

For Your Ears Only Spring 2021

Welcome to the latest edition of For Your Ears Only. You may have noticed that we have jumped straight to spring and missed out the winter version of For Your Ears Only but never fear you have not missed any of the new books we have added! All the books that would have appeared in the winter edition are included here, it is just by the time this was ready to go, the daffodils were coming up and Easter had already arrived, so we were well and truly saying goodbye to winter and looking forward to warmer days.

In this edition we have the first of the cosy crime mystery series by Jessica Fellowes, featuring the Mitford Sisters, called “The Mitford Murders”, or if non-fiction is more your taste then why not try “MI5 and Me” by Charlotte Bingham. If you are looking for a book to take a chance on, then how about “This Lovely City” by Louise Hare.

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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

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Fiction

20TH CENTURY CLASSICS

14184 THE UNNAMABLE

By Samuel Beckett

Narrator Sean Barrett

The Unnamable - so named because he knows not who he may be - is from a nameless place. He speaks of previous selves ('all these Murphys, Molloy's, and Malones...') as diversions from the need to stop speaking altogether. But, as with the other novels in the Beckett trilogy, the prose is full of marvellous precisions, full of its own reasons for keeping going.

Naxos Audio Books; 2005

5hrs 45mins

14257 JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL

By Richard Bach

Narrator Bob Rollett

Jonathan Livingston Seagull is a bird determined to be more than ordinary, to have a reason for living. For most gulls it is not flying that matters, but eating. For this gull, though, it is not eating that matters, but flight. This is a story for people who follow their dreams and make their own rules, seeking a higher purpose in life, even if your flock, tribe or neighbourhood finds your ambition threatening.

Harper; 2015

1hr 30mins

14100 FAMILY ROUNDABOUT

By Richmal Crompton

Narrator Ann Stutz

First published in 1948, this is the story of two families during the inter-war years. We are shown the matriarchs around whom their families spin; but whether they direct their children gently or forcefully, in the end they have to accept them as they are. We see that families can both entrap and sustain; that parents and children must respect each other; and that happiness necessitates jumping or being pushed off the family roundabout.

Persephone; 2001

9hrs 30mins

14081 A PIN TO SEE THE PEEPSHOW

By F Tennyson Jesse

Narrator Clare Francis

When she was sixteen, Julia dreamed of romance and paid a young boy a pin from her dress for a glimpse at the fairytale world within his shoebox peepshow. Now an adult, Julia dreams of romance and adventure, and the same boy, now a man, appears again. With him, Julia creates a dreamworld of illicit love and fatal abandonment, and falls headlong into a crime of passion which rocks England in the '20s.

Virago; 1979

16hrs 30mins

14132 A SUITABLE BOY: VOLUME 3

By Vikram Seth

Narrator Alan Bowen

Volume 3 of 4.

W & N; 2013

17hrs 0mins

14300 A SUITABLE BOY: VOLUME 4

By Vikram Seth

Narrator Alan Bowen

An epic tale which unfolds through four middle class families - the Mehras, Kappoors, Khans and Chatterjis. Lata Mehra, a university student, is under pressure from her mother to find a suitable husband, through love or through exacting maternal appraisal. At the same time, it is the story of India, newly independent and struggling through a time of crisis as it faces its first great general election and the chance to map its own destiny.

Volume 4 of 4.

W & N; 2013

14hrs 30mins

14119 MISS RANSKILL COMES HOME

By Barbara Euphan Todd

Narrator Hilary Spiers

Miss Ranskill goes on a cruise and is swept overboard; she lives for three years on a desert island before being rescued by a destroyer in 1943. When she returns to England it seems to her to have gone mad: she cannot buy clothes without 'coupons', her friends are only interested in 'war work', and yet she is considered uncivilised if she walks barefoot or is late for meals.

Persephone; 2003

8hrs 30mins

14074 THEY WERE SISTERS

By Dorothy Whipple

Narrator Ann Stutz

Three sisters marry very different men and the choices they make determine whether they will flourish, be tamed or be repressed. Lucy's husband is her beloved companion; Vera's husband bores her and she turns elsewhere; and Charlotte marries Geoffrey, a boorish, hard-drinking salesman who evolves into a domestic dictator, and turns a high-spirited naive young girl into a deeply unhappy woman.

Persephone; 2005

12hrs 30mins

ADVENTURE STORIES

14281 EXOCET

By Jack Higgins

Narrator Greg Wagland

A sensational tale of passion and fire set during the Falklands War. On one side, the largest and most effective seagoing task force ever assembled. On the other, an air force ready to die as they attack again and again despite the odds. A single deadly missile means the difference between winning and losing the war. One man can get General Galtieri the Exocets he needs to turn the tide. But he is a man haunted by love. And for that British Intelligence have a secret weapon of their own...

HarperCollins; 2019

6hrs 45mins

14279 NIGHT WITHOUT END

By Alistair MacLean

Narrator Jonathan Oliver

An airliner crashes in the polar ice cap. In temperatures 40 degrees below zero, six men and four women survive. But for the members of a remote scientific research station who rescue them, there are some sinister questions to answer – the first one being, who shot the pilot before the crash?

HarperCollins; 2017

10hrs 15mins

14185 THE MARK OF ZORRO

By Johnston McCully

Narrator Bill Homewood

The heroic and honourable Zorro, an ace with a whip and a demon with a sword, fights for the poor and oppressed. He is a far cry from the effete young aristocrat Don Diego, who spends his days reading poetry and dreaming of the beautiful Lolita Pulido. When Lolita's family faces ruin and accusations of treason, Zorro must step in to save her family and her honour. But who is this masked caballero?

Naxos Audio Books; 2016

7hrs 45mins

14251 THE BALTIC PRIZE

By Julian Stockwin

Narrator Christian Rodska

Volume 19 of the Thomas Kydd series. It's 1808. Captain Thomas Kydd is called on to join the Northern Expedition to Sweden, now Britain's only ally in the Baltic. In an entirely hostile sea, *Tyger* ranges from the frozen north to the deadly confines of the Danish Sound - and plays a pivotal role in the situation ensuing after the Czar's sudden attack on Finland. This climaxes in the first clash of fleets between Great Britain and Russia in history. To the victor will be the prize of the Baltic!

Lamplight Audio; 2019

11hrs 0mins

CLASSIC FICTION

14265 CAMILLA

By Fanny Burney

Narrator Lucy Scott

Naive Camilla Tyrold is in love with Edgar Mandlebert, a noble young man, but must suffer a series of misunderstandings that threaten their happy union. Her sister Eugenia, destined to inherit her uncle's great wealth, is plagued with misfortune as she is left disfigured by smallpox and men court her for financial gain only. Meanwhile their cousin, beautiful but selfish Indiana, never finds a fortune for her good looks.

Naxos Audio Books; 2019

37hrs 30mins

14182 JOURNAL OF THE PLAGUE YEAR

By Daniel Defoe

Narrator Andrew Cullum

Defoes's fictionalised account of one man's experiences of the year 1665, in which the Great Plague hit the city of London, striking down a hundred thousand, no less than one in five citizens. Actually written sixty years after the epidemic, Defoe brings the city to life in all of its hardship and fear, with a wealth of detail and stories of isolation and horror.

Naxos Audio Books; 2018

10hrs 0mins

14263 THE AMERICAN

By Henry James

Narrator Adam Sims

Self-made American millionaire Christopher Newman arrives in Paris brimming with hope and optimism, excited to experience the culture and, hopefully, find the perfect woman to become his wife.

Naxos Audio Books; 2020

14hrs 15mins

14189 OEDIPUS THE KING

By Sophocles

Narrator Miscellaneous

In this great masterpiece, from which Freud derived the Oedipus complex, King Oedipus puts out a sentence on the unknown murderer of his father Laius. By a gradual unfolding of incidents, Oedipus learns that he was the assassin and that Jocasta, his wife, is also his mother.

Naxos Audio Books; 2000

1hr 45mins

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

14124 CASUALTIES

By Lynne Reid Banks

Narrator Ann Clark

With her marriage at breaking point, Sue McClusky is at a crossroads. So when her old friend, Mariolain, suggests the family come to stay with her in The Netherlands, Sue accepts immediately. Thirty-five years earlier, Mariolain and her husband, Niels, suffered unimaginably during the Second World War. As Sue learns the harrowing truth, she begins to feel that maybe the shocks of the past can help heal the rifts of the present...

Sapere; 2019

10hrs 30mins

14288 THE FORGOTTEN VILLAGE

By Lorna Cook

Narrator Beth Eyre

Grace Quinn loves her job at Cohen's Convenient Storage Company, and her inquisitive nature is piqued when she finds a bundle of letters that date back to the 1930s. Grace uncovers the story of a young English woman, Connie Levine, who follows her heart to Italy at the end of the Second World war. Embarking on her own voyage of discovery, Grace travels to the Italian Riviera, but will she unravel the family secrets and betrayals that Connie tried so hard to overcome, and find love for herself?

HarperCollins; 2019

11hrs 0mins

14205 QUEEN BEE

By Jane Fallon

Narrator Jo Joyner

Welcome to The Close - a beautiful street where gorgeous Stella is the indisputable Queen Bee... Moving into The Close, all Laura wants is peace and privacy. But resident Queen Bee Stella is suspicious, fearing Laura has designs for her fiancé, Al. So when Laura stumbles on Al's big secret, Stella's perfectly controlled world falls apart. As the two women take a chance on beating Al at his own twisted game, these former strangers are fast becoming best friends.

Penguin Audio; 2020

10hrs 0mins

14255 PARIS ECHO

By Sebastian Faulks

Narrators Elham Ehsas & Deborah McBride

American researcher Hannah and runaway Moroccan teenager Tariq have little in common, yet both are susceptible to the daylight ghosts of Paris. Hannah listens to the extraordinary women who were present under the German Occupation; in her desire to understand their lives, she finds a city bursting with clues and connections. Out in the migrant suburbs, Tariq is searching for a mother he barely knew. For him, in his innocence, each boulevard, Métro station and street corner is a source of surprise.

Clipper Audio; 2018

9hrs 0mins

14222 GOING DUTCH

By Katie Fforde

Narrator Yvonne Clemenson

When Jo's husband ditches her, and Dora ditches her fiancé, both women find themselves living on a barge on the Thames where they must learn to navigate their way around new relationships. They quickly learn the value of friendship and a fresh start. But Jo and Dora haven't bargained for the intervention of enigmatic Marcus, and laid-back Tom, who both seem determined to help them whether they like it or not...

Arrow; 2008

13hrs 0mins

14114 LOVE LETTERS

By Katie Fforde

Narrator Kay Morrison

When the bookshop where Laura works is about to close, she finds herself agreeing to help organise a literary festival. But an innocent mistake leads the organisers to believe that Laura is a close friend of Dermot Flynn, a reclusive writer at the top of their wish list. Always one to rise to a challenge, Laura sets off for Ireland to convince her literary hero to attend the festival. Falling for him was never part of the plan...

Arrow; 2010

13hrs 0mins

14161 A GIFT IN DECEMBER

By Jenny Gladwell

Narrator Anne Marlow

Jane has given up on love. Then her boss sends her on a press trip to Norway to cover the story of the Trafalgar Square Christmas tree. Jane would much rather wallow at home than spend a week in the fjords. But as she throws herself into the trip and starts to enjoy herself, it seems that love hasn't quite given up on her just yet... Amid all the snow, could a gift be awaiting her underneath the mistletoe?

Hodder; 2019

9hrs 30mins

14290 THIS LOVELY CITY

By Louise Hare

Narrators Theo Solomon & Karise Yansen

The Blitz is over but London is still reeling from war. Jazz musician Lawrie Matthews, fresh off the Empire Windrush, has taken a room in south London lodgings and falls in love with the girl next door. Lawrie has poured his heart into his new home – and it's alive with possibility. Until, one morning, he makes a terrible discovery. As the local community rallies, fingers of blame are pointed at the newest arrivals and they become the prime suspects in a tragedy which threatens to tear the city apart.

HarperCollins; 2020

10hrs 45mins

14247 TIGERMAN

By Nick Harkaway

Narrator Matt Bates

Sergeant Lester Ferris is in need of a rest, and Afghanistan was the last stop on his road to exhaustion. The island of Mancreu is the perfect place for Lester to serve out his time – and the perfect place for shady business: money laundering, drug factories and deniable torture centres. Lester's brief is to turn a blind eye. But then he makes a friend: a street kid who might, Lester hopes, become an adopted son. As Mancreu's society tumbles into violence, the boy needs Lester to be more than just an observer. He needs him to be a hero.

Clipper Audio; 2014

13hrs 45mins

14238 THE UNSEEN

By Roy Jacobsen

Narrator Rachael Beresford

Barrøy Island off the coast of Norway - a holdfast for a single family, their livestock and their crops. And their fears. There is a taint passed down the Barrøy line, and Hans and Maria Barrøy fear their daughter Ingrid may be affected. Ingrid is sent to serve in a rich family, but when tragedy strikes she finds herself responsible not only for two orphaned children, but for Barrøy Island itself. If they are to survive, she must learn how to tame this remote paradise.

Clipper Audio; 2017

7hrs 30mins

14168 IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS

By Erica James

Narrator Julia Franklin

Dan and Sally Oliver and their friend Chloe Hennessey are lucky to be alive. Three years on, after surviving one of the world's biggest natural disasters - the Boxing Day tsunami - their lives have changed dramatically. Dan and Sally have everything Chloe wishes for in life - a happy marriage and a beautiful child. She's been on a mission to find the perfect father for the child she craves. When she meets Seth Hawthorne, she thinks she may have hit the jackpot. But is Seth the man she thinks he is?

Clipper Audio; 2009

15hrs 0mins

14136 THE LITTLE DREAMS OF LARA CLIFFE

By Milly Johnson Narrator Yvonne Clemenson

Lara Cliffe and her three friends are off on a mini break for her hen party. It's three weeks before her wedding to 'Steady Freddie', one of the kindest men on the planet. But something is worrying Lara. Her friends say it's wedding jitters, but she isn't so sure. As the wonderful city of Amsterdam works its magic on Lara, she tries to sort out her thoughts. Quick Reads.

Simon & Schuster; 2020

2hrs 0mins

14249 AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE

By Tayari Jones

Narrators Elsa Davis & Sean Crisden

Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of the American Dream. He is a young executive, and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. Until one day they are ripped apart when Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn't commit. Celestial finds herself struggling to hold on to the love that has been her centre, taking comfort in Andre, their closest friend. When Roy's conviction is suddenly overturned, he returns home ready to resume their life together...

Clipper Audio; 2019

9hrs 0mins

14098 MISSING

By Susan Lewis Narrator Vivienne Ennemoser

It's a day like any other as Miles Avery drives his wife, Jacqueline, to the station. Jacqueline gets out and turns towards the platforms. This is the last anyone sees of her. Miles calls the police, enquiries are made, but there is no evidence of her boarding a train, or even entering the station. Very soon the finger of suspicion starts to turn towards Miles, and as dark secrets from the past merge with those of the present, Miles must confront his biggest fears if he's to uncover the truth.

Arrow; 2008

14hrs 30mins

14250 JUST MY LUCK

By Adele Parks

Narrators Louise Brealey & Kristin Atherton

Hugh Paxton was a very important archaeologist and highly influential man. The BBC want to make a documentary about him, but history has a habit of rearing its head. And as the film-makers take over the family home, and begin to delve into Hugh's life, there are unexpected upheavals along the way.

Clipper Audio; 2020

12hrs 45mins

14216 THE AUTHENTICITY PROJECT

By Clare Pooley

Narrator Anna Cordell

Julian Jessop is tired of hiding the loneliness he feels. So he begins The Authenticity Project - a small green notebook containing the truth about his life. Leaving the notebook in his neighbourhood café, Julian never expects Monica, the owner, to track him down after finding it. Or that she'll be inspired to write down her own story. Little do they realize the impact it has on the lives of all those who discover the notebook...

Penguin Audio; 2020

10hrs 30mins

14108 BIRDS OF PASSAGE

By Bernice Rubens

Narrator Hilary Spiers

Alice Pickering and Ellen Walsh didn't want their husbands to die, but they did want to survive them for the cruise. It would be such fun, just the two of them on a boat, decently widowed at last. But the sea holds hidden perils for women of a certain age...

Pocket Books; 1984

9hrs 0mins

14160 THE ELECTED MEMBER

By Bernice Rubens

Narrator Ann Stutz

Norman is the clever one of a close-knit Jewish family in the East End of London. A brilliant barrister, the apple of his parents' eyes - until at forty-one he becomes a drug addict. For Norman, his committal to a mental hospital represents the ultimate act of betrayal. For Norman's father, his son's deterioration is a bitter reminder of his own guilt and failure. Only Bella, the unmarried sister, can reach across the abyss of pain to bring father and son the elusive peace which they both desperately crave.

Abacus; 1998

8hrs 30mins

14201 THE FORTY RULES OF LOVE

By Elif Shafak

Narrator George Blagden

Ella Rubinstein has a husband, three teenage children and a pleasant home. Yet there is an emptiness at the heart of Ella's life - once filled by love. So when Ella reads a manuscript about the 13th-century Sufi poet Rumi, and his 40 rules of life and love, she is shocked out of herself. Turning her back on her family, she embarks on a journey to meet the mysterious author of this work. It is a quest into an exotic world where faith and love are heartbreakingly explored. . .

Penguin Audio; 2019

12hrs 0mins

14212 SWING TIME

By Zadie Smith

Narrator Pippa Bennett-Warner

Two brown girls dream of being dancers - but only one, Tracey, has talent. The other has ideas: about rhythm and time, about black bodies and black music, what constitutes a tribe or makes a person truly free. It's a close but complicated childhood friendship that ends abruptly in their early 20s, never to be revisited but never quite forgotten, either...

Penguin Audio; 2016

13hrs 45mins

14284 THE OYSTERVILLE SEWING CIRCLE

By Susan Wiggs

Narrator Khristine Hyam

Caroline Shelby has come home to Oysterville, with two children who were orphaned in a single chilling moment - five-year-old Addie and six-year-old Flick. She's now their legal guardian - a role she's not sure she's ready for. Oysterville has changed, but Caroline is drawn back to her favourite place: the sewing shop owned by the woman who inspired her and taught her to sew. There she discovers that even in an idyllic beach town, there are women living with the darkest of secrets - and one of those women is her...

HarperCollins; 2019

12hrs 30mins

COSY CRIME: GENTLE MYSTERIES

14326 THE MITFORD MURDERS

By Jessica Fellowes

Narrator Rachel Atkins

It's 1919, and Louisa Cannon dreams of escaping her life of poverty in London. Louisa's salvation is a position within the Mitford household at Asthall Manor, in the Oxfordshire countryside. There she will become chaperone and confidante to the Mitford sisters, especially sixteen-year-old Nancy – an acerbic, bright young woman. But then a nurse is killed on a train in broad daylight, and Louisa and Nancy find themselves entangled in the crimes of a murderer who will do anything to hide their secret...

Magna Story Sound; 2017

11hrs 10mins

14256 WHEN THE WIND BLOWS

By Cyril Hare

Narrator Bob Rollett

Violinist Lucy Carless is making a guest appearance with the Markshire Orchestra, only to be found strangled with a silk stocking part-way through the concert. Everyone in the orchestra had access to the scene of the crime, and the police officer in charge, Inspector Trimble, has no idea where to start. Luckily retired barrister and amateur detective Francis Pettigrew has been acting as an honorary treasurer to the Markshire Orchestral Society, and he is soon on his way to finding the murderer.

Faber & Faber; 2009

7hrs 0mins

14130 THE ONLY GOOD LAWYER

By Hazel Holt

Narrator Judy Franklin

Every year solicitor Graham Percy makes a tour of the West Country to visit old friends, and unfortunately for Sheila Malory, her home is one of the tiresome lawyer's ports of call. But Graham's latest stay turns out to be his last, for one morning he is found on the seafront with a fatal stab wound...

Bloomsbury; 2019

7hrs 0mins

14186 ARSÈNE LUPIN, GENTLEMAN BURGLAR

By Maurice LeBlanc

Narrator David Timson

Devilish, debonair rogue, Arsène Lupin, gentleman-burglar, robs from within prison, leaves its walls with ease, steals priceless diamonds from the rich and outwits the greatest detective of all: Sherlock Holmes. These eight dazzling short stories display some of Lupin's greatest thefts and escapades.

Naxos Audio Books; 2020

6hrs 20mins

14095 A MURDEROUS RELATION

By Deanna Raybourn Narrator Elizabeth Goodrich

Autumn 1888. London is being terrorised by a notorious and elusive serial killer, Jack the Ripper. Veronica Speedwell and her colleague Stoker are asked by Lady Wellingtonia Beauclerk to go undercover at Madame Aurore's high-class brothel, where a body soon turns up. Secrets are swirling around Veronica and the royal family—and it is up to Veronica to find the truth, before it is too late for all of them.

Berkley; 2020

10hrs 30mins

13989 A TRUE AND FAITHFUL BROTHER

By Linda Stratmann Narrator Hilary Spiers

London 1882: When a wealthy philanthropist disappears from a locked and guarded room, Frances Doughty is reluctantly drawn into a case that tears the veil of mystery from her own past. Can London's very own Lady Detective solve this sinister new case before a murderer catches up with her and she becomes the next victim?

Mystery Press; 2017

10hrs 30mins

14128 MISS PYM DISPOSES

By Josephine Tey Narrator Pauline Beale

Leys Physical Training College is famous for its discipline and its athletic students. Miss Lucy Pym, expert psychologist, is flattered to be invited to lecture there - even if the Olympian splendour of the students leaves her feeling just a little inadequate. But a nasty accident spoils the occasion, and suddenly Miss Pym must turn her intellect to the suspicion that, among all these healthy young students, there lurks an incurably sick mind...

Arrow; 2011

9hrs 0mins

14106 TO LOVE AND BE WISE

By Josephine Tey Narrator Patricia Knight-Webb

It was rumoured that Hollywood stars would kill for the privilege of being photographed by the fashionable portrait photographer Leslie Searle. But what would bring such a gifted figure to the English village of Salcott St Mary? And why, and how, did he disappear? If a crime had been committed, was it murder, fraud, or simply a macabre practical joke? Inspector Alan Grant determines to uncover the truth.

Arrow; 2011

8hrs 30mins

DETECTIVE & MYSTERY STORIES

14315 HIDE AND SEEK

By M J Arlidge Narrator Elizabeth Bower

Detective Inspector Helen Grace has spent her whole life hiding. Behind the badge. Behind her reputation as one of the country's best detectives. Until - framed for murder - she became one of its most high-profile prisoners. Now there is nowhere to run. Nowhere to hide. Because HMP Holloway is a place of dark days and long nights and Helen must face her nightmare alone. But then a carefully mutilated body is found in a locked cell. Now Helen must find a ruthless serial killer before the killer finds her...

Isis Audio Books; 2016

8hrs 0mins

14328 THE TREASURE HUNT

By Andrea Camilleri

Narrator Daniel Philpott

When a crazed elderly man and his sister begin firing bullets from their balcony down onto the Vigata street below, Inspector Montalbano finds himself a reluctant television hero. Then a letter arrives containing a mysterious riddle, and the Inspector becomes drawn into a treasure hunt set by an anonymous challenger. He follows the clues, travelling from Vigata's teeming streets to its deserted outskirts. But when a horrifying crime is committed it isn't long before Montalbano himself will be in terrible danger...

Oakhill Audio; 2014

6hrs 0mins

14162 DEAD FISH

By Ruth Carrington

Narrator Michael Rabin

Dr Geoffrey Quinn arrives home in the middle of the night to find his children missing, the charred remains of his wife's body in the boiler and Chief Superintendent Manning waiting to arrest him for her murder. Enter Alison Hope: small, attractive, determined, and briefed to defend him. Quinn claims he is innocent, but Alison is not so sure...

Fourth Estate; 1998

9hrs 0mins

14092 THE LADY IN THE LAKE

By Raymond Chandler **Narrator Miscellaneous**

A BBC Radio 4 dramatisation featuring laconic PI Philip Marlowe. Derace Kingsley's wife ran away to Mexico to get a divorce and marry a Casanova-wannabe named Chris Lavery. But when Philip Marlowe asks Lavery about it he denies everything and sends the private investigator packing. When Marlowe next encounters Lavery, he's denying nothing - on account of the two bullet holes in his heart. Now Marlowe's on the trail of a killer, who leads him out of smoggy LA all the way to a murky mountain lake...

Random House Audio; 2014 1hr 30mins

14217 SETTLING SCORES: SPORTING MYSTERIES

By Martin Edwards (editor) **Narrator Edward Peel**

From the squash court to the golf links, the football pitch to the swimming pool and the race course to the cricket square, no court, grounds, stadium or stand is safe from skullduggery. Entering the arena where sport clashes with crime, this spirited medley of short stories showcases the greatest deadly plays and criminal gambits of the mystery genre...

British Library; 2020 12hrs 0mins

14331 THE MECHANICAL DEVIL

By Kate Ellis **Narrator Gordon Griffin**

When archaeologist Neil Watson unearths a long-buried mechanical figure in a Dartmoor field, he is determined to discover the truth behind the bizarre find. Then two people are found shot dead in nearby Manor Field and DI Wesley Peterson is called in to investigate. Is there a link between the double murder and the accidental death of a young history student in Manor Field 20 years ago? And just what is the true identity of the mechanical devil?

Soundings Audio; 2018 11hrs 0mins

14254 PERFECT KILL

By Helen Fields

Narrator Robin Laing

Drugged and kidnapped, Bart Campbell knows that his chances of being found alive are slim. But what he doesn't yet know is that he's now heading for France where his unspeakable fate is already sealed... DCI Ava Turner and DI Luc Callanach are working on separate cases that soon collide as it becomes clear that the men and women being shipped to France are being traded for women trafficked into Scotland. With so many lives at stake, there's no option of failure when Bart and so many others will soon be dead...

Jammer Audio; 2020

12hrs 30mins

14180 PERFECT CRIME

By Helen Fields

Narrator Robin Laing

A spate of murders sweeps across Edinburgh, and to make matters worse for DI Luc Callanach and DCI Ava Turner, the victims seem random and entirely unconnected. But as a separate murder case rears its head and places Callanach as the prime suspect, it seems like this killer might just be uncatchable...

Jammer Audio; 2019

12hrs 30mins

14134 PAID AND LOVING EYES

By Jonathan Gash

Narrator Bob Wildgust

When times are slow in the antiques trade, Lovejoy drives for Gazza Gaunt's disreputable assignation service. But when one of his customers, the beautiful Fiona, discovers his eye for the genuine article, he finds himself the toast of a rich set whose vices and interest in danger extend way beyond a casual tryst in the back of Lovejoy's van. Contains some offensive language.

Arrow; 1993

14hrs 30mins

14323 W IS FOR WASTED

By Sue Grafton

Narrator Liza Ross

Two dead bodies: the first a local PI - gunned down near the beach at Santa Teresa; the other on the beach six weeks later with no identification, except a slip of paper with PI Kinsey Millhone's name and number in his trouser pocket. Two seemingly unrelated deaths, one a murder, the other apparently of natural causes. But as Kinsey digs deeper into the mystery of the John Doe, some very strange links begin to emerge. And before long at least one aspect is solved as Kinsey finds the key to his identity...

Isis Audio Books; 2014

16hrs 30mins

14320 IF THE DEAD RISE NOT

By Philip Kerr

Narrator Jeff Harding

Berlin 1934. Forced to resign as a homicide detective, Bernie Gunther is now house detective at the Adlon Hotel. The discovery of two bodies involves Bernie in the lives of two hotel guests: a journalist intent on persuading America to boycott the Berlin Olympiad and a German-Jewish gangster who plans to use the Olympics to enrich himself. Bernie uncovers a vast labour and construction racket designed to take advantage of the huge sums the Nazis are prepared to spend to showcase the new Germany to the world.

Isis Audio Books; 2010

17hrs 0mins

14199 BLOOD LINE

By Alanna Knight

Narrator Bob Rollett

Detective Inspector Faro investigates the death of an unidentified man on the rocks below Mary Queen of Scots apartments in Edinburgh Castle, where renovations reveal the mummified remains of an infant dating back to the sixteenth century. Faro soon discovers there are perils for those who seek the identity of 'the baby in the wall'. Faro's own life is in constant danger and then his own two small daughters, on holiday from Orkney, disappear...

Pan; 1994

6hrs 30mins

14330 MURDERS MOST FOUL

By Alanna Knight

Narrator Nick McArdle

The body of a woman is found in an Edinburgh close and the police label it as a random act of violence, until Detective Constable Faro finds a playing card, the nine of diamonds, planted on the corpse. His superiors scoff at his suspicions, but days later a man is attacked in the street, and left with the nine of diamonds in his pocket. Faro seizes on the connection, but what is it that links the victims? Beset by hostile superiors and a police-hating public, Faro feels he may never crack this confounding case.

Soundings Audio; 2013

9hrs 0mins

13673 THE AWFUL SECRET

By Bernard Knight

Narrator Edward Peel

Gilbert de Rideford, Knight of the Temple of Solomon, claims to have come into possession of a secret that could shake Christendom to its foundations. He asks for Crowner John's help to escape from the secretive order of warrior monks. Swept into a world of religious intrigue and dangerous politics, Crowner John finds himself undertaking a mission to the Island of Lundy - inhabited by notorious pirates - until finally the awful secret itself is revealed...

Pocket Books; 2006

12hrs 0mins

14104 CROWNER'S QUEST

By Bernard Knight

Narrator Richard Langley

Christmas Eve, 1194. County coroner Sir John de Wolfe is called on to examine the body of a canon who has been found hanged. Suicide is suspected, but it is soon apparent there's more to this case than meets the eye. As always, John's investigations are hampered by Sheriff Richard de Revelle. But when a local lord is killed, John begins to suspect the cases are linked – and that Sir Richard's reasons for delaying the investigation may be more serious than his usual acts of petty vengeance...

Pocket Books; 1999

9hrs 30mins

14080 THE LATELY DECEASED

By Bernard Knight

Narrator Edward Peel

When super-rich Margaret Walker is found dead after a wild party, people assume it was an overdose - until a knife wound, almost invisible, is discovered on her body. But who would have wanted to murder her? As the investigation progresses, it is discovered that some of the party guests may have had a motive to kill Margaret... but were those motives enough to make someone a murderer - or was it a case of mistaken identity?

Accent Books; 2015

8hrs 0mins

14105 SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CHRISTMAS DEMON

By James Lovegrove

Narrator Edward Peel

It is 1890, and just before Christmas Sherlock Holmes and Dr John Watson are visited at Baker Street by a new client. Eve Allerthorpe is greatly distressed, as she believes she is being haunted by a demonic Christmas spirit. Holmes and Watson travel to the Allerthorpe family seat at Fellscar Keep to investigate, but soon discover that there is more to the case than at first appeared.

Titan Books; 2019

10hrs 30mins

14289 BLIND EYE

By Stuart MacBride

Narrator Stuart MacBride

Aberdeen's Polish community is under attack from a serial offender who leaves mutilated victims to be discovered on building sites. Detective Logan McRae is assigned to the investigation, but with the victims too scared to talk, it's going nowhere fast. When the next victim turns out to be Simon McLeod, owner of the Turf n' Track bookies, Logan suddenly finds himself caught up in a world of drug wars, prostitution and gun-running courtesy of Aberdeen's oldest and most vicious crime lord.

HarperCollins; 2009

12hrs 15mins

14287 THE RECKONING

By James McGee

Narrator David Timson

London, 1813: Bow Street Runner Matthew Hawkwood is summoned to a burial ground and finds the corpse of a young woman, murdered and cast into an open grave. His hunt for the killer will lead him from London's backstreets into the heart of a government determined to protect its secrets at all costs. Only Hawkwood's contacts within the criminal underworld can now help.

HarperCollins; 2017

13hrs 45mins

14155 I, ALEX CROSS

By James Patterson

Narrator Garrick Hagon

Alex Cross hears the news that his niece Caroline has been murdered, and she was not this killer's only victim. The hunt for her murderer leads Alex and his girlfriend, Detective Brianna Stone, to a place where every fantasy is possible. Alex and Bree are soon facing some very important, very protected, very dangerous people in levels of society where only one thing is certain - they will do anything to keep their secrets safe. As Cross closes in on the killer, he discovers evidence that points to the unimaginable...

Isis Audio Books; 2010

7hrs 0mins

14088 THE VIRGIN IN THE ICE

By Ellis Peters

Narrator Miscellaneous

A BBC Radio 4 dramatisation featuring crime-solving medieval monk, Cadfael. Winter, 1139, and Brother Cadfael's tranquil life at Shrewsbury monastery is once again interrupted by violent, mysterious happenings. As civil war rages close by, two orphans of a great family and their companion, a nun, disappear in the woods. Cadfael sets out to find them.

Random House Audio; 2012

2hrs 15mins

14133 SILENT IN THE SANCTUARY

By Deanna Raybourn Narrator Elizabeth Goodrich

England, 1887. Returning home to Sussex after a jaunt in Italy, Lady Julia Grey's eccentric family and friends have gathered to keep Christmas in Belmont Abbey. Lady Julia is soon immersed in mystery when one of the guests at her father's estate is murdered and a member of her family confesses to the crime.

Mira Books; 2009

14hrs 0mins

14316 GENESIS

By Karin Slaughter Narrator Jennifer Woodward

Sara Linton, working as a doctor in Atlanta, is starting to piece her life together. But when a wounded young woman is brought into the emergency room, she finds herself drawn back into a world of terror. When Special Agent Will Trent returns to the scene of the accident, he stumbles on a torture chamber. Sara's patient is just the first victim of a sick, sadistic killer and Will and his partner Faith Mitchell find themselves at the centre of a grisly murder hunt.

Isis Audio Books; 2010

15hrs 20mins

FAMILY SAGAS

14101 A LITTLE LEARNING

By Anne Bennett Narrator Maggie Stokes

Janet is determined to make something of herself, and wins a scholarship to go to grammar school. Struggling to fit in she befriends Ruth, another lonely pupil whose Jewish family have suffered many hardships. But will their friendship survive when Janet falls for Ruth's brother, Ben – marriage to a Catholic girl would go against everything his community hold dear. When the whole world seems stacked against her, can Janet hold onto her dreams?

HarperCollins; 2017

19hrs 30mins

14049 TO HEAR A NIGHTINGALE

By Charlotte Bingham

Narrator Pat Steadman

Having experienced a difficult childhood as an illegitimate girl in New Hampshire, Cassie McGann is willingly swept off her feet by Irish horsebreeder Tyrone Rosse, but with his sudden death, she must call upon her own spirit and courage.

Bantam; 1985

34hrs 0mins

14329 ABOVE THE HARVEST MOON

By Rita Bradshaw

Narrator Anne Dover

As the Depression hits the north of England, Hannah Casey's life is turned upside down. Since her father's death, Hannah and her mother Miriam have lived with her aunt and uncle - but as Hannah's beauty develops, she catches her uncle's roaming eye. Escaping to her friend Naomi's house whenever she can, Hannah is always made to feel welcome, and she begins to court Naomi's handsome brother Adam. But when she finally flees from home, it is the taciturn Jake, Naomi's older half-brother, who shines through as her protector...

Soundings Audio; 2007

13hrs 0mins

14125 THE GLASS VIRGIN

By Catherine Cookson

Narrator Joy Dansette

Annabella LaGrange was the only child of a wealthy family, owners of a glassworks in the North-East of England. When she is seventeen, Annabella learns something so shocking about her past that she flees her childhood home and is forced to embark upon a new existence with an invented past. Suddenly she must unlearn everything she has been taught about class and love.

Corgi; 1993

14hrs 30mins

14179 A VILLAGE SCANDAL

By Dilly Court

Narrator Annie Aldington

It's spring in Little Creek, and after their hasty marriage the Christmas before, Daisy Marshall is finally marrying dashing Jay Fox properly, in front of the whole village. But then, on the evening of their wedding, Jay disappears. Daisy doesn't know if Jay is dead or alive, if she's his wife or his widow. But the secret of Jay's disappearance is more scandalous than she could have ever imagined...

Lamplight Audio; 2020

11hrs 0mins

14286 THE BELFAST GIRL ON GALWAY BAY

By Anne Doughty

Narrator Aoife McMahon

When Elizabeth Stewart announces that she wants to leave Belfast for the west coast of Ireland, her family can't help but question her judgement. What could she possibly find in leafy Lisara that isn't available in the city? A stranger in the village, Lizzie's presence draws the attention of all the locals, and the charming Patrick Delargy. It's not long before Lizzie discovers that more than the rolling green hills and beautiful landscapes have captured her heart...

HarperCollins; 2019

8hrs 30mins

14208 THE HOUSE AT CHORLTON

By Prue Leith

Narrator Anne Marlow

From Cotswolds farmland to London fish markets, society ballrooms to icy gutters, this is a tale of prejudice and ambition, power and passion, and one couple's struggle to overcome all obstacles and carve out a life of their own...

Quercus; 2018

15hrs 0mins

14110 WRITTEN ON GLASS

By Judith Lennox

Narrator Pat Steadman

It is 1946 and the old families of the Temperleys and the Chancellors have been neighbours on the South Coast of England for many years. Now the younger generation has been touched by the Second World War. As the years go by, the family secrets come out, and it seems that the ties that bind can change relationships for ever...

Pan; 2003

24hrs 30mins

14198 THE THORN BIRDS

By Colleen McCullough Narrator Judy Le Besque

In the rugged Australian Outback, three extraordinary generations of Cleary's live through joy and sadness, bitter defeat and magnificent triumph - driven by their dreams, sustained by remarkable strength of character and torn by dark passions, violence and a scandalous family legacy of forbidden love.

Virago; 2004

20hrs 0mins

14163 THE STATIONMASTER'S DAUGHTER

By Kathleen McGurl

Narrator Clare Francis

Recovering from a disastrous marriage, Tilly decides to escape from the capital and moves to Dorset to stay with her dad, Ken. When Ken convinces Tilly to help with the restoration of the old railway, she discovers a diary hidden in the old ticket office. Then an encounter with an enigmatic stranger takes Tilly by surprise, and she can't help but feel a connection with a story from the past...

HarperCollins; 2019

10hrs 0mins

14253 A FAMILY'S HEARTBREAK

By Kitty Neale

Narrator Annie Aldington

When Jenny's mother abandons her and her younger siblings, Jenny is left at the mercy of her abusive father Henry. And when Henry beats his eldest daughter so badly that she ends up in the hospital, it seems like there's nowhere left for them all to go. Desperately trying to make ends meet, Jenny is alone and working round the clock. Will she ever be able to give her siblings the happy home they deserve? Or is the worst yet to come?

Lamplight Audio; 2019

10hrs 15mins

14097 A SISTER'S SECRET

By Mary Jane Staples

Narrator Brenda White

An impetuous decision to marry has left the young Lady Caroline widowed and with two estates in her name. Her younger sister is falling in love with a man who is notoriously unfaithful, but refuses to believe it. And so Caroline hires the charming Captain Burnside to distract her. He seems the perfect man to tear Annabelle away from her infatuation. But things don't go quite according to plan...

Corgi; 2013

14hrs 30mins

FANTASY FICTION

14103 SONG OF SORCERY

By Julia Caesar

Narrator Anita Gilson

Returning from Scartel to safety, Daro and Jalni are shaken by the death of a child. As Daro questions his faith in magic, Jalni decides that if he can face the past of a world, she can face her own, and slips away unseen. En route to Jerritol, followed by an old friend, she encounters Orto and decides to help him find the Tapestry of Tten. 'Tapestry of Tten' series, book 4.

Arima Publishing; 2011

16hrs 30mins

14278 MONSTROUS HEART

By Claire McKenna

Narrator Elaine Claxton

Arden Beacon arrives in the port of Vigil with a job to do. Tasked with using the magic in her blood to keep the lighthouse burning, she needs to prove herself worthy of her family name and her ancestors' profession. But the coastline Arden must keep alight is a place of secrets, rumours and tight-lipped expectations of a woman's place. A plot swirls around the lighthouse and Arden must make sense of these dark waters – before they wash her away.

HarperCollins; 2020

14hrs 0mins

14181 THE ONCE AND FUTURE KING

By T H White

Narrator Neville Jason

This is the extraordinary story of a boy called Wart - ignored by everyone except his tutor, Merlin - who goes on to become King Arthur. This masterful retelling of the Arthurian legend contains all five books about the early life of King Arthur (The Sword in the Stone, The Witch in the Wood, The Ill-Made Knight, The Candle in the Wind and The Book of Merlyn).

Naxos Audio Books; 2008

33hrs 0mins

14117 THE GOLDEN KEY

By Marian Womack

Narrator Vivienne Ennemoser

1901. Helena Walton-Cisneros, known for her ability to find the lost and the displaced, is hired by the elusive Lady Matthews to solve a twenty-year-old mystery: the disappearance of her three stepdaughters who vanished without a trace on the Norfolk Fens. But the Fens are an age-old land, where folk tales and dark magic still linger. Here, Helena finds what she was sent for, as the Fenland always gives up its secrets, in the end.

Titan; 2020

7hrs 30mins

GENERAL FICTION

13982 THE LOUD HALO

By Lilian Beckwith **Narrator Patricia Gallimore**

Lillian Beckwith serves up another delightful slice of Hebridean life and a collection of local characters. Meet Johnny Comic, Morag, Kirsty, Behag, Hector, Erchy and the postie - among others. Subjects for amusement include tourists, an election, blizzards and a tinkers' wedding.

Arrow; 1977

7hrs 0mins

14332 MISS BUNCLE'S BOOK

By D E Stevenson **Narrator Patricia Gallimore**

In a charming English village, Miss Barbara Buncle, a maiden lady, was obliged to write a book because - as she naively explained - her dividends were so poor. Unfortunately, Miss Buncle had no imagination, so she wrote about her friends - quite kindly and truthfully, of course. The reactions of her friends to Miss Buncle's book, however, were a little surprising, and the far-reaching and unexpected results of its publication cause quite a stir.

Soundings Audio; 2010

9hrs 0mins

14333 MISS BUNCLE MARRIED

By D E Stevenson **Narrator Patricia Gallimore**

Marriage to Arthur Abbott has done nothing to stop Barbara Buncle from involving herself in the lives of her neighbours. After moving to London, Barbara and Arthur are enjoying their newly-wedded bliss, but not the city life. The only solution to their problem? Returning to the country. Barbara finds the perfect candidate in the town of Wandlebury and the Abbotts make it their home. Barbara doesn't intend to get mixed up with those around her again, but can't help falling into scrapes, often with humorous consequences!

Soundings Audio; 2010

12hrs 0mins

GHOST STORIES

14167 MISTLETOE

By Alison Littlewood Narrator Vivienne Ennemoser

Following the tragic deaths of her husband and son, Leah thought Maitland Farm could give her a new life, and she rushes through the purchase of the run-down Yorkshire farmhouse. But now old ghosts are dragging her into the past. If Leah is to have a future, she must find a way to lay both her own past and theirs to rest - but the visions are becoming disturbingly real . . .

Jo Fletcher; 2020

7hrs 30mins

HISTORICAL FICTION

14175 THE RINGED CASTLE

By Dorothy Dunnett Narrator David Monteath

Lymond leaves Tudor England to journey to Muscovy, where he becomes advisor to the half-mad czar and finds himself caught up in the intrigues of barbaric Russia, while his enemies at home continue to conspire against him. The Lymond Chronicles; volume 5

Penguin Audio; 2019

25hrs 10mins

14120 HOUSE OF ANGELS

By Brian John Narrator Rachel Fenwick

Martha Morgan, the beautiful young mistress of the Plas Ingli estate, is warned that trouble is brewing for her family. She tries to carry on with her life – but then she receives the most terrible news that any young wife can imagine. With help from her family she sets out to prove that she is more than a match for the villains who seek the gold hidden somewhere on the estate, and they have plans for Martha too. But she has a mind of her own, and she is very angry. Book 2 of the ‘Angel Mountain Saga’

Greencroft Books; 2002

18hrs 0mins

14322 THE SEALWOMAN'S GIFT

By Sally Magnusson

Narrator Phyllida

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1627. In a notorious historical event, pirates raided the coast of Iceland and abducted 400 people into slavery in Algiers. Among them a pastor, his wife, and their children. In her debut novel Sally Magnusson imagines what history does not record: the experience of Asta, the pastor's wife, as she faces her losses with the one thing left to her - the stories from home - and forges an ambiguous bond with the man who bought her.

Isis Audio Books; 2018

10hrs 20mins

14283 THE WOMEN AT HITLER'S TABLE

By Rosella Postorino

Narrator Kristin Atherton

East Prussia, 1943. Hitler hides away in the Wolfsschanze. The tide is turning in the war, and his enemies circle ever closer. Ten women are chosen, to taste his food and protect him from poison. Rosa has lost everything to this war. Her parents are dead. Her husband is fighting on the front line. Alone and scared, she faces the SS with nothing but the knowledge every bite might be her last. Caught on the wrong side of history, how far is Rosa willing to go to survive?

HarperCollins; 2019

11hrs 0mins

14169 THE LADY ELIZABETH

By Alison Weir

Narrator Judith Boyd

Elizabeth Tudor is daughter to Henry VIII, the most powerful king England has ever known. She is destined to ascend the throne, and deferred to as the King's heiress, but that all changes when her mother Anne Boleyn - Henry's great passion and folly - is executed for treason. Elizabeth's life alters in a heartbeat but she is determined to survive, to foil those who want to destroy her and to reclaim her birthright . . .

Clipper Audio; 2009

20hrs 0mins

HORROR STORIES

14115 THE DARKEST PART OF THE WOODS

By Ramsey Campbell

Narrator Kay Morrison

The Price family have for decades been snarled with the fate of the ancient forest of Goodmanswood. Here, Dr Lennox Price discovered a hallucinogenic moss that became the focus of a cult, and now it seems as if the whole forest can affect the minds of visitors. After Lennox is killed trying to return to his beloved wood, his widow seems to see and hear him in the trees - or is it a dark version of the Green Man that caresses her with leafy hands? .

Tor Books; 2003

13hrs 0mins

HUMOUROUS FICTION

14214 HOW TO BUILD A GIRL

By Caitlin Moran

Narrator Louise Brealey

What do you do in your teenage years when you realize what your parents taught you wasn't enough? You must go out and find books and poetry and pop songs and bad heroes. Johanna Morrigan, fourteen, decides that there's no point in being Johanna anymore and reinvents herself as Dolly Wilde - fast-talking, hard-drinking, gothic hero. But what happens when Johanna realizes she's built Dolly with a fatal flaw? Is a box full of records, a wall full of posters, and a head full of paperbacks enough to build a girl after all? Contains some offensive language.

RHA; 2014

9hrs 30mins

14325 HAPPIEST DAYS

By Jack Sheffield

Narrator Jack Sheffield

1986 and it's the time of Margaret Thatcher's third election victory, Dynasty and shoulder pads, Neighbours and a Transformer for Christmas. And at Ragley School, a year of surprises is in store. Ruby the caretaker finds happiness at last, Vera the secretary makes an important decision, a new teacher is appointed and a disaster threatens the school. Meanwhile Jack receives unexpected news, and is faced with the biggest decision of his career...

Magna Story Sound; 2017

9hrs 30mins

LOVE STORIES

14223 THE WISHING WELL

By Anna Jacobs

Narrator Judy Le Besque

When her unfaithful husband dies in a car crash, Laura decides to leave Australia for her native England. Desperate to find a job and a home, a moment of chance at a wishing well leads her to Kit - a man in need of a live-in housekeeper. Kit is convalescing after an accident and still coming to terms with his disability. Both struggling in the face of hardship and heartbreak, Laura and Kit must learn how to find solace and strength in each other...

Canelo; 2019

8hrs 30mins

SHORT STORIES

14131 FESTIVE SPIRITS

By Kate Atkinson

Narrator Pamela Todd

Three festive tales from the brilliant pen of Kate Atkinson, which offer a good introduction to the author's work and her quirky sense of humour.

Doubleday; 2019

1hr 0mins

14024 THE SALT OF THE EARTH AND OTHER STORIES

By Margaret Bacon

Narrator Pat Steadman

A varied collection of short stories; some are funny, some more serious but they are all about real people in real situations, so the reader can identify with them. In some a cheat or a bully gets their comeuppance which is always very satisfactory for both writer and reader.

659design; 2018

5hrs 30mins

14206 GIRL, BALANCING & OTHER STORIES

By Helen Dunmore

Narrator Miscellaneous

Helen Dunmore passed away in June 2017, leaving behind this remarkable collection of short stories. With her trademark imagination and gift for making history human, she explores the fragile ties between passion, love, family, friendship and grief, often through people facing turning points in their lives.

RH Audio; 2018

10hrs 45mins

SPY STORIES

14226 THE ARENA

By William Haggard

Narrator Richard Simpson

The Arena is rooted in the City of London, where a run-down firm of City merchant bankers, Bonavias, have a hold on Radarmic: and Radarmic is top secret. When an upstart firm presses for a merger, there is more than money at stake, and Colonel Charles Russell, head of Security Executive, uncovers a cesspool of violence and intrigue.

Penguin; 1964

8hrs 0mins

14317 LONDON RULES

By Mick Herron

Narrator Sean Barrett

London Rules might not be written down, but everyone knows rule one. Cover your arse. The country's being rocked by an apparently random string of terror attacks, and over at Slough House, the crew are about to rediscover their greatest strength - that of making a bad situation much, much worse. It's a good job Jackson Lamb knows the rules. Because those things aren't going to break themselves.

Isis Audio Books; 2018

11hrs 0mins

THRILLERS

14321 THE GANGSTER

By Clive Cussler & Justin Scott

Narrator Jeff Harding

It is 1906, and in New York the Italian crime group known as the Black Hand is on a spree of kidnapping, extortion and arson. Detective Isaac Bell of the Van Dorn Agency is hired to form a special Black Hand Squad, but the gangsters appear to be everywhere. Then the murders begin, each one of a man more powerful than the last, and as Bell discovers, to his dismay, the ultimate target may be the most powerful man of all...

Isis Audio Books; 2018

9hrs 0mins

14177 THE LYING ROOM

By Nicci French

Narrator Olivia Poulet

Neve Connolly looks down at a murdered man. She doesn't call the police. A trusted colleague and friend, a mother, a wife; Neve Connolly is all these things. She has also made mistakes, one that is now spiralling out of control - bringing those around her into immense danger...

Clipper Audio; 2019

9hrs 0mins

14318 DARK FORCES

By Stephen Leather

Narrator Paul Thornley

A violent South London gang will be destroyed if Dan "Spider" Shepherd can gather enough evidence against them. What he doesn't know is that his work as an undercover agent for MI5 is about to intersect with a massive terrorist operation. Spider's going to have to proceed with extreme caution if he is to prevent the death of hundreds of people. The clock is ticking and only he stands between us and Armageddon...

Isis Audio Books; 2016

13hrs 30mins

14143 CONVICTION

By Denise Mina

Narrator Cathleen McCarron

When Anna's husband announces that he's leaving her for her best friend and taking their two daughters with him, her world is shattered. She distracts herself with a true-crime podcast, but when she recognises one of the victims she is convinced that only she knows what really happened. With nothing left to lose, she throws herself into investigating the case. But then her past and present lives collide, sending everything she has worked so hard to achieve into freefall.

Isis Audio Books; 2019

8hrs 40mins

WAR STORIES

14122 THE OCCUPATION

By Deborah Swift

Narrator Ann Clark

When Nazi forces occupy Jersey in the English Channel Islands, Céline Huber, who is married to a German, must decide where her loyalty lies. Love for her island, and fear for her Jewish friend Rachel, soon propel her into a dangerous double life. How far will Céline go for her best friend and her husband? Or will their lives be changed forever by the brutality of war?

Sapere; 2019

11hrs 30mins

WESTERNS

14319 THE BIG TROUBLE

By Steve Frazee

Narrator Jeff Harding

He Cries, an Uncompahgre Ute, sees his first white men while still a boy when, searching for gold, they attack his encampment killing everyone except He Cries, who escapes. Years later, He Cries has become White Bear, when trouble with encroaching miners on Ute lands reaches a crisis and White Bear decides to fight to keep the white men off their land. This Western trio also includes 'The Man Who Rode Alone' and 'Payroll Of The Dead'.

Isis Audio Books; 2018

6hrs 30mins

14314 TOMBSTONE FOR A TROUBLESHOOTER

By William Colt MacDonald

Narrator Jeff Harding

Special railroad agent Gregory Quist looks at the tombstone bearing his own name. Since he'd hit town, his life had been in danger - but with this, he decides enough is enough...

Isis Audio Books; 2018

6hrs 40mins

14158 THE MUSTANGERS

By Lauran Payne

Narrator Jeff Harding

Mark Lane and Reg Bachelor, Wyoming ranch hands in the summer, are heading south for the winter. As they move farther south, they come into a Navajo reservation, where they are hired to trap wild horses in Mexico. They are unaware that they've settled into a place from which gringos have been known to disappear...

Isis Audio Books; 2018

6hrs 15mins

14264 THE VIRGINIAN

By Owen Wister

Narrator Robert G Slade

The Virginian, a foreman at Shiloh Ranch, carries a strong sense of justice. This wins him the heart of independent young schoolteacher Molly Stark, and finds his sworn enemy Trampas at the end of a gun...

Naxos Audio Books; 2019

15hrs 0mins

Non-Fiction

ANIMALS

14241 THE PEREGRINE

By J A Baker

Narrator David Attenborough

J A Baker's classic of British nature writing was first published in 1967. Despite the association of peregrines with the wild, outer reaches of the British Isles, it is set on the flat marshes of the Essex coast. Here Baker spent long winters looking and writing about the visitors from the uplands - the peregrines that spend the winter hunting the huge flocks of pigeons and waders that share the desolate landscape with them.

Clipper Audio; 2020

9hrs 0mins

14227 LOST AND FOUND: TRUE TALES OF LOVE AND RESCUE

By Battersea Dogs & Cats Home with Jo Wheeler

Narrator Rachel Reay

Battersea Dogs & Cats Home is the UK's oldest and most famous home for dogs and cats. The Home aims never to turn away a dog or cat in need of help, reuniting lost dogs and cats with their owners or caring for them until new homes can be found. These heart-warming true stories celebrate the power of animals to transform people's lives.

Penguin; 2014

10hrs 0mins

14210 THE SECRET LIFE OF THE OWL

By John Lewis-Stempel **Narrator Roy McMillan**

John Lewis-Stempel explores the legends and history of the owl. And in vivid, lyrical prose, he celebrates all the realities of this magnificent creature, whose natural powers are as fantastic as any myth.

RHA; 2019

2hrs 0mins

14191 THE TWELVE BIRDS OF CHRISTMAS

By Stephen Moss **Narrator Bob Rollett**

Naturalist Stephen Moss digs beneath the surface of some of our most popular Christmas carols in an ornithological celebration of the Festive Season. With brilliant anecdotes and insights, Stephen Moss weaves history, culture, bird behaviour and folklore into a compelling narrative for each species, tracing its fortunes over the past two centuries...

Square Peg; 2019

5hrs 30mins

14207 THE CAT'S WHISKERS

By Beryl Reid **Narrator Ann Stutz**

Beryl Reid, one of Britain's best-loved comedienne, celebrates a lifelong love affair with cats in this charming collection of catty tales and snippets. With useful tips and personal anecdotes she creates an amusing and touching volume, essential for every cat-lover.

Headline; 1988

4hrs 30mins

ARTS - GENERAL

14190 WHY YOU SHOULD READ CHILDREN'S BOOKS, EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE SO OLD AND WISE

By Katherine Rundell **Narrator Heather Stewart**

Katherine Rundell - Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, and prize-winning author of five novels for children - explores how children's books ignite, and can re-ignite, the imagination; how children's fiction, with its unabashed emotion and playfulness, can awaken old hungers and create new perspectives on the world. This delightful and persuasive essay is for adult readers.

Bloomsbury; 2019

0hrs 45mins

14209 THIS IS SHAKESPEARE

By Emma Smith **Narrator Emma Smith**

An electrifying new study that investigates the challenges of the Bard's inconsistencies and flaws, and focuses on revealing - not resolving - the ambiguities of the plays and their changing topicality.

Pelican Audio; 2019

10hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY - ART MUSIC & LITERATURE

14203 TURNER: THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND MOMENTOUS TIMES OF J M W TURNER

By Franny Moyle

Narrator John Sackville

J M W Turner is Britain's most famous landscape painter. Yet beyond his artistic achievements, little is known of the man himself and the events of his life. Franny Moyle tells the story of the man who was considered visionary at best and ludicrous at worst, a near mythical figure in his own lifetime. A resolute adventurer, he found new ways of revealing Britain to the British, astounding his audience with his invention and intelligence.

Penguin Audio; 2016

17hrs 45mins

BIOGRAPHY – GENERAL

14327 MI5 AND ME

By Charlotte Bingham

Narrator Candida Gubbins

When aristocrat's daughter Charlotte Bingham was summoned to her father's office aged eighteen, she never expected to discover that her father was a spy. Even more ominous was his decision that she should work for MI5. As fellow secretary Annabella illuminates the mysteries of MI5, and Lottie's home fills with actors doubling as spies, Lottie feels well and truly spooked. This hilarious memoir is a window into 1950s' Britain, where debutantes are typists and where Englishness is both a nationality and a code of behaviour.

Oakhill Audio; 2018

6hrs 0mins

14239 WILL YOU LOVE ME

By Cathy Glass

Narrator Denica Fairman

Lucy was born to a single mother who couldn't cope, and was taken into foster care aged 8. By the time Lucy was fostered with Cathy she was severely distressed, refusing to eat and behind at school. But Cathy and her children bond with Lucy quickly, and finally show her the loving home she never believed existed. Cathy has been a foster carer for over 25 years, during which time she has looked after more than 100 children, of all ages and backgrounds.

Clipper Audio; 2014

9hrs 0mins

14187 THE WOMAN WHO SAVED THE CHILDREN

By Clare Mulley

Narrator Joely Richardson

An unconventional biography of an unconventional woman. Eglantyne Jebb, not particularly fond of children herself, nevertheless dedicated her life to establishing Save the Children and promoting her revolutionary concept of human rights. She not only helped save millions of lives, but this charismatic and compassionate woman also permanently changed the way the world treats children.

Naxos Audio Books; 2020

14hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – HISTORICAL

14268 THE ESSENTIAL ABRAHAM LINCOLN

By Garrick Hagan & Peter Whitfield

Narrators Peter Marinker & Garrick Hagon

Abraham Lincoln was one of the most influential presidents of the USA, uniting the country and abolishing slavery after a terrible civil war. His life and works are presented here in an easy introductory form. Through a balance of biography and the key speeches and letters, the man is brought to life, demonstrating his keen intelligence and determination, which was maintained all the way to his tragic death at the hand of an assassin.

Naxos Audio Books; 2009

4hrs 0mins

BIOGRAPHY – SPORT

14277 A CLEAR BLUE SKY

By Jonny Bairstow & Duncan Hamilton

Narrator Paul Tyreman

As a young boy of eight, Jonny Bairstow was dealt a cruel blow. His father David 'Bluey' Bairstow, the combative and very popular wicketkeeper and captain of Yorkshire, took his own life at the age of 47. Jonny and his family strived to come to terms with the loss of their father and husband. Jonny found his way through his dedication to sport. He followed in his father's footsteps and chose cricket, eventually reaching the pinnacle of the sport and breaking the record for most Test runs in a year by a wicketkeeper.

HarperCollins; 2017

8hrs 30mins

14213 MY STORY

By Steven Gerrard

Narrator Michael Ryan

Steven Gerrard - legendary captain of Liverpool and England - tells the story of the highs and lows of a twenty-year career at the top of English and world football. Perhaps the last player of his calibre that we will see display such extraordinary longevity and commitment, his loyalty ensures he will be remembered not only as one of the all-time Anfield greats but one of England's finest footballers.

Penguin Audio; 2015

13hrs 30mins

CRIME

14164 THE GREEN BICYCLE MYSTERY

By Anthony M Brown

Narrator Terrence Hardiman

In the summer of 1919, a young woman is found dead in a lonely country lane. She was last seen with a man on a green bicycle, who seemingly vanishes into thin air. Now, dramatic evidence is revealed for the first time, including a vital statement hidden in a police safe for decades, and the forgotten testimony of a key witness. But does it solve the case or deepen the mystery?

Mirror; 2017

8hrs 0mins

14083 CATCHING A SERIAL KILLER

By Stephen Fulcher

Narrator Michael Rabin

When Detective Superintendent Steve Fulcher arrested Christopher Halliwell over the disappearance of 22-year-old Sian O'Callaghan, it was the start of his own downfall. Following the investigation, this is Steve's inside story of the cat-and-mouse situation, which led him to the discovery of Sian's body and another victim who had been missing since 2002. The murders shocked the nation and since then, Halliwell has been linked to several more murders and disappearances.

Ebury Press; 2017

8hrs 0mins

HEALTH & WELLBEING

14118 CALM CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

By Beth Kempton

Narrator Grace Dives

This is a book about Christmas. But it's also a book which offers inspiration for a new kind of holiday season - one where you radiate calm and cultivate delight. Full of personal stories, tips and advice for slowing down, staying calm, and connecting with others, it is a welcome retreat from the pressure to create 'the perfect Christmas'.

Piatkus; 2019

6hrs 0mins

HISTORY – BRITISH

13834 LONDON: THE BIOGRAPHY - VOLUME 3

By Peter Ackroyd

Narrator Simon Evers

THE NATURAL HISTORY OF LONDON: 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

7hrs 30mins

14135 LONDON: THE BIOGRAPHY - VOLUME 4

By Peter Ackroyd

Narrator Derina Dinkin

LONDON'S OUTCASTS: 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 0mins

14109 DEVICES AND DESIRES: BESS OF HARDWICK AND THE BUILDING OF ELIZABETHAN ENGLAND

By Kate Hubbard

Narrator Grace Dives

Born in 1521, Bess of Hardwick, businesswoman, money-lender and property tycoon, established herself as one of the richest and most powerful women in England, second only to Queen Elizabeth. Her wealth took form in her passion for building and she oversaw the construction of her four houses including Hardwick New Hall, which stands today as a celebration of her triumphant progress through Elizabethan England.

Vintage; 2019

13hrs 0mins

14269 LONDON LABOUR AND THE LONDON POOR

By Henry Mayhew

Narrator David Timson

Written by journalist and reformer Henry Mayhew, a founder of the satirical magazine *Punch*, this is a fascinating insight into the daily lives of the underclass of Victorian London. Collecting testimonials from the lower strata of society, we encounter street entertainers, cabinetmakers, gingerbread sellers, swindlers and burglars. The intimate and detailed first-hand accounts provide an unprecedented insight into the day-to-day struggle for survival.

Naxos Audio Books; 2018

27hrs 15mins

14266 TO THE ISLAND OF TIDES

By Alistair Moffat

Narrator David Rintoul

Alistair Moffat travels to – and through the history of – the fated island of Lindisfarne. Walking from his home in the Borders, through the historical landscape of Scotland and northern England, he takes us on a pilgrimage in the footsteps of saints and scholars, before arriving for a secular retreat on the Holy Isle.

Naxos Audio Books; 2019

10hrs 0mins

14170 THE FENS: DISCOVERING ENGLAND'S ANCIENT DEPTHS

By Francis Pryor

Narrator Francis Pryor

The Fens is Britain's most distinctive, complex, and least understood man-made landscape. Francis Pryor has lived in the Fen Country for more than 40 years and loves its levels and drains, its soaring churches and magnificent medieval buildings. Here he counterpoints the history of the Fenland landscape and its transformation, with the story of his own discovery of it as an archaeologist.

Clipper Audio; 2020

14hrs 0mins

HISTORY – EUROPEAN

14183 THE RENAISSANCE IN A NUTSHELL

By Peter Whitfield

Narrator Peter Whitfield

A short and accessible introduction to the era that gave us Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Palestrina. The Renaissance swept across Europe between the fourteenth and seventeenth centuries, heralding intellectual revolutions in science, art, philosophy and politics, and marking a decisive shift towards modern thinking.

Naxos Audio Books; 2009

1hr 15mins

HISTORY – GENERAL

14221 CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS: A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS LORE

By George Goodwin

Narrator Judy Franklin

Christmas needs no introduction - but its rich history is often forgotten. These forty short pieces on individual traditions will help you discover the secrets behind the festive season, revealing the intriguing origins of the traditional festivities.

British Library; 2019

2hrs 30mins

HISTORY – WORLD

14211 THE BOUNDLESS SEA

By David Abulafia

Narrator Jonathan Keeble

From the earliest forays of people in hand-hewn canoes navigating through uncharted waters, to the routes now taken daily by supertankers in their thousands, maritime networks form a continuum of interaction and interconnection across the globe where 90 per cent of global trade is still conducted by sea. This is history of the grandest scale and scope, and from a bracingly different perspective - not, as in most global histories, from the land but from the boundless seas.

Penguin Audio; 2019

41hrs 0mins

14291 PRISONERS OF HISTORY

By Keith Lowe

Narrator Keith Lowe

Humankind has always had the urge to memorialise, to make physical testaments to the past. There's just one problem: when we carve a statue or put up a monument, it can wind up holding us hostage to bad history. In this extraordinary history book, Keith Lowe uses monuments from around the world to show how different countries have attempted to sculpt their history in the wake of the Second World War, and what these memorials reveal about their politics and national identity today.

HarperCollins; 2020

10hrs 15mins

JOURNALISM

14172 A DAY LIKE TODAY

By John Humphrys

Narrator John Humphrys

For more than three decades, millions of Britons have woken to the sound of John Humphrys' voice. As presenter of Radio 4's Today, the nation's most popular news programme, he is famed for his tough interviewing, his deep misgivings about authority in its many forms, and his passionate commitment to a variety of causes. Here, John charts his journey from the poverty of his post-war childhood in Cardiff, leaving school at 15, to the summits of broadcasting.

Clipper Audio; 2020

13hrs 0mins

14204 AIRHEAD: THE IMPERFECT ART OF MAKING NEWS

By Emily Maitlis

Narrator Emily Maitlis

In this no holds barred account of life in the seconds before, during and after going on air, Newsnight presenter and leading journalist Emily Maitlis gives us the insider info on what we don't get to see on-screen. Giving us the inside scoop on her interviews with everyone from Emma Thompson to Russell Brand, and Donald Trump to Prince Andrew this is a brilliant exposé of the moments that never make the news.

Penguin Audio; 2019

8hrs 0mins

POETRY

14225 THESE ARE THE HANDS

By Deborah Alma & Dr Katie Amiel (editors)

Narrator Vivienne Ennemoser

This anthology offers a unique insight into the experiences of the people at the heart of the NHS. The poems offer unflinchingly honest and intimate accounts from the people who care for us, and serve as a stark reminder of the human cost of trying to offer compassionate care in a system that is underfunded and understaffed. Leading poets have donated works including Michael Rosen, Roger McGough and Wendy Cope.

Fair Acre Press; 2020

2hrs 30mins

14334 MAGNETIC FIELD: THE MARSDEN POEMS

By Simon Armitage

Narrator Bob Rollett

The village of Marsden, West Yorkshire not only was home to Simon Armitage's beginnings as a writer, but has been a vital presence throughout his works. This collection gathers all the Marsden poems together to create a 'poetry of place' edition, which will offer a new way of appraising Simon's body of work, as well as celebrating this overlooked region that has meant so much to him personally.

Faber; 2020

1hr 0mins

14313 X RECKLESS PAPER BIRDS

By John McCullough

Narrator Paul Vates

These exuberant poems welcome you into a psychedelic, parallel world of vomit and blossom, where Kate Bush mingles with a weeping Lady Gaga, a fractal coast full of see-through things: water, mirrors, glass pebbles. With a magpie's eye for hidden charms, McCullough ranges across birdlife, Grindr and My Little Pony while also addressing social issues from homelessness to homophobia. X rated, contains offensive language and explicit sex.

Penned in the Margins; 2019

1hr 30mins

PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY

14215 FEMINISTS DON'T WEAR PINK (AND OTHER LIES)

By Scarlett Curtis (editor)

Narrator Miscellaneous

We asked 52 women: what does the F word mean to you? The result is extraordinary. This collection of essays curated by writer Scarlett Curtis is a call-to-arms that allows us to unpick what it means to be a feminist in a safe space. Warning: contains a lot of feminism and some explicit content!

Penguin Audio; 2018

5hrs 15mins

14282 INNOCENT: THE TRUE STORY OF SIBLINGS STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE

By Cathy Glass

Narrator Denica Fairman

This is the true story of little Molly and Kit, siblings, aged 3 years, and 18 months, who are brought into care after suffering non-accidental injuries. The children's parents appear distraught and maintain their innocence. Both children become sick while foster carer, Cathy, is looking after them and when Cathy's daughter, Lucy, becomes ill too she believes she has found the cause of Kit and Molly's illness and the parents aren't to blame. However, nothing could be further from the truth and what comes to light is far more sinister and shocking.

HarperCollins; 2019

9hrs 0mins

14248 ON THE RED HILL

By Mike Parker

Narrator Bob Rollett

In 2006, Mike Parker and his partner Peredur were witnesses at the civil partnership of their friends Reg and George, the first in the small Welsh town of Machynlleth. Years later, when Reg and George died, Mike and Peredur discovered that they had been left their home: a whitewashed house, buried deep within the hills. This is the story of Rhiw Goch - 'the Red Hill', its inhabitants and a remarkable rural community, and a legacy that extends far beyond bricks and mortar.

Faber; 2020

1hr 0mins

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

14267 ARISTOTLE: AN INTRODUCTION

By Hugh Griffith

Narrator Hugh Ross

No thinker has had a more profound influence on western civilisation than Aristotle. His work has been one of the main props of our culture for over two thousand years. Underlying all of it is a conviction that system and order can be found to govern everything, even human conduct. Under 'Ethics and Politics' Aristotle examines what is the best kind of life, and what is the best kind of society for making this possible.

Naxos Audio Books; 2008

5hrs 0mins

SCIENCE – ENVIRONMENTAL

14026 'CHERRY' INGRAM: THE ENGLISHMAN WHO SAVED JAPAN'S BLOSSOMS

By Naoko Abe

Narrator Grace Dives

After visiting Japan in 1902 and then discovering two magnificent cherry trees in the garden of his family home in Kent, Collingwood 'Cherry' Ingram, fell in love with cherry blossoms, or sakura, and dedicated much of his life to their cultivation and preservation. Ingram became one of the world's leading sakura experts and every spring we enjoy his legacy.

Chatto & Windus; 2019

9hrs 30mins

**14262 THE LIGHT IN THE DARK: A WINTER
JOURNAL**

By Horatio Clare

Narrator James Murphy

In this moving and lyrical evocation of a British winter and the feelings it inspires, Horatio Clare raises a torch against the darkness, illuminating the blackest corners of the season, and delving into memory and myth to explore the powerful hold that winter has on us. By learning to see, we can find the magic, the light that burns bright at the heart of winter: spring will come again.

Elliott & Thompson; 2019

4hrs 0mins

**14166 THE COW BOOK: A STORY OF LIFE ON A
FAMILY FARM**

By John Connell

Narrator Michael Sharp

This is the story of a calving season. It is also the story of the cow itself, from its domestication and worship as a God by the Ancient Egyptians to the modern practice of mechanized herds, the destruction of the American buffalo, and the consequences of BSE. Above all, it is the story of Connell's life as a farmer, of his relationship with his birthplace of County Longford, with the animals he tends, and with his father.

Granta; 2019

7hrs 0mins

**14107 LAB GIRL: A STORY OF TREES, SCIENCE
AND LOVE**

By Hope Jahren

Narrator Derina Dinkin

Acclaimed scientist Hope Jahren has built three laboratories in which she has studied trees, flowers, seeds, and soil. This is her moving portrait of a longtime friendship, and a stunningly fresh look at plants that will forever change how you see the natural world. It is a revelatory treatise on plant life but it is also so much more.

Fleet; 2017

12hrs 30mins

14200 FERAL

By George Monbiot

Narrator George Monbiot

George Monbiot, one of the world's most celebrated radical thinkers, offers a riveting tale of possibility and travel in the wild. This is the lyrical and gripping story of his efforts to re-engage with nature and discover a new way of living. He shows how, by restoring and rewilding our damaged eco systems on land and at sea, we can bring wonder back into our lives.

Penguin Audio; 2020

11hrs 0mins

SPORT & GAMES

14188 THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD CUP

By Brian Glanville

Narrator Bob Wilson

Brian Glanville's dramatic history of the world's most famous football tournament has become the most authoritative guide to the World Cup. Since the very first World Cup in Uruguay in 1930, his classic account is a vivid celebration of the great players and legendary matches in the competition - as well as a bold attack on those who have mismanaged the 'beautiful game'.

Naxos Audio Books; 2010

5hrs 0mins

14335 AFTER EXTRA TIME AND PENALTIES

By Mike Ingham

Narrator Mike Inham

BBC Football correspondent, Mike Ingham, MBE, shares a candid, comprehensive, and sometimes, controversial account of how the world of broadcasting and football changed beyond recognition throughout his career. He recalls England's campaigns in tournaments over the last half century with a detailed and eyewitness account of what the atmosphere was really like over the years behind the scenes in the England camp.

Book Guild; 2020

7hrs 30mins

14165 NEWCASTLE UNITED ON THIS DAY

By David Potter

Narrator John Hobday

David Potter revisits all the most magical and memorable moments from the club's glorious past, mixing in a maelstrom of quirky anecdotes and legendary characters to produce an irresistibly dippable diary of Magpies history - with an entry for every day of the year.

Pitch Publishing; 2012

5hrs 30mins

TRAVEL– BRITISH ISLES

14219 SUFFOLK SUMMER

By John T Appleby

Narrator Bob Rollett

John Appleby's account of his time in the UK in World War 2 - as a Civil Engineer in the US Army Air Force - mainly in Suffolk and East Anglia, building massive airfields for the USAAF. He tells how he fell for the rural beauty, architecture, history and people of the county.

Alastair Press; 1997

4hrs 30mins

14292 THE FRAYED ATLANTIC EDGE

By David Gange

Narrator Ed Hughes

Over the course of a year, historian and nature writer David Gange kayaked the weather-ravaged coasts of Atlantic Britain and Ireland from north to south. The story of his journey reveals how the similar ingredients of wind, rock and ocean have been transformed into wildly different Atlantic cultures. Drawing on the archives of islands and coastal towns, he shows that the histories of these stunning regions are of real importance in reconceptualising both the past and the future of the whole archipelago.

HarperCollins; 2019

12hrs 0mins

TRAVEL– EUROPEAN

14285 ONE MORE CROISSANT FOR THE ROAD

By Felicity Cloake

Narrator Felicity Cloake

Cookery journalist Felicity Cloake embarks on the trip of a lifetime, cycling 3,500km across France in search of the definitive versions of classic French dishes. This lively account of her search for the ultimate Quiche Lorraine, la meilleure Tarte Tatin and a Cassoulet par excellence culminates in a triumphant two-wheeled tour of Paris' boulangeries in pursuit of France's finest croissant. Each chapter concludes with a new 'perfect' recipe for each dish.

HarperCollins; 2019

9hrs 0mins

TRAVEL – WORLD

14242 DARK STAR SAFARI: OVERLAND FROM CAIRO TO CAPE TOWN

By Paul Theroux

Narrator Norman Dietz

Travelling across bush and desert, down rivers and across lakes, and through country after country, Theroux visits some of the most beautiful landscapes on earth, and some of the most dangerous. It is a journey of discovery and of rediscovery, of the unknown and the unexpected, but also of people and places he knew as a young and optimistic teacher forty years before.

Clipper Audio; 2004

23hrs 0mins

WORLD WAR II

14202 LAST STOP AUSCHWITZ

By Eddy de Wind

Narrator Boris Heistand

Eddy de Wind, a Dutch doctor, was shipped to Auschwitz with his wife, Friedel, whom he had met at the Westerbork labour camp in the Netherlands. At Auschwitz, they made it through the brutal selection process and were put to work. Each day became a battle for survival. This is his extraordinary account of life as a prisoner, and a unique and timeless story that reminds us of what we as humans are capable of, but that there is hope, even in hell.

Penguin Audio; 2020

7hrs 30mins

14293 LOVE AND WAR IN THE APENNINES

By Eric Newby

Narrator James Bryce

After the Italian Armistice of 1943, Eric Newby escaped from the prison camp in which he'd been held and evaded the German army by hiding in the forests of Fontanellato, in Italy's Po Valley. He was sheltered for three months by an informal network of Italian peasants who fed, supported and nursed him before his eventual recapture. Part travelogue, part escape story and part romance, this is a mesmerising account of the early life of a man who would become one of Britain's best loved literary adventurers.

HarperCollins; 2019

11rs 0mins