

For Your Ears Only Summer 2018

Welcome to the summer issue of For Your Ears Only listing all of the titles added to the library in the last few months.

The main article featured at the beginning of this edition focuses on book news for this summer including highlighting new releases, celebrating the bicentenary of Emily Bronte's birth, and giving Zoe Ball's new TV Book Club a mention.

There is a wide selection of books to choose from to help bolster your reading lists including the most recent one from Rachel Joyce called "The Music Shop" and the classic horror story that is James Herbert's "The Rats". If you think science fiction is not for you then see if "Wool" by Hugh Howey can change your mind. In non-fiction we have "The Book of Forgotten Authors" by Christopher Fowler which highlights ninety-nine authors that were once popular but have all but disappeared and also Penelope Lively's "Life in the Garden", which is part memoir of her own life in gardens, but also an exploration of gardens in literature.

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Summer Book Talk

This summer there is plenty to talk about concerning new book releases television book clubs, film and book tie-ins and notable author anniversaries.

Several films have taken their inspiration from books and their authors this summer, including a biopic of Mary Shelley to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the publication of Frankenstein which is being celebrated this year. The film, which depicts the love affair between the author and Percy Shelley, is due to be released in the UK on the 6th July 2018 and stars Elle Fanning and Douglas Booth in the lead roles.

The 29th June saw the film release of “The Bookshop”, a novel written by Penelope Fitzgerald. The film stars Bill Nighy and Emily Mortimer and tells the story of Florence Green who opens a bookshop despite local opposition.

Towards the end of the summer Naomi Alderman’s novel “Disobedience” is being adapted on screen with the release of the film scheduled for 24th August. The story follows Ronit, who is returning to the capital on the occasion of the funeral of her estranged father. This is an insightful take on the search for love, tolerance and faith in a tightly-knit Jewish community in London.

One of the summer’s most talked about book releases is the collaboration between author James Patterson and ex-president Bill Clinton. The title, “The President is Missing” gives a clue to the plot of the book, but the reason he’s missing is much worse than anyone can imagine. Billed as a powerful, one-of-a-kind thriller filled with the kind of insider details that only a president can know.

The 17th June saw a new feature appear in Zoe Ball's weekend television show as they started the Zoe Ball Book Club. Each Week the featured book will be discussed with the author introducing and reading from their book. Chosen titles include gothic thriller "The Silent Companions" by Laura Purcell, "I am, I am, I am" by Maggie O'Farrell which is her memoir of true near death experiences, and Rowan Coleman's "The Summer of Impossible Things", a fiction novel which questions how far you would go to save the person you love.

July marks the bicentenary of Emily Bronte's birth with commemorative events happening in various locations including the Bronte Parsonage Museum in Yorkshire. Emily Bronte was born on the 30th July 1818 and was the fifth of the six Bronte children. Wuthering Heights was Emily's only novel and was first published in 1847 not long before she died from tuberculosis. She and her family left a legacy of literature which is still being discussed and enjoyed today.

All of the books mentioned, plus some others about Mary Shelley can be found in the library at Calibre:

The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald	6790
Disobedience by Naomi Alderman	9018
The President is Missing by James Patterson and Bill Clinton	12745
The Silent Companions by Laura Purcell	12563
I am, I am, I am by Maggie O'Farrell	12252
The Summer of Impossible Things by Rowan Coleman	12157
Wuthering heights by Emily Bronte	9157
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley	5054
Mary Shelley by Miranda Seymour	5870

And finally if you were looking for some books to listen to on your holidays this summer, then here is a list of titles to help you find something for your travels:

Fiction

The Holiday Home by Fern Britton	11397
Death in Devon by Ian Sansom	11882
How to Stop Time by Matt Haig	12098
Solomon Creed by Simon Toyne	12099
Star Teacher by Jack Sheffield	12036
The Mercury Travel Club by Helen Bridgett	12034
The Vanishing by Sophia Tobin	11913
A Burnable Book by Bruce Holsinger	11821
The Truth About Julia by Anna Schaffner	11660
Fatty O'Leary's Dinner Party by Alexander McCall Smith	11738
The Travelling Bag and Other Ghostly Stories by Susan Hill	11635

Non-Fiction

Notes From a Small Island by Bill Bryson	4443
Longitude by Dava Sobel	5370
Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively	12462
The Riviera Set by Mary S Lovell	12021
Is there Life Outside The Box by Peter Davison	11896
A Very English Scandal by John Preston	12479
Selected Poetry: Lewis Carroll by Lewis Carroll	11776
The Inheritor's Powder by Sandra Hempel	11558

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

12300 RITES OF PASSAGE

By William Golding

Reader Bob Rollett

On board a warship bound for Australia, Edmund Talbot writes a journal to entertain his godfather back in England, recording the mounting tensions with wit and disdain. Then one passenger, an obsequious clergyman, attracts the animosity of the crew.

Faber; 2013

8hrs 0mins

CLASSIC FICTION

12587 HARRY HEATHCOTE OF GANGOIL

By Anthony Trollope

Reader Peter Joyce

Using conventions of the Christmas story established by Dickens in the late 1840s, Trollope relates the problems facing a young sheepfarmer in outback Australia. Harry Heathcote thwarts the envious ex-convict neighbours who harbour his disgruntled former employees and attempt to set fire to his pastures.

Assembled Stories; 2009

4hrs 20mins

12474 KENILWORTH: A ROMANCE

By Sir Walter Scott

Reader Tony Pearce-Smith

In the court of Elizabeth I, Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, is favoured by the Queen and it is rumoured that she may choose him for her husband. But Leicester has secretly married the beautiful Amy Robsart. Fearing ruin if this were known, he keeps his lovely young wife a virtual prisoner in an old country house.

Penguin Classics; 2017

20hrs 0mins

12525 THE LAST MAN

By Mary Shelley

Reader Anna Bentinck

An apocalyptic vision of the end of human civilization set in the late 21st century - a republican England where the human race is gradually destroyed by plague. The story is related by Lionel Verney who becomes the sole surviving man writing the tale amidst the ruins of Rome.

Clipper Audio; 2013

20hrs 0mins

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

12468 AT FREDDIE'S

By Penelope Fitzgerald

Reader Richard Simpson

It is the 1960s, in London's West End, and Freddie is the formidable proprietress of the Temple Stage School. Freddie is a skirt-swathed enigma – a woman who by sheer force of character and single-minded thrust has turned herself and her school into a national institution. Anyone who is anyone must know Freddie.

Flamingo; 1989

6hrs 30mins

12483 THE BRAVE

By Nicholas Evans

Reader Michael Emerson

The motto of the boarding school to which Tommy Bedford is dispatched is 'Fortune Favours the Brave'. It's 1959 and Tommy, a quirky loner, obsessed with cowboys and Indians, needs all the bravery he can summon. Forty years on, Tommy has to confront his boyhood ghosts when his son finds himself charged with murder.

Isis Audio Books; 2011

12hrs 0mins

12523 DEAREST ROSE

By Rowan Coleman

Reader Anne Dover

Rose Pritchard and her seven-year-old daughter Maddie have left everything behind to come to the village of Millthwaite, Cumbria, in search of the person who once offered Rose hope. Almost immediately Rose wonders if she's chasing a dream. She's been given a second chance at life, and love - but will she have the courage to take it?

Clipper Audio; 2012

14hrs 15mins

12415 THE FOREVER HOUSE

By Veronica Henry

Reader Julia Barrie

Nestled by a river in the Peasebrook valley, 'Hunter's Moon' has been the Hamilton's home for over fifty years. But now it's up for sale and estate agent Belinda Baxter is determined to find the perfect family to live there. But the sale of the house unlocks decades of family secrets – and brings Belinda face to face with her own troubled past...

Oakhill; 2017

10hrs 45mins

12433 THE GODFORSAKEN DAUGHTER

By Christina McKenna

Reader Sue Pitkin

When Ruby Clare's father was alive, they toiled together happily on their farm in Northern Ireland. Since his death, Ruby has been forced indoors and made a domestic drudge for Martha, her endlessly critical mother. But everything changes when Ruby finds her late grandmother's old case in the attic and she realises there was more to her grandmother than met the eye.

Brilliance Audio; 2015

12hrs 15mins

12435 THE GREEN MILE

By Stephen King

Reader Mike Duffin

Those who walk 'The Green Mile' do not return. At the end of that walk sits Cold Mountain penitentiary's electric chair. In 1932 the newest resident on death row is John Coffey, convicted of the brutal murder of two little girls. But nothing is as it seems with John Coffey, and around him unfolds a bizarre and horrifying story.

Gollancz; 2008

14hrs 30mins

12472 THE LAURAS

By Sara Taylor

Reader Kay Morrison

I was thirteen years old when ma pulled me out of bed, put me in the back of her car, and we left home and my dad with no explanations. As we made our way from Virginia to California, I learned who she was in her life-before-me and the secrets she had kept. But I couldn't forget the home we'd left behind, and just like my mother, I too had unfinished business

Heinemann; 2016

9hrs 0mins

12522 LESSONS IN LAUGHING OUT LOUD

By Rowan Coleman

Reader Juanita McMahon

Willow and Holly are identical twins. They're alike in every way, except one - Willow is afraid on the inside. For a long time Willow has felt separated from Holly by one terrible moment in time, and when the past catches up with her, Willow realises it's finally time for her to face her fears, and learn to laugh again.

Clipper Audio; 2012

13hrs 15mins

12470 MRS OSMOND

By John Banville

Reader Hilary Spiers

Having fled Rome and a stultifying marriage, Isabel Osmond is in London, brooding on the recent disclosure of her husband's shocking betrayal of her. Reawakened by the knowledge of having been grievously wronged, she determines to resume her youthful quest for freedom and independence.

Viking; 2017

12hrs 0mins

12465 THE MUSIC SHOP

By Rachel Joyce

Reader Steven Hartley

1988. Frank owns a music shop. Day after day Frank finds his customers the music they need. Then into his life walks Ilse Brauchmann, a mysterious woman with a pea-green coat and eyes as black as vinyl... Ilse asks Frank to teach her about music. But Ilse is not what she seems. And Frank has old wounds that threaten to re-open and a past he will never leave behind ...

Random House Audio; 2018

8hrs 30mins

12442 ONE HUNDRED SHADES OF WHITE

By Preethi Nair

Reader Ann Stutz

Maya, her mother Nalini, and her brother Satchin have left a carefree life in India to come to England. But when Maya's father disappears, leaving only deceit and debt behind, they are left to fend for themselves in a strange, damp land.

Harper Collins; 2010

9hrs 0mins

12533 PAST PERFECT

By Danielle Steel

Reader Jim Frangione

When Blake Gregory is offered a dream job in San Francisco, he accepts it without consulting his wife, and buys a magnificent, historic mansion as their new home in Pacific Heights. But past and present collide when they meet the large and lively family who lived there a century ago. All long dead but very much alive in spirit—visible to the Gregorys and no one else...

Clipper Audio; 2018

8hrs 0mins

12368 SAVING AGNES

By Rachel Cusk

Reader Jenny Clay

Agnes Day is a twenty-something sub-editor and failure extraordinaire, with a close circle of friends and a habit of falling for the wrong man. When the twin strains of a first job and a doomed love affair provoke a spiritual crisis, Agnes sets out to save herself and all those around her.

Faber; 2013

10hrs 0mins

12531 STILL ME

By Jojo Moyes

Reader Anna Acton

Louisa Clark arrives in New York ready to start a new life. She is thrown into the world of the super-rich Gopniks, and before she knows what's happening, she is mixing in New York high society. Here she meets Joshua Ryan, a man who brings with him a whisper of her past, and Lou finds herself carrying secrets - not all her own - that cause a catastrophic change in her circumstances.

Clipper Audio; 2018

13hrs 15mins

12458 THE SHOEMAKER'S WIFE

By Adriana Trigiani

Reader Eva Alexander

High in the Italian Alps lies Vilminore, home to Ciro, a mountain boy. Close by lives Enza, a practical girl who longs only for a happy life for her family. When the two meet as teenagers, the power of their love changes both of their lives forever...

Clipper Audio; 2012

18hrs 15mins

COSY CRIME: GENTLE MYSTERIES

12484 BLOOD IN THE COTSWOLDS

By Rebecca Tope

Reader Caroline Lennon

Thea Osborne and her faithful spaniel, Hepzie, have taken on a house-sitting assignment in the charming Cotswold village of Temple Guiting. But when a skeleton is discovered at the roots of an old beech tree, Thea soon finds herself drawn into a murder investigation. Perhaps the countryside isn't that quiet after all...

Soundings Audio; 2008

9hrs 0mins

12446 THE FALSE INSPECTOR DEW

By Peter Lovesey

Reader Paul Moriarty

It is 1921, and Alma Webster, a reader of romances, is passionately in love with her dentist, Walter Baranov. There is only one foreseeable outcome: the murder of his wife...

Sphere; 2014

9hrs 0mins

12256 FOOL ERRANT

By Patricia Wentworth

Reader Jill Johnson

When young Hugo Ross is drawn into a despicable plot involving government intrigue and espionage, he enlists the help of the esteemed Benbow Smith, an enigmatic figure connected to London's Foreign Office. With his own life on the line, how much is he willing to risk for his country?

Dean Street Press; 2016

7hrs 30mins

12575 SWEET VENOM

By Betty Rowlands

Reader Patience Tomlinson

Former barrister Aidan Cresney takes up beekeeping as a retirement hobby. He confidently boasts that bees will never attack an apiarist 'who knows what he's doing'. Yet one day he is found dead after suffering multiple stings. When a second family member dies in similar circumstances, Melissa Craig, the Cotswolds' intrepid crime-writing sleuth, starts to uncover some disturbing secrets.

Soundings Audio; 2006

9hrs 0mins

DETECTIVE & MYSTERY STORIES

12571 DOUBLE CROSS

By James Patterson

Reader Garrick Hagon

Just when Alex Cross's life is calming down, he's drawn back into the game to confront the Audience Killer - a terrifying genius who stages his killings as public spectacles in Washington, DC and broadcasts them live on the net. Contains some explicit language.

Isis Audio Books; 2008

7hrs 40mins

12486 E IS FOR EVIDENCE

By Sue Grafton

Reader Liza Ross

It was two days after Christmas when Kinsey Millhone received the bank slip showing a credit for five thousand dollars. The account number was correct but Kinsey hadn't made the deposit. Then came the phone call and suddenly everything became clear. The frame-up was working and Kinsey was trapped...

Isis Audio Books; 2000

7hrs 0mins

12487 F IS FOR FUGITIVE

By Sue Grafton

Reader Liza Ross

Seventeen years ago Jean Timberlake's body was found at the foot of the sea wall. At the time, Bailey Fowler, an ex-boyfriend, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter. Now he's changed his tune. Kinsey Millhone is called in to solve the case - but then she stumbles on the dark secrets of a family's buried past...

Isis Audio Books; 2000

7hrs 45mins

12573 G IS FOR GUMSHOE

By Sue Grafton

Reader Liza Ross

When Irene Gersh asks P I Kinsey Millhone to locate her elderly mother Agnes, whom she hasn't heard from in six months, it's not exactly the kind of case Kinsey jumps for. It should be easy money - or so she thinks, but before it's over, she'll unearth the gruesome truth about a long-buried betrayal and, in the process, come face-to-face with her own mortality. . .

Isis Audio Books; 2001

8hrs 40mins

12574 H IS FOR HOMICIDE

By Sue Grafton

Reader Liza Ross

After a three-week-long investigation, Kinsey couldn't wait to get home. What she needed most was a few quiet days by herself – but two things happened to change all her plans. First she ran into a murder case. Then Kinsey met Bibianna Diaz, and before the night was over they were sharing a prison cell . . .

Isis Audio Books; 2001

9hrs 0mins

12555 HANGING VALLEY

By Peter Robinson

Reader Tim Goodman

A faceless corpse is discovered in a tranquil, hidden valley below the village of Swainshead. And when Chief Inspector Alan Banks arrives, he finds that no-one is willing to talk. When the identity of the body is revealed, it seems that his latest case may be connected with an unsolved murder in the same area five years ago.

Magna Story Sound; 1989

9hrs 15mins

12524 X INSIDIOUS INTENT

By Val McDermid

Reader Saul Reichlin

When single women start to disappear from weddings, a pattern soon becomes clear: Someone is luring the women away, only to leave the victims' bodies in their own burned-out cars. Tony Hill and Carol Jordan are called upon to investigate but this may be the toughest case they've ever had to face...

Clipper Audio; 2017

13hrs 15mins

12480 KISSING THE DEMONS

By Kate Ellis

Reader Gordon Griffin

Thirteen Torland Place is a house with a disturbing past. When a student living there is found murdered, DI Joe Plantagenet wonders whether her death has anything to do with its grim history. Then other, similar deaths come to light and he fears that a ruthless serial killer is at work.

Soundings Audio; 2012

9hrs 30mins

12400 X THE LAST TEMPTATION

By Val McDermid

Reader Saul Reichlin

A twisted killer targeting psychologists has left a grisly trail across Europe. Dr Tony Hill, expert at mapping the minds of murderers, is reluctant to get involved. But then the next victim is much closer to home...

Clipper Audio; 2016

17hrs 30mins

12572 MARY, MARY

By James Patterson

Reader Garrick Hagon

A well-known actress has been shot outside her Beverly Hills home. Shortly afterwards, the Los Angeles Times receives an email describing the murder in vivid detail. It is signed Mary Smith. More killings follow and as the case grows FBI agent Alex Cross and the LAPD scramble to find a pattern before Mary can send another chilling update.

Isis Audio Books; 2008

8hrs 35mins

12485 QUEST FOR A KILLER

By Alanna Knight

Reader Hilary Neville

When the circus arrives in Edinburgh, Rose McQuinn is delighted. However, the festivities are overshadowed by the murder of a clerk during a bank robbery and within hours of each other, the identical suicides of two young women. Are these deaths as straightforward as the police claim or could they all be linked to one killer?

Soundings Audio; 2010

9hrs 0mins

12598 SWEET LITTLE LIES

By Caz Frear

Reader Jane Collingwood

Cat Kinsella overcame a troubled childhood to become a Detective Constable with the Metropolitan Police. When she's called to the scene of a murder in Islington, near the pub her estranged father runs, she rushes headlong into the investigation, crossing ethical lines and trampling professional codes. But in looking into the past, she might not like what she finds...

Clipper Audio; 2018

12hrs 0mins

12278 WYCLIFFE AND HOW TO KILL A CAT

By W J Burley

Reader Richard Simpson

The girl was young, Wycliffe could almost believe she was asleep - that is, until he saw her face. She had been strangled, and someone had brutally smashed her face - but after death, not before. As Wycliffe begins to investigate, he finds there are too many suspects, too many motives, and too many lies...

Orion; 2006

7hrs 30mins

FAMILY SAGAS

12517 CAVENDON HALL

By Barbara Taylor Bradford **Reader Anna Bentinck**

Cavendon Hall is a grand house in the Yorkshire Dales, home to the aristocratic Ingham family, and the Swann family who serve them. But in the summer of 1913, a devastating event changes their futures forever, and life as the families of Cavendon Hall know it, is about to alter beyond recognition as the storm clouds of war gather.

Clipper Audio; 2014

13hrs 30mins

12449 DOWN LAMBETH WAY

By Mary Jane Staples

Reader Pauline Beale

The Adams family of Walworth are poor, cheerful, and above all respectable. But it is 1914 and everyone is going to be affected by the impending war. Things are going to change. But whatever happens, the Adams family - gutsy, tough and cheeky- will come through.

Corgi; 1988

15hrs 30mins

12536 THE LITTLE ANGEL

By Rosie Goodwin

Reader Charlie Sanderson

At Treetops Foundling Home in Victorian Nuneaton, one special little girl brings sunshine and joy wherever she goes. Kitty grows into a beguiling young woman, but she quickly discovers that her beauty is no protection against the peril she finds herself in, as this innocent young girl makes her way in the music halls and theatres of the big city...

Clipper Audio; 2017

15hrs 0mins

12461 LIZZIE'S DAUGHTERS

By Rosie Clarke

Reader Juliette Burton

Lizzie adores her beautiful and clever daughters and will do anything for them. But when head-strong Betty, the eldest, runs away after an argument, heartbreak and worry descend on the family. Sebastian is plunged into a dangerous overseas mission to track Betty to Paris, and to the lair of the rogue that seduced her.

ROSA Audio; 2017

10hrs 45mins

12450 THE LUDLOW LADIES' SOCIETY

By Ann O'Loughlin

Reader Anne Marlow

Connie Carter has lost everyone and everything dear to her. Leaving her home in New York, she moves to a run-down Irish mansion, in search of answers and hoping to heal her shattered heart. All she knows about Ludlow is that her late husband spent all their money on the house, without ever mentioning it to her. Now Connie needs to know why.

Black and White Publishing; 2017

11hrs 0mins

12448 THE MALLEN LITTER

By Catherine Cookson

Reader Joy Dansette

Each generation of the Mallen family has been cursed with a dramatic white streak in their jet-black hair. When Barbara's triplets - the Mallen litter - were born, she hoped that it would herald a new beginning. But it seems that one of her sons bears the Mallen streak - and that the Mallen curse will never die out...

Peach Publishing; 2011

11hrs 0mins

12481 SECRETS IN BURRACOMBE

By Lilian Harry

Reader Anne Dover

It's autumn 1953. The village is delighted when Joe Tozer - who left Burracombe as a young man in 1919 - returns to visit his family. His life since emigrating to the States has been a world away from rural Devon. With him is his eldest son, Russell, who sets hearts fluttering in the village - but will there be anyone on his arm when he catches the boat back to America? Book 6 of the series.

Soundings Audio; 2011

15hrs 0mins

12576 SNOWFALL IN BURRACOMBE

By Lilian Harry

Reader Anne Dover

It's December 1953 and as snow falls softly on the village, Burracombe proves once again that there's always a surprise just around the corner. For Stella Simmons, recovering from a car crash, the winter wedding that she had planned, seems impossible. The darkest time of the year finds everyone asking questions with no easy answer. Book 7 of the series.

Soundings Audio; 2012

12hrs 30mins

12521 TREMARNOCK SUMMER

By Emma Burstall

Reader Georgia Maguire

Bramble Challoner lives in the suburbs of London with her parents, works at the call centre down the road, and is dying for an adventure. So when her grandfather, Lord Penrose, dies and leaves his rambling house in Cornwall to her, Bramble packs her bags immediately. The sleepy village of Tremarnock had better be ready...

Lamplight Audio; 2017

13hrs 30mins

12456 WINTER ON THE MERSEY

By Annie Groves

Reader Emma Gregory

Kitty has seen her fair share of tragedy but is determined to do her bit for King and country. Her life as a WREN means she is kept busy, but when she finds herself stationed back home on Merseyside, she meets up again with Frank Feeny, the brave young officer who has always held a place in her heart. Britain is on the verge of victory, but will Kitty embrace the future and learn to love again?

Lamplight Audio; 2017

11hrs 45mins

FANTASY FICTION

12466 THE INVISIBLE LIBRARY

By Genevieve Cogman

Reader Ann Stutz

Irene is a professional spy for the mysterious Library, which harvests fiction from different realities. And along with her enigmatic assistant Kai, she's posted to an alternative London. Their mission - to retrieve a dangerous book. But when they arrive, it's already been stolen. London's underground factions seem prepared to fight to the very death to find her book.

Corgi; 2017

10hrs 0mins

GENERAL FICTION

12439 THE BOY MADE OF SNOW

By Chloe Mayer

Reader Joe Jameson

In a sleepy English village in 1944, Annabel and her son Daniel live in the shadow of war. When they befriend Hans, a German PoW consigned to a nearby farm, their lives are suddenly filled with thrilling secrets. But Hans has plans of his own and will soon set them into motion with chilling consequences.

Oakhill; 2017

10hrs 30mins

12408 A ROPE - IN CASE

By Lillian Beckwith

Reader Vivienne Ennemoser

When Lillian Beckwith first moved to the island of Bruach, she was advised by locals to carry a rope - in case! Here she continues her semi-autobiographical account of life in the Hebrides. Sequel to 'The Hills Is Lonely' (8130).

Bello; 2012

5hrs 0mins

HISTORICAL FICTION

12515 FALLEN ANGELS

By Bernard Cornwell

Reader Fiona Paul

The Lazender family had been the envy of England for centuries. Never had they seemed more powerful or more wealthy. But Lazen Castle is, unknowingly, a house under siege. The Fallen Angels – among the most powerful and dangerous men in Europe – are plotting to bring revolution to England. To succeed, they need money, and the Lazender fortune can provide it.

Clipper Audio; 2016

14hrs 15mins

12463 FOOLS AND MORTALS

By Bernard Cornwell

Reader Thomas Judd

In the heart of Elizabethan England young actor, Richard Shakespeare, is struggling to make his way in a company dominated by his estranged older brother, William. As the growth of theatre blooms, their rivalry - and Richard's one time gratitude, sours. He is sorely tempted to abandon family loyalty...

Clipper Audio; 2017

10hrs 30mins

12570 ONE CORPSE TOO MANY

By Ellis Peters

Reader Stephen Thorne

In the Summer of 1138, after a bloody battle between royal cousins squabbling over the English throne, Brother Cadfael, performing funeral rights, discovers an extra body. One death among so many seems unimportant to all but the good Benedictine. He vows to expose the truth and sets out to find the murderer.

Isis Audio Books; 2012

8hrs 10mins

HORROR

12443 THE RATS

By James Herbert

Reader Bob Wildgust

For millions of years man and rats have been natural enemies. But now the balance of power has shifted. It is only when the bones of the first devoured victims are discovered that the true nature and power of these swarming black creatures with their taste for human blood begins to be realised by a panic-stricken city.

Pan; 2014

7hrs 0mins

LOVE STORIES

12530 NIPPY

By Elizabeth Waite **Reader Patricia Knight-Webb**

Becky Russell and Eleanor James were girls who deserved the best in life. But in suburban New Malden, what is best for some may not be enough for others. During the heady years of the 1920s the girls remain friends, but they soon discover that in a rich man's world, the game of love is never simple ...

Sphere; 1998

15hrs 0mins

12505 THE RING

By Danielle Steel **Reader Vivienne Ennemoser**

In the turbulent days of Germany in the thirties, Kassandra von Gotthard met the man who would change her life: Dolff Sterne. She was the beautiful wife of a wealthy Berlin banker. He was a famous Jewish writer. Together they shared a love that happens only once in a lifetime. But theirs was a love fated to end in tragedy.

Sphere; 2009

11hrs 0mins

SCIENCE FICTION

12367 WOOL

By Hugh Howey **Reader Maggie Stokes**

In a ruined and hostile landscape, in a future few have been unlucky enough to survive, a community exists in a giant underground silo. To live, you must follow the rules. If you don't the punishment is simple and deadly - you are allowed outside. Jules is one of these people. She may well be the last.

Arrow; 2013

21hrs 0mins

SHORT STORIES

12535 THE DREAM LOVER

By William Boyd

Reader Peter Noble

Twenty-four gripping tales told in bold, distinct voices from Brazil to Africa and from Nice to Hollywood. Funny, moving and sharply observed, these stories are confirmation of Boyd's status as one of English fiction's finest writers.

Clipper Audio; 2017

11hrs 0mins

12409 THE GUARDIAN REVIEW BOOK OF SHORT STORIES

By Miscellaneous authors

Reader Hilary Spiers

From caves in Pakistan to the underground tunnels of London's Piccadilly line, each of the stories collected here takes the reader into a very different world. Everyday triumphs and tragedies are briefly illuminated, the secret places of relationships laid bare – together these tales showcase the variety and vibrancy of the modern short story.

The Guardian; 2011

4hrs 30mins

12445 HATESHIP, FRIENDSHIP, COURTSHIP, LOVESHIP, MARRIAGE

By Alice Munro

Reader Pamela Todd

In these stories, whole lives come into focus through single events or sudden memories which bring the past bubbling to the surface. The past, as the characters discover, is made up not only of what is remembered, but also what isn't.

Chatto & Windus; 2001

13hrs 0mins

SPY STORIES

12477 LEHRTER STATION

By David Downing

Reader David Hobbs

November 1945. John Russell is informed by his old accomplice, Soviet agent Yevgeny Shchepkin, that his masters in Moscow have decided it's time for him to pay them back for securing his safe exit from Russia. Russell must return to Berlin to become a double agent on Stalin's payroll. Together, he and Shchepkin - who has finally lost his faith in the Soviet utopia - hatch a plan to gain their freedom.

Old Street Publishing; 2013

11hrs 30mins

12460 THE MONEYPENNY DIARIES: SECRET SERVANT

By Kate Westbrook

Reader Eleanor Bron

The Secret Intelligence Service is in chaos. One senior officer is on trial for treason, and James Bond has been brainwashed by the KGB. Only a woman's touch can save them. Moneypenny soon finds herself embroiled in a highly-charged adventure infused with the glamour of the Cold War espionage game.

Clipper Audio; 2015

9hrs 30mins

12348 POTSDAM STATION

By David Downing

Reader David Hobbs

April, 1945. The Third Reich is on the verge of extinction, and its enemies are already plotting against each other. For journalist John Russell, this has personal importance: his son and girlfriend are trapped in Berlin and only the Soviets can get him in there. But the price of their help will threaten both his and the world's postwar future.

Old Street Publishing; 2011

11hrs 0mins

THRILLERS

12516 THE BOURNE INITIATIVE

By Eric Lustbader

Reader Holter Graham

Jason Bourne is on the run. His old friend, General Boris Karpov, is dead, but lives on in the cyber weapon he devised before his death. The NSA believe Bourne has taken over the enterprise and a kill team is sent to terminate him. Flushed from cover, Bourne must unravel the mystery of Karpov's last legacy, a weaponized code that may very well bring a violent end to America...

Clipper Audio; 2017

13hrs 0mins

12490 THE CHALK MAN

By C J Tudor

Reader Euan Morton

In 1986, Eddie and his friends spend their days biking around their sleepy English village, looking for any taste of excitement they can get. The chalk men are their secret code: little chalk stick figures they leave for one another as messages only they can understand. But then a mysterious chalk man leads them right to a dismembered body, and nothing is ever the same...

Random House Audio; 2018

9hrs 30mins

12547 THE MIDNIGHT LINE

By Lee Child

Reader Jeff Harding

Jack Reacher sees a West Point class ring in a pawn shop window. It's a woman cadet's graduation present to herself. Reacher was a West Pointer too, and he knows what she went through to get it. Why would she give it up? All he wants is to find the woman. If she's ok, he'll walk away. If she's not ... he'll stop at nothing.

Random House Audio; 2017

11hrs 0mins

12520 THE MISSING

By C L Taylor

Reader Clare Corbett

When fifteen-year-old Billy Wilkinson goes missing in the middle of the night, his mother blames herself. But Claire is sure of two things – that Billy is still alive and that her friends and family had nothing to do with his disappearance. A mother's instinct is never wrong. Or is it? Sometimes those closest to us are the ones with the most to hide...

Jammer Audio; 2016

9hrs 45mins

12558 NO MIDDLE NAME: THE COMPLETE COLLECTED JACK REACHER STORIES

By Lee Child

Reader Kerry Shale

Jack 'No Middle Name' Reacher, lone wolf, knight errant, ex-military cop, lover of women, scourge of the wicked and righter of wrongs. These twelve stories shed new light on Reacher's past, illuminating how he grew up and developed into one of the most iconic heroes of our age.

Random House Audio; 2017

11hrs 30mins

12583 A PRISONER OF BIRTH

By Jeffrey Archer

Reader Roger Allam

If Danny Cartwright had proposed to Beth Wilson the day before, or the day after, he would not have been arrested and charged with the murder of his best friend. Danny is sentenced to twenty-two years and is sent to Belmarsh prison. But everyone has underestimated Danny's determination to seek revenge and Beth's relentless quest to win justice...

Isis Audio Books; 2008

16hrs 25mins

12492 SIX YEARS

By Harlan Coben

Reader Kerry Shale

It is six years since Jake Fisher watched Natalie, the love of his life, marry another man. When he comes across her husband's obituary, he can't keep away from the funeral. There he catches a glimpse of the grieving widow... but she is not Natalie. As he searches for the truth, his picture-perfect memories of Natalie begin to unravel and soon even his life is at risk...

Clipper Audio; 2013

9hrs 15mins

12469 THEY ALL FALL DOWN

By Tammy Cohen

Reader Yvonne Clemenson

Hannah had a normal life - a loving husband, a good job, until she did something shocking. Now she's in a psychiatric clinic. It should be a safe place, but patients keep dying. The doctors say it's suicide. Hannah knows they're lying. Can she make anyone believe her before the killer strikes again?

Black Swan; 2017

10hrs 0mins

WAR STORIES

12556 DARKEST HOUR

By James Holland

Reader Gordon Griffin

May 1940: Sergeant Jack Tanner has been posted to a training company on the southeast coast of England where the mysterious deaths of two Polish refugees lead him to believe there has been foul play. But Tanner must first deal with an enemy far more deadly than the Germans...

Magna Story Sound; 2009

16hrs 0mins

12557 THE ODIN MISSION

By James Holland

Reader Saul Reichlin

April 1940: Nazi Germany has invaded neutral Norway. Sergeant Jack Tanner, of the British 148th Brigade and his patrol are left stranded in the mountains in the chaos of retreat. Trying to re-join their unit, it quickly becomes clear that the small band of fugitives can rely on no one but themselves.

Magna Story Sound; 2008

13hrs 15mins

12366 THE OTHER SIDE OF PARADISE

By Noel Barber

Reader John Fidell

When pioneering doctor Kit Masters is forced to flee England, he makes a new start on the South Sea island of Koraloona. Enchanted by the island and its people, Kit falls in love with Gaugin's granddaughter and dreams of building a hospital. But all is under threat as World War II approaches.

Hodder and Stoughton; 1986

36hrs 0mins

Non-Fiction

ANIMALS

12471 MY LIFE IN HIS PAWS

By Wendy Hilling

Reader Derina Dinkin

Wendy Hilling has a rare skin condition which affects her body inside and out. But her life changed forever when she met Ted, the Golden Retriever, and he became her full-time carer. He has saved her life more times than she can remember, always watching and listening, and Wendy is now entirely reliant on him.

Coronet; 2016

7hrs 30mins

ARTS – GENERAL

12519 THE BOOK OF FORGOTTEN AUTHORS

By Christopher Fowler **Reader Christopher Fowler**

Christopher Fowler forays into the back catalogues of 99 authors who, once hugely popular, have all but disappeared from our shelves. These journeys are punctuated by 12 short essays about faded once-favourites, including the contemporary rivals of Sherlock Holmes and Agatha Christie who did not stand the test of time.

Clipper Audio; 2017

8hrs 45mins

BIOGRAPHY - ART MUSIC & LITERATURE

12144 CHILDREN OF THE DEAD END

By Patrick MacGill

Reader Gerry McCarthy

Written as fiction, Patrick MacGill's autobiography starts with an account of his childhood in Ireland at the end of the 19th century. The story moves to Scotland where, tramp then gang-labourer then navy, Dermond Flynn (as he sometimes calls himself) discovers himself as a writer.

Birlinn Ltd; 1999

11hrs 50mins

12496 GIUSEPPE VERDI

By Daniel Snowman

Reader Jeremy Neville

A concise overview of Verdi, the man and the artist, tracing his ascent from humble beginnings to the status of a cultural patriarch of the new Italy, whose cause he had done much to promote, and the operatic world in which he worked.

History Press; 2013

2hrs 30mins

12475 JANE AUSTEN AT HOME

By Lucy Worsley

Reader Clare Francis

Jane Austen famously lived a 'life without incident'. But with new research and insights, Lucy Worsley reveals a passionate woman who, far from being a lonely spinster, in fact had at least five marriage prospects, and in the end refused to settle for anything less than Mr Darcy.

Hodder & Stoughton; 2017

17hrs 0mins

12532 JOSEPH HAYDN: HIS LIFE AND WORKS

By Jeremy Siepmann

Reader Miscellaneous

Symphonies, quartets, concertos and keyboard works poured from the pen of Joseph Haydn, making him one of the most important figures in classical music. This is the story of the man and his work, enhanced by numerous examples of the music itself.

Clipper Audio; 2011

4hrs 45mins

BIOGRAPHY – GENERAL

12559 EDUCATED: A MEMOIR

By Tara Westover

Reader Julia Whelan

An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family in the mountains of Idaho, and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University.

Random House Audio; 2018

12hrs 0mins

12325 THE INVENTION OF NATURE

By Andrea Wulf

Reader Derina Dinkin

Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859) is the great lost scientist - his colourful adventures read like something out of a Boy's Own story. Taking us on a fantastic voyage in his footsteps, Andrea Wulf shows why his life and ideas remain so important today.

John Murray; 2016

16hrs 0mins

12518 WOUNDS: A MEMOIR OF LOVE AND WAR

By Fergal Keane

Reader David McFetridge

After nearly three decades reporting conflict from all over the world for the BBC, Fergal Keane has gone home to Ireland to tell a story that lies at the root of his fascination with war. It is a family story of war and love, and how the ghosts of the past return to shape the present.

Clipper Audio; 2018

10hrs 15mins

CRIME AND LAW

12479 A VERY ENGLISH SCANDAL

By John Preston

Reader Bob Rollett

It's the late 1960s and homosexuality has only just been legalised. Jeremy Thorpe, the leader of the Liberal party, has a secret he's desperate to hide. As long as Norman Scott, his beautiful, unstable lover is around, Thorpe's brilliant career is at risk. With the help of his fellow politicians, Thorpe schemes, deceives, embezzles - until he can see only one way to silence Scott for good.

Penguin; 2017

11hrs 30mins

HEALTH & WELLBEING

12349 THE LITTLE BOOK OF KINDNESS

By Bernadette Russell

Reader Jackie Haliday

Prompted by the seeming hopelessness of the world around her, Bernadette Russell undertook a pledge to be kind to a stranger every day for a year. The experience left her wanting to inspire others. Here are some fun ideas, practical tips and interactive exercises that encourage you to 'be kind' in every area of life.

Orion; 2017

1hr 30mins

12534 THE SLEEP SOLUTION

By W Chris Winter

Reader W Chris Winter

Neurologist Dr Winter explains the basic, often-counterintuitive rules of sleep science. He explores revolutionary findings, including surprising solutions for insomnia and other sleep disturbances, empowering readers to stop taking sleeping pills and enjoy the best sleep of their lives.

Clipper Audio; 2017

7hrs 30mins

HISTORY – GENERAL

12501 THE SUFFRAGETTES

By Miscellaneous authors

Reader Ann Clark

A potted history of the women who pioneered feminism and changed the world.

Penguin; 2016

1hr 30mins

HISTORY – WORLD

12537 THE MEN WHO RULED INDIA

By Philip Mason

Reader John Hobday

Philip Mason was a member of the Indian Civil Service from 1928 to 1947. This is a masterly distillation of his two classics, *The Founders* and *The Guardians*, written soon after British withdrawal from the sub continent, when the sight and sound and smells of an area the size of Europe were still fresh in memory.

Rupa Publications; 1992

18hrs 30mins

HOME AND GARDEN

12459 THE CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES

By Nigel Slater

Reader Nigel Slater

This is the story of Nigel Slater's love for winter, the scent of fir and spruce, its folktales, myths and family feasts. With recipes, decorations, fables and quick fireside suppers, Nigel guides you through the essential preparations for Christmas and the New Year, with everything you need to enjoy the winter months.

Jammer Audio; 2017

7hrs 30mins

12462 LIFE IN THE GARDEN

By Penelope Lively

Reader Helen Lloyd

Penelope Lively has always been a keen gardener. This is partly a memoir of her own life in gardens, such as her grandmother's garden in Somerset and the urban garden in the North London home she lives in today. It is also an engaging exploration of gardens in literature, from Paradise Lost to Alice in Wonderland, amongst others.

Clipper Audio; 2017

6hrs 0mins

12503 THE LONG, LONG LIFE OF TREES

By Fiona Stafford

Reader Derina Dinkin

Since the beginning of history, trees have served humankind in countless ways. But our relationship with trees has many dimensions beyond mere practicality. This is a lyrical tribute to the diversity of trees, their physical beauty, their special characteristics and uses, and their ever-evolving meanings.

Yale University Press; 2017

9hrs 0mins

12581 MY LIFE ON A HILLSIDE ALLOTMENT

By Terry Walton

Reader Gareth Armstrong

Terry Walton has kept an allotment for over 50 years in the Rhondda valley in South Wales. He started when he was four, helping on his dad's plot, and while still in his teens established an allotment empire, growing vegetables and flowers which he sold to local customers. This fascinating memoir also includes anecdotes, topical tips and family recipes.

Soundings Audio; 2007

9hrs 0mins

12497 TABLE TALK: SWEET AND SOUR, SALT AND BITTER

By A A Gill

Reader Richard Worland

An idiosyncratic selection of A A Gill's writing about food, taken from his Sunday Times and Tatler columns. Sometimes inspired by the traditions of a whole country, sometimes by a single ingredient, it is a celebration of what great eating can be.

Orion; 2007

9hrs 0mins

HUMOUR

12417 READING ALLOWED

By Chris Paling

Reader David Thorpe

This is the true story of a small-town library, its staff, and the fascinating group of people who make up its 'regulars'. We meet characters who are tragic, some amusing, some surreal, but together they paint a picture of the world we live in today, and of a library's vital place within it.

Oakhill; 2018

8hrs 30mins

PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY

12499 THE SISTER KNOT

By Terri Apter

Reader Jane Colgan

Terri Apter considers the many aspects of the sister relationship from birth through adulthood. The need to fight to differentiate oneself from a sister, as well the protectiveness one feels for that same person, is explained by reference to extensive psychological and biological evidence.

W W Norton; 2008

10hrs 0mins

RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

12436 THE MIRACLE OF MINDFULNESS

By Thich Nhat Hanh

Reader Bob Rollett

Gentle anecdotes and practical exercises which can help us to arrive at greater self-understanding and peacefulness. Irrespective of our particular religious beliefs, we can all learn how to be mindful and experience the miracle of mindfulness for ourselves.

Rider; 2008

2hrs 30mins

SCIENCE – BIOLOGICAL

12444 THE NAKED APE

By Desmond Morris

Reader Bob Rollett

Zoologist Desmond Morris presents man as a risen ape, remarkable in his resilience, energy and imagination, yet an animal nonetheless, in danger of forgetting his origins. With penetrating insights on man's beginnings, sex life, habits and our astonishing bonds to the animal kingdom.

Vintage; 2005

8hrs 30mins

SCIENCE – EARTH & PHYSICAL

12596 HOW TO BUILD A UNIVERSE

By Brian Cox & Robin Ince Reader Miscellaneous

Professor Brian Cox and Robin Ince take the musings of the great and the good of British science, producing an insight into the multifaceted subjects involved in building a Universe. They tackle everything from the Big Bang to parallel Universes, fierce creatures to extra-terrestrial life, and brain science to artificial intelligence.

Clipper Audio; 2018

5hrs 45mins

TRAVEL – WORLD

12514 GHOST TRAIN TO THE EASTERN STAR

By Paul Theroux Reader John McDonough

From the Eurostar in London, Paul Theroux sets out on a journey to the East, travelling overland through Eastern Europe, India and Asia. Infused with the changes that have shaped the exterior landscape and enriched with developments to his own perceptions and psychology, his account is an absorbing follow-up to *The Great Railway Bazaar*. (12514).

Clipper Audio; 2016

25hrs 0mins

12513 THE GREAT RAILWAY BAZAAR

By Paul Theroux

Reader Frank Muller

A captivating account of Paul Theroux's epic journey by rail through Asia. Travelling on the Golden Arrow to Kuala Lumpur, the Hikari Super Express to Kyoto and the Trans-Siberian Express, he describes the many places, cultures, sights and sounds he experienced and the fascinating people he met.

Clipper Audio; 2010

11hrs 0mins

12447 SEA LEGS: ONE FAMILY'S ADVENTURE ON THE OCEAN

By Guy Grieve

Reader Fred Parker

Guy and Juliet re-mortgaged their house and bought a yacht. Her name was Forever. The plan? To pick her up from her mooring off the coast of Venezuela, and sail around the West Indies. But far from being the idyllic escape they'd envisaged, the journey forced Guy and Juliet to draw on reserves of courage and endurance they never knew they had.

Bloomsbury; 2014

13hrs 30mins

12437 SLOWLY DOWN THE GANGES

By Eric Newby

Reader Jeremy Neville

Eric Newby and Wanda, his life-long travel companion and wife, set out on an incredible journey: to travel the 1,200-mile length of India's holy river, the Ganges. Their plan is to begin in the great plain of Hardwar and finish in the Bay of Bengal, but the journey almost immediately becomes markedly slower and more treacherous than either had imagined!

Harper; 2011

11hrs 30mins

WORLD WAR II

12441 HELGA

By Helga Gerhardi

Reader Wendy Denison

The true story of a young woman's flight as a refugee in World War II and how she re-united her war-scattered family.

Virona; 1993

20hrs 0mins

12169 HELGA: THE CONTINUING STORY

By Helga Gerhardi

Reader Derina Dinkin

Sequel to: 'Helga' (12441). After escaping from the advancing Russian Army and experiencing hardship and danger, Helga finds her new life a further test of her courage.

Virona; 1995

19hrs 15mins

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