

For Your Ears Only Spring 2018

Welcome to the spring issue of For Your Ears Only listing all of the titles added to the library in the past few months. For fans of classic literature there is Thomas Hardy's "The Woodlanders" while the detective and mystery admirer might like "The Back Road" by Rachel Abbott and for those who like the more fantastical, then how about "The Children of Hurin" by J R R Tolkien.

If non-fiction is more to your liking then maybe David Jason's biography "Only Fools and Stories" may appeal. If true crime is what you are after then try "Blood on the Page" by Thomas Harding and for those with an interest in exploring then "Burke and Wills" by Peter FitzSimons recounts the tale of the first Europeans who tried to cross the Australian continent in 1860. Finally, as 2018 heralds the release of several films that have been inspired by books, our feature article highlights some of these titles.

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Books on the Big Screen

2018 sees the release of several films that have been adapted from books, all of which we have available to listen to in the library so this article highlights those along with a list of some others that have also made it to the big screen over the years.

2018 Film Adaptations

1148 Journey's End

By R C Sheriff

Set in World War I, this play opens in the trenches in France and concerns the lives of a group of British officers on the front line and deals with the horror and futility of trench warfare.

12489 Ready Player One

By Ernest Cline

It's the year 2044, and the real world is an ugly place. When the creator of a virtual reality world called the OASIS dies, he challenges all OASIS users, with a series of fiendish puzzles, to find his Easter Egg, which will give the finder his fortune. Wade Watts finds the first clue and the race is on – and the only way to survive is to win...

8255 Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society

By Mary Ann Shaffer

In 1946 writer Juliet Ashton receives a letter from a man in Guernsey who has found her name in a book. They start to exchange letters and she is intrigued by his stories of the eccentric literary society to which he belongs. Captivated she visits Guernsey, and what she finds will change her forever.

10142 On Chesil Beach

By Ian McEwan

In a hotel on the Dorset coast, overlooking Chesil Beach, Edward and Florence, who got married that morning, are sitting in their room, neither entirely able to suppress their anxieties about the wedding night to come...This is a story about how the entire course of a life can be changed by a gesture not made or a word not spoken.

9018 Disobedience

By Naomi Alderman

An insightful take on the search for love, tolerance and faith in a tightly-knit Jewish community in London, which follows the story of Ronit, who is returning to the capital on the occasion of the funeral of her estranged father.

Film Adaptations From Recent Years

- 8152 The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman
- 9099 Child 44 by Tom Rob Smith
- 9562 Me Before You by Jo Jo Moyes
- 10205 Monuments Men by Robert M Edsel
- 10392 The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
- 11393 The Circle by Dave Eggers
- 11452 The Martian by Andy Weir
- 12370 The Mountain Between Us by Charles Martin
- 617195 Wonder by R J Palaccio

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

12244 TRUSTEE FROM THE TOOLROOM

By Nevil Shute

Reader Bob Wildgust

When his sister's boat is wrecked in the Pacific, Keith Stewart becomes trustee for his little niece. In order to save her from destitution he has to embark on a 2,000 mile voyage in a small yacht in inhospitable waters. His adventures and the colourful characters he meets on his journey make this a marvellous tale of courage and friendship.

Vintage Classics; 2009

13hrs 0mins

ADVENTURE STORIES

12353 KINGDOM OF DARKNESS

By Andy McDermott

Reader Nigel Carrington

Archaeologist Nina Wilde and her husband Eddie Chase are sought out by a man, desperate to warn them about a raid on Alexander The Great's newly-discovered tomb. But before he can explain more, he is assassinated by a wanted Nazi war criminal who has barely aged in 70 years...

Oakhill; 2015

15hrs 30mins

12370 THE MOUNTAIN BETWEEN US

By Charles Martin

Reader John Chancer

On a stormy winter night, two strangers, Ashley Knox and Dr Ben Payne, meet at Salt Lake City airport. When the last outgoing flight is cancelled, Ben finds a charter plane and offers the spare seat to Ashley. But the plane crashes into the High Uintas Wilderness; Ben and Ashley are faced with a battle to survive.

Oakhill; 2017

11hrs 0mins

12355 YOUNG BLOODS

By Simon Scarrow

Reader Jonathan Keeble

Arthur Wesley (the future Duke of Wellington) was born and bred to be a leader. The red-coated British officer heads for battle against the French Republic, to restore the fallen monarchy. As the two mighty Empires embark on a bloody duel, Wesley and Napoleon Bonaparte prepare to face a sworn enemy, unaware that the fate of Europe will one day lie in their hands...

Oakhill; 2016

19hrs 30mins

CLASSIC FICTION

12294 THE WOODLANDERS

By Thomas Hardy

Reader Stephen Thorne

A moving tale of unrequited love, which revolves around the young woman Grace Melbury, who returns to the leafy world of Little Hintock and finds herself at the centre of a number of tragic events. Fate and the constraints of society thwart the happiness of our heroine.

Naxos Audio; 2015

14hrs 0mins

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

12382 THE BABY GROUP

By Rowan Coleman

Reader Phoebe James

Meet The Baby Group: six very different parents, and six very different lives. But they rapidly discover - through Baby Music, Baby Aerobics, coffee and more importantly cake - that there's safety in numbers. And their own unofficial baby group is formed...

Clipper Audio; 2017

15hrs 0mins

12302 CITY LIVES

By Patricia Scanlan

Reader Kay Morrison

Devlin, Caroline and Maggie are women in their prime. They have it all; careers, success and marriage. They are the envy of their peers, but at what price? Their friendship, the enduring bonds of loyalty and love will carry them through the toughest times towards a brighter future. Contains explicit language which may offend.

Simon & Schuster; 2015

14hrs 0mins

12464 CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS

By Sally Rooney

Reader Aoife McMahon

Frances, Bobbi, Nick and Melissa ask each other endless questions. As their relationships unfold, in person and online, they discuss sex and friendship, art and literature, politics and gender and, of course, one another.

Clipper Audio; 2017

8hrs 45mins

12372 THE COTTINGLEY SECRET

By Hazel Gaynor

Reader Billie Fulford-Brown

1917: When two young cousins, Frances and Elsie from Cottingley claim to have photographed fairies at the bottom of the garden, the girls become a national sensation. One hundred years later: Olivia Kavanagh becomes fascinated by the story that mystified the world. But it is the discovery of an old photograph that leads her to realise how the fairy girls' lives intertwine with hers...

Lamplight Audio; 2017

11hrs 0mins

12389 DEATH OF A SHE DEVIL

By Fay Weldon

Reader Jane Slavin

Ruth Patchett, the original 'She Devil,' is now eighty-four and keen to retire. But who can take up her mantle? Enter Ruth's grandson Tyler, a confident twenty-something: beautiful, resentful and unemployed. Tyler won't be satisfied until he can transition into the ultimate symbol of power and status. A woman.

Clipper Audio; 2017

8hrs 45mins

12362 DON'T LET ME GO

By Susan Lewis

Reader Julia Franklin

Charlotte Nicholls and three-year-old Chloe have left their home and friends, and are now building a new life for themselves. All Charlotte wants to do is to blot out what went before, and to look only to the future. Then, suddenly, their nightmare returns, and Charlotte finds she has no power to prevent what comes next...

Isis Audio Books; 2013

16hrs 15mins

12369 THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE

By Kate Beaufoy

Reader Niamh Cusack

When Tess agrees to move into her aged mother-in-law's idyllic country cottage, she sees it as the perfect opportunity to escape the distractions of the city and start work on a novel. However, life in the Gingerbread House is no fairy tale, as she struggles with the reality of caring for Eleanor, who suffers from dementia.

Oakhill; 2017

5hrs 30mins

12341 THE HAPPY HOME FOR BROKEN HEARTS

By Rowan Coleman

Reader Karina Fernandez

The tragic death of her beloved husband leaves Ellie alone with their son, facing a mountain of debt. So she decides to rent out some rooms, and all too soon she finds herself forced to step out of the pages of the romantic novels she hides behind. Maybe a new chapter is about to begin...

Clipper Audio; 2011

13hrs 0mins

12283 ICE

By Ulla-Lena Lundberg

Reader Ann Stutz

In the summer of 1947, a young priest, Petter, his wife and baby daughter, arrive by boat at a tiny island, where Petter is to minister to the scattered community. With each season, the family's love of the island grows and when the winter brings ice, a new and tentative link is created.

Sort of Books; 2016

14hrs 0mins

12406 THE KEEPER OF LOST THINGS

By Ruth Hogan

Reader Sandra Duncan

Anthony Peardew has spent his life collecting lost objects, trying to atone for a promise broken many years before. Realising he is running out of time, he leaves his house and all its lost treasures to his assistant Laura, the one person he can trust to reunite the thousands of objects with their rightful owners. But his final wishes trigger a most serendipitous series of encounters...

Clipper Audio; 2017

8hrs 30mins

12457 LAST CHRISTMAS

By Julia Williams

Reader Maggie Mash

Catherine Tinsall is gearing up for Christmas - in the middle of summer. As the writer in chief on Happy Homes magazine, she is putting together a 'perfect Christmas' competition, to remind readers of the festive season's true meaning. Then tragedy strikes and Catherine is forced to reassess her priorities, and work out what the perfect Christmas really means.

Magna Story Sound; 2010

13hrs 15mins

12307 LIKE WATER IN WILD PLACES

By Pamela Jooste

Reader Alan Bowen

The stories and legends of the Bushmen were told to Conrad when he was twelve years old. His father, Jack Hartmann, a brutal but confused man 'gave' Conrad an old Bushman to teach him the ways of the land. Bastiaan taught him not only about the beasts and plants and soil, but inculcated in Conrad a philosophy that would remain with him throughout his life.

Black Swan; 2001

9hrs 30mins

12259 LIZA'S ENGLAND

By Pat Barker

Reader Tamara Rabin

Liza Jarrett, born at the dawn of the twentieth century, is now in her eighties, frail and facing eviction. When she is visited by Stephen, a young gay social worker, she recalls her life, and their friendship, deepening with the unfolding of their stories, comes to sustain Liza through her last battle and brings new courage to Stephen.

Virago; 1986

10hrs 0mins

12315 THE LOST GIRL

By Carol Drinkwater

Reader Carol Drinkwater

Lizzie, the only daughter of celebrated war photographer Kurtiz Ross, went missing four years ago. Kurtiz and her ex-husband, Oliver, arrive in Paris following an unconfirmed sighting of their daughter. Oliver rushes to find her while Kurtiz must confront her own ghosts and face up to home truths.

Clipper Audio; 2017

12hrs 30mins

12381 THE MEMORY BOOK

By Rowan Coleman

Reader Miscellaneous

When Claire starts to write her Memory Book, she already knows that this scrapbook of mementoes will soon be all her daughters and husband have of her. But how can she hold onto the past when her future is slipping through her fingers...?

Clipper Audio; 2014

9hrs 0mins

12378 THE NATURAL WAY OF THINGS

By Charlotte Wood

Reader Ailsa Piper

Two women awake from a drugged sleep to find themselves imprisoned in an abandoned property in the middle of a desert, in this story of two friends, sisterly love and courage.

Wavesound Audio; 2016

7hrs 0mins

12396 THE STORM SISTER

By Lucinda Riley

Reader Noreen Leighton

Ally is about to compete in one of the world's most challenging yacht races when she hears the news of her adoptive father's sudden death. In the aftermath of the harrowing events that follow, Ally pursues the clues her father left her, to the icy beauty of Norway to discover her roots.

Clipper Audio; 2016

21hrs 30mins

12434 THAT LOVING FEELING

By Carole Matthews

Reader Julia Franklin

Juliet and Rick have been happily married for twenty-five years. But then Steven Aubrey returns. The same Steven who jilted Juliet on their wedding day twenty-six years ago. He ignites a passion in Juliet that she thought was long gone. Will Steven sweep Juliet off her feet or can Rick revive their marriage before it's too late?

Isis Audio Books; 2013

14hrs 50mins

12235 A THOUSAND ACRES

By Jane Smiley

Reader Elizabeth Charles

On a prospering Iowa farm in the 1970s, wealthy farmer Lawrence Cook announces his intentions to divide the farm among his daughters, setting off a family crisis reminiscent of Shakespeare's 'King Lear'.

Harper; 2004

16hrs 0mins

12345 WE ARE ALL MADE OF STARS

By Rowan Coleman

Reader Ben Allen

During her nursing shifts, Stella Carey writes letters for her patients to their loved ones - some full of humour, love and practical advice, others steeped in regret or pain – promising to post them after their deaths. Until one night Stella writes the letter that could give her patient one last chance at redemption, if she delivers it in time...

Clipper Audio; 2015

11hrs 45mins

12397 WINTER

By Ali Smith

Reader Melody Grove

Winter? Bleak. Frosty wind, earth as iron, water as stone, so the old song goes. The shortest days, the longest nights. The trees are bare and shivering. The world shrinks; the sap sinks. But winter makes things visible. And if there's ice, there'll be fire. It's the season that teaches us survival.

Clipper Audio; 2017

7hrs 30mins

12383 WISHES UNDER THE WILLOW TREE

By Phaedra Patrick

Reader Marston York

In the quiet village of Noon Sun, Benedict Stone has settled into a predictable routine when a surprise arrives at his door. His teenage niece Gemma - the daughter of his estranged brother, Charlie, invites herself into Benedict's world and turns his orderly life upside down. But she might just be exactly what he needed...

Lamplight Audio; 2017

9hrs 30mins

12328 ZENNOR IN DARKNESS

By Helen Dunmore

Reader Judy Franklin

Spring, 1917, and war haunts the Cornish coastal village of Zennor. Into this turmoil come D H Lawrence and his German wife, Frieda hoping to escape the war-fever that grips London. But the dark tide of gossip and innuendo means that Zennor is neither a place of recovery nor of escape...

Penguin; 2007

12hrs 0mins

COSY CRIME: GENTLE MYSTERIES

12425 THE AMBLESIDE ALIBI

By Rebecca Tope

Reader Caroline Lennon

Simmy has been adjusting to life in Windermere, running her florist shop and trying to put her tragic past behind her. But just when she thinks her life is quietly coming together, it starts to unravel at the seams when she delivers a bouquet with a mysterious message attached, that brings sinister secrets to light.

Soundings Audio; 2014

10hrs 0mins

12416 THE CASE OF THE MISSING BRONTE

By Robert Barnard

Reader Jonathan Keeble

Scotland Yard Superintendent Perry Trethowan is enjoying an evening at a cosy Yorkshire pub when an old woman shows him an original, unpublished Bronte manuscript. Trethowan agrees to engage in a little literary detective work, but he doesn't realise that the manuscript is motive for theft, torture – and murder.

Oakhill; 2016

5hrs 30mins

12391 THE CAT WHO PLAYED POST OFFICE

By Lilian Jackson Braun

Reader George Guidall

Qwill has just inherited a fortune and must learn how to live as a millionaire in a huge mansion. He and the cats are busy enjoying their affluent new lifestyle when a shocking murder intrudes. A bicycle accident has left Qwill confused, but luckily Koko, a Siamese with a talent for sniffing out clues, is on the ball.

Clipper Audio; 2004

6hrs 30mins

12426 A COTSWOLD MYSTERY

By Rebecca Tope

Reader Caroline Lennon

Thea Osborne, accompanied by her trusty spaniel, Hepzie, is convinced nothing can go wrong on her next house-sitting assignment in the charming village of Blockley. The Montgomerys have asked her to look after their house while they take a much needed holiday. But trouble seems to follow Thea and when a body is discovered in the house next door, she finds herself in the midst of village secrets.

Soundings Audio; 2007

10hrs 0mins

12284 THE CRUELLEST MONTH

By Hazel Holt

Reader Ann Clark

Widow Sheila Malory has been looking forward to her stay at the Bodleian Library in Oxford, but her relaxing idyll is interrupted when a librarian, Gwen Richmond, is crushed to death beneath collapsed bookshelves. After the 'accident' proves to be murder, Mrs. Malory helps to investigate.

Coffeetown Press; 2010

6hrs 30mins

12398 THE DEATH OF LUCY KYTE

By Nicola Upson

Reader Sandra Duncan

When Josephine Tey inherits a remote Suffolk cottage from her godmother, it comes full of secrets. Josephine knows that there is something dark that has a hold on this small community. Is it the sinister ghosts of past murders, or is there something very much alive that she needs to beware of?

Clipper Audio; 2013

12hrs 45mins

12399 FEAR IN THE SUNLIGHT

By Nicola Upson

Reader Sandra Duncan

Writer Josephine Tey joins her friends in Portmeirion, meeting with Alfred Hitchcock to sign a film deal. But things get out of hand when a Hollywood actress is brutally murdered. Chief Inspector Archie Penrose is unsatisfied with the investigation. Then years later another murder drives Penrose back to Portmeirion to uncover the shocking truth.

Clipper Audio; 2012

12hrs 30mins

12237 THE INSPECTOR AND MRS JEFFRIES

By Emily Brightwell

Reader Pat Steadman

Mrs Jeffries keeps house for Inspector Witherspoon...and keeps him on his toes. Everyone's awed by his Scotland Yard successes - but they don't know about his secret weapon. No matter how messy the murder or how dirty the deed, Mrs Jeffries' polished detection skills are up to the task... proving that behind every great man there's a great woman!

C & R Crime; 2013

8hrs 30mins

12351 JACK THE RIPPER: CASE CLOSED

By Gyles Brandreth

Reader Gyles Brandreth

Police Chief Macnaghten and Oscar Wilde, in a Chelsea drawing room in the company of Arthur Conan Doyle, are gathered to discuss the case of the most notorious murderer in England. The three men set out to solve one of the world's most famous mysteries- the ultimate truth about the identity of Jack the Ripper.

Oakhill; 2017

9hrs 40mins

12298 NO LAUGHING MATTER

By Betty Rowlands

Reader Patricia Gallimore

Two fatal cases of food poisoning at the residential home where Melissa Craig's mother Sylvia is staying, are treated as accidental by the authorities. To Melissa's consternation, Sylvia has noticed some strange goings-on and decides to do some detective work of her own. And when another resident is taken ill Melissa starts to take her mother's concerns seriously...

Magna Story Sound; 2006

9hrs 15mins

12393 SAY IT WITH POISON

By Ann Granger

Reader Judith Boyd

When Meredith Mitchell agreed to stay with her actress cousin Eve, in the Cotswold village of Westerfield, she hardly expected it to include murder, blackmail and unrequited love. Or to involve a certain Chief Inspector Markby, a middle aged divorcee. Meredith soon needs to steer a path between her duty to the police and loyalty to her cousin's family.

Clipper Audio; 2000

4hrs 45mins

12392 THAT WAY MURDER LIES

By Ann Granger

Reader Judith Boyd

When Meredith Mitchell's old friend Toby Smythe turns up on leave, she is delighted to see him. But Toby has a problem - or rather his relative Alison Jenner has - and he wants to enlist the help of Meredith's fiance, Detective Superintendent Alan Markby...

Clipper Audio; 2008

9hrs 45mins

12404 THE WINTER GARDEN MYSTERY

By Carola Dunn

Reader Bernadette Dunne

Young reporter Daisy Dalrymple has arrived in Cheshire. While photographing the rather barren grounds, Daisy unearths the corpse of missing parlour maid Grace Moss. As the dead woman's secret is revealed, Daisy realises she needs to catch the killer before she herself is endangered.

Lamplight Audio; 2016

7hrs 15mins

DETECTIVE & MYSTERY STORIES

12424 1ST TO DIE

By James Patterson

Reader Pat Starr

As the only woman homicide inspector in San Francisco, Lindsay Boxer has to be tough. But when a brutal maniac begins viciously slaughtering newly wed couples on their wedding nights, Lindsay turns to Claire, a leading coroner, Cindy, a journalist and Jill, a top attorney, for help, and the Women's Murder Club is born.

Isis Audio Books; 2001

9hrs 30mins

12380 AN ACT OF KINDNESS

By Barbara Nadel

Reader Paul Thornley

A young Asian couple move into a dilapidated house in Upton Park. Nasreen, spends her time working alone on the house, whilst her husband Abdullah goes to work. When Nasreen's friend, a homeless man, disappears she reaches out to the Arnold Detective Agency. Mumtaz Hakim begins to dig into Abdullah's past and into the house itself which, she finds, holds its own grim secrets.

Clipper Audio; 2014

10hrs 0mins

12350 AUGUST HEAT

By Andrea Camilleri

Reader Daniel Philpott

Inspector Montalbano and his girlfriend, Livia, prepare for a relaxing holiday in a villa he has found for them. But when Livia's friends' young son goes missing, a series of events is sparked which will certainly ruin the Chief Inspector's pleasant interlude.

Oakhill; 2011

6hrs 15mins

12352 THE BACK ROAD

By Rachel Abbott

Reader Penny McDonald

Former Detective Chief Inspector, Tom Douglas has moved to an isolated village for some peace and quiet. But he is drawn into a web of deceit after a hit and run on the back road, and his every instinct tells him that what happened that night was more than a tragic accident.

Oakhill; 2014

13hrs 15mins

12327 BONES ARE FOREVER

By Kathy Reichs

Reader Linda Emond

The body of a newborn baby is found in a rundown apartment near Montreal. Dr Temperance Brennan, forensic anthropologist, is brought in to investigate. When she discovers the mummified remains of two more babies, she must use all her skills and inner strength to discover why the babies died. But can she avoid being the next victim?

Random House Audio;

9hrs 30mins

12330 BONES NEVER LIE

By Kathy Reichs

Reader Katherine Borowitz

For a decade, forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan has been haunted by the one who got away. A killer of young women. The monster. Now he's come back, feeding on fear, grief and rage. Killing again, killing girls. And he's coming for Tempe...

Random House Audio; 2014

11hrs 0mins

12326 BONES OF THE LOST

By Kathy Reichs

Reader Linda Emond

The body of a teenage girl is discovered along a desolate highway on the outskirts of Charlotte. Inside her purse is the ID card of a local businessman who died in a fire months earlier. Who was the girl? And was she murdered? Dr Temperance Brennan, forensic anthropologist, must find the answers...

Random House Audio; 2013

11hrs 30mins

12319 A CURSED INHERITANCE

By Kate Ellis

Reader Pat Steadman

The brutal massacre of the Harford family at Potwoolstan Hall in Devon in 1985 shocked the country and passed into local folklore. When a journalist researching the case is murdered twenty years later, the horror is reawakened and DI Wesley Peterson is faced with his most disturbing case yet.

Piatkus; 2005

17hrs 30mins

12320 FLASH AND BONES

By Kathy Reichs

Reader Linda Emond

Dr Temperance Brennan is called to a landfill site in north Carolina. A barrel of hardened asphalt has been discovered, with a human hand poking through the top. It is up to Tempe to try to identify the body, but the trail she sets in motion leads her to one of America's largest fascist organisations, and it could threaten her own life...

Random House Audio; 2011

8hrs 30mins

12337 HIT AND RUN

By Cath Staincliffe

Reader Julia Franklin

Back at work after maternity leave, DCI Janine Lewis finds herself in the thick of two major investigations. The battered body of a young woman is recovered from the River Mersey and a schoolgirl is killed in a hit and run. As Janine and her team fight to unravel the story behind each death, she struggles with equally demanding dramas at home.

Soundings Audio; 2006

7hrs 0mins

12303 A JUDGEMENT IN STONE

By Ruth Rendell

Reader Hilary Spiers

Four members of the Coverdale family died in the space of fifteen minutes on St Valentine's Day. Eunice Parchman, the illiterate housekeeper, shot them down while they were watching television. Two weeks later she was arrested for the crime. But the tragedy neither began nor ended there...

Arrow; 1994

6hrs 30mins

12365 LOVE YOU DEAD

By Peter James

Reader Paul Moriarty

Detective Superintendent Roy Grace is feeling the pressure from his superiors; his previous case is still giving him sleepless nights and an old adversary is back. But worse than all of this, he believes a Black Widow is operating in his city. One with a venomous mind...and venomous skills. Soon Grace comes to the frightening realization that he may have underestimated just how dangerous this lady is... Book 12

Pan; 2016

15hrs 0mins

12359 NO LOVELIER DEATH

By Graham Hurley

Reader Tim Pepper

A teenager throws a party while her parents are away. More than a hundred kids descend on Rachel's house in the affluent suburb. The party turns into a riot and before the night is over, Rachel and her boyfriend are dead. With a massive crime scene and over a hundred suspects, DI Faraday is confronted with a nightmare investigation. But someone else wants to find the killer first...

Isis Audio Books; 2009

16hrs 20mins

12373 ORDEAL

By Jorn Lier Horst

Reader Saul Reichlin

When Sofie Lund moves into the house she inherited from her grandfather, she has such painful memories that she has every trace of the old man removed, all but a locked safe. Inside the safe, Sofie finds something shocking that will also become crucial evidence in a case that has plagued Inspector William Wisting for a long time...

Jammer Audio; 2016

10hrs 45mins

12363 PLAYING WITH BONES

By Kate Ellis

Reader Gordon Griffin

Singmass Close has a sinister past. In the 50s it was the hunting ground of the Doll Strangler, a ruthless killer who was never brought to justice. Now DI Joe Plantagenet wonders whether a copycat killer is at work when the strangled body of teenager Natalie Parkes is found in the same close, a mutilated doll lying by her side.

Soundings Audio; 2010

11hrs 0mins

12428 THE RIOT

By Laura Wilson

Reader Sean Barrett

1958: Notting Hill is DI Stratton's new manor and a powder keg of racial tension. A race riot breaks out - the worst Britain has ever seen. Stratton must tread a path through the violence and prejudice to find a killer before Notting Hill explodes.

Isis Audio Books; 2013

11hrs 15mins

12358 THE SEAGULL

By Ann Cleeves

Reader Janine Birkett

When prison inmate and former police officer John Brace says he's willing to give up information about a long-dead wheeler dealer, Detective Inspector Vera Stanhope knows that she has to look into his claims. But in opening up this cold case, Vera's past collides dangerously with the present. Is she ready for what it will reveal?

Isis Audio Books; 2017

10hrs 40mins

12331 SPEAKING IN BONES

By Kathy Reichs

Reader Katherine Borowitz

Forensic anthropologist, Dr Tempe Brennan, is inclined to dismiss the claims that amateur detective Hazel 'Lucky' Strike, has matched a previously unidentified set of remains with a name. But something about the story won't let Tempe go and soon she finds herself involved in a case more complicated and horrifying than she could ever have imagined.

Random House Audio; 2015

10hrs 0mins

12371 THEN SHE WAS GONE

By Luca Veste

Reader Jonathan Keeble

Tim Johnson took his baby daughter out for a walk and she never made it home. Johnson claims he was assaulted and the girl was snatched. The police see a different crime, with Johnson their only suspect. A year later, Detectives Murphy and Rossi unearth a trail that stretches into the past, and crimes that someone is hell-bent on avenging.

Oakhill; 2017

11hrs 0mins

12412 THE THIRST

By Jo Nesbo

Reader Sean Barrett

A woman is found murdered after an internet date. The police realise that they are dealing with a particularly vicious killer, and there's only one man who can help. But Harry Hole is reluctant to return to the place that almost took everything from him. Until he starts to suspect a connection between this killing and his one failed case...

Random House Audio; 2017

17hrs 30mins

12401 X THE TORMENT OF OTHERS

By Val McDermid

Reader Saul Reichlin

A girl lies dead in a scene that matches a series of murders which ended with the conviction of Derek Tyler. But Tyler's been locked up in a mental institution for two years. Dr Tony Hill thinks this is not a copycat murder but something much stranger, and heads towards a terrifying face-off with one of the most perverse killers he has ever encountered.... X rated, contains graphic violence.

Clipper Audio; 2016

14hrs 30mins

12287 TREACHERY IN DEATH

By J D Robb

Reader Susan Ericksen

In a New York City fifty years in the future, Detective Eve Dallas and her partner, Peabody, are following up on a brutal crime - an elderly grocery owner killed for nothing more than snacks. For the first time, Peabody is primary detective on the case, which means she has to get used to a new level of responsibility. Good thing she learned the ropes from a master like Eve.

Brilliance Audio; 2011

13hrs 15mins

12453 THE VANISHING BOX

By Elly Griffiths

Reader Luke Thompson

Christmas 1953. The magician Max Mephisto and his daughter Ruby are headlining Brighton Hippodrome. This might appear to have nothing in common with DI Edgar Stephens' investigation into the death of a quiet flower seller, but if there's one thing the old comrades have learned it's that, in Brighton, the line between art and life - and death - is all too easily blurred...

Avid Audio; 2017

8hrs 15mins

12374 WHEN IT GROWS DARK

By Jorn Lier Horst

Reader Saul Reichlin

Stavern, 1983: Young policeman William Wisting is on a case that has not even been recognised as murder. Forgotten in a dilapidated barn stands a bullet riddled old car, and it looks as if the driver did not get out alive. This case will shape William Wisting as a policeman and give him insight that he will carry with him for the rest of his career.

Jammer Audio; 2017

5hrs 15mins

12251 THE WOMAN WHO WALKED INTO THE SEA

By Mark Douglas-Home Reader Geoff Cummings

Cal McGill is a unique investigator and oceanographer who uses his expertise to locate things - and sometimes people - lost or missing at sea. His expertise could unravel the haunting mystery of why, twenty-six years ago on a remote Scottish beach, Megan Bates strode out into the ocean and let the waves wash her away.

Penguin; 2016

11hrs 0mins

EROTIC FICTION

**12411 X DARKER: FIFTY SHADES DARKER AS
TOLD BY CHRISTIAN**

By E L James Reader Zachary Webber

Their scorching, sensual affair ended in heartbreak and recrimination, but Christian Grey cannot get Anastasia Steele out of his mind, or his blood. Determined to win her back, he tries to suppress his darkest desires and his need for complete control. But can a man so dark and damaged ever hope to keep her? X rated, explicit sexual content.

Random House Audio; 2017

18hrs 0mins

FAMILY SAGAS

12390 THE CHRISTMAS WE MET

By Kate Lord Brown

Reader Emma Gregory

Grace Manners takes up residence on Wittering Manor estate - the little cottage on the estate is both a refuge and a workshop for her jewellery business. But it's only when Grace uncovers the story behind a diamond brooch she inherited that she becomes drawn into a family secret that threatens to destroy what little she has left...

Lamplight Audio; 2015

13hrs 30mins

12427 FORGOTTEN CHILD

By Kitty Neale

Reader Penelope Freeman

Jennifer Lavender learns she was adopted, but her dream of finding her real family can never be fulfilled - her mother died alone giving birth. Then Jenny meets a young woman who will change her life forever. Together they search for the truth, but what they discover may be more than they can bear.

Soundings Audio; 2011

12hrs 0mins

12429 AN HEIR FOR BURRACOMBE

By Lilian Harry

Reader Anne Dover

It's a summer's day in 1953. When a beautiful French woman and her son knock on her door, Hilary Napier can't help but notice that the young boy has the same eyes as the brother she lost in the war. As she listens to Marianne's sad tale, she realises that her soldier brother lives on in the son he never met. But this is only the first revelation...

Soundings Audio; 2010

13hrs 0mins

12405 HIDE HER NAME

By Nadine Dorries

Reader Emma Gregory

A dreadful murder has been committed and 14-year-old Kitty Doherty is pregnant with the dead man's child. This secret is so dangerous that it is decided Kitty must go to Ireland to await the baby's birth. But in Liverpool, the police aren't giving up their search for the truth. The streets are alive with gossip and rumour, and it isn't easy to keep a secret that big.

Lamplight Audio; 2015

11hrs 30mins

12361 KEEP SMILING THROUGH

By Ellie Dean

Reader Julie Maisey

June 1940. Despite losing her mother at a young age and with her father away on important war work, seventeen-year-old Rita Smith has plenty of people to turn to in the close-knit community of Cliffehaven. As war rages across Europe, Rita volunteers as a fire warden, longing for the day when she can be reunited with those she loves best...

Soundings Audio; 2012

10hrs 0mins

12395 THE LAST SECRET OF THE DEVERILLS

By Santa Montefiore

Reader Genevieve Swallow

Bridie Doyle, now mistress of Castle Deverill, is determined to make the castle she used to work in her home. But her flamboyant husband Cesare has other ideas. Meanwhile, Kitty Deverill has come to terms with her life with her husband Robert. But then Jack O'Leary, the love of her life, returns...

Clipper Audio; 2017

14hrs 15mins

12340 SPRINGTIME IN BURRACOMBE

By Lilian Harry

Reader Anne Dover

The village of Burracombe is looking forward to the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, but the year of 1953 is to prove a year of heartbreak as well as celebration. Meanwhile, the life of the village goes on, with all its ups and downs, its feuds and dramas, and in the midst of it all, romance comes from a quite unexpected direction.

Soundings Audio; 2010

10hrs 30mins

12338 SUMMERHILLS

By D E Stevenson

Reader Lesley Mackie

The continuing story of the lives and loves of the Ayrton family, in particular that of Major Roger Ayrton M.C. It begins as Roger is flying home to Amberwell on leave, full of plans for his family and home. Sequel to 'Amberwell' (11842).

Soundings Audio; 2008

9hrs 0mins

12438 THE WATERWAY GIRLS

By Milly Adams

Reader Maggie Mash

October 1943. Nineteen-year-old Polly Holmes is leaving London behind to join the war effort on Britain's canals. Stepping aboard the Marigold amid pouring rain, she rolls up her sleeves and gets stuck into life on board. On the gruelling journey from London to Birmingham, she will soon discover that a world of new beginnings awaits.

Oakhill; 2017

16hrs 0mins

FANTASY FICTION

12387 THE CHILDREN OF HURIN

By J R R Tolkien

Reader Christopher Lee

Morgoth, the first Dark Lord, dwells in the vast fortress of Angband, where the fates of Túrin and his sister Niënor will be tragically entwined. Their lives are dominated by the hatred that Morgoth bears them as the children of Húrin, the man who dared to defy him. Morgoth sends a powerful spirit in an attempt to destroy the children of Húrin.

Clipper Audio; 2017

7hrs 45mins

GENERAL FICTION

12276 THE ANGEL IN THE CORNER

By Monica Dickens

Reader Maureen Marshall

An affair with the unpredictable Joe led to a marriage that Virginia was determined would work. But Joe had no reason to trust or respect women. As he drew her into one humiliating situation after another, Virginia was forced to admit that her romantic dream had turned into a nightmare.

Penguin; 1976

12hrs 0mins

12335 EARLY ONE MORNING

By Virginia Baily

Reader Jilly Bond

A grey dawn in Rome, 1943: Two young women, complete strangers to each other, lock eyes for a moment. Chiara Ravello, is about to flee the occupied city for the safety of the hills. The other has been herded on to a truck with her young children, and will shortly be driven off into the darkness. Before she has time to think about what she is doing, Chiara makes a decision that changes her life for ever ...

Isis Audio Books; 2015

11hrs 45mins

12376 FRIENDS, LOVERS, CHOCOLATE

By Alexander McCall Smith Reader Davina Porter

Isabel Dalhousie thinks often of friends, sometimes of lovers, and on occasion of chocolate. As an Edinburgh philosopher she is certain of where she stands. She can review a book called In Praise of Sin with panache and conviction, but real life is... well, perhaps a bit more challenging...

Clipper Audio; 2006

8hrs 30mins

12385 MEMENTO MORI

By Muriel Spark Reader Eve Karpf

Dame Lettie Colston, 79 and pioneer penal reformer, has much in common with the elderly residents of the Maud Long Medical Ward. All are united by scorn, resentment, boredom - and the humour that masks the awareness of impending death. Then the insidious telephone calls begin...

Clipper Audio; 2013

7hrs 0mins

12299 THE VILLAGE GREEN AFFAIR

By Rebecca Shaw Reader Maggie Mash

A mysterious visitor has arrived in Turnham Malpas. What can Titus Bellamy want? Is it true, the villagers ask each other, that he has discovered a medieval charter which grants the right to hold a market on their picturesque village green? And if it is true, can he be stopped? It appears not...

Magna Story Sound; 2009

9hrs 15mins

GHOST STORIES

12317 EIGHT GHOSTS: THE ENGLISH HERITAGE BOOK OF NEW GHOST STORIES

By Miscellaneous authors

Reader Elizabeth Goodrich

Eight authors were given after hours freedom at their chosen English heritage site. Within the walls of these historic buildings each author has found inspiration to deliver a new interpretation of the classic ghost story.

September Publishing; 2017

3hrs 30mins

HISTORICAL FICTION

12306 DANGEROUS CROSSING

By Rachel Rhys

Reader Anne Marlow

England, September 1939; Lily Shepherd boards a cruise liner for a new life in Australia and is plunged into a world of cocktails, jazz and glamorous friends. But six-weeks later the world is at war, the cruise liner docks, and life will never be the same again.

Black Swan; 2017

14hrs 30mins

12432 GATHERING STORM

By Maggie Craig

Reader James Bryce

Edinburgh, Yuletide 1743, and Redcoat officer Robert Catto would rather be anywhere else on earth than Scotland. Seconded back from the wars in Europe to captain the city's town guard, Robert fears his covert mission to assess the strength of the Jacobite threat will force him to confront the past he tries so hard to forget.

Soundings Audio; 2015

14hrs 0mins

12414 THE HOUSE AT BISHOPSGATE

By Katie Hickman

Reader Carole Boyd

1611. After ten years in the Orient, Celia Lamprey and her husband Paul Pindar have returned to England, bringing with them a legendary diamond, despite the curse that surrounds it. All of London wants to get their hands on the jewel, but Paul Pindar might be the only merchant who doesn't have a price...

Oakhill; 2017

13hrs 0mins

12343 HOUSE OF SHADOWS

By The Medieval Murderers

Reader Paul Matthews

Bermondsey Priory, 1114. A young chaplain succumbs to the temptations of the flesh - and suffers a gruesome punishment. From that moment, the monastery is cursed and over the next five hundred years murder and treachery abound within its hallowed walls... Even the poet Chaucer finds himself drawn into the dark deeds and violent death which pervade this unhappy place.

Clipper Audio; 2008

14hrs 15mins

12407 THE INVENTION OF FIRE

By Bruce Holsinger

Reader Simon Vance

London, 1386: Sixteen corpses have been discovered in a sewer, their wounds like none ever seen before. Enter John Gower, poet and intellectual whose 'vocation' is dealing in men's secrets. Gower pursues his dangerous quarry and comes to the shocking conviction that the men have been killed by a new and deadly weapon of war.

Jammer Audio; 2015

13hrs 45mins

12347 THE LAST HOURS

By Minette Walters

Reader Helen Keeley

1348: The Black Death enters England and people start to die in their thousands. In the demesne of Develish, Lady Anne takes control of her people's future. Along with her slave, Thaddeus Thurkell, they decide to quarantine Develish by bringing the serfs inside the walls. With this sudden overturning of the accepted social order, where serfs exist only to serve their lords, conflicts soon arise...

Clipper Audio; 2017

15hrs 30mins

12388 THE LOST PROPHECIES

By The Medieval Murderers

Reader Paul Matthews

A mysterious book of prophecies, written by a sixth century Irish monk, has puzzled scholars through the ages. Foretelling wars, plagues and rebellions, the Black Book of Bran is said to have predicted the Black Death and the Gunpowder Plot. But only one thing is certain: whoever comes into possession of the cursed book meets a gruesome and untimely end...

Clipper Audio; 2009

15hrs 30mins

12339 MASTER OF SOULS

By Peter Tremayne

Reader Caroline Lennon

On a storm-driven night, wreckers drive a ship onto rocks off the coast of Ireland. An Abbess leading a pilgrimage is killed and the young religieuse with her abducted. An ageing scholar is murdered in the Abbey of Ard Fhearta. Do these events have a connection? Sister Fidelma and Brother Eadulf go to Ard Fhearta to examine the mystery.

Soundings Audio; 2008

3hrs 30mins

12232 THE QUEEN OF FOUR KINGDOMS

By H R H Princess Michael Kent

Reader Anne Marlow

At the age of nineteen, Yolande of Aragon is sent away from everything she knows to marry the Duke of Anjou, cousin of King Charles VI. Arranged to form an alliance between the two warring kingdoms, their union becomes not only a great love story, but also sets in motion events which will change the course of history.

Constable; 2013

16hrs 0mins

12332 THE WHITE PRINCESS

By Philippa Gregory

Reader Karen Cass

The eldest daughter of Edward IV, the young princess Elizabeth, faces a conflict of loyalties when she is forced into marriage with Henry VII. She must reconcile her slowly growing love for him with her loyalty to the House of York, and choose between her mother's rebellion and her husband's tyranny.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

18hrs 0mins

HUMOUROUS FICTION

12257 WIG BETRAYED

By Charles Courtley

Reader Robert Seymour

Charles Courtley continues his career as a military judge after practising at the Bar for many years. From the beginning, Charles has to contend with the loneliness of the job which leads to the acute personal problems that ultimately destroy him. Sequel to 'Wig Begone' (11538)

Matador; 2014

8hrs 0mins

LOVE STORIES

12333 ONE LAST DANCE

By Judith Lennox

Reader Annie Aldington

As the twentieth century draws to a close, Esme Reddaway knows that she must uncover a truth that began during the First World War, when Devlin Reddaway fell passionately in love with her sister, Camilla. But the war changes everything and Devlin returns to England to find that Camilla is engaged to someone else...

Soundings Audio; 2014

19hrs 30mins

12258 THE STEPS OF THE SUN

By Caroline Harvey

Reader Jill Hetherington

In 1899 the lives of many young men are threatened in the bloody battles of the Boer War. Young Matthew Paget enlists to go to South Africa as a trooper. He goes in search of adventure, only to find himself caught up in the turmoil of this beautiful but tragically divided country - and in love with a girl on the enemy side.

Corgi; 1996

12hrs 0mins

12452 THE SUPREME MACARONI COMPANY

By Adriana Trigiani

Reader Laurel Lefkow

For more than one hundred years, the Angelini Shoe Company in Greenwich Village has relied on the leather produced by Vechiarelli & Son in Tuscany. This ancient business partnership provides a twist of fate for Valentine Roncalli, the schoolteacher-turned-shoemaker, to fall in love with Gianluca Vechiarelli, a tanner with a complex past . . . and a secret.

Clipper Audio; 2015

9hrs 15mins

SCIENCE FICTION

12489 READY PLAYER ONE

By Ernest Cline

Reader Wil Wheaton

It's the year 2044, and the real world is an ugly place. When the creator of a virtual reality world called the OASIS dies, he challenges all OASIS users, with a series of fiendish puzzles, to find his Easter Egg, which will give the finder his fortune. Wade Watts finds the first clue and the race is on – and the only way to survive is to win...

Random House Audio; 2018

15hrs 30mins

SPY STORIES

12250 PORTRAIT OF A SPY

By Daniel Silva

Reader Simon Vance

For Gabriel Allon it was supposed to be the start of a pleasant weekend in London, but a pair of deadly bombings in Paris and Copenhagen has already marred this autumn day. And then Gabriel is drawn into a confrontation with the new face of global terror.

Oakhill; 2012

11hrs 15mins

12375 A QUIET LIFE

By Natasha Walter

Reader Karen Cass

Laura Leverett arrives from America in 1939, for a new life in England. Edward Last is the kindred spirit Laura has been waiting for. But the secret he is carrying will test Laura's ideals to their limits and take them across oceans before tearing them apart...

Lamplight Audio; 2016

15hrs 30mins

THRILLERS

12423 ALEX CROSS, RUN

By James Patterson

Reader Garrick Hagon

Three killers are on the rampage in the capital and dead bodies are piling up. Alex Cross is in charge of all three investigations, but with a crisis at home that threatens to tear his family apart, his attention is divided. While Cross tracks the killers, he doesn't notice that someone is tracking him.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

8hrs 10mins

12394 COPYCAT

By Alex Lake

Reader Karen Cass

Sarah Havenant discovers that there are two Facebook profiles in her name. One is hers. The other, she has never seen. But everything in it is accurate. Photos of her friends, her husband, her kids. Whoever has set up the second profile has been waiting for Sarah to find it. And now that she has, her life will no longer be her own...

Jammer Audio; 2017

10hrs 45mins

12421 CROSS THE LINE

By James Patterson

Reader Pete Bradbury

Shots ring out in the early morning hours in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. and a prominent police official lies dead, leaving the city's police force scrambling for answers. Alex Cross must take the law back into his own hands before the city he's sworn to protect descends into utter chaos.

Random House Audio; 2016

8hrs 30mins

12356 DEATH IN OSLO

By Anne Holt

Reader Christopher Oxford

When Helen Barclay becomes the first female US president, one man takes very particular notice. He knows her dark secret, buried for over 20 years. President Barclay chooses Oslo for her first state visit, and Johanne Vik of the Norwegian police learns that there are those who would stop at nothing to destroy the leader of the free world.

Oakhill; 2010

13hrs 0mins

12279 FIRST AMONG EQUALS

By Jeffrey Archer

Reader Paul Moriarty

In the 1960s, four ambitious new MPs take their seats at Westminster. Over three decades they share the turbulent passions and upheavals of the race for power, caught up in a dramatic game for the highest stakes of all. But only one man can gain the ultimate goal - the office of Prime Minister...

Pan; 2013

16hrs 0mins

12403 FIRST ONE MISSING

By Tammy Cohen

Reader Karen Cass

There are things no-one can prepare you for when your daughter goes missing - only in a group with mothers of other lost children can you find real comfort. But as the parents gather to support each other in the wake of another disappearance, a crack appears in the group that threatens to rock their lives all over again...

Clipper Audio; 2017

10hrs 15mins

12364 NIGHT SCHOOL

By Lee Child

Reader Jeff Harding

It's 1996, and the Soviets are long gone. But now there's a new enemy. In Hamburg, a group of smartly-dressed young Saudis are planning something big. Jack Reacher is fresh off a successful mission in the Balkans, but receives new orders. With trusted sergeant Frances Neagley at his side, he must carry the fate of the world on his shoulders.

Soundings Audio; 2016

13hrs 0mins

12422 THE PEOPLE VS. ALEX CROSS

By James Patterson

Reader Andre Blake

Charged with gunning down followers of his nemesis, Gary Soneji, in cold blood, Alex Cross is wrongly portrayed as a trigger-happy, corrupt cop. He struggles to prove to a skeptical jury and dwindling supporters that his actions were in self defence.

Random House Audio; 2017

8hrs 30mins

12430 THE PRISONER OF HEAVEN

By Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Reader Peter Kenny

Christmas in Barcelona, 1957. Daniel and Bea now have a son, Julian, and are living with Daniel's father at Sempere & Sons. Daniel is alone in the shop one morning when a mysterious figure with a pronounced limp enters. This visit leads back to a story of imprisonment, betrayal and the return of a deadly rival ... Volume 3 of 'The Cemetery of Forgotten Books'.

Isis Audio Books; 2013

7hrs 20mins

12360 REVENGE

By Martina Cole

Reader Annie Aldington

Michael Flynn is the boss of a dangerous criminal empire. No one crosses him, no one gets in his way, and everyone does what he says - including the law. But you don't get to where Michael is without making enemies. Someone is out for revenge. And it's best served when least expected.

Isis Audio Books; 2014

15hrs 35mins

12419 RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

By James Patterson

Reader Dallas Roberts

The race is on to catch a deadly killer terrorising New York. Cold-hearted and cunning, no one knows who he is or where he came from - until now. The whole New York Police Department is tested to its limits, none more so than Detective Michael Bennett, as the investigation comes frighteningly close to home.

Random House Audio; 2009

6hrs 30mins

12384 SCARLET WIDOW

By Graham Masterton

Reader Emma Gregory

New Hampshire, 1756: Six pigs, slaughtered in their sty, bear the mark of the devil in their mouths. But to Beatrice Scarlet, the apothecary's daughter, the truth is much more chilling. Somewhere in this idyllic hamlet, a killer is hiding in plain sight. And if Beatrice does not unmask him soon, he'll be coming for her next...

Avid Audio; 2016

11hrs 45mins

12344 THE TIGER'S PREY

By Wilbur Smith

Reader Mike Grady

Francis Courtney sails to South Africa with revenge on his mind: his uncle Tom Courtney killed his father, and Francis intends to avenge his death. Christopher Courtney sets out to make his own way in the world. The perils on his journey carve a fierce warrior out of him, but they also harden his soul. As the lives of these two Courtney men intertwine, the sins of the fathers will forever alter the lives of a younger generation.

Lamplight Audio; 2017

15hrs 15mins

12357 TREASURE OF KHAN

By Clive Cussler

Reader Jeff Harding

When an oil survey team is abducted after a suspicious accident, Dirk Pitt follows leads to Mongolia, where he learns about a megalomaniac's plot to supply oil to China and to undermine global oil markets.

Isis Audio Books; 2007

18hrs 20mins

12431 TUESDAY'S GONE

By Nicci French

Reader Beth Chalmers

A man's decomposed body has been found in the flat of Michelle Doyce, a woman trapped in a world of strange mental disorder. The police don't know who it is, how he got there or what happened - and Michelle can't tell them. But DCI Karlsson hopes psychotherapist Frieda Klein can get access to the truths buried beneath her confusion.

Isis Audio Books; 2012

12hrs 45mins

12402 WHEN SHE WAS BAD

By Tammy Cohen

Reader Avita Jay

Amira, Sarah, Paula, Ewan and Charlie have worked together for years - they know each other inside out. But their comfortable routine life is suddenly shattered when an aggressive new boss walks in... Now, there's something chilling in the air. Who secretly hates everyone? Who is tortured by their past? Who is capable of murder?

Clipper Audio; 2016

11hrs 45mins

12420 WORST CASE

By James Patterson

Reader Miscellaneous

The children of New York's wealthiest are being taken hostage. But the criminal doesn't crave money - he asks the elite if they know the price others pay for their luxurious lifestyles. And, if they don't, he corrects their ignorance by killing them. Detective Michael Bennett teams up with FBI agent Emily Parker to capture the killer before he begins his most public lesson yet..

Random House Audio; 2010

6hrs 15mins

WESTERNS

12334 THE RAIN TREE

By Will Cook

Reader Jeff Harding

Jim Martin is willing to do anything to find more water for the arid plains region where his ranch is situated. When Jim hears of an old-timer in Rock Springs who is able to conjure water, he seeks him out, even at the risk of becoming a laughing-stock among the other ranchers.

Isis Audiobooks; 2014

7hrs 0mins

12336 SILVERTIP'S TRAP

By Max Brand

Reader Jeff Harding

Bill Naylor had only one hero in his life - famed outlaw Barry Christian. And when luck threw the two men together, Naylor was ready to tackle the toughest job Christian had up his sleeve - the murder of Christian's dread enemy, Jim Silver. But there was one vital factor Christian didn't take into account - and that factor was going to decide whether Naylor lived or died!

Isis Audiobooks; 2012

4hrs 30mins

Non-Fiction

ANIMALS

12354 FELIX THE RAILWAY CAT

By Kate Moore

Reader Kate Lee

When Felix arrived at Yorkshire's Huddersfield Train Station as a tiny kitten, no one knew just how important this little ball of fluff would become. Although she has a vital job to do as 'Senior Pest Controller', a chance friendship with a commuter gives Felix the recognition she deserves, catapulting her to international stardom...

Oakhill; 2017

9hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY - ART MUSIC & LITERATURE

12329 CROW STEERED BERGS APPEARED: A MEMOIR OF TED HUGHES AND SYLVIA PLATH

By Lucas Myers

Reader Bob Rollett

Ted Hughes and Lucas Myers met at Cambridge in 1955. This memoir draws on the author's forty-year correspondence with Hughes and discusses the Poet Laureate's collection of poems about his wife, Sylvia Plath and their marriage.

Proctor's Hall; 2001

5hrs 0mins

12346 A SECRET SISTERHOOD: THE HIDDEN FRIENDSHIPS OF AUSTEN, BRONTE, ELIOT AND WOOLF

By Emily Midorikawa & Emma Claire Sweeney

Reader Maggie Mash

Drawing on letters and diaries, some of which have never been published before, this book reveals Jane Austen's bond with a family servant, Anne Sharp; how Charlotte Brontë was inspired by the daring feminist Mary Taylor; the relationship between George Eliot and the author Harriet Beecher Stowe; and the friendship of Virginia Woolf and Katherine Mansfield – a pair too often dismissed as bitter foes.

Clipper Audio; 2017

10hrs 45mins

BIOGRAPHY – ENTERTAINMENT

12301 CHIAROSCURO

By Sam Beazley

Reader Richard Simpson

This is a recollection of childhood, an early commitment to the stage, then war service which took the author to Italy. Actor Sam Beazley draws on the diary he kept at the time, and counterpoints it with a later visit to Italy, to revive old memories.

Sam Beazley; 1999

2hrs 30mins

12418 ONLY FOOLS AND STORIES

By David Jason

Reader Michael Fenton Stevens

From Del Boy to Granville, Pop Larkin to Frost, David Jason takes us behind the scenes and under the skins of some of the best loved acts of his career. And in the process he reflects on how those characters changed his life too. Sequel to 'My Life' (10767).

Random House Audio; 2017

8hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – GENERAL

12316 THE BOY WITH THE TOPKNOT

By Sathnam Sanghera

Reader Assad Zaman

For Sathnam Sanghera, growing up in Wolverhampton in the eighties was a confusing business. There was his family, whose strange and often difficult behaviour he took for granted until, at the age of twenty-four, he made a discovery that changed everything he ever thought he knew about them.

Clipper Audio; 2017

12hrs 0mins

12254 IT'S BETTER THAN WORK

By Faith Addis

Reader Ellen Staples

Book 4 of 'Down to Earth' series. Sequel to 'Buttered Side Down' (6677). Faith is in London learning the art of dog grooming. Upon returning to Devon they launch their next venture, a nursery and market garden. Life is never dull at 'Phyllishayes'!

BBC Books; 2000

9hrs 0mins

12260 LION: A LONG WAY HOME

By Saroo Brierley

Reader James Murphy

Five-year-old Saroo lived in a poor village in India, with his mother and three siblings... until the day he boarded a train alone and got lost - for twenty-five years. This is the story of what happened to Saroo in those twenty-five years. And how, at thirty years old, he found his way back home.

Penguin; 2017

7hrs 30mins

12296 THE SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM

By T E Lawrence

Reader Roy McMillan

Known to most as Lawrence of Arabia, T.E. Lawrence was a passionate chronicler of Middle East military events during WWI, in which he was embedded. This is his autobiographical account of his time as a British liason officer during the Arab Revolt against the Turks of the Ottoman Empire from 1916 to 1918.

Naxos Audio; 2012

25hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY – HUMOUR

12455 THE DIARY OF A BOOKSELLER

By Shaun Bythell

Reader Robin Laing

Shaun Bythell owns Scotland's largest second-hand bookshop. In these wry and hilarious diaries, he provides an inside look at the trials and tribulations of life in the book trade, from struggles with eccentric customers to wrangles with his own staff. He takes us with him on buying trips, recommends books and evokes the rhythms and charms of small-town life.

Clipper Audio; 2017

9hrs 45mins

BIOGRAPHY – POLITICAL

12451 FIRE AND FURY

By Michael Wolff

Reader Holter Graham

The first nine months of Donald Trump's term were stormy, outrageous - and absolutely mesmerising. Now, thanks to his deep access to the West Wing, Michael Wolff provides a wealth of new details about the chaos in the Oval Office, showing us how and why Donald Trump has become the king of discord and disunion.

Jammer Audio; 2018

12hrs 0mins

12281 A WOMAN'S WORK

By Harriet Harman

Reader Pamela Todd

When Harriet Harman started her career, female MPs were a tiny minority. But, she argues, we should never just be grateful that things are better now. There's still more to do. Here, Harriet looks at her own life to see how far we've come, and where we should go next.

Allen Lane; 2017

16hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – SPORT

12318 FROM WEDDINGS TO WORLD CUPS

By Ian Wheeler

Reader Bob Rollett

Ian Wheeler's career in journalism started when he was employed by the local weekly newspaper reporting on weddings and funerals. After National Service, Ian became a sports writer, reporting on major club football and also Scotland and England at international level. He was on first name terms with players, managers and many who worked behind the scenes.

Librario; 2012

7hrs 0mins

12253 UNBROKEN: MY STORY OF SURVIVAL FROM 7/7 BOMBINGS TO PARALYMPIC SUCCESS

By Martine Wright

Reader Ann Stutz

Martine Wright lost both of her legs in the 7/7 bomb attacks. Not only did she survive her horrific injuries but she went on to play in Great Britain's seated volleyball team at the Paralympics, 2012. Martine continues to change the lives of those around her as a charity fundraiser and inspirational speaker.

Simon & Schuster; 2017

8hrs 0mins

CRIME AND LAW

12440 BLOOD ON THE PAGE

By Thomas Harding

Reader Thomas Harding

June 2006: Allan Chappelow, an award-winning photographer and biographer, was found battered to death at his house in Hampstead. The man eventually convicted of his murder was a Chinese dissident named Wang Yam; Thomas Harding has spent the past two years investigating the case, and has unearthed shocking new material on the killing.

Clipper Audio; 2018

10hrs 45mins

12323 THE HUNT FOR THE 60S' RIPPER

By Robin Jarossi

Reader John Hobday

London, during 1964-65, a meticulous serial killer was stalking local prostitutes and dumping their naked bodies on the streets. Possibly eight women fell victim, making this killer more prolific than Jack the Ripper. This is a thought-provoking reinvestigation into perhaps the most shocking unsolved mass murder in modern British history.

Mirror Books; 2017

9hrs 30mins

DISABILITIES

12305 THE LONG RIDE HOME

By Rupert Isaacson

Reader Fred Parker

Sequel to 'The Horse Boy' (9058). Rupert Isaacson tells about his ongoing and extraordinary quest to help his autistic son, Rowan. They travelled from the bushmen of Namibia to the coastal rainforests of Queensland, Australia and finally to the Navajo reservations of the American southwest, where Rowan was transformed.

Penguin; 2014

12hrs 0mins

12285 VISUAL IMPAIRMENT AND WORK

By Sally French

Reader Pauline Beale

This book traces the development of paid work for visually impaired people in the UK from the 18th century to the present day. It gives a voice to visually impaired people to talk about their working lives and their experiences, and gives an insight into what it takes to succeed in employment as a disabled person.

Routledge; 2017

10hrs 30mins

HISTORY – BRITISH

12269 LANCASTER & YORK

By Alison Weir

Reader Maggie Mash

The Wars of the Roses, between the houses of Lancaster and York was characterised by treachery, deceit and bloody battles. This gripping account focuses on Henry VI, the pious king whose mental instability led to political chaos, and his wife Margaret of Anjou, who took up her arms in her husband's cause and battled in a violent man's world.

Clipper Audio; 2012

22hrs 15mins

12379 MONARCHY: FROM THE MIDDLE AGES TO MODERNITY

By David Starkey

Reader David Starkey

The crown of England is the oldest surviving political institution in Europe. Dr David Starkey emphasises the Crown's endless capacity to adapt to circumstances and reshape national policy, whilst he unmasks the personalities and achievements, the defeats and victories, which lie behind the kings and queens of British history.

Clipper Audio; 2007

11hrs 0mins

HISTORY – GENERAL

12280 VICTORIAN MINIATURE

By Owen Chadwick

Reader Barry Wilsher

Owen Chadwick paints a detailed cameo of nineteenth-century English rural life, in the extraordinary battle of wills between squire and parson in a Norfolk village.

Cambridge University Press; 2008

7hrs 30mins

HISTORY – WORLD

12413 THE END OF THE COLD WAR 1985-1991

By Robert Service

Reader Andrew Cullum

The dismantling of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the spread of Perestroika throughout the former Soviet bloc was a turning point in world history. Here acclaimed Russian historian Robert Service examines precisely how that change came about.

Oakhill; 2016

24hrs 20mins

HUMOUR

12322 THE CHRONICLES OF HERNIA

By Barry Cryer

Reader Bob Wildgust

Barry Cryer is one of the most respected and admired writers and performers of his time. In this collection of hilarious stories and eye-popping anecdotes from a career spanning forty years, Barry recalls the good, the bad, and the downright ugly in his own inimitable style.

Virgin Books; 2009

7hrs 30mins

POETRY

12293 CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE

By Lord Byron

Reader Jamie Parker

This narrative poem describes the travels and reflections of a world-weary young man who, disillusioned with a life of pleasure and revelry, looks for distraction in foreign lands

Naxos Audio; 2015

5hrs 0mins

12500 INSIDE THE WAVE

By Helen Dunmore

Reader Ann Stutz

To be alive is to be inside the wave, always travelling until it breaks and is gone. These poems explore the borderline between the living and the dead - the underworld and the human living world, and the exquisitely intense being of both.

Bloodaxe Books; 2017

1hr 0mins

PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY

12410 THE CHIMP PARADOX

By Steve Peters

Reader Steve Peters

Do feelings of self-doubt consume your everyday activities? Do you face some situations with fear and trepidation? Professor Steve Peters shares his successful mind-management programme that has been used to help elite athletes and senior managers alike to conquer their fears and operate with greater control, focus and confidence.

Random House Audio; 2016

10hrs 0mins

RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

12255 MERE CHRISTIANITY

By C S Lewis

Reader Bob Rollett

In one of the most popular and beloved introductions to the concept of faith ever written, C S Lewis provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and non-believers alike to absorb a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith.

William Collins; 2016

6hrs 30mins

SCIENCE – BIOLOGICAL

12277 THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE: A VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION

By William Bynum

Reader Jackie Haliday

Focussing on the key turning points in the history of Western medicine, such as the advent of hospitals and the rise of experimental medicine, Bill Bynum offers insights into medicine's past, while at the same time engaging with contemporary issues, discoveries, and controversies.

OUP; 2008

5hrs 0mins

SCIENCE – ENVIRONMENTAL

12207 A CRACK IN THE EDGE OF THE WORLD

By Simon Winchester

Reader John Hobday

In 1906 San Francisco came crashing down beneath the wave of a horrifying earthquake. Simon Winchester's breathtaking story portrays the lives of the people who suffered and survived the devastation. He also tells of the hubris of man as he ignores the warnings of nature and how we try to understand the world around us.

Penguin; 2006

15hrs 0mins

SPORT & GAMES

12295 THE COMPLEAT ANGLER

By Izaak Walton

Reader Miscellaneous

Long considered a classic bible of fishing, this is a joyful celebration of the English countryside and the relaxed and reflective lifestyle of the devoted fisherman. Through dialogue between teacher and student, the book sheds a unique light on fishing, baiting and cooking, including an original recipe for trout.

Naxos Audio; 2017

9hrs 0mins

TRAVEL – WORLD

12282 ATLANTIC: A VAST OCEAN OF A MILLION STORIES

By Simon Winchester

Reader John Hobday

A wonderful journey through time, along the waves of our planet's most significant ocean, in an irresistible blend of gripping history, fascinating science and exhilarating reportage.

HarperPress; 2011

16hrs 30mins

12386 BURKE & WILLS

By Peter FitzSimons

Reader Michael Carman

This is the captivating account of the doomed quest, led by Robert O'Hara Burke and William Wills, to be the first Europeans to cross the harsh Australian continent in 1860. Only one man survived the expedition, yet despite their tragic fates, the names Burke and Wills remain synonymous with perseverance and bravery in the face of overwhelming odds.

Wavesound Audio; 2017

23hrs 45mins

WAR – GENERAL

12377 LONELY COURAGE

By Rick Stroud

Reader Sarah Borges

The Special Operations Executive (SOE), set up by Winston Churchill in 1941, saw its role in France as helping the Resistance by recruiting and training guerrilla fighters. 39 female agents were trained alongside the men. This tells their story and sheds light on what life was really like for these brave women who tumbled from the sky.

Clipper Audio; 2017

10hrs 0mins

WORLD WAR II

12304 BOMBER COMMAND: BATTLE OF BERLIN

By Miscellaneous authors Reader Richard Langley

Thousands of airmen failed to return from operations as part of the 1943 and 1944 Bomber Command Battle of Berlin. The authors, utilising family archives, personal testimony and wartime memoirs, piece together the remarkable, yet tragic events surrounding those who made the ultimate sacrifice. 'We Will Remember Them'.

Fighting High Publishing; 2017 6hrs 0mins

12342 DUNKIRK

By Joshua Levine Reader Jonathan Keeble

In 1940, at the French port of Dunkirk, more than 300,000 trapped Allied troops were heroically rescued from destruction at the hands of Nazi Germany by an extraordinary seaborne evacuation. This is a dramatic account of a defeat that paved the way to ultimate victory and preserved liberty for generations to come.

Clipper Audio; 2017 10hrs 45mins

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