

For Your Ears Only Winter 2017-18

Welcome to the winter issue of For Your Ears Only listing all of the new books added to the library in the last few months. 2017 was a bumper year with a staggering 800 new titles made available to borrow.

In this edition are familiar authors and those that are in print for the first time. Among the more recognisable names is Rosamunde Pilcher with her popular title "September" and bestseller Dan Brown is back with his new thriller "Origin" featuring professor Robert Langdon. Peter James is well known for his Brighton based Roy Grace detective series but before this he wrote several ghost stories of which "Sweetheart" is one. The new names on the block are Daryl Gregory with his title "Spoonbenders" as featured on the Radio 2 Book Club and T A Cotterell with the contemporary thriller "What Alice Knew". Finally "Our Zoo" tells the true story of George Mottershead the founder of the world renowned Chester Zoo.

Whatever your book preferences, this edition gives you plenty of options either to choose something familiar or try something new. 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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Looking Back on a Year in Books

2017 was a good year for the book lover with lots to choose from and discuss either with friends and family, or in your book group. Here are some of the titles that we have added to the library over the past year which got everyone talking.

FICTION

11862 LINCOLN IN THE BARDO

By George Saunders

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. Winner of the Man Booker Prize 2017.

11898 THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

By Colson Whitehead

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2017 this book tells the story of Cora who 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.

11901 THE DRY

By Jane Harper

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. This book was chosen as The Sunday Times Crime Book of the Year.

12102 RATTLE

By Fiona Cummins

This debut novel centres round a man who seems ordinary on the outside but behind closed doors he is the caretaker of his family's macabre museum. Now the time has come to add to his collection. So begins a terrifying cat-and-mouse game between the sinister collector and Etta Fitzroy, a troubled detective investigating a spate of abductions.

11938 THE DARK CIRCLE

By Linda Grant

World War II is over, a new decade is beginning, but for an East End teenage brother and sister, life has been suspended. Sent away to a tuberculosis sanatorium to learn the way of a patient, they discover that a cure is tantalisingly just out of reach and only by inciting wholesale rebellion can freedom be snatched. Shortlisted for the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction 2017.

11994 LITTLE DEATHS

By Emma Flint

Popular among book groups in the last year, this story is set in New York in 1965. One July morning, Ruth Malone wakes to find a bedroom window wide open and her two young children missing. After a desperate search, the police make a horrifying discovery.

NON-FICTION

11860 THE JANUARY MAN

By Christopher Somerville

This book was shortlisted for the Wainwright Prize 2017 and is Somerville's account of walking the British countryside; it illustrates how, on long-distance walks, we can come to an understanding of ourselves and our fellow walkers.

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

12193 CATCH-22

By Joseph Heller

Reader Trevor White

A satirical indictment of military madness and stupidity, and the desire of the ordinary man to survive it. It is a tale of the dangerously sane Captain Yossarian, who spends his time in Italy at the end of WW2, plotting to survive.

Clipper Audio; 2008

16hrs 30mins

12206 THE GLASS-BLOWERS

By Daphne du Maurier

Reader Grace Dives

Sophie Duval reveals to her long-lost nephew the tragic story of a family of master craftsmen in eighteenth-century France. The violence and terror of the Revolution are a clamouring background against which their loves and their hopes are played out.

Virago; 2004

14hrs 0mins

12147 THE MANDARINS

By Simone de Beauvoir

Reader Ann Clark

In this unflinching examination of post-war French intellectual life, a group of friends gather to celebrate the end of the German occupation and to plan their future.

Fontana; 1960

35hrs 45mins

12082 TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT

By Graham Greene

Reader Ian Masters

Henry Pulling meets his septuagenarian Aunt Augusta for the first time in over fifty years at his mother's funeral. She persuades Henry to abandon Southwood, and he joins a shiftless, twilight society mixing with hippies, smoking pot, meeting war criminals and CIA men and eventually coming alive after a dull suburban life.

Vintage Classics; 1999

9hrs 30mins

ADVENTURE STORIES

12227 DANGEROUS GAMES

By Danielle Steel

Reader Alexander Cendese

Working alongside cameraman Ben Chapman, a deeply private ex-Navy SEAL, television correspondent Alix Phillips revels in the risks and whirlwind pace of her work. But her latest assignment puts her at the centre of an explosive story that will reshape many lives, including her own...

Clipper Audio; 2017

7hrs 30mins

12156 DRAGON TEETH

By Michael Crichton

Reader Scott Brick

The year is 1876. Whilst warring Indian tribes still populate America's western territories, two paleontologists stumble upon a discovery of historic proportions. The struggle to protect this extraordinary treasure will pit them against the West's most dangerous characters...

Clipper Audio; 2017

7hrs 45mins

12132 THE EAGLE'S PROPHECY

By Simon Scarrow

Reader Russell Boulter

Centurions Macro and Cato, dismissed from the Second Legion in Britain, are trapped in Rome. But then the imperial secretary, the devious Narcissus, makes them an offer they can't refuse; to recover from pirates a set of scrolls that hold secrets vital to the future of the Roman Empire. Rome will do anything to get them back...

Isis Audio Books; 2008

16hrs 30mins

12225 INFERNO

By Julian Stockwin

Reader Christian Rodska

Volume 17 of the Thomas Kydd series. 1807: Captain Thomas Kydd's great friend Nicholas Renzi, now Lord Farndon, is sent on a desperate diplomatic mission to persuade the Danes to give up their fleet to Britain. But the Danes will not yield, opting instead for the inferno of battle.

Lamplight Audio; 2017

11hrs 15mins

12309 PERSEPHONE

By Julian Stockwin

Reader Christian Rodska

Volume 18 of the series. 1807: The Prince of Wales asks Captain Thomas Kydd to take temporary command of the Royal Yacht. Sailing to Yarmouth, Kydd realises they are being stalked by French privateers. The terrible threat sees Kydd call on daring seamanship of the highest order...

Lamplight Audio; 2017

10hrs 45mins

12312 SUGAR MONEY

By Jane Harris

Reader James Goode

Martinique, 1765: Brothers Emile and Lucien are charged by their French master, to return to Grenada, the island they once called home, and smuggle back the slaves claimed by English invaders. Emile has no illusions about the dangers they will face as he sets out with his brother on this 'reckless venture.'

Clipper Audio; 2017

12hrs 30mins

12062 VIKING: KING'S MAN

By Tim Severin

Reader Edward Peel

Book 3 of the trilogy. Sequel to 'Viking: Sworn Brother' (8466). When Harald eventually ascends the throne of Norway, his liegeman Thorgils is despatched on a secret mission to Duke William of Normandy with a plan to coordinate the twin invasions of England.

Pan; 2006

13hrs 30mins

CLASSIC FICTION

12148 THE HAUNTED HOTEL: A MYSTERY OF MODERN VENICE

By Wilkie Collins

Reader Bob Rollett

An enigmatic countess with a wicked past, a terrible crime, a shadowy Venetian palazzo and a grisly apparition demanding vengeance - all the ingredients for a vintage Gothic horror tale. Also includes the short story 'The Dream Woman'.

Vintage Classics; 2015

7hrs 45mins

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

12155 ABOUT LAST NIGHT...

By Catherine Alliott

Reader Helen Lloyd

Molly has moved from London to Herefordshire chasing 'The Good Life', but when her husband David dies and she's left an inheritance of a London townhouse, she dares to consider chucking it all in. Then a face appears from her past, and Molly is more confused than ever.

Lamplight Audio; 2017

12hrs 30mins

12202 AMONG THE LEMON TREES

By Nadia Marks

Reader Vivienne Ennemoser

Anna thought her marriage to Max would last forever and she was looking forward to growing old with the man she loved. But when a revelation from her husband just before their wedding anniversary shakes her entire world, she's left uncertain of what the future holds.

Pan; 2017

7hrs 45mins

12226 THE ANGEL TREE

By Lucinda Riley

Reader Julia Barrie

Thirty years have passed since Greta Marchmont left Marchmont Hall. Now she finally returns, with amnesia and no memory of her past. But a walk through the wintry landscape leads to a disturbing discovery. Greta begins to search for the woman she once was and to do so, she must summon all of her courage...

Clipper Audio; 2016

20hrs 0mins

12151 AUTUMN

By Ali Smith

Reader Melody Grove

Autumn. Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. That's what it felt like for Keats in 1819. How about Autumn 2016? The United Kingdom is in pieces, divided by a historic once-in-a-generation summer. Here's time at its most contemporaneous and its most cyclic. Here comes Autumn.

Clipper Audio; 2016

5hrs 30mins

12117 BEAUTIFUL MALICE

By Rebecca James

Reader Anna Skellern

Following a horrific tragedy that leaves her once perfect family devastated, Katherine Patterson moves to a new city, starts at a new school, and looks forward to a new life of quiet anonymity. But when Katherine meets the gregarious and beautiful Alice Parrie her resolution to live a solitary life becomes difficult.

Faber Audio; 2010

9hrs 0mins

12142 BEFORE THE RAINS

By Dinah Jefferies

Reader Ann Stutz

1930, Rajputana, India. Since her husband's death, journalist Eliza's only companion has been her camera. When she is sent to an Indian princely state to photograph the royal family, she's determined to make a name for herself. But when Eliza arrives at the palace she will have to make a choice between doing what's expected, or following her heart...

Penguin; 2017

11hrs 0mins

12019 BEFORE YOU GO

By Clare Swatman

Reader Ann Stutz

When Zoe's husband Ed dies, her world caves in. But she's not ready to let go of the memories. How can she forget all of the happy times, their first kiss, everything they'd built together? Zoe decides she has to tell Ed all the things she never said...

Macmillan; 2017

9hrs 15mins

12263 THE BREAK

By Marian Keyes

Reader Aoife McMahon

This is the story of a relationship that everyone thought was forever and which is now in danger of being for never. It is about getting older and staying in love when life, real life, is trying to pull you apart. And it is Marian Keyes at her hilarious and insightful best.

Clipper Audio; 2017

19hrs 0mins

12167 THE DARK FLOOD RISES

By Margaret Drabble

Reader Clare Francis

Fran may be old but she's not going without a fight. So she dyes her hair, enjoys a glass of red wine, drives restlessly around the country and lives in an insalubrious tower block that her loved ones disapprove of. And as each of them seeks happiness in their own way, will they be waving or drowning when the end comes?

Canongate; 2013

12hrs 30mins

12190 ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE

By Gail Honeyman Reader Cathleen McCarron

Eleanor Oliphant leads a simple life. Nothing is missing from her carefully timetabled life... except, sometimes, everything. One simple act of kindness is about to shatter the walls Eleanor has built around herself, but surely any change is better than... fine?

Clipper Audio; 2017

11hrs 15mins

12083 THE FIVE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN HEAVEN

By Mitch Albom Reader Barry Wilsher

An elderly amusement park worker named Eddie dies while trying to save a young girl who gets in the way of a falling cart. He awakens in the afterlife, where he learns that heaven is not a destination, it's a place where your life is explained to you by five people who were unexpectedly instrumental in some way in your life.

Little Brown; 2003

4hrs 30mins

12122 FOXLOWE

By Eleanor Wasserberg Reader Charlie Sanderson

Green and Blue are sisters. Foxlowe is home. Outside is Bad. There really is no reason for anyone to want to leave... A chilling, compulsive story about group mentality, superstition and betrayal - and a utopian commune gone badly wrong.

Clipper Audio; 2016

8hrs 15mins

12109 A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW

By Amor Towles Reader David Hobbs

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov, deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, is sentenced to house arrest in an attic room in the Metropol Hotel. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a larger world of emotional discovery, whilst some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors.

Hutchinson; 2017

15hrs 45mins

**12191 THE GOOD MAN JESUS AND THE
SCOUNDREL CHRIST**

By Philip Pullman

Reader Philip Pullman

In this ingenious retelling of the life of Jesus, Philip Pullman re-imagines the most influential story ever told. He offers a radical new take on the myths and the mysteries of the Gospel truth and the resulting church that has so shaped the course of the last two millennia.

Clipper Audio; 2010

3hrs 30mins

12247 THE HIDING PLACES

By Katherine Webb

Reader Anna Bentinck

Wiltshire, 1922. When Donny Cartwright is accused of murder, his sister Pudding is determined to discover the identity of the real killer. Together with newcomer Irene, she begins to uncover the truth. But when they happen upon a strange object, hidden in the past, they realise it will change everything...

Oakhill; 2017

15hrs 45mins

12023 THE LAKE OF DREAMS

By Kim Edwards

Reader Cathryn Henderson

Ten years ago, traumatized by her father's death, Lucy left her home and her country. Now, she returns to her family's rambling lakeside home to lay old ghosts to rest. Piecing together her family's true history, she realises that the story she has always been told was a fiction . . .

Viking; 2012

14hrs 15mins

12139 THE LITTLE FRENCH BISTRO

By Nina George

Reader Emma Bering

Marianne is stuck in a loveless, unhappy marriage. After forty-one years, she has reached her limit, and one evening in Paris she decides to leave her life behind, and sets out for the coast of Brittany. Here Marianne learns it's never too late to begin the search for what life should have been all along.

Random House Audio; 2017

9hrs 30mins

12129 THE LITTLE THEATRE BY THE SEA

By Rosanna Ley

Reader Juliette Burton

Faye has just completed her degree when she finds herself jobless and boyfriend-less. So when she receives a phone call from her old friend Charlotte who now lives in Sardinia, suggesting that she house-sits for a month, Faye jumps at the chance. But little does she know what she's letting herself in for...

Lamplight Audio; 2017

18hrs 15mins

12032 LYDIA: THE WILD GIRL OF PRIDE & PREJUDICE

By Natasha Farrant

Reader Yvonne Clemenson

A spirited, witty and fresh re-imagining of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. Lydia is the youngest Bennet sister and she's sick of country life - instead of sewing and reading, she longs for adventure. Can Lydia find out what she really wants - and can she get it?

Chicken House; 2016

7hrs 15mins

12168 MEND THE LIVING

By Maylis de Kerangal

Reader Yvonne Clemenson

From fatal accident to life-saving operation, this is the epic story of a heart transplant. It is a metaphorical and lyrical exploration of the journey of one heart and two bodies, that investigates our relationship with death.

Maclehose; 2016

8hrs 0mins

12187 MISS TREADWAY AND THE FIELD OF STARS

By Miranda Emmerson

Reader Adjoa Andoh

In a tiny flat above a Turkish café lives Anna Treadway, a young dresser at the Galaxy Theatre. When the American actress, Iolanthe Green, disappears, Anna is determined to find out the truth. But in order to uncover Iolanthe's secrets, Anna is going to have to face up to a few of her own...

Lamplight Audio; 2017

10hrs 15mins

12286 NO CHILD OF MINE**By Susan Lewis****Reader Julia Franklin**

Alex Lake's job is all about helping children. When the case of three-year-old Otilie Wade comes to her attention, Alex feels an overpowering need to make a real difference in her life, but no one believes that Otilie is in danger. In the end, Alex makes a decision that has consequences that no one, least of all Alex, could have foreseen.

Isis Audio Books; 2012

17hrs 0mins

12242 NW**By Zadie Smith****Reader Ruth Chatto**

Four Londoners - Leah, Natalie, Felix and Nathan - have left their childhood council estate, grown up and moved on to different lives. After a chance encounter they each find that the choices they've made, the people they once were and are now, can suddenly, rapidly unravel. Contains some explicit sexual scenes.

Penguin; 2013

11hrs 30mins

12212 THE PURE GOLD BABY**By Margaret Drabble****Reader Julia Franklin**

This is the story of Anna, a little girl with a luminescent quality, her mother, Jess, and the community that envelops them. A happy child, Anna is the unchanging core of this journey spanning decades and continents through the lives of those that love her.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

10hrs 10mins

12189 RESERVOIR 13**By Jon McGregor****Reader Matt Bates**

A teenage girl on holiday has gone missing in the hills at the heart of England. The villagers are called up to join the search, fanning out across the moors. Meanwhile, there is work that must still be done. As the seasons unfold there are secrets kept and exposed, small kindnesses and unanticipated betrayals.

Clipper Audio; 2017

8hrs 45mins

12321 SEPTEMBER**By Rosamunde Pilcher****Reader Ann Stutz**

As spring comes to Scotland and the hills burst into life, a dance is planned for September. The invitations summon home the group of people Violet Aird has cared for most in her long life. All will converge on Scotland this summer, bringing their stories with them.

Hodder & Stoughton; 1996

19hrs 0mins

11955 THE SHOP ON BLOSSOM STREET**By Debbie Macomber****Reader Kay Morrison**

Can you tell from first impressions whether someone could become your closest friend? Four women are brought together by their interest in knitting. None of these women could ever have guessed how close they would become or where their friendship would lead them.

MIRA; 2011

12hrs 20mins

12007 SPENCER'S LIST**By Lissa Evans****Reader Paul Vates**

Spencer, Fran and Iris have something in common: the feeling that life is passing them by. Theirs is a funny, warm-hearted tale of life lived on the edge - of reason, of failure and of (just possibly) a brighter future...

Penguin; 2003

11hrs 0mins

12198 SPOONBENDERS**By Daryl Gregory****Reader Ari Fliakos**

The Amazing Telemachus Family, in the mid-1970s achieved widespread fame for their magic and mind reading act. We encounter this long-forgotten family two decades on, when grandson Matty, discovers powers in himself and realises his hugely deflated, heavily indebted family truly are amazing.

Random House Audio; 2017

14hrs 0mins

12157 THE SUMMER OF IMPOSSIBLE THINGS

By Rowan Coleman

Reader Imogen Church

Thirty years ago, something terrible happened to Luna's mother. In settling her mother's affairs, Luna finds more questions than answers, until something impossible and magical happens... Luna meets her mother as a young woman back in the summer of 1977. But in order to save her mother's life, will she have to sacrifice her own?

Clipper Audio; 2017

12hrs 15mins

12188 THE TASTE OF SUMMER

By Kate Lord Brown

Reader Caroline Lennon

Every summer, in a rambling castle in Ireland, TV crews descend to film the nation's favourite cookery competition. For TV chef Diana, it's a way to keep her castle running. But food blogger Darcy finds that returning home to the castle means stirring up some long-buried feelings for someone she's never quite forgotten.

Lamplight Audio; 2016

11hrs 15mins

12310 THE VANISHING OF AUDREY WILDE

By Eve Chase

Reader Karen Cass

Jessie believes that Applecote Manor in the Cotswolds is the perfect escape for her troubled family. But the house has an unsettling history, and strange rumours surround the estate after the disappearance of a young girl called Audrey in the 1950s. Drawn into the life Audrey left behind, the stifling summer takes a shocking, deadly turn.

Lamplight Audio; 2017

10hrs 15mins

12173 A VINTAGE WEDDING

By Katie Fforde

Reader Jilly Bond

In a small Cotswold country town, Beth, Lindy, and Rachel are looking for new beginnings. So they set up in business, organising vintage weddings. Soon they are busy arranging other people's big days. What none of them know is that their own romances lie waiting just around the corner...

Isis Audio Books; 2015

12hrs 0mins

12143 WHAT ALICE KNEW

By T A Cotterell

Reader Ann Stutz

Alice has a perfect life – a great job, happy kids, a wonderful husband. Until he goes missing one night. Then she receives a suspicious phone call and things don't quite add up. Alice needs to know what's going on. But sometimes it's better not to know...

Black Swan; 2017

10hrs 0mins

12111 WHERE OR WHEN

By Anita Shreve

Reader Vivienne Ennemoser

When Charles Callahan chances on a newspaper photograph of Sian Richards, a woman he loved when they were both only thirteen, he cannot resist the hand of fate. He writes to Sian, and their passion is rekindled, beginning a powerful relationship that turns into dark obsession.

Abacus; 1994

6hrs 30mins

COSY CRIME: GENTLE MYSTERIES

12070 AND NO BIRDS SING

By Brian Eastman

Reader Gill Wilsher

Meet Laura Thyme and Rosemary Boxer, two women who come together in the midst of life-changing crises; when Laura's friend Sam is killed in a car crash, and his business partner falls from a balcony, the two women join forces in their search for the truth.

Allison & Busby; 2004

8hrs 30mins

12234 DYING IN THE WOOL

By Frances Brody

Reader Patricia Knight-Webb

Nothing exceptional ever happens in Bridgestead... except for the day Joshua Braithwaite goes missing, never to be heard of again. Kate Shackleton has always loved solving puzzles, but as she taps in to the lives of the villagers, she opens cracks that some would kill to keep closed....

Piatkus; 2009

15hrs 0mins

12236 THE INCREDULITY OF FATHER BROWN

By G K Chesterton

Reader Richard Simpson

Father Brown, the shrewd and modest clerical detective, encounters miracles, ghosts and prophets in this collection of ingeniously plotted tales. From South America to New York, his keen observation and quiet wisdom are a match for any mystery - even when he finds himself missing, presumed dead, in his own coffin ...

Penguin Classics; 2014

8hrs 30mins

**12084 THE INNOCENCE OF FATHER BROWN:
VOLUME 1**

By G K Chesterton

Reader David Timson

Father Brown is an eccentric priest with his own particular ways of dealing with crime. This collection of stories, shows the quiet wit and compassion that has endeared him to many, whilst solving his mysteries by a mixture of imagination and a sympathetic worldliness.

Naxos Audio; 2009

4hrs 40mins

**12085 THE INNOCENCE OF FATHER BROWN:
VOLUME 2**

By G K Chesterton

Reader David Timson

Six crime-solving adventures of a rather unconventional detective. Having accumulated wisdom and empathy from years of listening to the dark confessions of his parishioners, Father Brown is able to solve mysteries in a flash that confound all others.

Naxos Audio; 2009

4hrs 35mins

12221 THE MURDER OF MARY RUSSELL

By Laurie R King

Reader Susan Lyons

Mary Russell is used to dark secrets - her own, and those of her famous husband, Sherlock Holmes. But Russell's faith and affection are suddenly shattered when a man arrives on the doorstep claiming to be their longtime housekeeper, Mrs Hudson's, son. And in a devastating instant, everything changes....

Lamplight Audio; 2017

13hrs 30mins

12313 THrice THE BRINDED CAT HATH MEW'D

By Alan Bradley

Reader Sophie Aldred

Flavia de Luce is back at Buckshaw when she makes a macabre discovery: the corpse of a reclusive woodcarver, in an empty house, except for a curiously uncurious cat. Curiosity may not kill this cat, however, what awaits Flavia will shake her to the core.

Clipper Audio; 2017

7hrs 45mins

12124 TWO FOR SORROW

By Nicola Upson

Reader Sandra Duncan

When Josephine Tey sets out to write a novel about the notorious Finchley baby farmers, her research helps to solve the recent sadistic murder of a young seamstress. But when a second young woman is involved in an horrific accident, the search begins for a vicious killer who will stop at nothing to keep the past hidden.

Clipper Audio; 2010

14hrs 45mins

DETECTIVE & MYSTERY STORIES

12035 X THE 25TH HOUR

By David Benioff

Reader Michael Rabin

Monty Brogan starts a seven-year prison sentence for dealing drugs tomorrow. As he re-evaluates his life in the remaining 24 hours of his freedom, he knows one thing for sure; after he goes in, he will never be the same.

Hodder; 2002

6hrs 0mins

12289 A IS FOR ALIBI

By Sue Grafton

Reader Liza Ross

When Laurence Fife was murdered, the police thought his wife Nikkie, with motive and opportunity, was the prime suspect. The jury thought so too. Eight years later and out on parole, Nikki hires P.I. Kinsey Millhone to find the real killer. The trail is cold, but Kinsey finds a lead that brings her face-to-face with the murderer...

Isis Audio Books; 2005

7hrs 45mins

12170 ALPHA, BETA, GAMMA, DEAD

By Betty Rowlands Reader Michael Tudor Barnes

Professor Lamont arrives at the Mariners Hotel for a meeting with the guest in Room 106, where the body of Dr Whistler is found lying in a pool of blood. Suspicion lands on Lamont when his sister confirms that he had a knife with him that morning. It looks like an easy case to solve, but Detective Constable Sukey Reynolds' instincts are telling her otherwise.

Soundings Audio; 2007

8hrs 0mins

12230 THE ARMADA BOY

By Kate Ellis

Reader Nicola Down

When archeaologist Neil Watson stumbles on a recently deceased body he calls on his old friend DS Wesley Peterson for help. As the two men set out to solve the mystery, they come across two strangers who have died violently, four hundred years apart. Could the same motives of hatred, jealousy and revenge be at work? Wes is running out of time to find out ...

Piatkus; 2010

7hrs 30mins

12290 B IS FOR BURGLAR

By Sue Grafton

Reader Liza Ross

A wealthy woman needs to find her sister to settle a will. It looks routine but business is slow, so P.I. Kinsey Millhone takes the case. But the deeper Kinsey digs the trickier things get, and a double murder turns the case sinister. Kinsey discovers that nothing, except danger, is quite what it seems.

Isis Audio Books; 2005

8hrs 10mins

12238 BLEED LIKE ME

By Cath Staincliffe

Reader Molly Hanson

The bodies of a man, woman and child are found, and the owner of the inn where they are discovered has fled, taking his two young sons with him. Finding the desperate man is the top priority for DC Janet Scott and DC Rachel Bailey. But no one knows where he is going or what he intends to do next. Or what they will have to do to stop him...

Corgi; 2013

8hrs 30mins

12153 CAST IRON

By Peter May

Reader Peter Forbes

Forensic expert Enzo Macleod is reviewing the case of twenty-year-old Lucie Martin, her body dumped into a picturesque lake in the West of France in 1989. When he finds a flaw in the original evidence surrounding Lucie's murder, he opens a Pandora's box that endangers his entire family.

Jammer Audio; 2017

10hrs 15mins

12233 DARK SUMMER IN BORDEAUX

By Allan Massie

Reader James Murphy

With his son's return, Superintendent Lannes and his wife can, at last, have some joy amid the grim reality of Vichy France. But when the body of an elderly man without identity papers is found it seems a series of unexplained murders have started again.

Quartet Books; 2012

10hrs 30mins

12146 DEATH IS NOW MY NEIGHBOUR

By Colin Dexter

Reader Richard Simpson

The murder of a young woman; a cryptic 'seventeenth-century' love poem; and a photograph of a mystery grey-haired man, more than enough to set Chief Inspector Morse on the trail of a killer. But then Morse faces a greater, far more personal crisis . . .

Pan; 2016

10hrs 15mins

12178 DESTROYING ANGEL

By Alanna Knight

Reader Hilary Neville

The autumn of 1897 began well, but Rose McQuinn's stubborn refusal to give up her job as Lady Detective cost her the man she loved. Then when Rose is called upon to discover the identity of a blackmailer and thief, her search for the truth plunges her into dangerous waters.

Soundings Audio; 2007

8hrs 0mins

12265 DUST

By Patricia Cornwell

Reader Lorelei King

When the body of a woman is discovered, covered in a fine dust, an examination reveals that under ultra-violet light, it fluoresces blood-red, emerald-green and sapphire-blue. As Kay Scarpetta pieces together the evidence, she draws herself into the dark world of designer drugs, drone technology and shocking corruption at the highest level.

Lamplight Audio; 2014

12hrs 45mins

12141 EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE

By Peter May

Reader James Murphy

Forensic expert Enzo Macleod takes a wager to solve seven notorious French murders, armed with modern technology and a total disregard for the justice system. Deep in the catacombs below Paris, he unearths dark clues, and as he draws closer to the killer, discovers that he is to be the next victim.

Riverrun; 2014

12hrs 45mins

12179 THE FLESH TAILOR

By Kate Ellis

Reader Peter Wickham

When Dr James Dalcott is shot dead in his cottage it looks very much like an execution. And as DI Wesley Peterson begins piecing together the victim's life, he finds that the well-liked country doctor has been harbouring strange and dramatic family secrets...

Soundings Audio; 2010

12hrs 30mins

12261 GENTLY BY THE SHORE

By Alan Hunter

Reader Andrew Wincott

In a British seaside holiday resort at the height of the season, you would not expect to find a naked corpse, punctured with stab wounds, lying on the sand. Chief Inspector George Gently is called in to investigate the disturbing murder. Who knows where or when the murderer might strike again?

Magna Story Sound; 2010

8hrs 0mins

12197 GENTLY DOES IT

By Alan Hunter

Reader Andrew Wincott

Chief Inspector Gently's quiet Easter break is rudely interrupted when a local timber merchant is found dead. The Norchester police gratefully accept Gently's offer to help investigate the murder, but he soon clashes with the officer in charge of the case. Locking horns with the local law is a distraction Gently can do without when he's on the trail of a killer.

Magna Story Sound; 2010

8hrs 0mins

12262 THE GIRL WHO TAKES AN EYE FOR AN EYE

By David Lagercrantz

Reader Saul Reichlin

Confined to the secure unit of a women's prison, Lisbeth Salander knows she is coming closer to solving the mysteries of her early life and feels the deadly influence exerted by her twin sister. Continuing Stieg Larsson's Millennium Series.

Clipper Audio; 2017

13hrs 30mins

12158 THE GOOD DAUGHTER

By Karin Slaughter

Reader Susie James

Charlotte Quinn has followed in her father's footsteps to become a lawyer - the ideal good daughter. But a violent tragedy unleashes terrible memories that she's spent years trying to suppress. And the shocking truth about a crime that destroyed her family nearly thirty years ago won't stay buried forever...

Jammer Audio; 2017

15hrs 0mins

12110 HAWKSMOOR**By Peter Ackroyd****Reader Bob Rollett**

Nicholas Dyer, assistant to Sir Christopher Wren and the man with a commission to build seven London churches, plans to conceal a dark secret at the heart of each one. 250 years later, detective Nicholas Hawksmoor is investigating a series of gruesome murders on the sites of certain 18th century churches.

Penguin; 1993

10hrs 30mins

12123 IN THE DARK**By Mark Billingham****Reader Adjoa Andoh**

A rainy night in London. Shots are fired into a car which swerves on to the pavement, ploughing into a bus stop. It seems that a chilling gang initiation has cost an innocent victim their life. But the reality is far more sinister...One life is wiped out and three more are changed forever.

Clipper Audio; 2008

10hrs 15mins

12288 THE JACKAL MAN**By Kate Ellis****Reader Andrew Wincott**

A teenage girl is left for dead but survives. She describes her attacker as having the head of a dog, and DI Wesley Peterson is baffled. But when the body of another young woman is found, archaeologist Neil Watson discovers that Wesley's strange murder case bears sinister similarities to four murders that took place near Varley Castle in 1903.

Isis Audio Books; 2012

12hrs 0mins

12136 LOVE STORY, WITH MURDERS**By Harry Bingham****Reader Siriol Jenkins**

A human leg is discovered in a freezer. The victim is a teenage girl killed ten years earlier. But when other body parts start appearing, DC Fiona Griffiths starts to investigate. Who were the victims, and what connection could they have shared that would result in these gruesome discoveries?

Isis Audio Books; 2013

13hrs 30mins

12186 X THE MERMAIDS SINGING

By Val McDermid

Reader Saul Reichlin

Four men have been found dead, mutilated and tortured. As fear grips the city, the police turn to clinical psychologist Tony Hill for a profile of the killer. But then Tony becomes the unsuspecting target in a battle of wits and wills, where he has to use every ounce of his professional nerve to survive.

Clipper Audio; 2015

13hrs 30mins

12200 MORSE'S GREATEST MYSTERY AND OTHER STORIES

By Colin Dexter

Reader Richard Simpson

This collection of short stories from Inspector Morse's creator, Colin Dexter, includes six ingenious cases for the world's most popular fictional detective - plus five other tantalizingly original tales to delight all lovers of classic crime fiction.

Pan; 2016

8hrs 0mins

12291 THE MURDER STONE

By Louise Penny

Reader Adam Sims

It's the height of summer, and the Finney family have gathered at the Manoir Bellechasse to pay tribute to their late father. As the temperature rises, old secrets and bitter rivalries boil over into a mighty storm, with a dead body left in its wake. Chief Inspector Gamache finds himself with a building full of suspects...

Isis Audio Books; 2009

12hrs 30mins

12182 NO OTHER DARKNESS

By Sarah Hilary

Reader Imogen Church

Two young boys, trapped underground in a bunker, desperate for someone to find them - slowly realising that no-one will... Five years later, the boys' bodies are found and the most difficult case of DI Marnie Rome's career begins. She has to find out who they are and what happened to them. For Marnie, there is no other darkness than this... Isis Audio Books; 2015

11hrs 15mins

12121 NONE BUT THE DEAD

By Lin Anderson

Reader Sally Armstrong

When human remains are discovered behind an old primary school, on the remote island of Sanday, forensic expert Dr Rhona MacLeod arrives to excavate the grave. But the death of an old man in Glasgow appears to have links with the island, and DS Michael McNab is dispatched to investigate.

Oakhill; 2017

10hrs 50mins

12118 ONLY THE INNOCENT

By Rachel Abbott

Reader Peter Wickham

When billionaire philanthropist Sir Hugo Fletcher is discovered murdered in his London home, tied naked to a bed, the scandal is only a shadow of the darkness lurking off-camera. As Chief Inspector Tom Douglas investigates, he uncovers a secret that could bring the guilty to justice – or destroy an innocent life forever.

Oakhill; 2013

14hrs 0mins

12243 THE PAPER MOON

By Andrea Camilleri

Reader Daniel Philpott

Inspector Montalbano is faced with the gruesome murder of a man – shot in the face at point-blank range with his pants down. Add two evasive, beautiful women as prime suspects, dirty cocaine, dead politicians, mysterious computer codes, and a series of threatening letters, and things soon get very complicated at the police headquarters in Vigàta.

Oakhill; 2010

6hrs 15mins

12171 A PERFECT DEATH

By Kate Ellis

Reader Peter Wickham

When a woman is burned to death in a field in Devon, it seems like a case of mistaken identity. Until DI Wesley Peterson starts to investigate the possibility of a link between a story of twisted love and obsession from many centuries ago - a truth that someone wants to keep hidden, whatever the cost...

Soundings Audio; 2009

13hrs 0mins

12266 PERSONS UNKNOWN

By Susie Steiner

Reader Juanita McMahon

As dusk falls, a young man staggers through a park, dying from a stab wound; DI Manon Bradshaw is horrified to discover that both victim and prime suspect are more closely linked to her than she could have imagined. And as the Cambridgeshire police force closes ranks against her, she is forced to contemplate the unthinkable.

Clipper Audio; 2017

12hrs 0mins

12203 PLAYING FOR THE ASHES

By Elizabeth George

Reader Pat Steadman

When the body of England's leading batsman, Kenneth Fleming, is discovered in the burnt-out shell of a country cottage, it looks like a clear-cut case of arson. But Inspector Lynley finds a torment of twisted familial relationships and broken dreams, as he brings a murderer to justice.

Hodder; 2012

35hrs 0mins

12194 PRAGUE FATALE

By Philip Kerr

Reader Paul Hecht

September 1941: Bernie Gunther's old boss, Reinhard Heydrich, orders him to Prague to stay at his country house. When a body is found in a room locked from the inside, the spotlight falls on Bernie to solve the mystery. So begins the most diplomatically sensitive case of his police career...

Clipper Audio; 2012

13hrs 30mins

12060 THE RIDDLE OF THE THIRD MILE

By Colin Dexter

Reader Richard Simpson

By the 16th of July the Master of Lonsdale was concerned, but not yet worried. Dr Browne-Smith had passed through the porter's lodge at approximately 8.15 a.m. on the morning of Friday 11th July and nobody had heard from him since. Plenty of time to disappear, thought Morse and plenty of time, too, for someone to commit murder...

Pan; 2016

7hrs 45mins

12018 SERVICE OF ALL THE DEAD

By Colin Dexter

Reader Richard Simpson

Chief Inspector Morse suspected continued unrest in the quiet parish of St Frideswide's. Most people could still remember the murder of the churchwarden, and some could recall the suicide of the murderer. Now the case was closed until a chance meeting among the tombstones reveals startling new evidence...

Pan; 2016

9hrs 0mins

12002 THE SILENT WORLD OF NICHOLAS QUINN

By Colin Dexter

Reader Richard Simpson

The newly appointed member of the Oxford Examinations Syndicate was deaf, provincial and gifted. Now he is dead. And his murder proves to be the start of a formidably labyrinthine case for Chief Inspector Morse, as he tries to track down the killer through the insular world of the Oxford Colleges.

Pan; 2016

8hrs 30mins

12159 SPEND GAME

By Jonathan Gash

Reader Christopher Kay

When Lovejoy witnesses a fatal car crash, he sets out on a trail of revenge that leaves him pondering several bewildering questions. Why was his friend killed? Who was trying to kill Lovejoy and - most perplexing of all - what is he doing potholing through underground tunnels dodging armed hit men?

Clipper Audio; 2001

8hrs 0mins

12210 UNNATURAL CAUSES

By P D James

Reader Bob Rollett

Superintendent Adam Dalgliesh had been looking forward to a quiet holiday at his aunt's cottage on the remote Suffolk coast. However, all hope of peace is soon shattered by murder. The mutilated body of a local crime writer, Maurice Seaton, floats ashore to drag Adam Dalgliesh into a macabre investigation.

Faber; 2006

8hrs 0mins

12220 X THE WIRE IN THE BLOOD

By Val McDermid

Reader Saul Reichlin

Young girls are disappearing around the country, and Dr Tony Hill tasks his team to discover links between the cases. But when one of their own is murdered it becomes a matter for personal revenge for Tony. Joined by colleague Carol Jordan, he embarks on a game where hunter and hunted can all too easily be reversed.

Clipper Audio; 2016

15hrs 45mins

FAMILY SAGAS

12152 BOURBON CREAMS AND TATTERED DREAMS

By Mary Gibson

Reader Anne Dover

Handsome Frank Rossi took Matty Gilbie away from her working class roots in East London, promising her fame and fortune. But the Wall Street Crash puts paid to all that, and as Frank becomes more violent, Matty flees back home to Bermondsey. But Frank is determined to find her and get her back.

Lamplight Audio; 2017

15hrs 45mins

12229 THE BUTTON BOX

By Dilly Court

Reader Annie Aldington

There was a time when the Carter sisters' father was their hero. Now he's a drunk who's gambled away everything they had and it's on Clara's shoulders to save the four sisters from destitution. When a mysterious benefactor seems to offer an escape, Clara realizes too late that it comes at a terrible price...

Lamplight Audio; 2016

11hrs 15mins

12183 CATCHING THE TIDE

By Judith Lennox

Reader Patricia Gallimore

1933. Tessa and Frederica Nicolson are enjoying one last idyllic summer at the beautiful Villa Millefiore, overlooking Florence. Four years later, Italy is a distant memory and with the outbreak of World War Two, Tessa and Freddie must fight for their own survival and happiness, while they wonder whether they will ever see each other again...

Isis Audio Books; 2011

16hrs 40mins

11894 THE COBBLER'S KIDS

By Rosie Harris

Reader Pauline Beale

Kept a virtual stranger by her bullying father, fourteen-year-old Vera Quinn longs for a life of her own. After her mother's untimely death, Vera is expected to keep house for both Michael and her brothers Eddy and young Benny. Will she ever be saved from a life of drudgery?

Arrow; 2005

9hrs 15mins

12160 DAUGHTERS OF CASTLE DEVERILL

By Santa Montefiore

Reader Genevieve Swallow

It is 1925 and the war is long over, but Castle Deverill, ancestral home to the Deverill family in Ireland, has burned to the ground. Young Celia Deverill is determined to restore the sad ruin to its former glory. But as the financial markets start to shake, everything that felt so certain is thrown once again into doubt...

Clipper Audio; 2016

18hrs 15mins

12133 FAR FROM HOME

By Ellie Dean

Reader Julie Maisey

It is 1940 and Staff Nurse Polly Brown has had to part with her beloved five-year-old daughter, Alice, who is travelling to safety in Canada. Polly's heart is torn in two and she throws herself into her work at Cliffhaven Hospital. But then a telegram arrives; the boat Alice was on has been torpedoed by a German U-boat...

Soundings Audio; 2012

12hrs 30mins

12223 THE FOUR STREETS

By Nadine Dorries

Reader Emma Gregory

1950s' Liverpool. In the tight-knit community of the Four Streets, the people laugh, grieve and hope together. But what can they do when a betrayal at the heart of their world comes to light?

Lamplight Audio; 2014

8hrs 45mins

12249 THE JUDGE'S WIFE

By Ann O'Loughlin

Reader Caroline Lennon

When Emma returns to Dublin to put her estranged father's affairs in order, she begins to piece together the story of Grace, the mother she never knew. She knows her father as the judge – as stern and distant at home as he was in the courtroom. But as she goes through his personal effects, Emma begins to find clues about her mother that shock her profoundly.

Oakhill; 2017

9hrs 20mins

12177 LOST ANGEL

By Kitty Neale

Reader Penelope Freeman

After losing everything in the Blitz, Hilda Stone is desperate for a miracle. But her world is shattered when her beloved husband is lost at sea. In the depths of despair, Hilda is one day approached by a strange woman with a message - and both she and her daughter Ellen are astounded when the prediction becomes a reality...

Soundings Audio; 2009

14hrs mins

12166 THE MALLEEN GIRL

By Catherine Cookson

Reader Joy Dansette

Even as a child Barbara was beautiful, but as her beauty grew, so did the affliction which shadowed it - she was becoming more and more deaf. Yet living in her silent world, she was protected from the knowledge which might otherwise have destroyed her - the secret of her own origins.

Corgi Books; 1975

9hrs 30mins

12006 PENMARRIC

By Susan Howatch

Reader David Hobbs

When Mark Castallack sees his longed-for inheritance Penmarric, a gothic mansion on the bleak cliffs of Cornwall, and the mysterious, mesmerising Janna, he knows that he will make them his and nothing will stand in his way. Yet when Mark realizes his dreams, Penmarric only brings a legacy of conflict, jealousy, infidelity and betrayal.

Sphere; 2004

28hrs 15mins

FANTASY FICTION

12047 THE ROWAN

By Anne McCaffrey

Reader Anita Gilson

On the planet Altair a new Prime existed, a three-year-old girl - trapped in a giant mud slide that had wiped out the rest of the Rowan mining community. Every resource on the planet was centred into finding 'The Rowan', more powerful than any other Prime yet known in the Nine Star league.

Corgi; 2011

12hrs 30mins

GENERAL FICTION

12209 COUNTRY WIVES

By Rebecca Shaw

Reader Brenda White

There's trouble afoot in Barleybridge. The vets' practice is disrupted by the new locum, Dan, who seems to be annoying just about everyone with his abrupt manner. And when he succeeds in losing an important client through his arrogant attitude, the wives connected to the practice are determined that something has to be done.

Orion; 2005

8hrs 45mins

12240 HOMECOMING

By Susie Steiner

Reader Ann Stutz

Up on the North Yorkshire moors, the Hartle family is about to have a life-changing year. Ann and Joe's eldest son, Max, is set to inherit their struggling farm, but is he ready for these new responsibilities? Then when tragedy strikes they are forced to come to terms with the past, in order to create a future.

Faber; 2014

9hrs 0mins

12005 THE LITTLE SHADOWS

By Marina Endicott

Reader Elizabeth Goodrich

As they set off on the road to fame and fortune, the Avery sisters join a cast of extraordinary and unforgettable characters. Taking us behind the curtain and into their lives, the sisters reveal how the art of vaudeville – in all its variety, madness, melodrama, hilarity and sorrow – echoes the art of life itself.

Windmill Books; 2012

19hrs 45mins

12130 THE SILK FACTORY

By Judith Allnatt

Reader Antonia Beamish

When Rosie Milford inherits a house in an old silk factory after her mother's death, the discovery of a shocking truth about her childhood fills her with distrust and fearfulness. Then she starts seeing a strange child, wandering in the garden, who seems as lost as she is...

Jammer Audio; 2015

13hrs 0mins

12224 UNDER A POLE STAR

By Stef Penney

Reader Thomas Judd

Flora Mackie was twelve when she first crossed the Arctic Circle on her father's whaling ship. Now she is returning to the frozen seas as head of her own expedition. Geologist Jakob de Beyn joins a rival expedition, and when Jakob and Flora's paths cross, it is a fateful meeting in a place where violent extremes exist side by side.

Jammer Audio; 2017

20hrs 15mins

GHOST STORIES

12058 SWEET HEART

By Peter James

Reader Bob Rollett

Charley has a strange feeling when she sees the idyllic mill house, the lake and the swirling mill stream; a powerful sense of recognition, as if she has been there before. Except she knows she hasn't. But in searching deep into her past, she unwittingly opens a Pandora's box of evil ... and now the terror is free.

Orion; 2005

9hrs 30mins

HISTORICAL FICTION

12292 THE CHATEAU ON THE LAKE

By Charlotte Betts

Reader Anne Dover

After her French father and English mother are brutally murdered, bluestocking Madeleine Moreau travels to France to find the family she didn't know existed. When France declares war on England in 1792, Madeleine is trapped, but enigmatic Comte Etienne d'Aubery comes to the rescue when he offers her shelter in his home, Chateau Mirabelle.

Soundings Audio; 2015

12hrs 0mins

12172 THE DEVIL TO PAY

By David Donachie

Reader Peter Wickham

It's 1794. Stuck in Palermo harbour, Lieutenant John Pearce and his trusty Pelicans must repair the battle-damaged HMS Larcher. Then sailing into danger, they encounter enemies and Pearce has no option but to abandon his ship. He must face a court-martial for his actions, but his troubles are only just beginning.

Soundings Audio; 2015

10hrs 0mins

12138 THE RED QUEEN

By Philippa Gregory Reader Penelope Rawlins

Margaret Beaufort, the child-bride of Edmund Tudor, widowed and a mother at only fourteen, is determined to turn her lonely life into a triumph. She sets her heart on putting her son on the throne of England regardless of the cost to herself, to England, and even to the little boy.

Isis Audio Books; 2011

12hrs 30mins

12180 THE SONG OF ACHILLES

By Madeline Miller Reader David Thorpe

Greece, in the age of heroes. At the court of King Peleus, word comes that Helen of Sparta has been kidnapped, and his son Achilles must go to war in distant Troy and fulfill his destiny. His loyal friend, Patroclus travels with him, little knowing that the years that follow will test everything they hold dear.

Isis Audio Books; 2011

10hrs 0mins

12185 SWORD OF SHAME

By The Medieval Murderers Reader Miscellaneous

Five historical mystery writers bring their own characters to these interlinked tales, which tell the story of a cursed Norman sword. From a scandal in 13th century Venice to the battlefield of Poitiers in 1356, as the Sword of Shame passes from owner to owner, it brings nothing but bad luck and disgrace to all who possess it...

Clipper Audio; 2007

15hrs 0mins

12128 THE TAINTED RELIC

By The Medieval Murderers Reader Stephen Thorne

Five interlinked mysteries from some of the finest historical writers in the UK. Each author brings their own characters to the tale, which spans over nine hundred years.

Clipper Audio; 2006

15hrs 0mins

12184 WHISPERS OF THE DEAD

By Peter Tremayne

Reader Caroline Lennon

In this collection of tales, Sister Fidelma, the seventh-century sleuth of the Celtic Church, investigates the death of a young peasant woman, and the discovery of a body in a saint's tomb amongst other crimes and misdemeanors.

Soundings Audio; 2009

12hrs 30mins

12066 THE WITCHFINDER'S SISTER

By Beth Underdown

Reader Elizabeth Goodrich

1645. When Alice Hopkins' husband dies in a tragic accident, she returns to the small Essex town of Manningtree, where her brother Matthew still lives. But home is no longer a place of safety. Matthew has changed, and there are rumours spreading through the town and whispers of witchcraft.

Viking; 2017

10hrs 30mins

HUMOUROUS FICTION

12034 THE MERCURY TRAVEL CLUB

By Helen Bridgett

Reader Ann Stutz

After twenty four years and eleven months of marriage, Angie Shepherd is divorced, dejected and facing a future of cardigans and cats. Best friend Patty is having none of it, and launches Angie into a variety of crazy schemes in search of her lost mojo.

RedDoor; 2017

8hrs 45mins

LOVE STORIES

12033 A DREAM OF LOVE

By Rosie Harris

Reader Eloise Kay

When Molly's father returns from the war, the family is forced to move into the slums of Liverpool. Molly is determined to make a better life for herself, but when her father is killed in a fight and her mother turns to drink in her sorrow, she wonders if this dream will ever come true...

Arrow; 2008

8hrs 30mins

12213 P.S. I LOVE YOU

By Lilian Harry

Reader Carole Boyd

The war is progressing for the Nippies, the girls who work at the Lyons Corner House in Marble Arch. With the air raids, rationing and blackouts, life no longer has the carefree attitude it used to have. But new pain and pleasure await as everyone decides what effort they can make towards victory.

Soundings Audio; 2002

12hrs 0mins

SCIENCE FICTION

12204 THE ONE

By John Marrs

Reader Ann Stutz

A decade after scientists discover everyone has a gene they share with just one other person, millions have taken the quick DNA test, desperate to find their perfect partner. But even soul mates have secrets. And some are more shocking – and deadlier – than others...

Del Rey; 2017

10hrs 45mins

SPY STORIES

12119 JACK OF SPIES

By David Downing

Reader Clive Mantle

Jack McColl is a part-time spy for the fledgling Secret Service on the eve of the First World War. Caitlin Hanley is a young Irish-American journalist and McColl is captivated. But the pair become involved in a plot that threatens the Empire in its hour of greatest need...

Oakhill; 2017

11hrs 45mins

12264 SOLITAIRE

By Jane Thynne

Reader Julie Teal

Berlin, June 1940: The Propaganda Minister, Joseph Goebbels, decides that Clara Vine should adopt a new role as his spy, and so she must go to Paris. Clara realises this might be her chance to escape to England. But Goebbels has other ideas and soon Clara is drawn into a web that threatens to destroy her. Book 5 of the 'Clara Vine' series, sequel to 'Faith and Beauty' (11378)

Clipper Audio; 2017

12hrs 30mins

12239 STETTIN STATION

By David Downing

Reader David Hobbs

November 1941. John Russell, one of a handful of much-censored journalists, finds himself pushed into serving as a point of contact between the anti-Nazi Abwehr and American intelligence. But his real work revolves around one crucial question - what fate awaits those Berliner Jews who are now being shipped to the East?

Old Street Publishing; 2011

10hrs 0mins

SHORT STORIES & ANTHOLOGIES

12059 THE CLOSED DOOR AND OTHER STORIES

By Dorothy Whipple

Reader Grace Dives

Dorothy Whipple's key theme is 'Live and Let Live' and what she describes throughout her short stories are people, and particularly parents, who defy this maxim. For this reason her work is timeless, like all great writing.

Persephone; 2007

7hrs 0mins

12116 THE MISTLETOE MURDER AND OTHER STORIES

By P D James

Reader Daniel Weyman

Four perfectly formed stories, ideal reading for the darkest days of the year. While P D James delights in the secrets that lurk beneath the surface at family gatherings, her Christmas stories also provide tantalizing puzzles to keep the reader guessing.

Faber Audio; 2016

3hrs 0mins

12275 SLEEP NO MORE: SIX MURDEROUS TALES

By P D James

Reader Daniel Weyman

The dark motive of revenge is revealed at the heart of each of these tales. Bullying schoolmasters receive their comeuppance, unhappy marriages and childhoods are avenged and, from the safety of his nursing home, an octogenarian exerts exquisite retribution.

Faber Audio; 2017

4hrs 0mins

12064 SNOWDRIFT AND OTHER STORIES

By Georgette Heyer

Reader Jill Johnson

Romance, intrigue, escapades and duels at dawn. All the gallantry, villainy and elegance of the age that Georgette Heyer has so triumphantly made her own are exquisitely revived in these wonderfully romantic stories of the Regency period.

William Heinemann; 2016

9hrs 15mins

THRILLERS

12195 THE ACCIDENT

By C L Taylor

Reader Jenny Funnell

When Sue Jackson's teenage daughter Charlotte deliberately steps in front of a bus and ends up in a coma she is forced to face a very dark reality. In her hunt for evidence, Sue is forced to look further, into the depths of her own past. What if she is the reason that Charlotte is in danger?

Jammer Audio; 2017

9hrs 45mins

12215 AFTERWARDS

By Rosamund Lupton

Reader Finty Williams

A school is on fire. Grace knows her teenage daughter Jenny is inside. She runs into the burning building to rescue her. Afterwards, Grace must find the identity of the arsonist and protect her family from the person who's still intent on destroying them.

Isis Audio Books; 2011

12hrs 40mins

12181 THE ANGEL'S GAME

By Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Reader Dan Stevens

In an abandoned mansion at the heart of Barcelona, young writer, David Martin, receives the offer of a lifetime: he is to write a book with the power to change hearts and minds. In return, he will receive a fortune, perhaps more. But as David begins the work, he realises that there is a connection between this haunting book and the shadows that surround his home... The Cemetery of Forgotten Books, volume 2.

Isis Audio Books; 2010

17hrs 0mins

12199 ARCHANGEL

By Robert Harris

Reader Paul Moriarty

When historian Fluke Kelso learns of the existence of a secret notebook belonging to Josef Stalin he is determined to track it down, whatever the consequences. From Moscow, he heads north to the White Sea port of Archangel, and a terrifying encounter with Russia's unburied past.

Arrow; 2009

13hrs 45mins

12208 BALANCE OF POWER

By Paul Palmer

Reader Elizabeth Goodrich

President Tyler Forrester was undeniably one of the more popular modern US leaders. On the eve of his funeral, his living quarters are burgled by an assailant who blows himself up, and a man who contacted Tyler before his death is found dead. It falls to his widow, Elizabeth, to discover the truth.

Coronet; 2000

13hrs 45mins

12134 BEFORE THE POISON

By Peter Robinson

Reader Sandra Duncan

Successful Hollywood composer, Chris Lowndes, rents isolated Kilnsgate House on the Yorkshire Dales, after his wife's death, so he can come to terms with his grief. But he finds that the house was the scene of a murder in the 1950s, and is pulled deeper and deeper into the story of Grace Elizabeth Fox, who was hanged by the neck until she was dead....

Isis Audio Books; 2012

14hrs 0mins

12214 THE CHASE

By Clive Cussler

Reader Jeff Harding

1906: For two years, the western states of America have been suffering a string of bank robberies by a man who cold-bloodedly murders all witnesses and then vanishes without a trace. No-nonsense detective Isaac Bell soon discovers he is pursuing the sharpest criminal mind he has ever encountered, and the woman who seems to hold the key to the bandit's identity.

Isis Audio Books; 2008

11hrs 30mins

12127 THE DEATH TRADE

By Jack Higgins

Reader Nigel Carrington

When Iran's head of nuclear weapons programme absconds he is hunted by everyone: the Iranians, al Qaeda and Sean Dillon's team of specialists. It quickly becomes a must-win race. Because what the scientist knows could be used to save lives, or bring about the end of all life.

Jammer Audio; 2014

7hrs 30mins

12163 THE EDGE

By Dick Francis

Reader Bob Wildgust

Tor Kelsey, an undercover agent for the Jockey Club's Security Service is sent to trail a blackmailer and murderer, Julius Apollo Filmer, on a luxury train across Canada. Filmer is wanted for corruption and witness intimidation and proves very difficult to entrap.

Pan; 1988

13hrs 0mins

12174 THE FAITHLESS

By Martina Cole

Reader Annie Aldington

Cynthia Tailor is a tough woman to please. Her husband Jimmy can do no right, and her two children, James and Gabby, can never reach the perfection their mother demands. What Cynthia wants, Cynthia gets, even if it hurts those closest to her...

Isis Audio Books; 2015

12hrs 30mins

12010 X FLOWERS IN THE ATTIC

By Virginia Andrews

Reader Judy Le Besque

Cathy, Chris, and twins Cory and Carrie, had such perfect lives until their father died and they were moved into their grandmother's attic. As brutal days swell into agonizing years, they realise this cramped and helpless world may be the only one they will ever know, but their own abiding love is a solid strength.

Pocket Books; 2014

14hrs 0mins

12274 HE SAID/ SHE SAID

By Erin Kelly

Reader Elizabeth Goodrich

In the hushed aftermath of a total eclipse, Laura witnesses a brutal attack. She and her boyfriend Kit call the police and while Laura knows she was right to speak out, she also knows that you can never see the whole picture: something is always hidden... something she never could have guessed.

Hodder & Stoughton; 2017

13hrs 15mins

12218 HURTING DISTANCE

By Sophie Hannah

Reader Julia Barrie

Three years ago, something terrible happened to Naomi Jenkins - she told nobody. Now she has another secret - the man she has fallen in love with, unhappily married Robert Haworth. When he vanishes, Naomi knows he must have come to harm. But the police are less convinced, particularly when Robert's wife insists he's not missing...

Isis Audio Books; 2007

13hrs 10mins

12228 THE ICE

By Laline Paull

Reader Samuel West

The Arctic sea ice has melted and the passengers of the Vanir have come seeking a polar bear, but what they find is a dead body...it is Tom Harding who was lost in an accident three years ago. But as the inquest into Tom's death begins, the choices he made are put on the stand.

Jammer Audio; 2017

11hrs 30mins

12297 I'VE GOT YOU UNDER MY SKIN

By Mary Higgins Clark

Reader Tara Ward

When Laurie Moran's husband was brutally murdered, only three-year-old Timmy saw the face of his father's killer. Five years later his piercing blue eyes still haunt Timmy's dreams, but Laurie is haunted by the killer's threat to her son as he fled the scene: 'Tell your mother she's next, then it's your turn...'

Magna Story Sound; 2014

10hrs 0mins

12165 LIE WITH ME**By Sabine Durrant****Reader Mike Duffin**

Paul has a plan. He has a vision of a better future, and if it means exaggerating a few things here and there, no harm done. But he finds himself trapped among tensions and emotions he doesn't understand, and by the time he starts to realise that it's the lies that cause the real damage...well, by then, it might just be too late.

Mulholland Books; 2016

10hrs 0mins

12219 THE LIFE**By Martina Cole****Reader Annie Aldington**

Brothers Daniel and Peter Bailey rule London's East End with threats and violence. Only a fool would cross them, but there are always those who will try. And when their enemies strike, every Bailey pays the price. But none more so than Daniel's only daughter, Tania. The Life is in her blood, and now it's her weapon for revenge.

Isis Audio Books; 2013

12hrs 30mins

12216 LIVE FIRE**By Stephen Leather****Reader Paul Thornley**

Dan 'Spider' Shepherd and the Serious Organised Crime Agency are facing a sinister threat on the streets of London when a group of home-grown Islamic fanatics embark on a campaign of terror, the like of which Britain has never seen. Car bombs and beheadings are only the prelude of what they have planned. And Shepherd is the only man who can stop them.

Isis Audio Books; 2009

12hrs 40mins

12211 MUNICH

By Robert Harris

Reader David Rintoul

September 1938, Hitler is determined to start a war, Chamberlain is desperate to preserve the peace. Hugh Legat, Chamberlain's private secretary and Paul Hartmann, a German diplomat were great friends at Oxford. They last saw one another in Munich six years earlier. Now, as the future of Europe hangs in the balance, their paths are destined to cross again.

Random House Audio; 2017

9hrs 30mins

12125 OMERTA

By Mario Puzo

Reader Richard Ferrone

When an important Mafia boss is assassinated, no one knew anything. Omerta, the Mafia code of silence is at work. However, the nephew of the dead man and the head of the FBI are determined to track down the murderers. So they join forces to begin their own investigation. After all, in the Mafia world, everyone has a price.

Clipper Audio; 2000

11hrs 0mins

12135 ONE SHOT

By Lee Child

Reader Jeff Harding

Five people are killed in a public plaza in Indiana, shot through the head. But the killer leaves a perfect trail of evidence behind him, and after his arrest, his only words are, 'Get Jack Reacher for me.' What could possibly connect this psychopath and the wandering dropout, ex-army cop?

Soundings Audio; 2005

14hrs 30mins

12231 ORIGIN

By Dan Brown

Reader Paul Michael

Professor Robert Langdon is at the Guggenheim Museum for the unveiling of a discovery that “will change the face of science forever”. But the evening is blown apart before the discovery can be revealed. With his life under threat, Langdon is forced to flee on a perilous quest to locate a cryptic password that will unlock the secret.

Random House Audio;

18hrs 0mins

12311 THE OTHER WOMAN

By Laura Wilson

Reader Karen Cass

Sophie suspects her husband is seeing another woman. She devises a simple plan to confront her but it goes violently wrong. Sophie must go to extreme lengths to keep her life and her family together - while never letting on her devastating secret...

Jammer Audio; 2017

9hrs 30mins

12149 RIPLEY'S GAME

By Patricia Highsmith

Reader Hilary Spiers

Tom Ripley detests murder - unless it is absolutely necessary. If possible he prefers someone else to do the dirty work; in this case, a victim of a fatal disease, with no criminal record, who will murder for a reward, in order to provide for his young widow and child.

Vintage; 1999

10hrs 0mins

12126 RIPPER

By Isabel Allende

Reader Edoardo Ballerini

For Amanda Martín and her online friends, Ripper was just a game. Free from any moral and legal restraints, they pursue any line of enquiry to solve cases that the police cannot. But when Amanda's mother suddenly vanishes, will Amanda and her online accomplices solve the mystery before it's too late?

Lamplight Audio; 2014

14hrs 30mins

12131 THE SECOND SISTER

By Claire Kendal

Reader Emma Gregory

Ten years ago Ella's sister, Miranda, disappeared without trace, leaving her young baby behind. But chilling new evidence links Miranda to Jason Thorne, now in prison for murdering several women. Haunted by the possibility that Thorne took Miranda, Ella will do whatever it takes to uncover the truth.

Avid Audio; 2017

11hrs 30mins

12088 X THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS

By Thomas Harris

Reader Richard Langley

Clarice Starling, a FBI trainee, is dispatched by her boss to see whether she can learn anything useful from Dr. Hannibal Lecter, a gifted psychopath nicknamed "The Cannibal" because he likes to eat parts of his victims. He plays an enigmatic game with Starling, providing her with snippets of data that, if she is smart enough, will lead her to a serial killer.

Arrow; 2013

10hrs 30mins

12308 TO KILL THE PRESIDENT

By Sam Bourne

Reader Jennifer Woodward

When the United States elect a volatile demagogue as president, a war of words with the North Korean regime spirals out of control. Maggie Costello discovers an inside plot to kill the President. Should she save him and leave the free world at the mercy of a crazed would-be tyrant – or risk plunging the country into a civil war?

Jammer Audio; 2017

11hrs 30mins

12094 WORTH DYING FOR

By Lee Child

Reader Jeff Harding

There's deadly trouble in the wilds of Nebraska... and Reacher walks right into it. First he falls foul of the Duncans, a local clan that has terrified an entire county. But it's the unsolved case of a missing eight-year-old girl, already decades-old, that Reacher can't let go...

Soundings Audio; 2010

16hrs 0mins

WAR STORIES

11956 TWO BROTHERS

By Ben Elton

Reader Edward Peel

Berlin, 1920. Two babies are born. Two brothers. United and indivisible, sharing everything. Twins in all but blood. As Germany marches into its Nazi Armageddon, the ties of family, friendship and love are tested to the very limits of endurance. And the brothers are faced with an unimaginable choice. Which one of them will survive?

Black Swan; 2013

22hrs 15mins

WESTERNS

12176 GUNS OF THE LAWLESS

By Todhunter Ballard

Reader Jeff Harding

This is the story of one man, Vance Clark, who rode into someone else's range war, and suddenly found himself fighting a whole army of renegades. But he took the side of the man who had shown him kindness and understanding, going against the man who taught him everything he knows.

Isis Audio Books; 2012

5hrs 0mins

Non-Fiction

ANIMALS

12150 BIRDS FOR THE BLIND

By John Snape

Reader John Snape

A narrative guide to the songs and language of some of our best loved birds, to help those who are unable to see them. It also includes a contribution by BBC correspondent, Frank Gardner, with the voices of soldiers who have found consolation in bird watching in times of stress.

Eastern Associates; 2017

0hrs 45mins

12175 A DOG'S LIFE

By Martin Clunes

Reader Jonathan Keeble

Martin Clunes, one of Britain's favourite actors and the star of Doc Martin, writes touchingly about his life growing up with dogs and his search to discover their true nature.

Soundings Audio; 2009

8hrs 0mins

12241 IF ONLY THEY COULD TALK

By James Herriot

Reader Bob Rollett

Fresh out of Veterinary College, and shoulder-deep in an uncooperative cow, James Herriot's first job is not panning out exactly as expected. To a Glaswegian like James, 1930s Yorkshire appears to offer an idyllic pocket of rural life in a rapidly changing world. But even life in the sleepy village of Darrowby has its challenges...

Pan; 2010

7hrs 0mins

12154 THE OTTERS' TALE

By Simon Cooper

Reader Saul Reichlin

Simon Cooper's close relationship with otters has given him a unique insight into their life, particularly Kuschta, the central character to this story. Here Simon interweaves Kuschta's personal story with the natural history of the otter.

Jammer Audio; 2017

10hrs 0mins

12217 OUR ZOO

By June Mottershead Reader Emily Pennant-Rae

When George Mottershead moved to the village of Upton-by-Chester in 1930 to realise his dream of opening a zoo without bars, his four-year-old daughter June had no idea how extraordinary her life would become. Here, June chronicles the heartbreak, the humour, the trials and triumphs, and above all the characters, both human and animal, who shaped her childhood.

Soundings Audio; 2015

6hrs 30mins

ARTS– GENERAL

12065 THE SECRET LIBRARY

By Oliver Tearle Reader Jeremy Neville

A fascinating tour through the curious history of Western civilization told through its most emblematic invention - the book. As well as leafing through the well-known titles that have helped shape the world in which we live, Oliver Tearle also dusts off some of the more neglected items to be found hidden among the bookshelves of the past.

Michael O'Mara; 2016

7hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY - ART MUSIC & LITERATURE

12252 I AM, I AM, I AM

By Maggie O'Farrell Reader Ann Stutz

A childhood illness she was not expected to survive. A teenage yearning to escape that nearly ended in disaster. A terrifying encounter on a remote path. A mismanaged labour in an understaffed hospital. This is the extraordinary memoir from bestselling author Maggie O'Farrell.

Tinder Press; 2017

6hrs 0mins

12069 WHITE BEECH: THE RAINFOREST YEARS

By Germaine Greer

Reader Clare Francis

In 2001, Germaine Greer was taken to White Beech - an abandoned dairy farm in Queensland. Here she tells the story of her decade-long battle to rehabilitate the damaged forest of white beeches and other trees she found there.

Bloomsbury; 2015

16hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY – ENTERTAINMENT

12120 A LIFE IN THE DAY

By Hunter Davies

Reader Cameron Stewart

Hunter Davies shares his colourful memories of living in London during the height of the Swinging Sixties. This is an enjoyable memoir of what it was like to be at the epicentre of Britain's artistic heart and an emotional tribute to family and friends.

Oakhill; 2017

10hrs 15mins

12205 NO REGRETS

By Coleen Nolan

Reader Judy Le Besque

As a member of the Nolan sisters, Coleen Nolan was born into the spotlight and has stayed there ever since. She has now become one of the nation's favourite TV presenters. Here Coleen reveals the truth of what really happened during the last few rollercoaster years, truly the worst of her life.

Penguin Books; 2014

8hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – GENERAL

12113 M: MAXWELL KNIGHT: MI5'S GREATEST SPYMASTER

By Henry Hemming

Reader Richard Simpson

Drawing on declassified documents, private family archives and interviews with retired MI5 officers, as well as the families of MI5 agents, the author reveals not just the shadowy world of espionage but a brilliant, enigmatic man at its centre.

Preface Publishing; 2017

13hrs 0mins

12001 NOT AN ORDINARY LIFE

By Eileen Younghusband

Reader Maureen Marshall

From London suburbs to French au pair, City clerk to secret War Room, V2 detection to WE-Day, concentration camp guide to language teacher, pig breeder to busy hotelier and scrap metal queen - then a bachelor's degree in her 87th year! Eileen Younghusband BEM, details how changing times brought historical events into her life.

Cardiff Centre for Lifelong Learning; 2009 9hrs 30mins

12137 NURSE ON CALL

By Edith Cotterill

Reader Penelope Freeman

This is Edith Cotterill's insight of training in a hospital in the 1930s, containing hilarious and soul wrenching stories of patients, hospital practice, wartime traumas and post-war austerity. Although hospital life did have its compensations - it was there during World War 2 she met an injured sailor who became her husband.

Magna Story Sound; 2011

8hrs 30mins

12192 SHOOT LIKE A GIRL

By Mary Jennings Hegar Reader Cynthia Farrell

In July 2009, Air National Guard major Mary Jennings "MJ" Hegar was shot down while on a mission in Afghanistan. Despite being wounded, she fought the enemy and saved the lives of her crew. But soon she would face a new battle - to give women who serve on the front lines the credit they deserve...

Clipper Audio; 2017

8hrs 15mins

BIOGRAPHY – HISTORICAL

12273 ELIZABETH OF YORK

By Alison Weir Reader Maggie Mash

Elizabeth of York was one of the key figures of the Wars of the Roses. She married Henry Tudor to bring peace to a war-torn England. Alison Weir builds a portrait of this beloved queen, placing her in the context of the magnificent, ceremonious, often brutal world she inhabited.

Clipper Audio; 2014

23hrs 0mins

12270 INNOCENT TRAITOR

By Alison Weir Reader Patience Tomlinson

Lady Jane Grey was a pawn in a dynastic game with the highest stakes. Growing up with the future Queen Elizabeth, her honesty, intelligence and strength of character carry her through all the vicious twists of Tudor power politics, to her nine-day reign and its unbearably poignant conclusion...

Clipper Audio; 2007

18hrs 0mins

12271 THE LADY IN THE TOWER

By Alison Weir Reader Judith Boyd

The imprisonment and execution of Queen Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's second wife, in 1536 was unprecedented in English history. This is a richly researched and detailed portrait of the last days of one of the most influential and important figures in English history.

Clipper Audio; 2010

17hrs 0mins

12268 THE LOST TUDOR PRINCESS

By Alison Weir

Reader Maggie Mash

Margaret Douglas, Countess of Lennox; her mother was a queen, her father an earl, and she herself was the granddaughter, niece, cousin and grandmother of monarchs. Beautiful and tempestuous, she created scandal by falling in love with unsuitable men. Fortunately, the marriage arranged for her turned into a love match.

Clipper Audio; 2016

20hrs 30mins

DISABILITIES

12162 LIVING WITH SIGHT LOSS

By Diane L Woodford

Reader Derina Dinkin

When type 1 diabetic Dianne Woodford woke up to find that overnight she had suffered almost complete sight loss, at the age of 38, she was determined not just to accept it and let people care for her. This is an emotional roller coaster which gives an insight into how Dianne embraced her new life without sight.

CreateSpace; 2016

3hrs 45mins

HISTORY – BRITISH

12201 A 1950s' CHILDHOOD: FROM TIN BATHS TO BREAD AND DRIPPING

By Paul Feeney

Reader John Hobday

A delightful compendium of memories which will appeal to all who grew up in this post-war decade, whether in town or country, wealth or poverty. Games and hobbies, holidays, music and fashion, all bring back this decade of childhood, and jog memories about all aspects of life.

History Press; 2009

6hrs 0mins

12086 BAGELS & BACON: THE POST WAR EAST END

By Jeff Rozelaar

Reader Paul Moriarty

A rites-of-passage story that attempts to shed a largely humorous, but sometime serious light, on the relations between an ethnic minority and the wider community. This is also a nostalgic record of growing up in a Jewish community in the East End after WW2.

The History Press; 2011

5hrs 0mins

12248 BLACK DIAMONDS

By Catherine Bailey

Reader Gareth Armstrong

Wentworth, today, is a crumbling and forgotten palace in Yorkshire. Yet just 100 years ago it was the ancestral pile of the Fitzwilliams – an aristocratic clan whose home and life were fuelled by coal mining. This is the story of their spectacular decline and a class war that literally ripped apart the local landscape.

Oakhill; 2008

15hrs 15mins

12272 QUEENS OF THE CONQUEST

By Alison Weir

Reader Julia Franklin

Alison Weir reveals the lives of five of England's queens in the century after the Norman Conquest. Beginning with Matilda of Flanders, who supported William the Conqueror in 1066, these Norman queens emerge as hugely influential figures and fascinating characters.

Clipper Audio; 2017

17hrs 30mins

12267 THE RING AND THE CROWN

By Miscellaneous authors

Reader Julia Franklin

The excitement surrounding the marriage of Prince William to Kate Middleton has prompted four of Britain's top historical biographers to look closely at Royal Weddings from 1066 to the present day. Every kind of wedding features - from those attended by great public celebrations, to the many that took place in private chapels, parish churches and even in secret.

Clipper Audio; 2012

5hrs 0mins

HISTORY – EUROPEAN

12009 A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HUNDRED YEARS WAR: THE ENGLISH IN FRANCE 1337-1453

By Desmond Seward

Reader Barry Wilsher

For over a hundred years England repeatedly invaded France on the pretext that her kings had a right to the French throne. Desmond Seward's account traces France's final victory and brings to life all the intrigue and colour of the last chivalric combats as they gave way to a more brutal modern warfare.

Robinson; 2003

9hrs 0mins

12112 THE BUTTON BOX

By Lynn Knight

Reader Pamela Todd

An insight into women's lives in the 20th century told through the clothes they wore. Tracing the story of women at home and in work, from the jet buttons of Victorian mourning, to the short skirts of the 1960s, taking in suffragettes, Biba and the hankering for vintage.

Vintage; 2017

10hrs 0mins

HISTORY – GENERAL

12003 THE JOY OF SHOPPING

By Jill Foulston (editor)

Reader Patricia Knight-Webb

Some of us adore it, some of us live for it, some of us loathe it - but we all do it. This anthology celebrates the passion and the fear of shopping, in a fascinating mix of social history and complete frivolity, featuring both true stories, and fictional characters throughout history.

Virago; 2010

14hrs 30mins

12021 THE RIVIERA SET

By Mary S Lovell

Reader Grace Dives

A portrait of high society in the twentieth century, told through the stories of some of the guests of Maxine Elliott and Prince Aly Khan at the Château de l'Horizon in Cannes including the likes of Noel Coward, the Aga Khan and the Windsors.

Little Brown; 2016

12hrs 30mins

12087 WHEN THE CLYDE RAN RED

By Maggie Craig

Reader Kay Morrison

A lively social and political history of Glasgow through the First World War, the Roaring Twenties, the Hungry Thirties and the Clydebank Blitz. The men and women of Glasgow, Clydebank and beyond fought for the right to work, the dignity of labour and a fairer society for everyone.

Mainstream Publishing; 2011

11hrs 30mins

HOME & GARDEN

12061 THE LUBERON GARDEN

By Alex Dingwall-Main

Reader John Hobday

Alex Dingwall-Main, garden design writer for 'The Times', left London with his wife and dog for the Luberon region of the South of France. A landscape gardener of international renown, this is his account of gardening his way round Provence, and in particular, of attempting to restore the secret garden of M-nerbes.

Ebury; 2002

10hrs 30mins

12020 ROY LANCASTER: MY LIFE WITH PLANTS

By Roy Lancaster

Reader John Hobday

Roy Lancaster is a world-renowned plantsman and a Vice President of the RHS. This is the story of his adventures with plants - from learning the ropes as a young apprentice, to curatorship of the Hillier Gardens and Arboretum, and his dynamic freelance career.

Filbert Press; 2017

11hrs 30mins

HUMOUR

12031 I MUST COLLECT MYSELF

By Maureen Lipman

Reader Pat Steadman

Maureen Lipman has the knack of making the everyday supremely entertaining, and this collection of pieces sparkles with her inimitable prose and pithy opinions. It also includes a selection of brilliant monologues which capture Maureen's voice in wonderfully diverse ways.

Simon & Schuster; 2011

15hrs 45mins

POETRY

12115 DART

By Alice Oswald

Reader Alice Oswald

Over the course of three years Alice Oswald recorded conversations with people who live and work on the River Dart in Devon. Using these records and voices as a sort of poetic census, she creates in Dart a narrative of the river, tracking its life from source to sea.

Faber Audio; 2009

1hr 15mins

12114 MEMORIAL

By Alice Oswald

Reader Alice Oswald

In this daring work, the poet Alice Oswald strips away the narrative of the Iliad. The resulting poem is a war memorial and a profoundly responsive work that gives a new voice to Homer's version of the world.

Faber Audio; 2011

1hrs 0mins

12140 ORANGES AND LEMONS: RHYMES FROM PAST TIMES

By Karen Dolby

Reader Pauline Beale

A nostalgic collection of some of the most well-known and best-loved nursery rhymes, reminding you of their words and exploring their origins and meanings.

Michael O'Mara; 2015

3hrs 30mins

12063 WHITE EGRETS

By Derek Walcott

Reader Bob Rollett

With a passionate intensity and drive, Walcott carries his surf-like cadence from poem to poem, and from sequence to sequence in this celebratory and close-knit collection.

Faber; 2011

1hrs 45mins

12011 WILLIAM COWPER: EVERYMAN POETRY

By William Cowper

Reader Bob Rollett

William Cowper was a poet and a hymnodist who changed the direction of 18th-century nature poetry by writing on everyday life and scenes of the English countryside. Here is a selection of his poems edited by Michael Bruce.

W&N; 1999

2hrs 20mins

RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

12022 THE HEALING LIGHT

By Agnes Sanford

Reader Pauline Beale

A classic introduction to spiritual healing from the Christian point of view and in the Christian tradition. Agnes Sanford, one of the pioneers of Inner Healing, addresses both physical and emotional healing.

Benediction Classics; 2016

7hrs 0mins

12164 SILENCE: THE POWER OF QUIET IN A WORLD FULL OF NOISE

By Thich Nhat Hanh

Reader Bob Rollett

We can spend a lot of time looking for happiness, but our hearts and minds are so full of noise that we can't always hear the call of life and love. To hear that call and respond to it, we need silence. Buddhist monk, Thich Nhat Hanh, explains how through silence and the practice of mindfulness, we are free to hear, to see - and just be.

Rider; 2015

3hrs 30mins

SCIENCE – ENVIRONMENTAL

12089 SIGHTLINES

By Kathleen Jamie

Reader Katherine Shaw

Prize-winning poet and renowned nature writer Kathleen Jamie takes a fresh look at her native Scottish landscapes. Written with her hallmark precision and delicacy, and marked by moments in her own life, she offers a rare invitation to pause and to pay heed to our surroundings.

Sort of Books; 2012

6hrs 30mins

TRANSPORT

12145 MAIDENS' TRIP

By Emma Smith

Reader Angela Holland

In 1943 Emma Smith joined the Grand Union Canal Carrying Company under their wartime scheme of employing women to replace the boaters. She set out on a big adventure, freed from a middle-class background, learning how to handle a pair of 72 foot-long canal boats.

Bloomsbury; 2011

7hrs 30mins

12090 MY LIFE WITH LOCOMOTIVES

By Rivington

Reader John Hobday

The author describes his progression from trainspotter to shedmaster via an apprenticeship at Horwich. It covers the period from the early 1900s focusing on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway and into the LMS era.

Allan; 1962

8hrs 0mins

WAR – GENERAL

12245 A MUSKET FOR THE KING

By L S Ives

Reader Richard Simpson

The author describes, with some humour, his time with the Yorkshire regiment 'The Green Howards', during the early days of the Malayan campaign. After many adventures, he returned home to a much changed England in 1951.

Leslie Ives; 1999

10hrs 0mins

WORLD WAR II

12222 KILLING THE BISMARCK

By Iain Ballantyne

Reader Traber Burns

In May 1941, the German battleship Bismarck, broke out into the Atlantic to attack Allied shipping. The Royal Navy's pursuit and subsequent destruction of Bismarck was an epic of naval warfare. This new account of those dramatic events is a thrilling story, mainly from the point of view of the British battleships, cruisers and destroyers involved.

Clipper Audio; 2017

11hrs 30mins

12246 PRISCILLA: THE HIDDEN LIFE OF AN ENGLISHWOMAN IN WARTIME FRANCE

By Nicholas Shakespeare

Reader Terrence Hardiman

The astonishing true story of a young woman's adventures, and misadventures, in the dangerous world of Nazi-occupied France. It gives us an intimate insight into women's lives in times of conflict and asks us to consider what we might do to survive in similar circumstances.

Vintage; 2014

15hrs 30mins

12161 UNBROKEN

By Laura Hillenbrand

Reader Edward Herrmann

In 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared. But then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War.

Random House Audio; 2014

14hrs 0mins

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