

For Your Ears Only Summer 2017

Welcome to the summer issue of For Your Ears Only, featuring lots of new titles for you to choose from so hopefully you will find some books to enjoy in the sunshine or for one of those rainy summer days.

We have added new authors like Sophia Tobin and Jane Harper as well as topping up on old favourites such as Bernard Cornwell and H.G Wells.

In this issue we have included a short article acknowledging the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's death with a list of fiction and non-fiction titles that have been inspired by her life and works that are available to borrow from the library. These range from historical and contemporary fiction to a selection of biographies which use both her novels and family papers to tell the story of her life.

We hope you find something to tempt you from these lists of books. 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 432 339.

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Jane Austen's Bicentenary by Emma Scott

July 2017 marks the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's death with commemorations happening in various places that were associated with her. Jane Austen was born in the Hampshire village of Steventon in 1771 and went on to complete six novels before her death in July 1817 all of which can be borrowed from the library at Calibre.

Jane Austen's legacy continues to influence modern fiction and non-fiction titles some of which we have available in the Calibre library for you to enjoy and so we have highlighted a few of them in this article for you to try.

FICTION

FIRST IMPRESSIONS By Charlie Lovett 10569

When book lover and Jane Austen enthusiast Sophie Collingwood starts her new job at an antiquarian bookshop in London, she is drawn into a web of mystery surrounding the true authorship of *Pride and Prejudice*, with ultimately dangerous consequences.

THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB By Karen Joy Fowler 06980

The lives and loves of the six members of a book club which meets to discuss the novels of Jane Austen.

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY By Joanna Trollope 10993

The Dashwood sisters could hardly be more different. Elinor, an architecture student, values discretion above all. Her impulsive sister Marianne dreams of going to art school. When the family are forced out of Norland Park, their beloved home, their values are severely put to the test. Part of 'The Austen Project', where renowned authors adapt Austen's novels for the present day.

CONFESSIONS OF A JANE AUSTEN ADDICT

By Laurie Viera Rigler

08847

Courtney Stone has always felt she might have been better suited to life in Jane Austen's England. Then one evening, having drifted off to sleep after self-medicating on pizza and Absolut vodka, Courtney wakes up in 19th century England in the body of a girl called Jane Mansfield.

LONGBOURN By Jo Baker

09887

It is wash-day for the housemaids at Longbourn House the residence of the Bennett family of *Pride and Prejudice*. Domestic life below stairs is about to be disturbed. For in Georgian England, there is a world the young ladies in the drawing room will never know, a world of poverty, love, and brutal war.

NON-FICTION

JANE AUSTEN: A LIFE By Claire Tomalin

04958

The author's study of family papers enables her to paint a rich picture of Jane Austen describing a different view of the novelist than that previously known.

JANE AUSTEN By Carol Shields

06107

Novelist Carol Shields has produced a refreshing and intuitive account of the life of the enigmatic Jane Austen.

JANE AUSTEN THE SECRET RADICAL

By Helena Kelly

11930

Almost everything we think we know about Jane Austen is wrong. Her novels were not written just for readers' enjoyment. She writes about serious subjects and her books are deeply subversive. Austen expert Helena Kelly introduces the reader to a passionate woman living in an age of revolution

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

11831 THE FIRST MEN IN THE MOON

By H G Wells

Reader Greg Wagland

The gripping tale of man's first journey to the moon, undertaken by one Mr. Bedford, a bankrupt businessman, and the eccentric scientist Mr. Cavor. Here they discover a sophisticated civilization, dominated by an insectlike race they call the Selenites.

Magpie Audio; 2015

7hrs 40mins

11914 THE GOOD SOLDIER

By Ford Madox Ford

Reader Kerry Shale

Set just before World War I and told using a series of flashbacks in non-chronological order, this is the tragic story of Edward Ashburnham, the soldier to whom the title refers, and his own seemingly perfect marriage and that of two American friends.

Naxos Audio; 2010

8hrs 0mins

11830 THE TIME MACHINE

By H G Wells

Reader Greg Wagland

When a Victorian scientist invents a machine that allows him to travel to the year A.D. 802,701, he encounters a highly evolved society of people called Eloi, and the brutish Morlocks who lurk in tunnels beneath them. His discovery leads him to a horrifying insight into the fate of mankind.

Magpie Audio; 2015

3hrs 30mins

ADVENTURE STORIES

11912 THE BURNING LAND

By Bernard Cornwell

Reader Stephen Perring

King Alfred of Wessex is in failing health, and his heir is an untested youth. The Danes, who have failed so many times to conquer Wessex, smell opportunities. But Alfred still has the services of Uhtred, his unwilling warlord, who leads the Vikings into a trap and inflicts one of the greatest defeats they were ever to suffer.

Oakhill; 2009

11hrs 15mins

11686 THE COMMODORE

By C S Forester

Reader John Hobday

Book 9 of the Hornblower series. 1812 and the fate of Europe lies in the hands of newly appointed Commodore Hornblower. Horatio must halt the advance of Napoleon's empire into Sweden and Russia. But first he must battle the terrible Baltic weather of fog, snow and icebound waterways.

Penguin; 1990

11hrs 0mins

11796 THE FLAME BEARER

By Bernard Cornwell

Reader Matt Bates

Britain is in a state of uneasy peace and so England's greatest warrior, Uhtred of Bebbanburg, finally has the chance to take back Bebbanburg. But the enemies Uhtred has made distract him and he will need all the skills he has learned in a lifetime of war to make his dream come true.

Clipper Audio; 2017

10hrs 15mins

11797 PHARAOH

By Wilbur Smith

Reader Mike Grady

Egypt is under attack, the ancient city of Luxor is surrounded. Pharaoh Tamose is dead and a poisonous new era has begun under cruel new Pharaoh, Utteric. This dark, powerful Pharaoh must be stopped and Egypt reclaimed.

Lamplight Audio; 2017

13hrs 45mins

11871 WARRIORS OF THE STORM

By Bernard Cornwell

Reader Matt Bates

A fragile peace governs the kingdoms of Wessex, East Anglia and Mercia. Uhtred controls the northern parts from the fortified city of Chester. But forces are rising up against him led by Viking warrior, Ragnall Iverson. Uhtred will stop at nothing to take back his corner of Northumbria and secure the future of Bebbanburg.

Clipper Audio; 2015

12hrs 15mins

ANIMAL STORIES

11872 WATERSHIP DOWN

By Richard Adams

Reader Ralph Cosham

Fiver senses that something terrible is about to happen. His sixth sense is never wrong according to his brother, Hazel. And so begins the long and perilous journey of a small band of rabbits in search of a safe home. Fiver's vision finally leads them to Watership Down, but here they face their most difficult challenge of all . . .

Clipper Audio; 2010

16hrs 0mins

CLASSIC FICTION

11777 THE ASPERN PAPERS

By Henry James

Reader Adam Sims

A cold and ruthless literary biographer travels to Venice on the trail of personal letters belonging to the deceased American poet Jeffrey Aspern. Just how far will he go to get what he wants? Will morality confront his personal ambition and literary curiosity?

Naxos Audio; 2016

3hrs 45mins

11778 CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

By Fyodor Dostoevsky **Reader Constantine Gregory**

A poverty stricken young man, seeing his family making sacrifices for him, is faced with an opportunity to solve his financial problems with one simple but horrifying act: the murder of a pawnbroker. She is, he feels, just a parasite on society. But does the end justify the means?

Naxos Audio; 2013

22hrs 0mins

11593 THE MABINOGION

By Sioned Davies (Translator) **Reader David Hobbs**

Celtic mythology, Arthurian romance, and an intriguing interpretation of British history - these are just some of the themes embraced by the anonymous authors of the eleven tales that make up the Welsh medieval masterpiece known as the Mabinogion.

OUP Oxford: 2008

9hrs 20mins

**11809 THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING: AND
OTHER STORIES**

By Rudyard Kipling

Reader Sean Barrett

Two British soldiers in India decide to resign from the Army and set themselves up as deities in Kafiristan, a land where no white man has set foot since Alexander. This tale is included in this anthology of Rudyard Kipling's greatest short stories, which contains some of the most memorable and popular examples of the genre of which he was undisputed master.

Naxos Audio; 2015

9hrs 30mins

11780 MANON LESCAUT

By Abbe Prevost

Reader Barry Wilsher

The story of Manon Lescaut is a tale of passion and betrayal, of delinquency and misalliance, which moves from early eighteenth century Paris - with its theatres, assemblies, and gaming-houses - to a tragic denouement in the treeless wastes of Louisiana.

Oxford University Press; 2004

6hrs 0mins

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

11764 BUTTERFLY FISH

By Irenosen Okojie

Reader Elizabeth Goodrich

After the death of her mother, London photographer Joy receives an unexpected inheritance: a huge sum of money, her grandfather's diary and a unique brass artefact from the ancient kingdom of Benin. Joy's search for the origins of the artifact takes us on a journey through time, and uncovers some dark family secrets.

Jacaranda; 2016

11hrs 15mins

11823 CARTES POSTALES FROM GREECE

By Victoria Hislop

Reader Bob Rollett

Week after week, the postcards arrive from Athens, addressed to a name Ellie does not know, each signed with an initial: A. And as A's tale unfolds, the montage she creates casts a spell. Ellie discovers a desire to live life to the full once more and decides she must see this country for herself.

Headline; 2016

8hrs 30mins

11900 THE DAY I LOST YOU

By Fionnuala Kearney

Reader Nadia Sawalha

When Jess' daughter, Anna, is reported lost in an avalanche, everything changes. Jess' first instinct is to protect Rose, Anna's five-year-old daughter. But then she starts to uncover Anna's other life, unearthing a secret that alters their whole world irrevocably...

Clipper Audio; 2017

13hrs 0mins

11899 DO NOT SAY WE HAVE NOTHING

By Madeleine Thien

Reader Angela Lin

Ai-Ming tells the story of her family in revolutionary China. It is a history of idealism, music and silence, in which three musicians struggle during China's relentless Cultural Revolution to remain loyal to one another; and to the music they have devoted their lives to.

Clipper Audio; 2016

20hrs 15mins

11906 THE DOLL FUNERAL

By Kate Hamer

Reader Miscellaneous

My name is Ruby. I live with Barbara and Mick. They're not my real parents, but they tell me what to do, and what to say. I'm supposed to say that my bruises and black eye came from falling down the stairs. But I won't tell them I'm going to hunt for my real parents. And I'm not going to let Mick stop me...

Clipper Audio; 2017

11hrs 0mins

11857 FIRST LOVE

By Gwendoline Riley

Reader Pamela Todd

Neve is a writer in her mid-30s married to an older man, Edwyn. For now they are in a place of relative peace, but their past battles have left scars. As Neve recalls the decisions that led her to this marriage, she tells of other relationships. But is this, nonetheless, also a story of love?

Granta; 2017

4hrs 20mins

11851 THE FORTUNES

By Peter Ho Davies

Reader James Chen

What is it like to feel, and be treated, like a foreigner in the country you call home? Ranging from the mouth of the Pearl River to the land of golden opportunity, this is a tale of familial bonds denied, of tenacity and pride, of prejudice and the universal need to belong.

Clipper Audio; 2017

10hrs 45mins

11795 HOMEGOING

By Yaa Gyasi

Reader Dominic Hoffman

Effia and Esi are two sisters with two very different destinies. One is sold into slavery; one a slave trader's wife. The consequences of their fate reverberate through the generations that follow, and through their lives we learn the very story of America itself.

Random House Audio; 2016

13hrs 0mins

11743 THE LOVE SONG OF MISS QUEENIE HENNESSY

By Rachel Joyce

Reader Celia Imrie

In this poignant parallel story to 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' (10174), Queenie Hennessy makes a journey of her own, a journey that is even bigger than Harold's; one word after another, she promises to confess long-buried truths... and the devastating secret she has kept from Harold for all these years.

Random House Audio; 2015

10hrs 30mins

11799 LYREBIRD**By Cecelia Ahern****Reader Aoife McMahon**

Laura lives alone in a cottage, in the south west of Ireland. Then, into her peaceful landscape comes a documentary crew, led by sound engineer Solomon. When he discovers that she has an extraordinary talent to mimic sounds, he offers her a bridge to another kind of life. But will it free her to spread her wings – or will it trap her in a gilded cage?

Clipper Audio; 2017

12hrs 30mins

11753 MY HUSBAND'S WIFE**By Amanda Prowse****Reader Amanda Prowse**

Once a week, Rosie Tiptott sits on her favourite bench and thanks her lucky stars for her wonderful husband, her young daughters and her house by the sea. But then her husband unexpectedly leaves her for another woman and takes the children. Now she must ask the question: what is left in her life?

Clipper Audio; 2017

8hrs 45mins

11636 THE NAKANO THRIFT SHOP**By Hiromi Kawakami****Reader Ann Stutz**

When Hitomi takes a job in a neighbourhood thrift store, she finds herself drawn into a very idiosyncratic community. Every day, customers from the neighbourhood pass in and out as curios are bought and sold, each one containing its own surprising story.

Portobello Books; 2016

7hrs 30mins

11817 A PALE VIEW OF HILLS**By Kazuo Ishiguro****Reader Roe Kendall**

Etsuko lives alone in rural England, trying to come to terms with the suicide of her daughter, Keiko. A visit from her other daughter Niki sends Etsuko retreating into the depths of her memory. As Etsuko struggles to cope with her guilt, the lines between the past and the present start to blur.

Clipper Audio; 2016

6hrs 0mins

**11771 THE PECULIAR LIFE OF A LONELY
POSTMAN**

By Denis Theriault

Reader Saethon Williams

Bilodo finds an escape from his lonely and routine life as a postman when he finds himself avidly caught up in the relationship between a long-distance couple. They write to each other using only beautiful poetry, living a life for which he longs. But it will only be a matter of time before his world comes crashing down around him...

Hesperus Press; 2014

2hrs 15mins

11744 PERFECT

By Rachel Joyce

Reader Paul Rhys

Summer, 1972: Eleven-year-old Byron begins 'Operation Perfect', a hapless mission to rescue his mother from impending crisis. Winter, present day: Jim cleans tables in the local café, a solitary figure struggling with OCD. Little would seem to connect them except two seconds that can change everything...

Random House Audio; 2014

11hrs 30mins

11737 THE SEVEN SISTERS

By Lucinda Riley

Reader Emily Lucienne

Maia D'Apliese and her five adopted sisters gather together at their childhood home having been told that their beloved father has died. Each of them is handed a tantalizing clue to their true heritage - a clue that takes Maia across the world to Brazil. Once there she begins to put together the pieces of where her story began.

Clipper Audio; 2015

18hrs 30mins

11898 THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

By Colson Whitehead

Reader Bahni Turpin

Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. Life is hell, and when Caesar, a recent arrival from Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they decide to take a terrifying risk and escape. But matters do not go as planned and although they manage to find a station and head north, they are being hunted.

Random House Audio; 2016

11hrs 0mins

11913 THE VANISHING

By Sophia Tobin

Reader Helen Longworth

In an isolated spot on the Yorkshire Moors lies White Windows, a house of shadows and secrets. When Annaleigh Calvert leaves behind all she has ever known in London, she is to be the housekeeper to Marcus Twentyman, the lonesome master and his widow sister Hester. But Annaleigh soon realises that the inhabitants are not as they first seem and White Windows may not be her escape after all.

Oakhill; 2017

9hrs 30mins

11825 A VERY DISTANT SHORE

By Jenny Colgan

Reader Ann Stutz

Lorna lives on the tiny Scottish island of Mure. The local GP is retiring, and nobody wants his job, Mure is too small and too remote. Saif, a refugee from across the sea is appointed and quickly settles into seaside life. But there is much more to him than meets the eye. Quick Reads.

Sphere; 2017

2hrs 15mins

11766 THE WAY YOU LOOK TONIGHT

By Richard Madeley

Reader Jane McDowell

Stella Arnold is studying psychology and the criminal mind. To further her education, in the spring of 1962 she flies to Boston. Here she becomes part of the inner Kennedy circle. But further south, on the Florida Keys, a killer is on the loose. With her specialist knowledge of psychopaths, Stella is co-opted by the police investigation and prepares to fly south.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

9hrs 35mins

11760 WHITE TEETH

By Zadie Smith

Reader Ann Stutz

This is the story of two North London families, one headed by Archie, the other by Muslim Bengali, Samad Iqbal. Pals since they served together in World War II, the riotous and tortured histories of the families are intertwined, capturing an empire's worth of cultural identity, history, and hope.

Penguin; 2001

18hrs 45mins

COSY CRIME: GENTLE MYSTERIES

11792 AGATHA RAISIN: A SPOONFUL OF POISON

By M C Beaton

Reader Anne Marlow

Agatha is helping out at the church fete, but there's more going on than innocent village fun. Several of the offerings in the jam-tasting booth turn out to be poisoned and the festive entertainment becomes the scene of two murders.

Robinson; 2010

7hrs 30mins

11824 AGATHA RAISIN AND THE DEADLY DANCE

By M C Beaton

Reader Maggie Stokes

When wealthy divorcée, Catherine Laggat-Brown walks in, Agatha gets her first real case. Death threats, blackmail and physical attack soon follow, and once again Agatha is off scouring the countryside for clues and showing friends and enemies alike what Raisin Investigations can do.

Robinson; 2010

7hrs 15mins

11787 AGATHA RAISIN: HISS AND HERS

By M C Beaton

Reader Elizabeth Goodrich

Agatha has fallen in love - again. This time it's the local gardener, George Marston. But when George goes missing, Agatha goes looking for him - and finds he has been murdered, having been bitten by a poisonous snake and buried in a compost heap!

Robinson; 2013

6hrs 0mins

11836 ANGEL WITH TWO FACES

By Nicola Upson

Reader Sandra Duncan

Inspector Archie Penrose has invited Josephine Tey to his family home in Cornwall. But death clouds the holiday when the local theatre proves to be a stage for real-life tragedy. Archie and Josephine must confront the violent reality which lies beneath a seemingly idyllic community...

Clipper Audio; 2009

12hrs 30mins

11748 A BOX OF TRICKS**By Simon Brett****Reader Simon Brett**

Murder, from the simply bizarre to the downright nasty, is the theme of this collection of short stories from Simon Brett. The 12 stories include one featuring the boozy actor-detective Charles Paris.

Clipper Audio; 2000

8hrs 30mins

11754 CLOSED CASKET**By Sophie Hannah****Reader Julian Rhind-Tutt**

Lady Athelinda Playford has planned a party at her mansion, and among the guests are the famous detective, Hercule Poirot and Inspector Edward Catchpool. But when a crime is committed, in spite of Poirot's best efforts to stop it, will he be able to find the culprit and solve the mystery?

Lamplight Audio; 2017

10hrs 15mins

11882 DEATH IN DEVON**By Ian Sansom****Reader Mike Grady**

Swanton Morley, the People's Professor, sets off for Devon to continue his 'County Guides'. He has been invited to give the Founder's Day speech at All Souls School, but when he arrives he discovers that a boy has died in mysterious circumstances. Was it an accident or was it murder?

Lamplight Audio; 2010

7hrs 45mins

11685 THE HOLLOW MAN**By John Dickson Carr****Reader Richard Simpson**

The murderer walked through a locked door, shot his victim and vanished. He killed his second victim in the middle of an empty street, yet nobody saw him, and he left no footprints in the snow. And so it is up to the irrepressible Dr Gideon Fell to solve this most famous and taxing of locked-room mysteries.

Orion; 2013

10hrs 30mins

11905 THE MANGLE STREET MURDERS

By M R C Kasasian

Reader Emma Gregory

Gower Street, 1882: Sidney Grice, London's most famous personal detective is investigating the brutal murder of a young woman, and her husband is the only suspect. The victim's mother is convinced of her son-in-law's innocence, and Sidney's investigations lead him to the darkest alleys of the East End, where he finds his reputation is not the only thing in mortal danger...

Lamplight Audio; 2014

7hrs 30mins

11762 A MEDAL FOR MURDER

By Frances Brody

Reader Anne Dover

It's no rest for the wicked as Kate Shackleton picks up her second professional sleuthing case. But exposing the culprit of a pawn-shop robbery turns sinister when her investigation takes her to Harrogate, and murder is only one step behind ...

Magna Story Sound; 2016

13hrs 0mins

11718 MURDER BY THE SEA

By Lesley Cookman

Reader Patience Tomlinson

When a body is discovered on a rocky little island in the middle of Nethergate Bay, the media swoop on the seaside town. Soon Libby Sarjeant, the middle-aged actress and crime-solver, finds herself up to her knees in more mud and murder than she could possibly have anticipated.

Soundings Audio; 2009

9hrs 0mins

11911 MURDER IN THE AFTERNOON

By Frances Brody

Reader Anne Dover

When Harriet and her brother Austin find their stone mason father dead at the quarry, they scarper quick smart and look for some help. It seems like another unusual case requiring the expertise of Kate Shackleton. But for Kate, surprising family ties makes it her most dangerous, and delicate yet...

Magna Story Sound; 2011

12hrs 0mins

11758 MURDER UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE

By Cecily Gayford (editor) Reader Richard Simpson

A collection of festive mysteries featuring fictional sleuths from Lord Peter Wimsey to Sherlock Holmes, Cadfael to Father Brown. This is the very best of Christmas murder and mayhem - so settle into your armchair, put another log on the fire and take a bite of your mince pie. Just make sure it's not poisoned...

Profile Books; 2016

7hrs 30mins

DETECTIVE & MYSTERY STORIES

11867 THE CAVEMAN

By Jorn Lier Horst

Reader Saul Reichlin

Viggo Hansen was a man nobody ever noticed. His death doesn't even hit the headlines. But the case catches the attention of William Wisting's journalist daughter, Line, and she decides to write a newspaper article. A portrait of a completely anonymous and obscure person whose death goes unremarked and unmourned...

Jammer Audio; 2015

10hrs 0mins

11835 CHAOS

By Patricia Cornwell

Reader Susan Ericksen

When Dr Kay Scarpetta responds to a call about a dead cyclist, it appears that the young woman has been attacked with almost super human force. When a second death occurs, Scarpetta is confronted with something more dangerous than she'd ever imagined.

Lamplight Audio; 2009

13hrs 0mins

11843 COLD EARTH

By Ann Cleeves

Reader Kenny Blyth

One Shetland winter, torrential rain triggers a landslide and a flood of peaty water smashes through an uninhabited croft house. In the wreckage, Jimmy Perez finds the body of a woman wearing a red silk dress. When it emerges that she was already dead before the landslide hit the house, Perez knows he must find out who she was and how she died.

Isis Audio Books; 2016

10hrs 25mins

11901 THE DRY

By Jane Harper

Reader Steve Shanahan

Amid the worst drought to ravage Australia in a century, a farmer turns his gun on his family and then himself. As questions mount and suspicion casts a long shadow over the parched town, specialist investigator Aaron Falk is forced to confront the community that rejected him twenty years earlier.

Clipper Audio; 2017

9hrs 45mins

11774 THE KEPT WOMAN

By Karin Slaughter

Reader Jennifer Woodward

When the body of an ex-cop is discovered in an empty Atlanta warehouse, Special Agent Will Trent knows this could be the most devastating case of his career. Because an unexpected discovery at the scene reveals a personal link to Will's troubled past.

Random House Audio; 2016

15hrs 0mins

11749 KILLING KATE

By Alex Lake

Reader Genevieve Swallow

Kate returns from a post break-up holiday to news of a serial killer in her hometown – and his victims all look like her. It could, of course, be a coincidence - but could her mild-mannered ex-boyfriend really be a deranged murderer? Or is the truth something far more sinister?

Jammer Audio; 2017

12hrs 0mins

11803 LONELY GRAVES

By Britta Bolt

Reader Andrew Cullum

In Amsterdam, the department known as the Lonely Funerals team arranges burials for the abandoned or unknown dead. Pieter Posthumus cares deeply about the people whose files land on his desk. So when something doesn't seem quite right about a Moroccan immigrant's 'accidental' drowning, Posthumus starts digging.

Oakhill; 2016

9hrs 0mins

11884 THE MANOR OF DEATH

By Bernard Knight

Reader Paul Matthews

When a body is discovered in the harbour town of Axmouth, Sir John de Wolfe, the county coroner, is summoned to investigate. The manner of the young man's death is a matter of some dispute - but, as Sir John soon discovers, it was no accident...

Clipper Audio; 2008

12hrs 45mins

11775 PRETTY GIRLS

By Karin Slaughter

Reader Robert G Slade

With a missing girl in the news, Claire Scott can't help but be reminded of her sister, Julia, who disappeared twenty years ago in a mystery that was never solved. But when Claire begins to learn the truth about her sister, nothing will ever be the same.

Random House Audio; 2015

14hrs 30mins

11819 SLEEP TIGHT

By Rachel Abbott

Reader Melody Grove

When Olivia calls the police to report that her husband and children are missing, she believes she will never see them again. Two years later, Detective Chief Inspector Tom Douglas is called to investigate, but this time it's Olivia who has disappeared. Then they find the blood...

Jammer Audio; 2015

10hrs 45mins

11903 SO SAY THE FALLEN

By Stuart Neville

Reader Deirdre O'Connell

DCI Serena Flanagan is asked to sign off the suicide of a severely disabled businessman, whose widow's close relationship with the local reverend starts to sound an alarm. Serena's determination to unlock the mystery of what happened may cost her her job – and her family.

Clipper Audio; 2017

10hrs 30mins

11757 SPRING TIDE

By Cilla & Rolf Borjlind

Reader Michael Duffin

Olivia Ronning hopes to follow in her father's footsteps and join the police force in Nordkoster after she completes her training. She has only one last hurdle to overcome - a challenge from her professor to pick a cold case and solve it. But little does she know the danger she faces and the ugly truths she risks uncovering.

Hesperus Nova; 2014

15hrs 0mins

11916 TELL NO TALES

By Eva Dolan

Reader David Thorpe

A car ploughs into a bus stop early one morning and when DS Ferreira and DI Zigic are called in from the Peterborough Hate Crimes Unit to handle the hit-and-run, there seems to be an obvious suspect. But the case isn't that simple and with tensions erupting in the town, the media are soon hounding them for answers.

Isis Audio Books; 2015

12hrs 30mins

FAMILY STORIES

11693 AFTER JULIUS

By Elizabeth Jane Howard

Reader Grace Dives

It is twenty years since Julius died, but his last heroic action still affects the lives of his widow Esme, and his two daughters, Emma and Cressida.

Picador; 2015

11hrs 0mins

11842 AMBERWELL

By D E Stevenson

Reader Lesley Mackie

Five young Ayrtons all grew up at Amberwell, playing in the gardens and preparing themselves to venture out into the world. To each of these children, Amberwell meant something different, but common to all of them was the idea that it was more than just where they lived - it was part of them.

Soundings Audio; 2007

9hrs 30mins

11854 THE CORNISH GUEST HOUSE

By Emma Burstall

Reader Georgia Maguire

Liz has found refuge in the small fishing village of Tremarnock and is happily married to village restaurant owner, Robert Hart. But strangers have bought the local guest house and seem to have big plans. Will these glamorous strangers fit into village life?

Lamplight Audio; 2017

12hrs 45mins

11907 COUSINS

By Salley Vickers

Reader Miscellaneous

When Will Tye suffers a life changing accident, the terrible event ripples through three generations of his complex family, bringing to light old tragedies and dangerous secrets. Most closely affected is Will's cousin Cecelia, whose own life will change forever, depending on how she responds to such unbelievable and shocking truths...

Clipper Audio; 2017

11hrs 0mins

11802 DAUGHTERS OF THE MERSEY

By Anne Baker

Reader Julie Maisey

When Steven Dransfield loses his fortune in the Depression, his wife Leonie is forced to save the family from ruin. But Steve resents the success of her dressmaking business and, trapped in a loveless marriage, Leonie is drawn into the arms of another man...

Soundings Audio; 2012

14hrs 0mins

11841 FAIRFIELD HALL

By Margaret Dickinson

Reader Anne Dover

Ambrose Constantine is determined that his daughter, Annabel, shall marry into the nobility. When Annabel is courted by James Lyndon, the Earl of Fairfield, she accepts his offer of marriage. It is only when she arrives at Fairfield Hall that she realises the true reason behind James's proposal and the part her scheming father has played.

Soundings Audio; 2014

15hrs 0mins

11864 FAMILY BETRAYAL

By Kitty Neale

Reader Annie Aldington

The Drapers rule the streets of South London, everyone's afraid of them. But when tempers flare and a family feud spirals out of control, tragedy strikes, leaving eldest son Danny in charge. He has shocking plans for the family business and Petula, the baby of the family, becomes the scapegoat for the Draper's dirty dealings.

Soundings Audio; 2008

11hrs 30mins

11852 THE GUNPOWDER AND GLORY GIRLS

By Rosie Archer

Reader Helen Lloyd

The war is drawing to a close, but the munitions girls are still hard at work in the factory. An act of kindness towards a homeless teenager, provides Gladys with a new friend and lodger. But Goldie has run away from her dangerous family - can Gladys keep both of them safe while dealing with her own unexpected pregnancy?

Lamplight Audio; 2016

9hrs 30mins

11746 IN BORROWED LIGHT**By Barbara & Stephanie Keating****Reader Clare Francis**

Hannah Olsen and her husband Lars are struggling to protect their wildlife and land from poachers and corrupt officials. But the developing relationship between their daughter and a young African boy with a terrifying legacy tests the strength of their family. Book 3 of the Langani Trilogy.

Vintage; 2011

26hrs 30mins

11839 LIVERPOOL ANGELS**By Lyn Andrews****Reader Julie Maisey**

Mae Strickland is only a few days old when her mother dies. Her aunt Maggie brings Mae up together with her own children, Eddie and Alice, and the girls become like sisters. In spite of Mae's unhappy start, life feels full of promise. But then, as the First World War looms, everything changes...

Soundings Audio; 2014

11hrs 30mins

11840 A LIVERPOOL LEGACY**By Anne Baker****Reader Julie Maisey**

On a spring day in 1947, Millie and Pete Maynard take their daughter Sylvie on a boat trip that is to end in tragedy. Millie needs all her strength to comfort her children and overcome her grief. But when Pete's will is read further heartache lies in store...

Soundings Audio; 2014

12hrs 30mins

11883 LIZZIE'S WAR**By Rosie Clarke****Reader Juliette Burton**

Against the devastating Blitz of London, Lizzie Larch must make a success of her business alone, in order to survive. Battling against shortages, her hats become more popular, but what of the man she loves? Will he ever return? What Lizzie knows, now, is that success can mean nothing without love.

ROSA Audio; 2017

10hrs 45mins

11800 THE MILL GIRL

By Rosie Goodwin **Reader Charlie Sanderson**

Warwickshire, 1840's: boys are destined for the pit and girls for the mill. Despite this, Maryann is happy in her work there. Then she is offered a position as nanny to the daughter of the mill owner, Wesley Marshall. But their close relationship doesn't go unnoticed, threatening to unleash a world of problems on them all...

Clipper Audio; 2015

13hrs 0mins

11863 THE SEPTEMBER GARDEN

By Catherine Law **Reader Anna Bentinck**

Nell and Sylvie grow up quickly during the early days of rationing, blackouts and the arrival of RAF planes in the skies over the Chilterns. When the machinations of war changes the course of their lives, with devastating consequences, the only place Nell can find solace is inside the walled garden that her father tended so lovingly.

Isis Audio Books; 2013

10hrs 0mins

11837 THE SWAN MAID

By Dilly Court **Reader Annie Aldington**

As a chambermaid at one of London's busiest inns, Lottie Lane is too worn out to even dream of a better life. Until she nurses an injured soldier back from the dead, and suddenly everything changes. But when tragedy strikes, Lottie is alone once more and in dire need of a miracle . .

Lamplight Audio; 2017

10hrs 30mins

11833 THERE'LL BE BLUE SKIES

By Ellie Dean **Reader Annie Aldington**

Sixteen-year-old Sally is evacuated to Cliffhaven on the south coast, and is terrified by what lies ahead of her. But when she is welcomed by the open-hearted Reilly family, life begins to improve. Then her mother Florrie arrives, bringing disaster with her, and Sally is forced to work out where her true loyalties lie....

Soundings Audio; 2011

11hrs 30mins

FANTASY FICTION

11755 DRAGONFLY IN AMBER; PART 1

By Diana Gabaldon

Reader Davina Porter

For years Claire Randall has kept her secrets. But now she is returning to Scotland's mist-shrouded hills to reveal the truth about the mystery of an ancient circle of standing stones, and about James Fraser, a warrior who once drew Claire from the security of her century to the dangers of his.

Clipper Audio; 2015

19hrs 30mins

11756 DRAGONFLY IN AMBER; PART 2

By Diana Gabaldon

Reader Davina Porter

Continued from Part 1 (11755).

Clipper Audio; 2015

18hrs 30mins

11772 THE HONOURS

By Tim Clare

Reader Hilary Spiers

1935, Norfolk. War is looming and the sprawling country estate of Alderberen Hall is shadowed by suspicion and paranoia. Thirteen year old Delphine is determined to uncover the secrets of the Hall's elite society, but she uncovers a world more dark and threatening than she ever imagined...

Canongate; 2015

14hrs 15mins

GENERAL FICTION

11621 A CONSCIOUS ENGLISHMAN

By Margaret Keeping

Reader Annie L Cooper

Beginning in the iconic summer of 1914, in a rural world full of rich promise and beauty, this is a portrayal of the relationship between a wife who loves too much and her depressive, often tormented husband - the poet, essayist, and novelist Edward Thomas.

Street Books; 2013

10hrs 30mins

11873 THE LONG JOURNEY HOME

By Jenny Whitfield

Reader Brenda White

Josie, despite being abandoned at birth, had a happy childhood in a children's home. But at fifteen, a distressing encounter leads to her running away. The years that follow see a determined young Josie find her way in the world both at home and abroad, ultimately leading to an epic journey.

Matador; 2016

11hrs 30mins

11870 MIDWINTER

By Fiona Melrose

Reader Peter Noble

Father and son, Landyn and Vale Midwinter, are Suffolk farmers. Times are hard as they struggle in the face of competition from big business. But an even bigger, more brutal fight is brewing: a fight between each other, about a past event they have both refused to confront, until now...

Clipper Audio; 2017

7hrs 30mins

11832 NIGHTINGALES ON CALL

By Donna Douglas

Reader Penelope Freeman

1937 sees new challenges for the trainee nurses. Dora and her old enemy Lucy are paired up on the children's ward. The two nurses couldn't seem more different, but they may have more in common than they think, as each hides a secret heartache.

Soundings Audio; 2014

13hrs 0mins

11805 WHOSE TURN FOR THE STAIRS

By Robert Douglas

Reader Joe Dunlop

Following the end of the war, the families in a tightly knit street in 1950s Maryhill, rebuild the strong sense of community, and friendly neighbourhood bonds are soon back in place. Yet not all is perfect: the families have to deal with poverty, racism, heartbreak, violence and death. But the powerful friendships cannot ultimately be broken.

Oakhill; 2010

13hrs 0mins

GHOST STORIES

11881 FIRESIDE GOTHIC

By Andrew Taylor

Reader Miscellaneous

A collection of three wonderfully atmospheric gothic novellas - spine tinglers that cry out to be read in the flickering light of a wood fire...

Clipper Audio; 2017

7hrs 0mins

HISTORICAL FICTION

11691 THE BULL FROM THE SEA

By Mary Renault

Reader James Murphy

Having freed the city of Athens from the rule of Knossos, Theseus has returned home to find his father dead and himself the new king. But his adventures have only just begun: he still must confront the Amazons, capture their queen, Hippolyta, and face the tragic results of Phaedra's jealous rage.

Virago; 2015

10hrs 15mins

11821 A BURNABLE BOOK

By Bruce Holsinger

Reader Tim Bruce

London, 1385. John Gower, part-time poet and full-time trader in information, is given a task - to track down a missing book. It should be easy for a man of Gower's talents. But what Gower does not know is that this book has already caused one murder, and that its contents could destroy his life.

Jammer Audio; 2014

14hrs 15mins

11687 CHANTAL

By Claire Lorrimer **Reader Patricia Knight-Webb**

Women of Fire Trilogy, book 3, sequel to 'Tamarisk' (5890): Chantal is exquisite, beguiling and volatile. Torn from the dazzling salons and glittering balls of aristocratic London, Chantal finds herself caught in a gathering maelstrom of wild and dangerous adventure.

Corgi; 1981

21hrs 45mins

11779 GOLDEN HILL

By Francis Spufford **Reader Terrence Hardiman**

New York, a small town on the tip of Manhattan Island, 1746. A charming and handsome young stranger, fresh off the boat from England pitches up to a counting house on Golden Hill Street, with an order for a thousand pounds in his pocket that he wishes to cash. But can he be trusted?

Faber; 2016

11hrs 30mins

11692 THE HOUSE OF DOCTOR DEE

By Peter Ackroyd **Reader Barry Wilsher**

When Matthew Palmer inherits an old house in Clerkenwell, he feels that he has become part of its past. He learns of the famous 16th-century alchemist and astrologer John Dee who was reputedly a black magician, who was imprisoned by Queen Mary for allegedly attempting to kill her through sorcery.

Penguin; 1994

10hrs 30mins

11862 LINCOLN IN THE BARDO

By George Saunders **Reader Miscellaneous**

The American Civil War rages while President Lincoln's beloved son lies gravely ill. Willie dies and is laid to rest in a Georgetown cemetery where he finds himself trapped in a transitional realm - called, in Tibetan tradition, the bardo. As ghosts squabble, gripe and commiserate, a monumental struggle erupts over young Willie's soul.

Random House Audio; 2017

7hrs 30mins

11801 THE PAINTER'S APPRENTICE

By Charlotte Betts

Reader Anne Dover

1688: Beth Ambrose has led a sheltered life in her family home on the outskirts of London; a place where her parents provide a sanctuary for melancholic souls. But as political tensions begin to rise in the capital, Noah Leyton arrives in the middle of the night with a proposition that turns Beth's world upside down.

Soundings Audio; 2013

14hrs 0mins

11769 PEMBERLEY

By Emma Tennant

Reader Anne Dover

Pemberley is Mr Darcy's splendid house, and it is there that, amidst their relatives one Christmas, his pride and his wife Elizabeth's prejudice find themselves once again provoked.

Soundings Audio; 2014

6hrs 30mins

11865 THE SPICE MERCHANT'S WIFE

By Charlotte Betts

Reader Penelope Freeman

1666. Newly married to a wealthy spice merchant, Kate Finche believes all her dreams of a happy family life are just around the corner until the Great Fire rages through London...

Soundings Audio; 2013

16hrs 0mins

11768 AN UNEQUAL MARRIAGE

By Emma Tennant

Reader Anne Dover

Mr Darcy and Elizabeth now have two children, Miranda and Edward. But Edward falls into the clutches of those who are not what they seem, and awful questions arise about the succession at Pemberley. Must the entail be broken and Edward disinherited, ending the Darcy line on the estate?

Soundings Audio; 2014

5hrs 30mins

HORROR STORIES

11807 THE THING ON THE DOORSTEP: AND OTHER STORIES

By H P Lovecraft

Reader William Roberts

The differing facets of H P Lovecraft's strange world - where science fiction is laced with horror and fantasy - is no more strikingly evoked than in this collection of three of his most popular shorter stories.

Naxos Audio; 2013

4hrs 45mins

HUMOUROUS FICTION

11739 CORDUROY MANSIONS

By Alexander McCall Smith

Reader Andrew Sachs

We follow the strange, wonderful goings on of the residents and visitors at Corduroy Mansions, Pimlico; from nasty Liberal Democrat MP Oedipus Snark to the newest resident, Pimlico Terrier Freddie de la Hay.

Clipper Audio; 2009

11hrs 15mins

11915 THE DARLING BUDS OF MAY

By H E Bates

Reader Philip Franks

When Cedric Charlton, an unsuspecting tax inspector, arrives at the door of the Pop Larkin farm, he soon forgets the purpose of his visit. The fun-loving Ma and Pop Larkin distract him at every turn with strawberries, cream, alcohol, and their attractive young daughter, Mariette.

Naxos Audio; 2016

4hrs 20mins

11738 FATTY O'LEARY'S DINNER PARTY

By Alexander McCall Smith

Reader Steven Crossley

When his loving wife Betty plans a trip to Ireland for Fatty O'Leary's 40th birthday things go wrong almost immediately. The seats in economy class on the plane are too small; Irish bathroom furniture is not as commodious as he'd have liked. And all the time Fatty must put up with the unthinking cruelty of strangers.

Clipper Audio; 2014

3hrs 45mins

11689 MRS CALDICOT'S CABBAGE WAR

By Vernon Coleman

Reader Pat Steadman

When her husband dies, downtrodden widow Thelma Caldicot is placed in a home by her son. Here she discovers strengths that she had forgotten she possessed, and soon she is turning the life of the retirement home manager into a nightmare.

Great Fiction; 2002

7hrs 30mins

11798 SECRETS AT THE LITTLE VILLAGE SCHOOL

By Gervase Phinn

Reader Gervase Phinn

In the little village of Barton-in-the-Dale, long hidden secrets are bubbling to the surface. The town's resident nosey-parker discovers some juicy gossip about the primary school's dishy new staff member, and head teacher Elisabeth Stirling has a very special secret of her own.

Isis Audio Books; 2016

13hrs 0mins

LOVE STORIES

11818 IT WAS ONLY EVER YOU

By Kate Kerrigan

Reader Noreen Leighton

Patrick Murphy has charm to burn and many women love him. Rose, the sweetheart he leaves behind in Ireland; Ava, the heiress falls under his spell. And Sheila Klein will be ruthless in her determination to unlock his star quality. But in the end, Patrick Murphy's heart belongs to only one of them. Which one will it be?

ROSA Audio; 2017

12hrs 0mins

11620 SOW THE SEED

By Margaret Dickinson

Reader Pat Steadman

Lincolnshire, 1926. Kate Hilton is devastated when her mother tells her she is to be sent away to boarding school. For the more Esther tries to keep her from her childhood sweetheart, Danny, the more determined she is to marry him. Fleethaven Trilogy, volume 2; sequel to 'Plough the Furrow' (11598)

Pan Books; 2015

18hrs 0mins

11820 THE WAR BRIDE

By Pamela Hart

Reader Edwina Wren

Young Englishwoman Margaret Dalton arrives to begin a new life in Australia, leaving behind the horrors of WWI and can't wait to see her husband, Frank. But when the ship docks, Frank isn't there to meet her... Devastated, Margaret must swap her hopes and dreams for the reality of living and working in a strange new city.

Wavesound Audio; 2016

9hrs 45mins

SCIENCE FICTION

11600 DO ANDROIDS DREAM OF ELECTRIC SHEEP?

By Philip K Dick

Reader John Hobday

World War Terminus had left the Earth devastated. Through its ruins, bounty hunter Rick Deckard stalked. His assignment is to kill six Nexus-6 targets, for a huge reward. But in Deckard's world things are never that simple, and his assignment quickly turned into the threat of death for the hunter rather than the hunted ...

Gollancz; 2007

8hrs 0mins

SHORT STORIES & ANTHOLOGIES

11770 DARK TALES

By Shirley Jackson

Reader Judy Franklin

In these deliciously dark tales, a daily commute turns into a nightmarish game of hide and seek, a loving wife hides homicidal thoughts and a concerned citizen might just be an infamous serial killer. In the haunting world of Shirley Jackson, nothing is as it seems and nowhere is safe...

Penguin Classics; 2016

8hrs 15mins

11773 X THE PURPLE SWAMP HEN AND OTHER STORIES

By Penelope Lively

Reader Hilary Spiers

In this varied collection of short stories we hear of a bird and a servant girl in ancient Pompeii who cannot converse, but share a perfect understanding; a dream house that is hiding something sinister and an old woman doing her weekly supermarket shop with a secret past that no one could guess.

Fig Tree; 2016

6hrs 30mins

SPY STORIES

11556 BERLIN GAME

By Len Deighton

Reader James Lailey

First book of the 'Game, Set and Match' Trilogy. Bernard Samson is put back into the field, after 5 years of being desk-bound, to help a high-ranking 'mole' come over the Berlin Wall.

Lamplight Audio; 2013

10hrs 30mins

11834 DEAD LETTER DROP

By Peter James

Reader Christopher Webster

Max Flynn, undercover agent, has the unenviable job of spying on his own side. But the hazy, murky world of counter espionage leaves no room for errors of judgement and Flynn knows he's finished if he makes one false move.

Clipper Audio; 2014

7hrs 0mins

11728 HOPE

By Len Deighton

Reader Edward Peel

Bernard Samson needs to stay out of trouble, to get to know his wife Fiona again and to put his relationship with his lover, Gloria behind him. But the arrival of a wounded man in the middle of the night indicates that trouble won't be easy to avoid... Book 2 of the 'Faith, Hope and Charity' trilogy

Harper; 2011

12hrs 30mins

11816 SS-GB**By Len Deighton****Reader James Lailey**

In February 1941 British Command surrendered to the Nazis and for nine months Britain has been occupied. At Scotland Yard, Detective Inspector Archer is assigned to a routine murder case. But when higher powers are brought in to the investigation, Archer finds himself caught up in an espionage battle.

Clipper Audio; 2017

12hrs 30mins

THRILLERS**11751 THE BOURNE ENIGMA****By Eric Lustbader****Reader Holter Graham**

Jason Bourne is in Moscow to attend the wedding of his friend and fellow spymaster General Boris Karpov. But the General has an important message to deliver to Bourne – 'a lifeline for the end of the world.' Bourne has just four days to discover the nature of the catastrophe and put a stop to it.

Avid Audio; 2016

13hrs 30mins

11767 THE BOURNE LEGACY**By Eric Lustbader****Reader Jeff Harding**

Jason Bourne, international assassin of deadly repute, has retired from the CIA and is now known as George Webb, a professor at Georgetown University. Webb's life is finally his own, until he becomes the target of an assassin and is framed for the murder of his two closest associates.

Soundings Audio; 2004

20hrs 0mins

11918 CHASE**By Dean Koontz****Reader Nick Podehl**

Ben Chase is a war hero, but a reluctant one. When he claims that a psychopath is stalking him, he has made such an outsider of himself that no one believes him. He must resurrect the repressed warrior within to save himself. Heroes need monsters to slay, and they can always find them - within if not without.

Brilliance Audio; 2014

4hrs 20mins

11845 THE FAMILY**By Martina Cole****Reader Annie Aldington**

To Phillip Murphy, family is everything. Christine has always understood this about her husband. But there is another side to Phillip, and it's a side he never wanted his wife to see. Though even if she did, could she do anything but stand by him?

Isis Audio Books; 2011

12hrs 50mins

11853 THE INNOCENT**By Harlan Coben****Reader Richard Ferrone**

Matt has rebuilt his life after a brawl that left him serving four years for manslaughter. He has clawed back some of his dreams - in particular, Olivia, the girl he met once, and then found again. Now someone is sending him phone images of Olivia, with another man...

Clipper Audio; 2006

12hrs 15mins

11925 INTO THE WATER**By Paula Hawkins****Reader Miscellaneous**

In the last days before her death, Nel called her sister. Jules didn't pick up the phone, ignoring her plea for help. Now Nel is dead. They say she jumped. And Jules is afraid - afraid of her long-buried memories, of the old Mill House, and the place they call the Drowning Pool, and of knowing that Nel would never have jumped...

Random House Audio; 2017

11hrs 30mins

11733 THE LEOPARD HUNTS IN DARKNESS

By Wilbur Smith

Reader Bob Wildgust

Exiled author, Craig Mellow returns to Zimbabwe when he is given a spying mission for the World Bank. Accompanied by photographer, Sally-Anne Jay, he stumbles upon an ivory-poaching operation, which masks a plot to sell the country he once fought for, into slavery.

Pan; 2015

23hrs 30mins

11793 LYING IN WAIT

By Liz Nugent

Reader Ann Stutz

Lydia Fitzsimons lives with her adoring husband and beloved son. There is just one thing she yearns for to make her perfect life complete, though the last thing she expects is that it will lead to murder. However, needs must - because nothing can stop her from getting what she wants ...

Penguin; 2016

9hrs 0mins

11659 THE NIGHT MANAGER

By John le Carre

Reader Alan Bowen

Jonathan Pine is the night manager at a luxury hotel. But when an attempt to pass on information to the British authorities backfires terribly, and people close to Pine begin to die, he commits himself to a battle against powerful forces he cannot begin to imagine.

Penguin; 2016

20hrs 0mins

11735 NO SECOND CHANCE

By Harlan Coben

Reader George Wilson

Marc Seidman wakes in hospital after narrowly surviving a shooting in which his wife died and their baby daughter went missing. He soon realises he is the principal suspect, so he turns to the one person he thinks can help him - the ex-girlfriend who still has a place in his heart and used to be a senior FBI agent.

Clipper Audio; 2004

13hrs 15mins

11804 THE PRESIDENT'S SHADOW

By Brad Meltzer

Reader Jeff Harding

Beecher White, a humble archivist at the U.S. National Archives, has a secret: he belongs to the Culper Ring, a network of spies founded by George Washington during the American Revolution. One day, White makes an alarming discovery on the White House grounds. As he investigates, he realises it's a message that may have dire repercussions for the President.

Oakhill; 2016

12hrs 15mins

11822 RAIN ON THE DEAD

By Jack Higgins

Reader Nigel Carrington

It begins with the attempted assassination of the ex-President of the United States. Only the presence of Sean Dillon and the members of the 'Prime Minister's Private Army' prevent it becoming a bloodbath. What Dillon doesn't realize is that he has just sprung a trap that will lead them to almost certain death.

Jammer Audio; 2015

8hrs 0mins

11750 SATURDAY REQUIEM

By Nicci French

Reader Beth Chalmers

When Frieda Klein is asked to assess eighteen-year-old Hannah Docherty, who has been arrested for the brutal murder of her family, she reluctantly agrees. What she finds horrifies her, and Frieda soon begins to realise that she's up against someone who'll go to any lengths to protect themselves...

Clipper Audio; 2016

11hrs 0mins

11812 SILESIAN STATION

By David Downing

Reader David Hobbs

In July 1939 John Russell returns to Berlin as the newly appointed Central European correspondent of an American newspaper. With his communist past, German son and English-American parentage he's the perfect catch for any of Europe's warring espionage services - and none will take no for an answer.

Old Street Publishing; 2011

10hrs 30mins

11866 SOFT TARGET

By Stephen Leather

Reader Martyn Read

When a group of armed police in an elite unit turn maverick and start to rip off drug dealers at gunpoint, undercover cop Dan 'Spider' Shepherd is given his most dangerous mission so far. And as Shepherd finds himself in the firing line, he has to decide exactly where his loyalties lie.

Isis Audio Books; 2005

15hrs 0mins

11919 A WANTED MAN

By Lee Child

Reader Jeff Harding

Jack Reacher has some unfinished business in Virginia, so he hitches a ride with three strangers - two men and a woman. But within minutes it becomes clear they're all lying about everything - and then they run into a police roadblock on the highway. There has been an incident, and the cops are looking for the bad guys....

Soundings Audio; 2012

12hrs 30mins

WAR STORIES

11868 ANATOMY OF A SOLDIER

By Harry Parker

Reader Finlay Robertson

Captain Tom Barnes is leading British troops into a war zone when he is gravely injured by an exploding IED. This devastating moment and the transformative months that follow are narrated here by forty-five objects, telling one unforgettable story.

Clipper Audio; 2016

9hrs 45mins

11869 A CLOSE RUN THING

By Allan Mallinson

Reader Eric Graham

It's 1814, and the war against Bonaparte rages to its bloody end upon the field of Waterloo. Cornet Matthew Hervey, of the 6th Light Dragoons, suddenly finds himself allotted a hero's role which will change the course of his life, and possibly the outcome of Waterloo...

Clipper Audio; 2001

14hrs 30mins

WESTERNS

11848 JURY OF SIX

By Matt Braun

Reader Richard Ferrone

When hardened range detective Luke Starbuck joins an uneasy Sheriff Pat Garrett to track down Billy the Kid's dangerous trail, they gallop toward a conclusion no one can predict.

Recorded Books; 1995

6hrs 30mins

11847 KINCH

By Matt Braun

Reader Jack Garrett

In the summer of 1871, a Texas gang gunned down a lawman named McCluskie. Ninety seconds later, five of the attackers were dead, picked off by 17-year-old Kinch Riley. After avenging the murder of his mentor, Kinch disappeared but his name and lightning speed with a gun live on in Western lore.

Recorded Books; 2000

6hrs 30mins

11849 RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE

By Zane Grey

Reader Donald Buka

Jane Withersteen is a wealthy rancher in the Mormon village of Cottonwoods, until the churchmen decree she must marry the arrogant Elder Tull. When she refuses, Tull and his band turn nasty. That's when Lassiter rides into town, determined to teach Tull and his mob a lesson.

Recorded Books; 2001

12hrs 30mins

11850 TAPPAN'S BURRO

By Zane Grey

Reader Christopher Lane

Prospecting was a lonely business for Tappan, but his burro Jenet was good company. She knew the trails and waterholes better than Tappan and tracked with him, faithful, his only friend. And he repaid her loyalty with a final supreme effort of heart, will and spirit.

Clipper Audio; 2005

2hrs 0mins

Non-Fiction

ANIMALS

11806 BILBO: THE LIFEGUARD DOG

By Steven Jamieson

Reader Mike Rogers

When Steven Jamieson met Bilbo, a chocolate Newfoundland puppy, little did he know that the small bundle of fluff would change his life forever. The pair were inseparable, with Bilbo accompanying Steve to his job as head lifeguard of Sennen beach in Cornwall. But Bilbo and Steve couldn't have foreseen the obstacles that life would throw at them.

Oakhill; 2016

6hrs 45mins

11788 THE WORLD ACCORDING TO BOB

By James Bowen

Reader Fred Parker

In the continuing tale of their life together James shows the many ways in which Bob the street cat, has been his protector and guardian angel through times of illness, hardship and even life-threatening danger. Sequel to 'A Street Cat Named Bob' (9805).

Hodder; 2013

5hrs 45mins

ARTS– GENERAL

11784 THE OXFORD INKLINGS: LEWIS, TOLKIEN AND THEIR CIRCLE

By Colin Duriez

Reader Jeremy Neville

The Inklings were an influential group of writers, centred on C S Lewis and J R Tolkien, who met regularly in the pubs of Oxford, to read and discuss their latest writings. Colin Duriez explores their lives, their writings, their ideas and crucially the influence they had on each other.

Lion Books; 2015

7hrs 45mins

BIOGRAPHY - ART MUSIC & LITERATURE

11745 BEATRIX POTTER, A LIFE IN NATURE

By Linda Lear

Reader Derina Dinkin

Beatrix Potter's books are adored by millions, but they were just one aspect of an extraordinary life. She was also a powerful landowner who conserved acres of Lakeland countryside. This captivating biography brings us the passionate, unconventional woman behind the beloved stories.

Penguin Books; 2008

20hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY – ENTERTAINMENT

11844 POIROT AND ME

By David Suchet

Reader David Suchet

Actor David Suchet recalls his experience of playing Agatha Christie's world-famous detective, Hercule Poirot, for almost a quarter of a century. He recounts how he set himself the task of presenting the most authentic Poirot that had ever been filmed.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

10hrs 0mins

11752 A LIFE IN QUESTIONS

By Jeremy Paxman

Reader Jeremy Paxman

The witty, incisive and frank memoirs of Jeremy Paxman, whose career at the BBC included 25 years as the uncompromising presenter of Newsnight.

Clipper Audio; 2017

12hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – POLITICAL

11731 THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD

By Alan Johnson

Reader Bob Rollett

From the slums of Southam Street in West London to the corridors of power in Westminster, Alan Johnson charts an extraordinary journey. Here he tells of his early political skirmishes as a trade union leader, and his rise through various ministerial positions to the office of Home Secretary in 2009. Book 3 of his memoirs.

Bantam; 2016

10hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – SPORT

11565 KEN JONES: BOOTS AND SPIKES

By Steve Lewis

Reader John Evans

Ken Jones was a former British Lions, Wales and Newport wing as well as a sprinter good enough to win an Olympic silver medal. He was the Welsh sprint champion for seven consecutive years, using that pace on the rugby field to score 146 tries in 293 games for Newport, captaining the side in 1950–51 and 1953–54.

Sportsbooks; 2011

11hrs 0mins

CRIME & LAW

11917 THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY

By Nick Russell-Pavier & Stewart Richards

Reader David John

In the early hours of 8th August 1963 at Sears Crossing in Buckinghamshire, £2.6 million in unmarked notes was stolen from the Glasgow to London mail train in a violent and daring raid. This definitive account dismantles the myths and strips away the sensational headlines to reveal a flawed, darker and more complex story.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

15hrs 30mins

**11902 THE DEAD DUKE, HIS SECRET WIFE AND
THE MISSING CORPSE**

By Piu Marie Eatwell Reader Barnaby Edwards

1897: An elderly widow, Anna Maria Druce, made a strange request of the London Ecclesiastical Court, for the exhumation of the grave of her late father-in-law, T C Druce. Behind her application lay a sensational claim, and the eventual outcome revealed a dark underbelly of lies lurking beneath the genteel facade of Victorian England.

Clipper Audio; 2015

9hrs 0mins

DISABILITIES

11763 TOUCH ME PLEASE

By Michael & Patricia Gerwat Reader Fred Parker

Born blind, Mick Gerwat also lost his hearing before the age of forty. Suddenly his whole life changed. He was no longer able to continue his successful career as a piano tuner, nor listen to his beloved music. How did he cope in a world of total darkness and total silence? How did he manage to build a new life?

CreateSpace; 2013

8hrs 30mins

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

11838 CONFIDENCE: THE SECRET

By Katie Piper Reader Katie Piper

In 2008, Katie Piper survived a brutal rape and acid attack which left her severely disfigured. Katie shares what she's learned from her most difficult moments to inspire and guide others, giving readers the tools they need to feel happy and confident.

Clipper Audio; 2017

7hrs 15mins

11786 IN THERAPY: HOW CONVERSATIONS WITH PSYCHOTHERAPISTS REALLY WORK

By Suzie Orbach **Reader Vivienne Ennemoser**

In the UK alone, over one million people are seeing therapists on a regular basis. Insightful and honest about a process often necessarily shrouded in secrecy, this is an essential read for those curious about, or considering entering, therapy.

Profile Books; 2016

2hrs 30mins

HISTORY – ANCIENT

11706 THE CAVES OF THE SUN

By Adrian Bailey **Reader John Fidell**

Adrian Bailey believes that the influence of psychological interpretations posed by Freud and Jung have been detrimental to a true understanding of mankind`s religious origins. Here he revives a long-discarded nineteenth-century theory that all myths, religions and folktales can be traced to one source - the sun.

Pimlico; 1998

17hrs 0mins

HISTORY – BRITISH

11729 PLAGUE: A VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION

By Paul Slack **Reader John Hobday**

Throughout history plague has been the cause of many major catastrophes. In this Very Short Introduction, Paul Slack explores the impact plague has had on modern notions of public health and how it has shaped our history.

OUP Oxford; 2012

4hrs 30mins

POETRY

11781 FALLING AWAKE

By Alice Oswald

Reader Gill Wilsher

Mutability – a sense that all matter is unstable in the face of mortality – is at the heart of this collection, and each poem is involved in that drama. Costa Poetry Award Winner 2016

Cape; 2016

1hr 10mins

11776 SELECTED POETRY: LEWIS CARROLL

By Lewis Carroll

Reader Roger May

Featuring some of his most famous and best-loved poems - including Jabberwocky and The Hunting of the Snark - as well as lesser-known gems such as Brother and Sister and My Fairy, this selection illustrates Carroll's fondness for impish satire, verbal wizardry and pure imagination.

Naxos Audio; 2016

1hr 20mins

11904 THE ESSENTIAL EDGAR ALLEN POE

By Edgar Allen Poe

Reader Miscellaneous

A selection of chilling tales and poems from the master of the supernatural. Also includes a specially commissioned biography outlining the tragedies that marked so much of Poe's fiction.

Clipper Audio; 2007

7hrs 30mins

SCIENCE – BIOLOGICAL

11808 ON THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES

By Charles Darwin

Reader Peter Wickham

Perhaps the most influential science book ever written, the controversial theory that populations evolve and adapt through a process known as natural selection led to heated scientific, philosophical and religious debate, revolutionising every discipline in its wake.

Naxos Audio; 2016

21hrs 0mins

SCIENCE – EARTH & PHYSICAL

11826 STARS: A VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION

By Andrew King

Reader John Hobday

Every atom of our bodies has been part of a star. Our very own star, the Sun, is crucial to the development and sustainability of life on Earth. This Very Short Introduction presents a modern, authoritative examination of how stars live.

OUP Oxford; 2012

4hrs 45mins

SCIENCE – ENVIRONMENTAL

11727 THE RUNNING HARE; THE SECRET LIFE OF FARMLAND

By John Lewis-Stempel

Reader Bob Rollett

Traditional ploughland is disappearing. The corncrake is all but extinct in England, and the hare is running for its life. This is the story of a man who took on a field and husbanded it in a natural, traditional way, restoring its fertility and wildlife, bringing back the old farmland flowers and animals.

Doubleday; 2016

7hrs 30mins

TRAVEL – BRITISH ISLES

11765 MOVE ALONG, PLEASE!

By Mark Mason

Reader Richard Burnip

One morning in September, Mark Mason boards the number 1A bus at Land's End. Forty-six buses and eleven days later he disembarks at John O'Groats. Along the way he samples staples of the British diet, and uncovers countless fascinating facts about his native land.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

9hrs 30mins

11885 IN THE LAND OF THE GIANTS

By Max Adams

Reader Philip Fox

Max Adams explores Britain's lost early medieval past by walking its paths and exploring its lasting imprint on valley, hill and field. Each of his ten walk narratives form a portrait of a Britain, of fort and fyrd, crypt and crannog, church and causeway, holy well and memorial stone.

Clipper Audio; 2016

14hrs 15mins

TRAVEL – WORLD

11664 OUT OF AFRICA

By Karen Blixen

Reader Angela Holland

From the moment Karen Blixen arrived in Kenya in 1914 to manage a coffee plantation, her heart belonged to Africa. Drawn to the intense colours and ravishing landscapes, Karen spent her happiest years on the farm and her experiences and friendships with the people around her are vividly recalled in these memoirs.

Penguin; 2001

12hrs 30mins

11846 SHADOW OF THE SILK ROAD

By Colin Thubron

Reader Jonathan Keeble

Colin Thubron undertakes a journey along the greatest land route on earth: the Silk Road. Travelling 7,000 miles in eight months, he meets some fascinating people and encounters some of the world's discontented margins, where the true boundaries are not political borders but the frontiers of tribe, ethnicity, language and religion.

Isis Audio Books; 2007

13hrs 0mins

TRANSPORT

11474 THE WORLD THE RAILWAYS MADE

By Nicholas Faith

Reader Bob Wildgust

From 1825, when the first passenger service linked Stockton and Darlington to the outbreak of World War I, Nicholas Faith presents an engaging and entertaining journey through the first century of rail, introducing the heroes and the rogues of the mechanical revolution that turned the world upside down.

Head of Zeus; 2014

17hrs 30mins

WORLD WAR II

11736 GAME OF SPIES

By Paddy Ashdown

Reader Paddy Ashdown

The story of a lethal spy triangle with three men at its centre – a ruthless British secret agent, a Gestapo counter-espionage officer and a French Resistance leader. From 1942 until 1944 these three enemies were drawn into a cat and mouse 'game' of espionage and counter espionage in occupied France.

Clipper Audio; 2016

12hrs 0mins

11747 THE LUFTWAFFE OVER BRUM

By Steve Richards

Reader John Hobday

A comprehensive account of the air attacks against Birmingham from the early Zeppelin raids of World War 1 to the very last raid in April 1943. The main focus is the military aspect and the dominance of the German Air Force above the city during World War 2 which lasted until the Royal Air Force gradually gained ascendancy.

Steve Richards; 2015

8hrs 15mins

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