

For Your Ears Only Summer 2019

Welcome to the latest edition of For Your Ears Only which is brimming with book choices that will hopefully become part of your summer reading.

One of the books we have recently added to the library is Lucy Foley's "The Hunting Party" which has appeared in many newspaper and magazine articles, attracting favourable reviews. Or else if you want to immerse yourself in some classic non-fiction then how about volume one of "The Diary of Samuel Pepys" covering the years 1660 to 1669. Maybe a classic detective story is what you are after, in which case try Arthur Conan Doyle's "A Study in Scarlet", the first to feature Sherlock Holmes. Finally the book to take a chance on in this season's collection would be "The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley" by Hannah Tinti.

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Happy reading from the Editorial Team

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RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

X - Denotes Sex, Violence or Strong Language

Time - Approximate listening time

All Books Available in the European Union and the UK

All Books are available on MP3 CD, USB memory stick
and can be streamed via Calibre's website

Fiction

20TH CENTURY CLASSICS

13035 THE CITADEL

By A J Cronin

Reader David Hobbs

When newly qualified doctor Andrew Manson takes up his first post in a Welsh mining community, he brings with him a bagful of idealism and enthusiasm. But before long Andrew's outspokenness makes him enemies - as well as winning him friends, and the love of an idealistic schoolteacher.

New English Library; 1983

14hrs 30mins

13152 MR NORRIS CHANGES TRAINS

By Christopher Isherwood

Reader David Hobbs

This classic work portrays a series of encounters in Berlin in the early 1930s between the narrator, William Bradshaw, and the camp, and mildly sinister Mr Norris. It evokes the atmosphere in Berlin up to, and after, the accession of the Nazis to power.

Vintage Classics; 2001

7hrs 0mins

13202 THE DARK LANTERN

By Henry Williamson

Reader James Murphy

Richard Maddison, a clerk in the City of London, struggles on a few shillings a week. He meets Hetty Turney, daughter of a prosperous city merchant and falls in love, but he is not the kind of man her father wants her to marry. Will he ever be able to win her hand?

Faber; 2011

18hrs 0mins

13243 THE RIGHT STUFF

By Tom Wolfe

Reader Bob Rollett

Tom Wolfe's account of America's space program up to Project Mercury, evolved from his curiosity about the kind of person who was willing to sit on top of a thirty-six story container of explosives waiting for the fuse to be lit! A dizzying dive into the sweat, fear, beauty and danger of being on the white-hot edge of history in the making.

Vintage; 2018

16hrs 0mins

ADVENTURE STORIES

13193 THE GENERALS

By Simon Scarrow

Reader Jonathan Keeble

In the turbulent aftermath of the French Revolution, Napoleon Bonaparte stands accused of treachery and corruption. But he must restore order in France and find victory over England. Arthur Wellesley, the future Duke of Wellington is determined to end France's domination of Europe. Both Wellesley and Napoleon intend to win - whatever the cost. Who will ultimately succeed?

Oakhill Audio; 2016

21hrs 10mins

ANIMAL STORIES

13171 THE CALL OF THE WILD

By Jack London

Reader William Roberts

In Yukon, Canada, during the 1890s' Klondike Gold Rush, strong sled dogs were in high demand. Buck is stolen from his comfortable home in California and sold into service as a sled dog in Alaska, where he is forced to fight to survive and dominate other dogs. Sold to a group of inexperienced gold hunters, he is eventually saved by John Thornton, with whom he forms a deep bond.

Clipper Audio; 2009

3hrs 45mins

CLASSIC FICTION

13162 THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME

By Victor Hugo

Reader Bill Homewood

This is the classic story of Quasimodo, the hunchback bellringer of Notre-Dame cathedral and his devotion to the beautiful gypsy dancer Esmeralda. When the demented archdeacon Frollo sets out to abduct Esmeralda, he uses Quasimodo to do the evil deed on his behalf. However, Quasimodo turns from captor to saviour.

Naxos Audio Books; 2014

22hrs 30mins

13160 LES MISERABLES: PART I

By Victor Hugo

Reader Bill Homewood

Out of extreme poverty Jean Valjean steals a loaf of bread and then spends many years trying to escape his reputation as a criminal. In later years he rises socially and is a respectable member of society; but policeman Javert will not allow him to forget his past and is determined to expose him. Continued in Part II (13161)

Naxos Audio Books; 2015

39hrs 0mins

13161 LES MISERABLES: PART II

By Victor Hugo

Reader Bill Homewood

Continued from Part I (13160)

Naxos Audio Books; 2015

29hrs 0mins

13159 THE LEOPARD

By Guiseppe Tomasi Di Lampedusa

Reader David Horovitch

In the spring of 1860, Fabrizio, the charismatic Prince of Salina, rules over thousands of acres and hundreds of people, including his own numerous family, in mingled splendour and squalor. Then comes Garibaldi's landing in Sicily and the Prince must decide whether to resist the forces of change or come to terms with them.

Naxos Audio Books; 2009

9hrs 0mins

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

13082 A SUDDEN CHANGE OF HEART

By Barbara Taylor Bradford

Reader Laurence Bouvard

Laura Valiant is a successful art historian, running her own company. She and her husband, Doug, a Wall Street lawyer, share an idyllic marriage. But Laura's trust in her husband is shaken when she discovers he has a secret life apart from her – a life which will rock their love.

HarperCollins; 2018

10hrs 45mins

13255 ORDINARY PEOPLE

By Diana Evans

Reader Jennifer Saayeng

South London, 2008. Two couples find themselves on the brink of acceptance or revolution. Melissa has a new baby, and Michael still loves Melissa but can't quite get close enough to her to stay faithful. Meanwhile out in the suburbs, Stephanie is happy with Damian and their three children, but the death of Damian's father has thrown him into crisis. Are they all just in the wrong place? Are any of them prepared to take the leap?

Random House Audio; 2018 11hrs 45mins

13039 READING IN BED

By Sue Gee

Reader Pamela Todd

Friends since university, with busy working lives behind them, Dido and Georgia have long been looking forward to carefree days of books and conversation, when each finds herself caught up in unexpected domestic drama. Meanwhile, an eccentric country cousin goes wildly off the rails, children are unhappy in love, and perfect health is all at once in question.

Headline Review; 2007 13hrs 0mins

13138 THE MEMORY COLLECTOR

By Fiona Harper

Reader Sophie Roberts

Heather doesn't want to remember her childhood, as her mother's extreme hoarding cast her family life into disarray. Then Heather uncovers a secret about her past that could reveal why her mother never let anything go. She knows there's only one place she'll find answers – behind the locked door of her spare room, where the remains of her mother's hoard lie hidden. As Heather uncovers both objects and memories, will the truth set her free?

Jammer Audio; 2018 10hrs 0mins

13244 GHOST WALL

By Sarah Moss

Reader Yvonne Clemenson

Teenage Silvie and her parents are living in a hut in Northumberland as an exercise in experimental archaeology. Her father is obsessed with imagining and enacting the harshness of Iron Age life. Silvie is haunted by the story of a bog girl, a young woman sacrificed by those closest to her. The landscape both keeps and reveals the secrets of past violence and ritual, as the summer builds to its harrowing climax.

Granta; 2018

4hrs 0mins

13180 THE PEARL SISTER

By Lucinda Riley

Reader Rehanna MacDonald

Following the death of her father, CeCe D'Aplièse decides to flee England and discover her past; the only clues she has are a photograph and the name of a woman pioneer who lived in Australia over one hundred years ago. With help from those she meets on her journey, CeCe begins to believe that this wild, vast continent could offer her a sense of belonging.

Clipper Audio; 2017

20hrs 0mins

13110 FRANCESCA'S PARTY

By Patricia Scanlan

Reader Vivienne Ennemoser

After years of being a loyal wife and mother, Francesca Kirwan finds her life changed irrevocably one morning, when her husband Mark forgets his mobile phone. In the space of ten minutes her comfortable, safe, uneventful life is shattered. She has a choice - sink or swim. After a shaky start, Francesca's life takes a decidedly upward turn. Then Francesca decides to throw a party, and that's when the fun really starts ...

Simon & Schuster; 2014

14hrs 0mins

13102 ACCIDENTAL HEROES

By Danielle Steel

Reader Jim Frangione

At JFK Airport, a routine plane departs for San Francisco. Security agent Bernice Adams finds a postcard of the Golden Gate Bridge bearing an ambiguous message. Which flight is that person on, and what exactly does the message mean? Her supervisor dismisses her concerns but she is compelled to contact Homeland Security. Someone's planning something terrible and these passengers' lives entwine as they come together to help to avert a tragedy at the eleventh hour.

Clipper Audio; 2018

7hrs 0mins

13169 THE TWELVE LIVES OF SAMUEL HAWLEY

By Hannah Tinti

Reader Ann Stutz

After years spent living on the run, Samuel Hawley and his daughter Loo finally settle in Olympus, Massachusetts. But Loo struggles with friendship and first love, and tries to piece together the puzzle surrounding her mother's death. Haunting them both are the twelve scars Hawley carries on his body, from twelve bullets in his criminal past - a past that is about to spill over into Loo's present, with explosive consequences.

Tinder Press; 2018

14hrs 0mins

13196 BRIDGE OF CLAY

By Markus Zusak

Reader Markus Zusak

The five Dunbar brothers are living – fighting, dreaming, loving – in the perfect squalor of a house without grownups. Today, the father who walked out on them long ago is about to walk right back in. But why has he returned, and who have the boys become in the meantime?

Random House Audio; 2018

14hrs 30mins

COSY CRIME: GENTLE MYSTERIES

13192 THE LIAR IN THE LIBRARY

By Simon Brett

Reader Simon Brett

Having been booked to give a talk at Fethering Library, successful author Burton St Clair invites his old friend Jude to come along. What Jude hadn't been suspecting however was that the evening would end in sudden, violent death. More worrying, from Jude's point of view, is the fact that the investigating police officers seem to be convinced that she herself is responsible for the crime...

Isis Audio Books; 2017

6hrs 40mins

DETECTIVE & MYSTERY STORIES

13188 FINDERS KEEPERS

By Belinda Bauer

Reader John Sackville

Across Exmoor, children are being stolen from cars. There are no explanations, no ransom demands... and no hope. Policeman Jonas Holly faces a precarious journey into the warped mind of the kidnapper if he's to stand any chance of catching him.

Isis Audio Books; 2012

11hrs 45mins

13158 A STUDY IN SCARLET

By Arthur Conan Doyle

Reader David Timson

The first of the Sherlock Holmes stories: Holmes and Watson are summoned to a London house where they find a dead man whose contorted face is a twisted mask of horror. On the wall, a mysterious word has been written in blood. The police are baffled by the crime, but when Sherlock Holmes applies his brilliantly logical mind to the problem he uncovers a tragic tale of love and deadly revenge...

Naxos Audio Books; 1999

4hrs 45mins

13094 PERFECT PREY

By Helen Fields

Reader Robin Laing

In the midst of a rock festival, a charity worker is murdered. The following week, the body of a school teacher is found in a dumpster. DI Ava Turner and DI Luc Callanach have no motive and no leads, until words describing each victim appear graffitied onto buildings. It's only when they realise the words are appearing before the murders, that they understand the killer is announcing his next victim

Jammer Audio; 2017

13hrs 15mins

13149 A IS FOR ALIBI

By Sue Grafton

Reader Ann Stutz

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

Pan; 2012

8hrs 0mins

13272 KITTY PECK AND THE MUSIC HALL MURDERS

By Kate Griffin

Reader Nicole Davis

Limehouse, 1880: Dancing girls are going missing from "Paradise" - the criminal manor run by the ferocious Lady Ginger. 17-year-old music hall seamstress Kitty Peck finds herself reluctantly drawn into a web of blackmail, depravity and murder when The Lady devises a scheme to discover the truth. It is up to the unlikely team of Kitty and her friend, Lucca, to unravel the mystery and ensure that no more girls meet with a similar fate.

Isis Audio Books; 2016

11hrs 15mins

13256 THE LOST MAN

By Jane Harper

Reader Steve Shanahan

Three brothers, one death, a fence stretching to the horizon. The Bright family's quiet existence is thrown into grief and anguish. Something had been troubling Cam. Did he lose hope and walk to his death? Because if he didn't, the isolation of the outback leaves few suspects...

Clipper Audio; 2018

11hrs 0mins

13131 BOOKED FOR MURDER

By Val McDermid

Reader Caroline Guthrie

Why would anyone want to kill Penny Varnavides, bestselling author of the 'Teen Dreams' series? Her demise is an exact replica of the murder method in her forthcoming book. Only three people knew the plot of Penny's unpublished novel: her literary agent, her editor and her ex-girlfriend Meredith. Lindsay Gordon delves beneath the glittering facade of the publishing world in search of a murderer.

Avid Audio; 2018

7hrs 30mins

13130 FINAL EDITION

By Val McDermid

Reader Caroline Guthrie

Lindsay Gordon finds herself in a sordid world of blackmail, prostitution, lies and murder when she investigates the case of a former colleague jailed for killing a notorious Glaswegian journalist Alison Maxwell. Maxwell was a serial seductress who kept a secret record of her encounters - including one with Lindsay herself, and she knows all too well the feelings of rage, fear and passion that Alison could invoke.

Avid Audio; 2018

7hrs 15mins

13132 UNION JACK

By Val McDermid

Reader Caroline Guthrie

While at a trade union conference in Sheffield, Lindsay Gordon finds herself in the company of old friends - and enemies, including union leader Tom Jack. When Tom is found dead, having catapulted out of Lindsay's tenth-floor hotel room, she is taken in for questioning by the police. Hoping to clear her name, Lindsay searches the delegates for a murderer who may have struck once before. Along the way she uncovers a seething cauldron of blackmail, corruption and abuse of power.

Avid Audio; 2018

7hrs 0mins

13006 KILLING ORDERS

By Sara Paretsky

Reader Susan Ericksen

When Detective V I Warshawski begins an investigation of a three million dollar theft from a monastery, acid is thrown in her face, and she suspects she might be taking on the Vatican, the Mafia, and an international conglomerate. And when a friend who's involved in the case is brutally murdered, Vic turns to an old friend for help. But the stakes are higher than she could have realised....

Brilliance Audio; 2009

9hrs 50mins

13186 WHEN THE MUSIC'S OVER

By Peter Robinson **Reader Mark Meadows**

It's the coldest case possible - the 1967 rape of a young girl by a now elderly celebrity. But when he meets the victim, now a well-known poet, and hears her story, Banks is determined to see justice done. Meanwhile, Annie and Winsome are investigating the grisly murder of a teenage girl, who was thrown out of a moving van into a ditch in the middle of the night.

Isis Audio Books; 2016

16hrs 0mins

13235 THE CHESTNUT MAN

By Søren Sveistrup

Reader Charlotte Melen

The body of a young woman is discovered in a suburb of Copenhagen. One of her hands has been cut off, and above her hangs a small doll made of chestnuts. Young detective Naia Thulin and her partner Mark Hess are assigned the case. Then another woman is found murdered, along with another chestnut man, and Thulin and Hess find themselves racing against the clock, because it's clear that the murderer is on a mission that is far from over....

Penguin Audio; 2019

13hrs 30mins

13112 THE CROWDED GRAVE

By Martin Walker

Reader David Hobbs

In St Denis, a local archaeological team unearths a well-preserved skeleton. Yet it's a lot more recent than they'd hoped - boasting a Swatch on its wrist and a bullet-hole in its skull. Meanwhile, an influx of visitors makes Saint Denis unusually crowded, and the key to the body appears to lie with one of these outsiders. Bruno, Chief of Police, must think fast and keep his wits about him in order to work out how these events are connected. Especially if the answer lies a little closer to home.

Quercus; 2013

9hrs 0mins

FAMILY SAGAS

13014 A DISTANT HARBOUR

By Jessica Blair

Reader Kay Morrison

Captain David Fernley has made and lost a fortune in the whaling trade, fishing the frozen Arctic wastes from the Yorkshire port of Whitby. Then his erring wife and best friend die in an accident at sea. But whaling is the only life he knows. Determined to change his bad luck, he starts afresh in London, where he is offered command of the Hind.

Piatkus; 2010

13hrs 0mins

13081 MASTER OF HIS FATE

By Barbara Taylor Bradford Reader Joan Walker

London, 1884: James Falconer works as a barrow boy in a flourishing London market owned by Henry Malvern, but hungers for more. He dreams of building an empire of stores and believes that Henry, along with his daughter and heir Alexis, could offer him a way to climb beyond his beginnings. But tragedy and betrayal threaten the dreams of both James and Alexis - and jeopardise everything they hold dear....

HarperCollins; 2018

11hrs 0mins

13174 A CORNISH SECRET

By Emma Burstall Reader Georgia Maguire

Esme Posorsky is an enigma. For as long as people can remember, she has been part of community life in the quaint Cornish fishing village of Tremarnock, but does anyone really know her? She is usually to be found working in her pottery studio or at home with her beloved cat, Rasputin. But when an old school friend turns up with a secret from the past, nothing will ever be the same again.

Lamplight Audio; 2019

11hrs 20mins

13101 THE ANGELS OF LOVELY LANE

By Nadine Dorries Reader Georgia Maguire

It is 1953 and five very different girls arrive at the nurses' home in Lovely Lane, Liverpool, to start their training at St Angelus Hospital. The world in which they now find themselves is complicated and hierarchical, with rules that must be obeyed, and woe betide anyone who strays from them. But when an unknown girl is admitted, after a botched late abortion, a tragedy begins to unfold which will rock the world of St Angelus to its foundations.

Lamplight Audio; 2016

14hrs 30mins

13179 THE DARKEST HOUR

By Barbara Erskine

Reader Sandra Duncan

Summer 1940, most eyes are on the skies. But young Evie Lucas spends hours sketching endless portraits of a dashing young pilot called Tony. His parents want something to remember him by if it all goes wrong ... Seventy years later, art historian Lucy is uncovering the mystery surrounding a painting. But as she stirs up a hornet's nest of history, Lucy finds that some stories are buried in the darkness forever, while some are just waiting to be told...

Lamplight Audio; 2014

20hrs 30mins

13282 THE MIDWIFE'S DAUGHTER

By Patricia Ferguson

Reader Jilly Bond

Violet Dimond has delivered many of the town's children - and often their children - in her capacity as handywoman. But Violet's calling is dying out as, with medicine's advances, the good old ways are no longer good enough. For Violet and her adopted daughter, Grace, the coming war will bring more upheaval into their lives: can they endure it, or will they, like so many, be swept aside by history's tide?

Oakhill Audio; 2012

11hrs 45mins

13009 BRIGHT DAY DAWNING

By Anna Jacobs

Reader Anne Dover

Gwynna has already fallen from grace once, bearing a stillborn child out of wedlock. Determined to have a respectable future, she finds a position for herself as a nursemaid at Hungerton House. But just as she begins to find her feet, the devastating secrets of her past are revealed.

Soundings Audio; 2006

12hrs 30mins

13075 OUR LIZZIE

By Anna Jacobs

Reader Joy Dansette

Lizzie Kershaw is an independent spirit; ever since her father's death she has had to be a survivor. She marries a selfish and violent man, and with the help of some suffragettes she escapes to Manchester. Here she finds the strength to make things change, and to find happiness with a man who loves her.

Hodder; 1999

13hrs 30mins

13154 OUR POLLY

By Anna Jacobs

Reader Pat Steadman

Little Billy, Polly's son, is the light of her life. But when Billy is knocked down by a car, his father is killed attempting to save his life, and Polly, cast off by her husband's family, is left with a child who may never walk or talk again. Forced to flee to the coast, Polly and Billy find that their future may lie with another damaged family - but danger threatens their fragile happiness.

Hodder; 2001

18hrs 30mins

13175 UNSHELTERED

By Barbara Kingsolver

Reader Barbara Kingsolver

2016, Vineland: Willa Knox stands braced against the vicissitudes of her shattered life and family - and the crumbling house that contains her. She decides to investigate the history of her home, hoping that the local historical preservation society might take an interest and provide funding for its direly needed repairs. Through her research into Vineland's past and its creation as a utopian community, she discovers a kindred spirit from the 1880s, Thatcher Greenwood.

Clipper Audio; 2019

16hrs 45mins

13142 VIOLET'S CHILDREN

By Maureen Lee

Reader Julie Maisey

Liverpool, 1950. Violet Duffy is asked to give a home to the orphaned children of a distant relative. Abby and Will have had young lives full of tragedy. Life with Violet offers love and safety. But as they grow up, their past won't let them be. Will they choose Violet, or the lure of bigger cities and new horizons?

Lamplight Audio; 2018

8hrs 30mins

13212 SINS OF THE FATHER

By Kitty Neale

Reader Annie Aldington

Left to raise eight siblings after her mother's death, 17-year-old Emma Chambers faces a daily battle with hunger and her father's drunken rages. Until she is offered a way out. If she marries landlord Horace Bell, twenty years her senior, Emma can swap abject poverty for comfort - but it might just destroy her to take it...

Soundings Audio; 2008

11hrs 0mins

13056 WHEN THE SWALLOWS COME AGAIN

By Victor Pemberton

Reader Nicola Down

Mary Trimble's life has been hard since her parents were killed in an air raid. It's up to her to look after her two young sisters, little brother and elderly granddad. Mary works as an usherette at the Marlborough cinema, but her dream is to escape the horrors of London and take her family on a long charabanc trip to Devon. But little does she know her dream will come at a tragic price...

Headline; 2008

11hrs 0mins

13134 THE SHIPYARD GIRLS

By Nancy Revell

Reader Janine Birkett

Sunderland, 1940, and the women go to the shipyards to do their bit for the war effort. Polly, Rosie and Gloria start off as strangers - but end up forging an unbreakable bond of friendship in the most difficult times.

Magna Story Sound; 2017

11hrs 30mins

FANTASY FICTION

13276 ERIC

By Terry Pratchett

Reader Stephen Briggs

Ninth book of the Discworld series: Eric is the Discworld's only demonology hacker. The trouble is, he's not very good at it. All he wants is the usual three wishes: to be immortal, rule the world and have the most beautiful woman fall madly in love with him. But what he gets is Rincewind, the most incompetent wizard, and Rincewind's Luggage (the world's most dangerous travel accessory) into the bargain.

Isis Audio Books; 2001

3hrs 45mins

13277 GUARDS! GUARDS!

By Terry Pratchett

Reader Nigel Planer

Eighth book of the Discworld series: Insurrection is in the air in Ankh-Morpork. But this time, something is different – the Have-Nots have found the key to a dormant, lethal weapon that even they don't fully understand, and they're about to unleash a campaign of terror on the city.

Isis Audio Books; 1999

10hrs 50mins

13190 WYRD SISTERS

By Terry Pratchett

Reader Celia Imrie

Sixth book of the Discworld series: Three witches gathered on a lonely heath. A king cruelly murdered, his throne usurped by his ambitious cousin. A child heir and the crown of the kingdom, both missing... Through it all the Wyrd Sisters battle against frightful odds to put the rightful king on the throne. At least, that's what they think. . .

Isis Audio Books; 2004

10hrs 15mins

GENERAL FICTION

13127 FRENCH RHAPSODY

By Antoine Laurain

Reader Simon Edginton

Middle-aged doctor Alain Massoulier has received a life-changing letter - thirty-three years too late. Lost in the Paris postal system, the letter from Polydor, dated 1983, offers a recording contract to The Holograms, in which Alain played lead guitar. Alain is overcome by nostalgia, and is tempted to track down the members of the group. But in a world where everything has changed . . . where will his quest take him?

Gallic Books; 2016

5hrs 30mins

13072 A SUNSET TOUCH

By Howard Spring

Reader Edward Peel

A fortunate and unexpected inheritance gives an ordinary and unassuming bank clerk with reclusive tendencies a chance to make all his dreams come true. Roger Menheniot abandons wartime London to buy Rosemellian, his Cornish ancestral home. But soon Roger is forced to reassess his whole way of life and his attitudes towards others in a journey of self-discovery and revelation.

HarperCollins; 1971

11hrs 0mins

HISTORICAL FICTION

13211 THE SCARLET LION

By Elizabeth Chadwick **Reader Christopher Scott**

The loyalty of the great knight William Marshal is rewarded by the hand in marriage of Isabelle de Clare. But the stability William and Isabelle enjoy comes crashing down when King Richard dies and his brother John takes the throne. As rebellion stirs, William steers an increasingly precarious path that will lead him, eventually, to the rule of a country in desperate straits, with Isabelle walking with him every step of the way.

Soundings Audio; 2017

19hrs 30mins

13177 WAR OF THE WOLF

By Bernard Cornwell **Reader Matt Bates**

Uhtred of Bebbanburg has won back his ancestral home but, threatened by enemies both old and new, he doesn't have long to enjoy the victory. In Mercia, rebellion is in the air as King Edward tries to seize control. In Wessex, rival parties scramble to settle on the identity of the next king. And across the country invading Norsemen continue their relentless incursion, ever hungry for land.

Clipper Audio; 2019

13hrs 30mins

13178 THE ELIXIR OF DEATH

By Bernard Knight **Reader Paul Matthews**

When a Norman knight named Peter le Calve is foully murdered, his severed head stuck on the rood screen of Exeter cathedral, it's up to Sir John de Wolfe, the county coroner, to find a motive for the killing. And just what is his unscrupulous brother-in-law, the disgraced ex-sheriff and Prince John-sympathizer, Richard de Revelle, trying to hide?

Clipper Audio; 2007

13hrs 0mins

12852 THE POISONED CHALICE

By Bernard Knight

Reader Edward Peel

December, 1194. When Christina, the daughter of an Exeter businessman, is raped, Sir John de Wolfe, the county coroner, must bring the unknown assailant to justice. Then Lady Adele de Courcey dies after an illegal abortion, and John suspects the two events are related. But a final, brutal act of violence will bring a new twist to the investigation ...

Simon & Schuster; 2004

12hrs 0mins

13151 THE DECEIVERS

By John Masters

Reader Tony Pearce-Smith

In 1825 William Savage, an official in the East India Company, witnesses a terrible mass murder, which will lead him into the darkest depths of human nature. Finding the murderers is his highest priority, but this is bigger than he at first suspected. If he wants to find justice, he must first go amongst the murderers, and become one of them.

Souvenir Press; 2014

10hrs 0mins

13291 CIRCE

By Madeline Miller

Reader Perdita Weeks

In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe has neither the look nor the voice of divinity, and is scorned and rejected by her kin. Increasingly isolated, she turns to mortals for companionship, leading her to discover a power forbidden to the gods...witchcraft.

Hachette Audio; 2019

12hrs 0mins

13266 THE CORSET

By Laura Purcell

Reader Ann Stutz

Dorothea Truelove is young, wealthy and beautiful. When Dorothea's charitable work leads her to Oakgate Prison, she finds herself drawn to Ruth Butterham, a teenage seamstress - and self-confessed murderess - who nurses a dark and uncanny secret. As Ruth reveals her disturbing past to Dorothea, a new layer of doubt is cast... Can Ruth be trusted? Is she mad, or a murderer?

Raven; 2018

11hrs 30mins

HUMOUROUS FICTION

13173 DON'T TELL THE GROOM

By Anna Bell

Reader Penelope Rawlins

Penny has big dreams for her wedding day. When Mark finally pops the question, it's the best moment of her life. Until Penny checks her wedding fund and is horrified to discover that she's somehow gambled away £10,000 playing online bingo! Working under the pretense of surprising Mark with her plans on their big day, operation 'Don't Tell the Groom' rolls into action, with surprising, hilarious and moving results.

Clipper Audio; 2014

9hrs 30mins

13135 SILENT NIGHT

By Jack Sheffield

Reader Jack Sheffield

1984 - and it's an important time for the children of Ragley-on-the Forest school... Their school choir is to sing a carol in a church in York, and is actually going to be on television! Helping to keep his excited children, not to mention their parents, under control during these momentous events taxes Jack and his staff to the limit. And at the same time, Jack has his own problems to deal with...

Magna Story Sound; 2013

9hrs 30mins

LOVE STORIES

13184 THE NIGHTINGALE NURSES

By Donna Douglas

Reader Penelope Freeman

It's the final year of training for three young nurses at The Nightingale Hospital. With war looming in Europe, and the East End of London squaring up to the threat of Oswald Mosley's blackshirts, the women of the Nightingale have to face their own challenges, at work and in love.

Soundings Audio; 2013

14hrs 0mins

13145 MEET ME UNDER THE OMBU TREE

By Santa Montefiore

Reader Clare Francis

Sofia Solanas grows up on a beautiful ranch in the middle of the Argentine pampa. When her mother, Anna, discovers that Sofia has embarked on a forbidden love affair, she sends her to Europe – away from her friends and family and the man Sofia loves. But then, more than twenty years later, a family tragedy calls Sofia home, and she must discover if her passion still lives on ...

Simon & Schuster ; 2014

20hrs 30mins

13176 BEAUCHAMP HALL

By Danielle Steel

Reader Dan John Miller

Winona Farmington can't help but feel that life is passing her by in her backwater Michigan town. But she escapes the dreariness of everyday life with her favourite TV show 'Beauchamp Hall', an English period drama. When she makes a shocking discovery, Winona knows it's time to make a change and travels to the picturesque English village that's home to the world of Beauchamp Hall, in pursuit of a new adventure.

Clipper Audio; 2019

7hrs 15mins

SCIENCE FICTION

13240 THE WALL

By **John Lanchester**

Reader **Will Poulter**

Kavanagh begins his life patrolling the Wall. If he's lucky, if nothing goes wrong, he only has two years of this, 729 more nights. He longs for this to be over; longs to be somewhere else. He will soon find out what Defenders do and who the Others are. But somewhere, in the dark cave of his mind, he thinks: wouldn't it be interesting if something did happen, if they came, if you had to fight for your life?

Clipper Audio; 2019

6hrs 45mins

SHORT STORIES

13083 ROAR

By **Cecelia Ahern**

Reader **Miscellaneous**

With her trademark honesty, Cecelia Ahern gives us 30 linked stories that capture the different facets of women's lives. Humorous, moving, surreal and poignant, the stories capture the moments the characters are overwhelmed by guilt, confusion, frustration, intimidation, exhaustion - the private moments when they feel the need to roar.

HarperCollins; 2018

7hrs 50mins

SPY STORIES

13181 NIGHT FLIGHT TO PARIS

By **David Gilman**

Reader **Matt Addis**

It's 1943 and for agents of the Special Operations Executive, a mission to Nazi-occupied Paris is a death sentence. So why has unlikely spy Harry Mitchell volunteered to return to the city? With disaster afflicting his mission from the outset, it will take all his ingenuity to get into the capital... unaware that every step he takes is a step closer to a trap.

Clipper Audio; 2019

13hrs 45mins

THRILLERS

13129 SOMEONE LIKE ME

By M R Carey

Reader Robin Miles

Liz Kendall wouldn't hurt a fly. Even when times get tough, she's devoted to bringing up her two kids in a loving home. But there's another side to Liz - one that's dark and malicious. She will do anything to get her way, no matter how extreme. And when this other side of her takes control, the consequences are devastating...

Orbit Audio; 2018

17hrs 0mins

13080 THE HUNTING PARTY

By Lucy Foley

Reader Cathleen McCarron

In a remote hunting lodge, deep in the Scottish wilderness, old friends gather for New Year. They arrive on December 30th, just before a historic blizzard seals the lodge off from the outside world. Now one of them is dead . . . and another of them did it. Keep your friends close, the old adage goes. But just how close is too close?

HarperCollins; 2018

10hrs 0mins

13281 DIFFERENT CLASS

By Joanne Harris

Reader Stephen Pacey & Ewan Goddard

After 30 years at St Oswald's Grammar, Latin master Roy Straitley has seen all kinds of boys come and go. With insolvency looming, a new broom has arrived at the school, and while Straitley does his sardonic best to resist his march to the future, a shadow from his past is stirring. A boy who even 20 years on haunts his teacher's dreams. A boy capable of bad things...

Soundings Audio; 2016

15hrs 0mins

13086 THE MIDNIGHT BELL

By Jack Higgins

Reader Jonathan Oliver

In Ulster, Northern Ireland, a petty criminal kills a woman in a drunken car crash. Her sons swear revenge. In London, Sean Dillon and his colleagues in the "Prime Minister's private army," receive a warning from a new leader of al-Qaeda, who calls himself simply the Master. Soon, the ripples from these events will meet and overlap, creating havoc in their wake.

HarperCollins; 2017

8hrs 10mins

13241 PRAYER

By Philip Kerr

Reader Mark Zeisler

Gil Martins investigates domestic terrorism for the FBI. He is a religious man but he's coming close to losing his faith due to the nature of his job. Gil starts to investigate a series of unexplained deaths, and as the evidence mounts, it becomes apparent that they have been killed through prayer. His new-found atheism is severely challenged, and he finds his own life is next on the line

Clipper Audio; 2014

12hrs 45mins

13232 THE SHOT

By Philip Kerr

Reader George Guidall

It is the 1960s and President Jack Kennedy has just taken power. The underground world of crime and corruption is rife and the mob have decided to succeed where the CIA have failed, and take out Fidel Castro. When they dispatch the hit man however, they are unaware that he has his own agenda. A different target altogether - the President. But is the hit man working alone or does someone else want Kennedy dead?

Clipper Audio; 2000

13hrs 30mins

13273 FAIR GAME

By Stephen Leather

Reader Paul Thornley

Somali pirates have kidnapped the crew of a yacht in a brutal attack, and are demanding a huge ransom. The pirates have chilling terrorist ambitions in the UK, and are making terrible plans to change the London skyline forever. Dan 'Spider' Shepherd is sent to sea on an undercover mission to stop the pirates. But time is running out....

Isis Audio Books; 2011

15hrs 20mins

13215 NIGHTFALL

By Stephen Leather

Reader Paul Thornley

Jack Nightingale - struggling private detective - inherits a mansion from a man who claims to be his father. It comes with a warning that Nightingale's soul was sold at birth and a devil will come to claim it. Jack doesn't believe in Hell, but when people close to him start to die horribly, he is led to the inescapable conclusion that real evil may be at work. And that if he doesn't find a way out he'll be damned in hell for eternity.

Isis Audio Books; 2010

12hrs 0mins

13063 I SEE YOU

By Clare Mackintosh

Reader Rachel Atkins

When Zoe Walker sees her photo in the classifieds section of a London newspaper, she is determined to find out why it's there. There's no explanation: just a grainy image, a website address and a phone number. The next day the advert shows a photo of a different woman, and another the day after that. Is it a mistake? A coincidence? Or is someone keeping track of every move they make . . .

Isis Audio Books; 2016

11hrs 30mins

13233 ONE OF US IS LYING

By Karen M McManus

Reader Miscellaneous

Five students go to detention. Only four leave alive. Simon, creator of the notorious gossip app at Bayview High, dies 24 hours before he could post their deepest secrets online. Investigators conclude it's no accident. All of them are suspects. Everyone has secrets, right?

Penguin Audio; 2018

10hrs 30mins

13172 CROSS HER HEART

By Sarah Pinborough

Reader Antonia Beamish

Promises only last if you trust each other, but what if one of you is hiding something? A secret no one could ever guess. Someone is living a lie. Is it Lisa? Maybe it's her daughter, Ava. Or could it be her best friend, Marilyn?

Clipper Audio; 2018

10hrs 30mins

13115 THE NAKED FACE

By Sidney Sheldon

Reader Richard Langley

Two murders, one victim murdered in the street in a gruesome but apparently arbitrary attack. The other brutally tortured and left to die in agony. Now it's the turn of psychoanalyst Dr Judd Stevens... In a chilling game of cat and mouse, Judd must become the hunter rather than the hunted if he wants to stay alive.

HarperCollins; 1994

6hrs 0mins

WAR STORIES

13168 PARADE'S END: THE LAST POST

By Ford Madox Ford

Reader Alan Bowen

Book 4 in the 'Parade's End' series, sequel to 'Parade's End: A Man Could Stand Up' (10256). Valentine Wannop and Christopher Tietjens now share a cottage in Sussex with Tietjens' brother and sister-in-law. Through their differing perspectives, Ford explores the tensions between his characters in a changing world, haunted by the experience of war, facing an insecure future for themselves and for England.

BBC Books; 2012

8hrs 0mins

13143 OUR FRIENDS IN BERLIN

By Anthony Quinn

Reader David Rintoul

London, 1941. The city is in blackout, besieged by nightly air raids from Germany. A group of British citizens is gathering secret information to aid Hitler's war machine. Jack Hoste has become entangled in this treachery, but he also has a particular mission: to locate the most dangerous Nazi agent in the country. Hoste soon receives a promising lead. Amy Strallen, who works in a Mayfair marriage bureau, was once close to this elusive figure, and when Hoste pays a visit to Amy's office, everything changes in a heartbeat.

Random House Audio; 2018

8hrs 45mins

WESTERNS

13117 TWO DEAD IN THREE SECONDS

By Derek Taylor

Reader Bob Rollett

The Texas city of El Paso is in the grip of anarchy when Dallas Stoudenmire is appointed city marshal and sets about cleaning things up. But the Manning brothers think they own El Paso and will resort to any means to run him out. The bloodbath that ensues leaves no one in any doubt as to who really runs El Paso.

Robert Hale; 2001

3hrs 0mins

Non-Fiction

ANIMALS

13220 THE GENIUS OF BIRDS

By Jennifer Ackerman Reader Patience Tomlinson

Birds are astonishingly intelligent creatures. In fact, according to revolutionary new research, some birds rival primates and even humans in their remarkable forms of intelligence. Here, Jennifer Ackerman explores the newly discovered brilliance of birds and how it came about, as she travels around the world to discover what birds can reveal about our changing world.

Isis Audio Books; 2016

12hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY - ART MUSIC & LITERATURE

13034 MRS DELANY: HER LIFE AND HER FLOWERS

By Ruth Hayden

Reader Grace Dives

First published in 1980, Ruth Hayden, a descendant of the family, recaptures the atmosphere of privileged society in 18th century England through a study of Mary Delany's correspondence to both relatives and people of note.

British Museum Press; 1988 5hrs 0mins

13085 UNMASKED: A MEMOIR

By Andrew Lloyd Webber

Reader Andrew Lloyd Webber

One of the most successful and distinguished artists of our time, Andrew Lloyd Webber has reigned over the musical theatre world for nearly five decades. Here, the revered, award-winning composer takes stock of his achievements, the twists of fate and circumstance which brought him both success and disappointment and the passions that inspire and sustain him.

HarperCollins; 2018 16hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY – DIARIES AND LETTERS

12838 THE DIARY OF SAMUEL PEPYS VOLUME 1: 1660 - 1663

By Samuel Pepys

Reader David Timson

Written between 1660 and 1669, this is an intimate portrait of life in 17th-century England, covering Pepys professional and personal activities, including, famously, his love of music, theatre, food, wine and his peccadilloes. Volume I covers the opening years of the Restoration and introduces us to many of the key characters-family, government and royalty of the Stuart monarchy.

Naxos Audio Books; 2015 42hrs 45mins

BIOGRAPHY – GENERAL

13079 THE DUCHESS: THE UNTOLD STORY

By Penny Junor

Reader Jenny Funnell

In her relationship with Charles, which has survived for more than 40 years, Camilla's story has seen a great many myths. It has endured against all the odds and, in the process, nearly destroyed the British monarchy. It is a rich and remarkable story that has never been properly told - indeed, it is one of the most extraordinary, star-crossed love stories of the past 50 years. This book is the definitive account.

HarperCollins; 2017

12hrs 40mins

BIOGRAPHY – HISTORICAL

13234 THE TRUE STORY OF DIDO BELLE

By Paula Byrne

Reader Maggie Mash

Dido Belle was the illegitimate, mixed-race daughter of a Royal Navy captain and a slave woman, adopted by the Earl of Mansfield. As Lord Chief Justice of England he would preside over the drowning of 142 slaves by a shipping company. This is the story of a family that defied convention, the legal trial that exposed the cruelties of slavery and the woman who challenged notions of race at the highest rank.

Clipper Audio; 2014

6hrs 15mins

12972 JANE SEYMOUR: HENRY VIII'S TRUE LOVE

By Elizabeth Norton

Reader Ann Clark

Jane Seymour, Henry VIII's third wife, died in childbirth giving the king what he craved most - a son and heir. Often portrayed as the most successful, but one of the least significant, of Henry VIII's wives, Elizabeth Norton tells of the thrilling life of a country girl from rural Wiltshire who rose to the throne of England and became the ideal Tudor woman.

Amberley; 2010

6hrs 30mins

BIOGRAPHY – HUMOROUS

13057 A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO INVENTING MY CHILDHOOD

By Mary Wood

Reader Maggie Stokes

In her memoir, Mary Wood shares her amusing coming-of-age journey to overcome religious dogma in post-war London during the ever-changing 1950s and 1960s. She offers a witty glimpse into one woman's entertaining journey as she fights to hold onto her identity, discover her passions in life, and ultimately achieve her true destiny.

iUniverse; 2012

12hrs 0mins

CRIME AND LAW

13148 THE MAUL AND THE PEAR TREE

By P D James & T A Critchley

Reader Judy Franklin

In 1811 John Williams was buried with a stake in his heart. Was he the notorious East End killer or the eighth victim in the bizarre and shocking Ratcliffe Highway Murders? P D James and police historian T A Critchley draw on public records, newspaper clippings and hitherto unpublished sources to shed light on this infamous Wapping mystery.

Faber & Faber; 2010

11hrs 0mins

DISABILITIES

12999 LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING

By Paddy Briggs

Reader John Hobday

Born with a degenerative eye disease that left him blind by the age of thirty, Alan Pickering was not going to let this stop him becoming a leader in the world of pensions, best known for the Pickering Report, commissioned by the Blair government. From interviews with friends and family as well as conversations with Alan himself, the author reveals a man whose intellect and amiable nature allowed him to push his disability to one side to succeed on his own terms.

Biteback; 2018

8hrs 0mins

ECONOMICS, POLITICS & CURRENT AFFAIRS

13156 21 LESSONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

By Yuval Noah Harari

Reader Derek Perkins

Yuval Noah Harari takes us on a thrilling journey through today's most urgent issues. How can we protect ourselves from nuclear war, ecological cataclysms and technological disruptions? What can we do about the epidemic of fake news or the threat of terrorism? What should we teach our children? Are we still capable of understanding the world we have created?

Random House Audio; 2018

11hrs 30mins

HISTORY – BRITISH

13018 LONDON: THE BIOGRAPHY - VOLUME 1

By Peter Ackroyd

Reader Gerry McCarthy

Volume 1; THE CITY AS A BODY: Peter Ackroyd's work is his definitive account of the city of London. For him it is an organism with its own laws of growth and change, so this book is a biography rather than a history.

Vintage; 2001

9hrs 30mins

HOME AND GARDEN

13150 APRICOTS ON THE NILE: A MEMOIR WITH RECIPES

By Colette Rossant

Reader Ann Clark

In 1937, five-year-old Colette Rossant arrived in Cairo from Paris with her Egyptian Jewish father and beautiful French mother. She soon settles into the luxuriant, food centred lifestyle - spending afternoons in the spice filled kitchen; accompanying her grandmother to the bazaar; and feasting on the delicious Egyptian food. In this charming, funny, and moving memoir, accompanied by mouth watering recipes, she evokes an Egypt lost, to her and to us, forever.

Bloomsbury; 2001

5hrs 0mins

**13113 THE BROTHER GARDENERS: BOTANY,
EMPIRE AND THE BIRTH OF AN OBSESSION**

By Andrea Wulf

Reader Grace Dives

One morning in 1734, cloth merchant Peter Collinson hurried down to the docks at London's Custom House to collect cargo just arrived from John Bartram in the American colonies. It was not bales of cotton that awaited him, but plants and seeds. Over the next forty years, Bartram would send hundreds of American species to England, where Collinson was one of a handful of men who would foster a national obsession and change the gardens of Britain forever.

Windmill Books; 2009

10hrs 0mins

POETRY

**13246 MAESTRO AT A VALLEY FESTIVAL & OTHER
POEMS**

By John Lewis

Reader Bob Rollett

John Lewis was born and brought up in the Cynon valley between the wars. He spent most of his working life in Wales as an archaeologist. These poems, many of which draw on his early years, are anchored in observation, and are attempts to evoke places and people.

Small Press Publishing; 2014

0hrs 30mins

13163 THE WAR POETRY OF WILFRED OWEN

By Wilfred Owen

Reader Anton Lesser

No poet is more closely identified with the First World War than Wilfred Owen. This anthology collects 49 of Owen's iconic poems and serves not only as a perfect introduction to his verse but also as a commemoration of the sacrifice that was made by an entire generation of young men.

Naxos Audio Books; 2013

1hr 15mins

13118 THE LADY OF THE LAKE

By Sir Walter Scott

Reader Bob Rollett

This classic narrative poem, set in the Trossachs region of Scotland, is composed of six cantos, each of which concerns the action of a single day. The poem has three main plots: the contest among three men to win the love of Ellen Douglas; the feud and reconciliation of King James V of Scotland and James Douglas; and a war between the lowland Scots and the highland clans.

Birlinn; 2016

4hrs 0mins

RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

13237 HOW THE WORLD THINKS: A GLOBAL HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

By Julian Baggini

Reader Julian Baggini

All cultures are different, and have different ways of thinking. Julian Baggini travels the globe to provide a hugely wide-ranging map of human thought. He shows us how distinct branches of philosophy flowered simultaneously in China, India and Ancient Greece, growing from local myths and stories - and how contemporary cultural attitudes have developed out of the philosophical histories of their regions.

Clipper Audio; 2018

12hrs 45mins

13136 BOY ERASED

By Garrard Conley

Reader Garrard Conley

The son of a Baptist pastor and deeply embedded in church life in small town Arkansas, Garrard Conley was terrified and conflicted about his sexuality. When Garrard was nineteen he was outed to his parents, and was forced to either agree to attend a church-supported conversion therapy program that promised to "cure" him of homosexuality, or risk losing family, friends and the God he had prayed to every day of his life.

Clipper Audio; 2018

9hrs 15mins

13208 WILD: FROM LOST TO FOUND ON THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

By Cheryl Strayed

Reader Bernadette Dunne

At twenty-six, Cheryl Strayed thought she had lost everything after her mother's death. With her family disbanded and her marriage crumbled, she made the impulsive decision to walk the eleven-hundred miles of the west coast of America - and to do it alone. She had no experience of long-distance hiking but the journey held a promise - of piecing together a life that lay in ruins at her feet.

Random House Audio; 2014

13hrs 0mins

WAR – GENERAL

13239 THE BOY WHO FOLLOWED HIS FATHER INTO AUSCHWITZ

By Jeremy Dronfield

Reader John Sackville

In 1939, Gustav Kleinmann, a Jewish upholsterer in Vienna, was seized by the Nazis, along with his teenage son Fritz. When Gustav was set to be transferred to Auschwitz, a certain death sentence, Fritz refused to leave his side. Based on Gustav's secret diary and meticulous archive research, this book tells his and Fritz's story for the first time - a story of courage and survival unparalleled in the history of the Holocaust.

Penguin Audio; 2019

11hrs 45mins

**13084 VIETNAM: AN EPIC HISTORY OF A DIVISIVE
WAR 1945-1975**

By Max Hastings

Reader Peter Noble

Vietnam became the Western world's most divisive modern conflict, precipitating a battlefield humiliation for France in 1954, then a vastly greater one for the United States in 1975. Max Hastings has spent years interviewing scores of participants on both sides, as well as researching a multitude of American and Vietnamese documents and memoirs, to create this epic narrative of a huge struggle.

HarperCollins; 2018

33hrs 30mins

**13038 MILITARY VOICES PAST AND PRESENT:
VOLUME 3, POST 1945 WAR AND CONFLICTS**

By Miscellaneous authors **Reader John Fidell**

The words of the servicemen and women who served their country in the wars of the 20th century have been forever preserved thanks to a team of volunteers and the West Sussex County Library Service. This volume contains edited interviews with local Sussex veterans who served in the post 1945 conflicts.

West Sussex County Council; 2017 9hrs 0mins

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