

11734 JUST ONE LOOK**By Harlan Coben****Reader L J Ganser**

A convicted hit man confesses to a 20-year-old murder. A businessman goes on the run when an old photograph of him as a young man turns up. These things are linked, but by what, or whom, no one knows. What is known is that the past is coming back to haunt the present. And people are getting hurt...

Clipper Audio; 2004

12hrs 0mins

11679 THE MIDNIGHT PALACE

By Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Reader Dan Stevens

1916, Calcutta. Pursued by assassins, Lieutenant Peake must ensure the safety of two newborn twins, before disappearing into the night to meet his fate. 1932. Ben is due to leave the orphanage which has been his home for sixteen years. Then Ben discovers he has a sister - and together they learn the tragic story of their past.

Isis Audio Books; 2011

7hrs 15mins

11658 THE PARTNER

By John Grisham

Reader Paul Moriarty

Six weeks after lawyer Patrick Lanigan dies in a car crash, 90 million dollars disappears from the law firm in which he was a partner. His colleagues realise that he must still be alive and are determined to find him!

Arrow; 2010

12hrs 0mins

11678 THE PRINCE OF MIST

By Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Reader Dan Stevens

Max Carver's father decides to move his family to a small town on the Atlantic coast. Max's new friend, Roland, takes him diving to the wreck of a boat that sank close to the coast in a terrible storm. As they learn more about the wreck, the chilling story of a legendary figure called Prince of Mist begins to emerge.

Isis Audio Books; 2012

5hrs 0mins

11579 RASPUTIN'S SHADOW

By Raymond Khoury

Reader John Chancer

FBI agent Sean Reilly is tasked with a new, disturbing case. A Russian embassy attaché seems to have committed suicide by jumping out of a fourth floor window. Reilly's investigation uncovers a deadly search for a mysterious device whose origins reach back to the darkest days of the Cold War and to Imperial Russia ...

Oakhill; 2016

13hrs 40mins

11646 TRIGGER MORTIS**By Anthony Horowitz****Reader David Oyelowo**

The Soviet counter-intelligence agency plans to sabotage a Grand Prix race at the most dangerous track in Europe. With James Bond in the driving seat, events take an unexpected turn and Bond is pitched into an entirely different race uncovering a plan that could bring the West to its knees.

Clipper Audio; 2016

9hrs 45mins

11660 THE TRUTH ABOUT JULIA**By Anna Schaffner****Reader Ann Stutz**

Clare Hardenberg, an investigative journalist, has been commissioned to write a biography of Julia White, a young woman who blew up a coffee shop in central London in 2014, killing twenty-four people. But she is on her way to prison herself. What has brought her to this point?

Allen & Unwin; 2015

8hrs 15mins

11680 THE WATCHER IN THE SHADOWS**By Carlos Ruiz Zafon****Reader Peter Kenny**

A mysterious toymaker lives as a recluse in an old mansion, surrounded by the magical beings he has created. But when 14-year-old Irene's mother takes a job as a housekeeper for the toymaker, Lazarus, they find that his house contains more secrets than they have bargained for.

Isis Audio Books; 2013

6hrs 0mins

11699 WHILE MY EYES WERE CLOSED**By Linda Green****Reader Miscellaneous**

Lisa Dale shuts her eyes and counts to one hundred during a game of hide-and-seek. When she opens them, her four-year-old daughter Ella is gone. The police, the media and Lisa's family all think they know who snatched Ella. But what if Lisa's little girl is in danger of disappearing forever?

Jammer Audio; 2016

10hrs 30mins

WAR STORIES

11497 THE KAPPILLAN OF MALTA

By Nicholas Monsarrat **Reader Richard Worland**

Father Salvatore was a simple priest serving the poor in Valletta. During the Siege of Malta this humble man brought faith, hope and comfort to the homeless sheltering in the catacombs.

W&N; 2001

21hrs 30mins

WESTERNS

11665 THE BRANNOCKS

By Matt Braun **Reader George Guidall**

The three Brannock brothers are reunited once again after fleeing the fires of the Civil War. And on a frontier brimming with opportunity and exploding with danger, vicious enemies test their courage and three beautiful women claim their love...

Recorded Books; 2009

9hrs 15mins

11631 THE DAY THE COWBOYS QUIT

By Elmer Kelton **Reader Pete Bradbury**

The time is 1883, the place is the Texas Panhandle. Ranchers want to take away the cowboys' right to own cattle because the ranchers believe this would lead to thieving. When rumors of such legislation travel from wagon to wagon, the cowboys decided to rally and fight for their rights - they gather together and strike.

Recorded Books; 2009

9hrs 45mins

11632 DEADWOOD

By Matt Braun **Reader Richard Ferrone**

The mountains and canyons of Dakota create the perfect hideout for the lawless Hole-in-the-Wall gang. It is into this wilderness that Luke Starbuck must ride. A manhunter determined to catch his prey, he knows that he's riding into a trap. He just doesn't know who has set it.

Recorded Books; 2009

6hrs 30mins

11592 THE GOLDEN CAT**By Max Brand****Reader Jeff Harding**

John Jones and his partner are hired to escort a group to a cursed hacienda in the middle of bandit country. The group are openly hostile to one of their own party and all have a variety of reasons for wanting him dead.

Isis Audio Books; 2015

7hrs 0mins

11589 NINE LIVES**By Max Brand****Reader Jeff Harding**

Ex-Texas Ranger Silas Durfee is tasked with keeping young Henry Vincent out of trouble in exchange for cattle lands of his own. But Henry already knows how to look after himself...

Isis Audio Books; 2016

9hrs 20mins

11628 THE ROAD TO RECKONING**By Robert Lautner****Reader Holter Graham**

Tom Walker joins his father on the road, selling Samuel Colt's newly-invented revolver. Travelling west a devastating encounter cuts their journey short, and leaves Tom alone in the wilderness. Tom's resolve to survive initiates an unlikely partnership that will be tested by the dangers of the road, where outlaws prowl.

Clipper Audio; 2014

6hrs 30mins

11629 THE SMILING COUNTRY**By Elmer Kelton****Reader George Guidall**

Hewey Calloway may be pushing 45, but he can still rope and outride most things on four legs. But as he rides the West Texas plains, automobiles are beginning to dot the landscape. When Hewey is critically injured by a wild horse, he must admit that his world - and an age - are passing away.

Recorded Books; 2009

7hrs 45mins

11590 **STORM ON THE RANGE**

By Max Brand

Reader Jeff Harding

Tom Fernald, shepherd of Mount Griffon, and scorned by the townsfolk for being slow-witted, keeps to himself mostly. But a freak accident turns Tom into a rancher of mysterious wealth, and to survive, he has to become Mount Griffon's most feared gunfighter!

Isis Audio Books; 2012

8hrs 0mins

11591 **THE SURVIVAL OF JUAN ORO**

By Max Brand

Reader Jeff Harding

Orphan Juan Oro apprentices under the outlaw Matías Bordi. But when his revered guardian, Don José Fontana, asks him to kill his mentor, will Juan be able to?

Isis Audio Books; 2014

8hrs 0mins

11630 **THE VENGEANCE TRAIL OF JOSEY WALES**

By Forrest Carter

Reader Ed Sala

Josey Wales is an outlaw who rides in search of a place where he can find peace. Captain Jesus Escobedo takes what he wants and destroys any who get in his way.

When he crosses paths with Josey Wales, he meets a force that is more powerful than good or evil - the pure vengeance that burns in Josey's heart.

Recorded Books; 2009

6hrs 45mins

Non-Fiction

ANIMALS

11627 **A DOG CALLED HOPE**

By Damien Lewis

Reader John Moraitis

Special Forces soldier Jason Morgan was left crippled by a mission that went wrong. This is the story of how Napal, a black Labrador service dog, enabled Jason to rebuild his life, and to find true peace against all the odds.

Clipper Audio; 2016

13hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY - ART MUSIC & LITERATURE

11730 CONUNDRUM

By Jan Morris

Reader Bob Rollett

As one of Britain's best and most loved travel writers, Jan Morris has led an extraordinary life. Perhaps her most remarkable work is this grippingly honest account of her ten-year transition from man to woman - its pains and joys, its frustrations and discoveries.

Faber; 2002

5hrs 30mins

11562 LETTER TO MY DAUGHTER

By Maya Angelou

Reader Maya Angelou

Dedicated to the daughter she never had, but sees all around her, this is Maya Angelou's path to living well and living a life with meaning. Told in her own inimitable style, she transcends genres and categories: it's part guidebook, part memoir, part poetry - and pure delight.

Random House Audio; 2012

2hrs 30mins

11561 MOM & ME & MOM

By Maya Angelou

Reader Maya Angelou

Maya Angelou was raised by her paternal grandmother in Arkansas. Here she details what brought her mother to send her away, and unearths the well of emotions she experienced long afterward as a result.

Random House Audio; 2013

4hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – DIARIES & LETTERS

11284 MRS MILBURN'S DIARIES

By Peter Donnelly (Editor)

Reader Jill Hetherington

Clara Emily Milburn was a woman of her time and class. Like most people she was saddened by the destruction and futility of war. Throughout, Mrs Milburn endures all with dignity and resolve, in a world which seems to have gone temporarily insane. Here, the experience of civilian life during WWII is given a voice.

Abacus; 1995

16hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY – ENTERTAINMENT

11662 X SPECTACLES: A MEMOIR

By Sue Perkins

Reader Hilary Spiers

A hilarious, creative and incredibly moving memoir from much loved comedian, writer and presenter Sue Perkins.

Penguin; 2016

9hrs 45mins

BIOGRAPHY – GENERAL

11576 AN AFRICAN LOVE STORY

By Daphne Sheldrick

Reader Jill Hetherington

For over 25 years, Daphne Sheldrick and her husband, David, founders of the Tsavo National Park, raised and rehabilitated orphans of many wild species back into the wild. As one of Africa's greatest living conservationists, in 2006 she was made Dame Commander of the British Empire by the Queen.

Penguin; 2013

17hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY – POLITICAL

11500 GEORGE THOMAS, MR SPEAKER

By Viscount Tonypany

Reader John Hobday

Thomas George Thomas, was a Labour politician and Speaker of the House of Commons. During Thomas's term of office, the first broadcasting of Parliamentary proceedings brought him unprecedented public attention. In 1983 he retired and was created Viscount Tonypany, one of the last creations of a hereditary peerage.

Arrow; 1986

10hrs 0mins

CRIME & LAW

11558 THE INHERITOR'S POWDER

By Sandra Hempel **Reader Patience Tomlinson**

In the nineteenth century it was criminally easy to bump off unwanted relatives. In this account of one of history's most notorious poisonings, Sandra Hempel tells the story of the birth of toxicology - the science of poison - and of a mystery which gripped the nation.

Lamplight Audio; 2013

8hrs 30mins

11594 THE WICKED BOY

By Kate Summerscale **Reader Judy Franklin**

In 1895, the decomposing body of Emily Coombes was found in her London home. There was no mystery about how she died because her fourteen-year-old son Robert quickly confessed. But this is not just an examination of a shocking Victorian case, it is also a compelling account of its aftermath, and of man's capacity to overcome the past.

Bloomsbury; 2016

11hrs 0mins

DISABILITIES

11536 RUNNING BLIND: AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW OF THE LONDON MARATHON

By Simon Webb **Reader Fred Parker**

When blind runner Simon Webb was training for his first London marathon, aware that he wouldn't be able to admire the sights of the city, he researched a few facts about some of the points of interest around the 26.2 mile course. He focuses on London's history, culture and sport, people and pubs – lots of pubs.

CreateSpace; 2014

8hrs 15mins

ECONOMICS, POLITICS & CURRENT AFFAIRS

11652 THE OPTICIAN OF LAMPEDUSA

By Emma-Jane Kirby

Reader David Hobbs

BBC journalist Emma-Jane Kirby has reported extensively on the reality of mass migration today. This is the moving testimony of an ordinary man whose late summer boat trip off a Sicilian island unexpectedly turns into a tragic rescue mission. A harrowing and unforgettable true story.

Allen Lane; 2016

4hrs 0mins

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

11651 THE LITTLE BOOK OF HYGGE

By Meik Wiking

Reader Bob Rollett

Denmark is often said to be the happiest country in the world. That's down to one thing: hygge. This inspiring book will help you be more hygge: from picking the right lighting and planning a dinner party through to creating an emergency hygge kit and even how to dress.

Penguin; 2016

3hrs 30mins

HISTORY – BRITISH

11539 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS: AT HOME IN GEORGIAN ENGLAND

By Amanda Vickery

Reader Grace Dives

Using an impressive range of source materials, including literary memoirs, the transcripts of burglary trials and upholsterer's ledgers, this is a detailed insight to home life in Georgian England from a wide cross-section of society.

Yale University Press; 2010

16hrs 30mins

HUMOUR

11597 OLD AGE AND HOW TO SURVIVE IT

By Edward Enfield

Reader Bob Rollett

Old age comes to us all, and Edward Enfield wittily advises on how to survive its trickier obstacles, not least the people who suggest you must 'do something'. One of the great delights of the golden years is doing less – from giving up DIY and ambition, to not inviting people to dinner!

Summersdale; 2009

2hrs 30mins

11607 THROUGH IT ALL I'VE ALWAYS LAUGHED

By Count Arthur Strong Reader Count Arthur Strong

Count Arthur Strong, a BBC radio and TV favourite, tells the story of his extraordinary journey, from his humble early years as the only son of contortionist in wartime Doncaster, to the dizzy heights and excesses of fame as one of the shining lights of popular entertainment!

Faber Audio; 2013

4hrs 50mins

POETRY

11611 FOUR QUARTETS

By T S Eliot

Reader Ralph Fiennes

Containing some of the most unforgettable passages in twentieth-century poetry, this is a rigorous meditation on the spiritual, philosophical and personal themes which preoccupied the author in the midst of war, that confirmed it as an enduring masterpiece.

Faber Audio; 2009

1hrs 0mins

11471 JOHN CLARE

By Paul Farley (selected by)

Reader Bob Rollett

Here a contemporary poet selects and introduces a poet of the past. His choice of poems and the personal and critical reactions he expresses in the prefaces, offers an insight into his own work as well as providing an accessible and passionate introduction to one of the most important poets in our literature.

Faber and Faber; 2007

3hrs 0mins

11616 POETRY PLEASE

By Miscellaneous authors Reader Anton Lesser

BBC Radio 4's Poetry Please is a request show which broadcasts to two million listeners a week. It has become a unique record of some of the country's best-loved poems over the decades since its inception. Fifty of those poems are read here.

Faber Audio; 2014

2hr 10mins

11578 SENTENCED TO LIFE

By Clive James

Reader Bob Rollett

In this collection of poems, Clive James looks back over an extraordinarily rich life with a clear-eyed and unflinching honesty. There are regrets, but no trace of self-pity in these verses, which are primarily a celebration of what is treasurable and memorable in our time here.

Picador; 2016

1hrs 15mins

11608 SIX POETS: HARDY TO LARKIN

By Alan Bennett (editor)

Reader Alan Bennett

In this personal anthology, Alan Bennett has chosen over seventy poems by six well-loved poets, discussing the writers and their verse in his customary conversational style. Ranging from hidden treasures to famous poems, this is a collection for the beginner and the expert alike.

Faber Audio; 2014

2hrs 30mins

11610 THE SUNDAY SESSIONS

By Philip Larkin

Reader Philip Larkin

This collection consists of twenty-six poems recorded by Philip Larkin - reportedly each on a Sunday, after lunch with John Weeks, a sound engineer and colleague of the poet. Since their rediscovery they have been the subject of widespread media attention.

Faber Audio; 2009

1hrs 0mins

SCIENCE – ENVIRONMENTAL

11476 PENGUINS, PINEAPPLES AND PANGOLINS

By Claire Cock-Starkey

Reader Derina Dinkin

Can you imagine discovering the world for the first time, seeing a mango, giraffe or a cactus and having no idea what it was? Here, we experience the wonderment and curiosity as people encountered new foods, animals, plants, peoples and cultures, before the age of globalisation as overseas trade routes opened up.

British Library; 2016

6hrs 30mins

SCIENCE – TECHNOLOGY

11470 FIRE IN THE NIGHT: THE PIPER ALPHA DISASTER

By Stephen McGinty

Reader John Hobday

The Piper Alpha oil platform was once the world's single largest oil producer. On 6 July 1988, its final day, it was ablaze with 226 men onboard. Only sixty-one would survive. This is the moving and vivid tale of what happened on that fateful night inside the oil rig inferno.

Pan; 2009

10hrs 0mins

SPORT & GAMES

11704 5000-1: THE LEICESTER CITY STORY

By Rob Tanner

Reader Leighton Pugh

The inside story of Leicester City's triumph on winning the Premier League in May 2016. The team, under Claudio Ranieri's inspired leadership, became the most unlikely champions in football history.

Jammer Audio; 2016

7hrs 30mins

TRANSPORT

**11675 BLOOD, IRON & GOLD: HOW THE
RAILWAYS TRANSFORMED THE WORLD**

By Christian Wolmar Reader Michael Tudor Barnes

Christian Wolmar describes the vision and determination of the pioneers who developed railways that would one day span continents, as well as the labour of the navvies who built this global network.

Soundings Audio; 2010

15hrs 0mins

TRAVEL – WORLD

11712 TO A MOUNTAIN IN TIBET

By Colin Thubron Reader Jonathan Keeble

The summit of Mount Kailas, the most sacred of the Himalayan mountains, has never been scaled. But for centuries the mountain has been ritually circled by Hindu and Buddhist pilgrims. Colin Thubron joins these pilgrims, after an arduous trek from Nepal, walking on a pilgrimage of his own.

Isis Audio Books ;2011

6hrs 16mins

WAR – GENERAL

**11577 REVOLUTION DAY: THE REAL STORY OF
THE BATTLE FOR IRAQ**

By Rageh Omaar Reader Jeremy Neville

Rageh Omaar reported from Iraq for six years prior to the conflict in 2003. When war came, instead of retreating he chose to stay in Baghdad His shocking account is a heartbreaking testament to a people enduring deprivation and destruction.

Penguin; 2005

10hrs 45mins

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