For Your Ears Only

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Welcome to the latest edition of For Your Ears Only.

Highlights this quarter include the second instalment in the We Solve Murders series from **Richard Osman**. A Very Dangerous Pursuit sees **Ben Miller** turn his hand to historical adventure in his first novel for adults. And there are hotly anticipated new titles from authors **Marlon James**, **Irvine Welsh**, **Kate Atkinson** and **Sebastian Faulks**. For non-fiction fans, Redwood by **Ben Macintyre** is not to be missed, as well as Swan Song, the book everyone has been talking about, which is an extraordinary portrait of Princess Diana from her brother **Charles Spencer**.

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Happy reading from the Editorial Team

Emma Scott and Aimee Marshall

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Fiction

20th Century Classics

The Burden

by Agatha Christie, Mary Westmacott

published by Harper Collins

read by Gillian Kerrod

Laura Franklin bitterly resented the arrival of her younger sister Shirley, an enchanting baby loved by all the family. But Laura's emotions towards her sister changed dramatically one night, when she vowed to protect her with all her strength and love. While Shirley longs for freedom and romance, Laura has to learn that loving can never be a one-sided affair, and the burden of her love for her sister has a dramatic effect on both their lives. A story of consequences when love turns to obsession... Famous for her ingenious crime books and plays, Agatha Christie also wrote about crimes of the heart, six bittersweet and very personal novels, as compelling and memorable as the best of her work.

running time 7 hours 28 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 6 5

Irish Fairy Tales and Folklore

by W. B. Yeats

published by Echo Point Books & Media, LLC

read by Ailish Jeffers

Dive into the enchanting world of Irish folklore in this captivating compendium of fairy tales, songs, and poems compiled and co-written by Nobel Prize-winning Irish wordsmith W. B. Yeats. Fuelled by a life-long fascination with Irish myths, Yeats collaborated with the luminaries of the Irish Literary Revival and meticulously collected and edited these fascinating tales to resurrect the glory and significance of Ireland's rich past. Through this timeless literature, Yeats invites listeners to immerse themselves in the magic and wonder of Ireland's cultural heritage.

running time 14 hours 17 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 6 7

Adventure Stories

Nighthawk

by Clive Cussler, Graham Brown

published by Penguin Random House

read by Scott Brick

When the most advanced aircraft ever designed vanishes over the South Pacific, NUMA operatives Kurt Austin and Joe Zavala are drawn into a deadly contest to locate the fallen machine. Russia and China covet the radical technology, but the United States worries about a darker problem. They

know what others don't-that the X-37 is carrying a dangerous secret, a payload of exotic matter, extracted from the upper reaches of the atmosphere and stored at a temperature near absolute zero. As long as it remains frozen, the cargo is inert, but if it thaws, it will unleash a catastrophe of nearly unthinkable proportions... Book 14 in the NUMA Files series.

running time 11 hours 30 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 3 5

The Pandora Conspiracy

by Andy McDermott

published by Hachette

read by John Telfer

Pandora's Box has long been thought a myth. But when archaeologist Nina Wilde and her husband, former SAS soldier Eddie Chase, are summoned to the White House for a secret meeting, it appears the legendary artefact is real, with the potential to bring great benefits to humanity - or unimaginable harm. Mistrustful of the motives of those who want to find it, Nina sets out with Eddie on a mission that is the opposite of her usual goal: to ensure the ancient treasure remains undiscovered for ever. But as more groups join the hunt - including one led by her own daughter Macy - Nina finds herself trapped in an ever more deadly race which, if she loses, could destroy the world as we know it - and if she wins will tear her family apart... Book 19 in the Nina Wilde and Eddie Chase series.

running time 13 hours 56 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 7 2

The Rising Sea

by Clive Cussler, Graham Brown

published by Penguin Random House

read by Scott Brick

When NUMA scientists discover a startling rise in the Western Pacific sea levels, they fly to Japan in search of answers. Kurt, Joe and the team uncover a secret Chinese mining operation beneath the East China Sea, and a diabolical plan to destroy the Japanese-American alliance and unbalance the world's scales of power. To avert an international disaster, Kurt and his team must outwit a powerful, ruthless industrialist, an assassin too violent for the Yakuza, and an extraordinary hi-tech threat... risking everything in a desperate attempt to stop the coming flood. Book 15 in the NUMA Files series.

running time 11 hours 17 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 4 9 4

The Romanov Ransom

by Clive Cussler, Robin Burcell

published by Penguin Random House

read by Scott Brick

When a kidnapping captures the attention of treasure-hunting team Sam and Remi Fargo, they find themselves on the trail of the legendary Romanov Ransom - a Russian

fortune stolen by the Nazis during World War II. Hunting a neo-Nazi faction across Europe, North Africa and South America is their greatest quest yet. They must prevent the rise of a Fourth Reich, or witness the resurgence of the greatest evil of the modern world. Book 9 in the Fargo Adventure series.

running time 10 hours 26 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 2 7

Secrets of the Dead

by Tom Harper

published by Penguin Random House

read by Francis Greenslade

In a villa on the coast of Montenegro, Abby Cormac witnesses the brutal murder of her lover, diplomat Michael Lascaris. The last thing she remembers is a gun pointed directly at her and wakes to find herself alone and at the centre of a diplomatic nightmare. Everyone wants an answer but no one wants to listen. Even her employers at the Foreign Office believe she's hiding something. As Abby tries to piece together the last few months of Michael's life in order to get at the truth, she soon realises that he wasn't quite what he seemed. What exactly was his relationship with one of the most ruthless men in the Balkans? And what links Michael's gift to her of a gold necklace, a 4th century manuscript left in the shadow of Emperor Constantine's palace at Trier and an inscription on a tomb in Rome? When Abby investigates further, it becomes clear that someone

wants to suppress a secret, one that has been kept hidden for centuries. And they will stop at nothing to do so...

running time 14 hours 11 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 4 8

Classic Crime

Down Under

by Patricia Wentworth

published by Calibre Audio

read by Simon Evers

Rose Anne disappeared on the eve of her wedding to Captain Oliver Loddon. Her fiancé received a letter posted from Paris saying she was sorry but there was someone else. To the police it is quite simple. But Oliver can't believe Rose Anne capable of such a cruel act, and then discovers that her note carries quite another message. Benbow Smith is brought in to investigate, and we learn the young woman's disappearance is connected to an escaped and dangerous criminal – and Rose Anne isn't the only one who's recently gone missing... Book 4 in the Benbow Smith series.

running time 7 hours

catalogue number: 2 4 2 0 1

Murder In The Falling Snow

by Cecily Gayford, Miscellaneous Authors

published by Calibre Audio

read by Nigel Bonynge

It's only the afternoon, but dusk is already falling and a log fire burning in the grate. Outside, frost coats the tree branches and snow sparkles on the ground. And somewhere in the darkness, a murderer is making plans... Here are ten classic crime stories for the winter months, from the greatest minds of the mystery genre. So, bundle up, grab a glass of mulled wine, and get ready to be puzzled, astonished and entertained by these festive stories of murder and mayhem.

running time unknown

catalogue number: 2 5 7 7 2

Community Languages

Aussi Longtemps Que Dure L'amour

by Alain de Botton

published by Accessible Books Consortium

Comment vous êtes-vous rencontrés? demande-t-on souvent aux protagonistes d'un couple. En général, la réponse fuse - c'est une histoire qu'ils aiment raconter. Mais l'histoire ne s'arrête pas là, elle ne fait au contraire que débuter: qu'est-ce qui s'est passé ensuite? Des premières étincelles amoureuses aux joies et aux peurs de

l'engagement, de la naissance des enfants aux tribulations de la vie conjugale, de l'adultère à la réconciliation, voici l'histoire d'un mariage, contée avec toute la finesse et l'humour d'Alain de Botton.

running time 8 hours 30 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 5 4 9

Mortimer

by Terry Pratchett

published by Accessible Books Consortium

La Mort est la Faucheuse du Disque-Monde, un squelette en robe noire avec une faux qui conduit les âmes vers l'autre monde. Elle aime aussi les chats et est sans cesse déconcertée par l'humanité. Bientôt, la Mort aspire à découvrir ce que l'humanité a vraiment à offrir, mais pour cela, elle devra engager de l'aide. C'est une offre que Mort ne peut pas refuser. En tant qu'apprenti de la Mort, il aura le gîte et le couvert, pourra utiliser le cheval de la maison - et mourir n'est pas obligatoire. C'est le travail de rêve - jusqu'à ce que Mort tombe amoureux de la fille de la Mort, Ysabell, et découvre que votre patron peut être un vrai tueur pour votre vie amoureuse...

running time 9 hours

catalogue number: 2 8 5 5 0

Contemporary Fiction

All Them Dogs

by Djamel White

published by Hachette

read by Conor Dunne

Things are different since Tony Ward landed back in town. The West Dublin gangland has changed. His old mentor is dead, and his best pal Kenny Boyle is on the straight and narrow. After five years keeping quiet across the way, Tony is keen to reinstate himself, and when the opportunity arises to work side by side with Darren 'Flute' Walsh, a top enforcer of notorious crime boss Aengus Lavelle, it feels like a no brainer. Biting off more than he can chew has never bothered Tony Ward, but Flute Walsh is not the meek, quiet boy Tony remembers from school. Brooding, stoic, and unpredictably dangerous, Tony finds himself drawn to his new associate in more ways than one. With retribution from his past actions always close in the rear view, the protection offered by Flute's standing in the gang is crucial. But how safe is Tony really, when a mutual attraction starts to complicate matters?

running time 6 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 7 6

Black Bag

by Luke Kennard

published by Hachette

read by Luke Kennard

A penniless and out-of-work actor picks up a job working for Dr Blend, a university professor who is conducting a psychological experiment. How will Dr Blend's students react to someone zipped into on oversized bag, sitting at the back of the lecture hall over a series of autumn term lectures? The role, eagerly accepted, soon has unexpected consequences. A professor of post-humanism develops research questions of her own, in particular can you love someone secreted away inside a black bag? Meanwhile, the actor's childhood friend and flatmate forms a vision for monetising this new situation... A warped campus novel, an investigation into the crisis of masculinity and an off-kilter love story, Black Bag is a firework of a novel: blazingly funny and profoundly humane.

running time 9 hours 12 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 5 4 5

Can Nothing Save Us?

by Irvine Welsh

published by Penguin Random House

read by Todd Kramer

Molly and George Warburton are used to living life their own way. Now, in the ferocious heat of Sin City, the couple are facing up to their failures and final years. They announce that their grandson Luke - college dropout, aspiring writer, electronic dance music aficionado - will inherit their millions. It is sudden news that leaves their daughter Gina hell-bent on revenge. Yet Luke's good fortune will not last. When a

strange newcomer to the neighbourhood insinuates himself into the Warburtons' world, it is the beginning of a chain of chilling events that could split the family permanently and put all their lives at risk. The question is, do they have what it takes to survive?

running time 13 hours 8 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 8 5 7

Clara and Christina

by Andrew Cunning

published by Hachette

read by Nicky Harley

Two women meet in an unassuming coffee shop in Belfast; they seem an unlikely pair. Clara is young, inquisitive, optimistic for what the meeting holds. Christina is older, in her seventies, still glamorous, still quick. She is working on her fifth novel, but no one yet knows of its existence. Clara is there to interview Christina, for her own book, anticipating some major scoop on this reclusive novelist. She wants to unearth the truth behind the fiction. But Christina has a different lesson in store for Clara. Over a few months, a relationship forms between these two women who live their lives in books. Clara, writing her first, embraces this opportunity to learn from a writer finishing her last. During this time, Clara, face to face with her hero, begins to question her own convictions ultimately asking herself: what if there is nothing but fiction?

running time 9 hours 28 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 7 7

The Daffodil Days

by Helen Bain

published by Bloomsbury

read by Finty Williams

In the early 1960s, in a small town near Dartmoor, the church bells ring. The people of North Tawton go about their days, catching glimpses of one another's lives. There's the local GP, who knows more about his patients than he would sometimes prefer. There's the young shop assistant at Kestrels, who understands that the ladies who come there for a new outfit sometimes hope to find a new self. There's the tenant farm labourer who rings the tower bells at the church three times a week, the notes – harmonious and clashing – rippling out across the rooftops of the town. Amid all these lives, a young couple move into focus. New to the town with their small daughter, they have escaped London for a quieter existence in the thatched house beside the church, Court Green. The life they intend to build here – out of fresh lino tiles, second-hand furniture painted with hearts and flowers, and expertly-cooked suppers for weekend guests – will be a good and happy one.

running time 9 hours 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 4 9

The Disappearers

by Marlon James

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

The Disappearers is Marlon James's triumphant return to the Jamaica of A Brief History of Seven Killings - a place of heat and chaos, and of danger for anyone outside the heteronormal. So, when eight gay men meet for the first time, in Kingston in 1988, answering the casting call for an openly queer play, they are already taking a big risk. But that is nothing compared to what rains down on them when a mob descends on one of their rehearsals. By the end of this night, one man is dead, all are injured, and two subsequently disappear. As the survivors heal, each man finds he must confront the bigotry and homophobia that the attack laid bare. Some try to forget; some embrace their rage; and some simply vanish - but all are forever scarred. As one of the victims puts it, 'there's a difference between when something ends and when something stops'. And this story won't stop until both the disappearers and the perpetrators have been tracked, along trails both hot and cold, and an ending reached.

running time 22 hours 15 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 9 6 5

Endling

by Maria Reva, Miscellaneous

published by Hachette

read by Miscellaneous

Ukraine, 2022. Yeva is a maverick scientist who scours the country's forests and valleys, trying and failing to breed rare snails while her relatives urge her to settle down and start a family of her own. What they don't know: Yeva already dates plenty of men-not for love, but to fund her work-entertaining Westerners who come to Ukraine on guided romance tours believing they'll find docile brides untainted by feminism. Nastia and her sister, Solomiya, are also entangled in the booming marriage industry, posing as a hopeful bride and her translator while secretly searching for their missing mother, who vanished after years of fierce activism against the romance tours. So begins a journey of a lifetime across a country on the brink of war: three angry women, a truckful of kidnapped bachelors, and Lefty, a last-of-his-kind snail with one final shot at perpetuating his species.

running time 10 hours 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 8 4

Exit West

by Mohsin Hamid

published by Penguin Random House

read by Mohsin Hamid

This is Nadia. She is fiercely independent with an excellent sense of humour and a love of smoking alone on her balcony late at night. This is Saeed. He is sweet and shy and kind to strangers. He also has a balcony but he uses his for stargazing. This is their story: a love story, but also a story about how we live now and how we might live tomorrow.

Saeed and Nadia are falling in love, and their city is falling apart. Here is a world in crisis and two human beings travelling through it.

running time 4 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 1 0

Farewell to Eden

by Sebastian Faulks

published by Penguin Random House

read by Toby Jones

Philip Deval, a soldier recently returned from the beaches of Normandy, arrives in Palestine on a peace-keeping mission in the final days of the British Mandate. The Sea of Galilee glitters in the distance as war-weary troops marvel at the novelty of oranges and sun - a paradise that belies a fierce new conflict about to erupt. Some years later, Philip begins work teaching at a school in the English countryside and meets the enigmatic music mistress, Frances Darwood. Over long evenings spent listening to records in her music room, they grow close. But Philip is a changed man and must confront the secrets and scars of all he has lived through - which threaten, even now, to upend his future.

running time 12 hours 35 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 9 5 5

First Person

by Richard Flanagan

published by Penguin Random House

read by David James

Young and penniless, Kif Kehlmann, is rung in the middle of the night by notorious con man and corporate criminal, Siegfried Heidl. About to go to trial for defrauding the banks of $700 million, Heidl proposes a deal: $10,000 for Kehlmann to ghostwrite his memoir in six weeks. Kehlmann accepts but soon begins to fear that he is being corrupted by Heidl. Is he ghost-writing a memoir, or is Heidl is rewriting him? As the deadline draws closer everything that is certain grows uncertain as he begins to wonder: who is Ziggy Heidl - and who is Kif Kehlmann?

running time 13 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 3 4

Free Food for Millionaires

by Min Jin Lee

published by Bloomsbury

read by Jennifer Sun Bell

Casey Han is a strong-willed, Queens-bred daughter of Korean immigrants immersed in a glamorous Manhattan lifestyle she can't afford. When a chance encounter with an old friend lands her a new opportunity, she's determined to make her way in a glittering world of privilege, power, and wealth – but at what cost? This epic book exposes the intricate layers of a community clinging to its old ways – a portrait of intergenerational strife, immigrant struggle, and

social and economic mobility – set against the glimmering backdrop of late-twentieth-century New York City.

running time 25 hours 13 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 0 1

From a Low and Quiet Sea

by Donal Ryan

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Farouk's country has been torn apart by war. Lampy's heart has been laid waste by Chloe. John's past torments him as he nears his end. The refugee. The dreamer. The penitent. From war-torn Syria to small-town Ireland, three men, scarred by all they have loved and lost, are searching for some version of home. Each is drawn towards a powerful reckoning, one that will bring them together in the most unexpected of ways.

running time 5 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 4 9

God Dies By The Nile And Other Novels

by Nawal El Saadawi

published by Bloomsbury

read by Nadia Albina

Three classic novels by renowned feminist writer and activist Nawal El Saadawi. A peasant family is torn apart by a village

mayor and his lackeys in God Dies by the Nile, Saadawi's dark parable of poverty, female exploitation, injustice and religious hypocrisy in rural Egypt. In Searching the disappearance of her lover causes Fouda to question everything. Circling Song is a hypnotic meditation on gender, class and state violence told through the story of two mysterious twins.

running time 13 hours 2 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 8 9 2

The Golden House

by Salman Rushdie

published by Penguin Random House

read by Vikas Adam

When powerful real-estate tycoon Nero Golden immigrates to the States under mysterious circumstances, he and his three adult children assume new identities, taking 'Roman' names, and move into a grand mansion in downtown Manhattan. Arriving shortly after the inauguration of Barack Obama, he and his sons, each extraordinary in his own right, quickly establish themselves at the apex of New York society. The story of the Golden family is told from the point of view of their Manhattanite neighbour and confidant, René, an aspiring filmmaker who finds in the Goldens the perfect subject. René chronicles the undoing of the house of Golden: the high life of money, of art and fashion, a sibling quarrel, an unexpected metamorphosis, the arrival of a beautiful woman, betrayal and murder, and far away, in their abandoned homeland, some decent intelligence work.

running time 14 hours 40 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 3 6

Hame

by Annalena McAfee

published by Penguin Random House

read by David Rintoul and Cathleen McCarron

In the wake of the breakdown of her relationship, Mhairi McPhail dismantles her life in New York and moves with her 9-year-old daughter, Agnes, to the remote Scottish island of Fascaray. Mhairi has been commissioned to write a biography of the late Bard of Fascaray, Grigor McWatt, a cantankerous poet with an international reputation. But who was Grigor McWatt? Details of his past - his tough childhood and his war years as a commando - are elusive, and there is evidence of a mysterious love affair which Mhairi is determined to investigate. As she struggles to adapt to her new life, and put her own troubled past behind her, Mhairi begins to unearth the astonishing secret history of the poet regarded by many as the custodian of Fascaray's - and Scotland's - soul.

running time 18 hours 39 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 0 1 4

Hollywood, Ending

by John Green

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

For rising stars Kai Laramie and Juniper Castillo, being cast in the buzzy biopic Andy Warhol Never Gets Old is the opportunity they've both been waiting for. Soon the movie is blowing up, and so are their lives - in exciting, but also terrifying, ways. John Green artfully blends a behind-the-scenes Hollywood love story with an examination of the private cost of a public life, in this masterful tale of two young people figuring out who they are, both together and alone. Tender, heartbreaking and shrewdly funny, Hollywood, Ending is a deeply observed novel about finding your someone to trust in an untrustworthy world, and the audacity to pursue the kind of love we all deserve.

running time 8 hours 41 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 1 3 3

A Horse Walks Into a Bar

by David Grossman, Jessica Cohen

published by Penguin Random House

read by Joe Barrett

The setting is a comedy club in a small Israeli town. An audience that has come expecting an evening of amusement instead sees a comedian falling apart on stage; an act of disintegration, a man crumbling, as a matter of choice, before their eyes. They could get up and leave, or boo and whistle and drive him from the stage, if they were not so drawn to glimpse his personal hell. Dovaleh G, a veteran stand-up comic - charming, erratic, repellent - exposes a wound he has been living with for years: a fateful

and gruesome choice he had to make between the two people who were dearest to him.

running time 5 hours 50 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 6 2

How to Get Filthy Rich in Rising Asia

by Mohsin Hamid

published by Penguin Random House

read by Mohsin Hamid

The astonishing and riveting tale of a man's journey from impoverished rural boy to corporate tycoon, 'How to Get Filthy Rich in Asia' steals its shape from the business self-help books devoured by youths all over 'rising Asia'. It follows its nameless hero to the sprawling metropolis where he begins to amass an empire built on the most fluid and increasingly scarce of goods: water. Yet his heart remains set on something else, on the pretty girl whose star rises alongside his, their paths crossing and re-crossing in a love affair sparked and snuffed out again by the forces that careen their fates along. Fast-paced, vivid and emotionally absorbing, How to Get Filthy Rich in Rising Asia creates two unforgettable characters who find moments of transcendent intimacy in the midst of shattering change.

running time 4 hours 35 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 0 3

The Infamous Gilberts

by Angela Tomaski

published by Penguin Random House

read by Michael Bertenshaw

The crumbling Gothic mansion of Thornwalk, long-term home of the Gilbert family, is being handed over to a chain of luxury 'historic' hotels. Millions will be spent in its restoration. But for every 'improvement', what will be lost? What value can there possibly be in a threadbare carpet, a tarnished spoon and a thousand empty jam jars? Before the hotel people arrive, with their clipboards and their skips and their bottles of bleach, Maximus, loyal guardian of the Gilberts' legacy, invites us on a final tour of the once-stately home, where each room holds a secret. From the bolt on the blue room door to the tiny dents in the bars at the nursery window... these are the keys that will unlock the lives of the five fatherless Gilbert children.

running time 8 hours 2 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 8 7

Lean Cat, Savage Cat

by Lauren J. Joseph

published by Bloomsbury

read by Lauren J. Joseph

Charli has finished art school and now has no idea what to do with her life. She's broke, disillusioned and her flatmates hate her. One night at a bar in Soho, however, everything changes when she first encounters the charismatic musician Alexander Geist. Androgynous, glamorously handsome,

mysterious and just a little sinister, he feels something like a soul mate; and so when he heads off to Berlin, Charli follows. There, at the centre of the city's febrile party scene, Charli and Alexander embark on their great project: to make Alexander into the biggest star since David Bowie. But Alexander is elusive, mercurial; and Charli is in over her head before she realises just how self-destructive her life has become under his spell.

running time 10 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 1 6

Lost Lambs

by Madeline Cash

published by Penguin Random House

read by Christine Lakin

For the three Flynn daughters, it's been disastrous since their parents opened up their marriage. Abigail, the eldest, is dating an ex-soldier several years her senior nicknamed 'War Crimes Wes'. Louise, the middle child, maintains a secret correspondence with an online terrorist. And the brilliant youngest, Harper, is being sent to a wilderness reform camp due to her insistence that someone - or something - is monitoring the town's citizens. Casting a shadow across their lives is Paul Alabaster, a nefarious local billionaire. Rumours of corruption circulate, but no one dares dig too deep. No one except Harper, whose obsession with Alabaster's machinations sends the family hurtling into a criminal conspiracy - one that may just, finally, bring them closer together.

running time 9 hours 3 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 8 6

Love in Idleness

by Charlotte Mendelson

published by Calibre Audio

read by Pamela Todd

Anna Raine is desperate: to escape Somerset, to evade her mother, and above all to find a model of adulthood on whom to base her future self. When Stella, her mother's reckless younger sister, offers her London flat, Anna's buried curiosity about Stella quickly becomes fascination: dark secrets, she is certain, lie within her reach. While by day Anna feigns efficient adulthood, by night she sinks into an increasingly heated world of discovery. As secrets rise to the surface she tries to focus on London - on anything other than her aunt. But the truth has its own momentum, and when Stella returns from Paris, something, or everything, is going to give...

running time 9 hours 26 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 9 4 9

May We Feed the King

by Rebecca Perry

published by Calibre Audio

read by Pamela Todd

She is a curator, who spends her time dressing the rooms of historic buildings to bring them to life. But in the lush private quarters of a medieval palace, she finds herself so transfixed by the reign of an almost-forgotten King that the edges of her life begin to blur. He is a reluctant ruler with no hunger for power, rushed to the throne after the untimely deaths of his older brothers. But it isn't long before whispers begin to fly around the court. And with the growing belief that the King is not fit for the throne comes the idea that another might rule in his stead. May We Feed the King dances between the lives of a historical subject who risks the future of his kingdom and a woman who turns to the past to hide from her present. Laced with desire and longing, it is a playful, stirring meditation on history and storytelling: on what makes a King 'Great', and a life meaningful.

running time 5 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 2 0 1

New Boy

by Tracy Chevalier

published by Penguin Random House

read by Prentice Onayemi

Arriving at his fourth school in six years, diplomat's son Osei Kokote knows he needs an ally if he is to survive his first day - so he's lucky to hit it off with Dee, the most popular girl in school. But one student can't stand to witness this budding relationship: Ian decides to destroy the friendship between the black boy and the golden girl. By the end of the day, the

school and its key players - teachers and pupils alike - will never be the same again. The tragedy of Othello is transposed to a 1970s' suburban Washington schoolyard, where kids fall in and out of love with each other before lunchtime, and practise a casual racism picked up from their parents and teachers.

running time 5 hours 23 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 0 1 9

Our Noble Selves

by Kate Atkinson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Rupert Penry-Jones

It's the summer of 1951 and everyone is looking to put the dark days of the war behind them. The government's solution: The Festival of Britain, a celebration of the country's creativity, grit and ingenuity. For foreign correspondent-turned-war reporter, Harry Flynn, it might offer the chance of redemption after a bad war in the Far East. But when he returns to London, the peace proves no less easy to negotiate. Having failed to resume his journalistic career, he reluctantly joins an oddball team of misfits, ne'er do wells and downright chancers helping to ready the Festival of Britain for launch. Flynn's attempts to resume some semblance of a romantic life also flounder when one of his dates goes missing and he is deemed the last person to see her alive. Could he have been in some way responsible for her disappearance? Little does he realise that the answer to some of his mounting problems

may lie in the hands of a precocious straight-talking thirteen-year-old called Veronica and a rather scruffy terrier who goes by the name of Mrs Betty...

running time 9 hours 58 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 9 7 0

A Person of Interest

by Susan Choi

published by Penguin Random House

read by Bernadette Dunne

Professor Lee, a mathematician near retirement age, would seem the last person to attract the attention of the FBI. Yet after a star colleague is targeted by a mail bomb, even Lee's own neighbours view him with damning suspicion. Bewildered and alone, Lee is compelled to revisit the complicated events of his past and to reckon with the painful choices - made as a husband, a father and a scholar - that continue to shape his life.

running time 16 hours 3 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 0 2 4

The Project

by Annie Lord

published by Penguin Random House

read by Emma Appleton

Daisy and Maya bounce around the city like they own it, from all-night house parties to sticky-floored smoking areas, drinks in hand. But after a particularly regrettable one-night stand with her annoying friend James, Daisy starts to look around and wonder why, in a sea of intelligent, gorgeous women, all their prospects seem so hopeless. It's time for The Project, a radical reinvention of dating, and who better to start with than James? James may be raw material, but he's quite happy to go along with Daisy and Maya if it means a little more time alone with Daisy. But falling for James was never part of The Project - can she bring down her walls enough to let someone in? Because she might not find someone perfect, but she might find something real.

running time 11 hours 51 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 0 2 9

Queenie is Working on It

by Candice Carty-Williams

published by Hachette

read by Shvorne Marks

How is it possible for one woman to hold it together when she's: Confronted with a racing biological clock when she doesn't even know if she wants kids. Trying to act normal when her heart is smashed into a million pieces. Ten times smarter than the people she's working for. Priced out of the housing market in the place she grew up. Stuck in a situationship when all she wants is the love of her life back... Bigger. Not better. Older. Not wiser. Queenie Jenkins is working on it. Book 2 in the Queenie series.

running time 11 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 4 9

The Rabbit Punch

by Marco Missiroli

published by Hachette

read by Chris Harper

It is a June morning in Milan when Sandro abandons his flat, his job and the increasingly unfulfilled promises of a stiflingly hostile city to return to his hometown of Rimini, on the Adriatic coast. His mother, Caterina, has been dead for a few years, but his father - headstrong, taciturn Nando - soldiers on in the same house of Sandro's youth. The two men could not be more different but they have one thing in common: their passion for winning. Nando and Caterina used to dance in amateur ballroom competitions up and down the Riviera - and they danced to win. As the days and weeks go by and their forced cohabitation gently returns them to the old rhythms of a past life - sweet in its nostalgia but punctured by memories heavy with sorrow - it becomes clear that both Nando and Sandro are hiding difficult truths.

running time 5 hours 23 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 8 3

Rabbits

by Hugo Rifkind

published by W. F. Howes

read by Andrew Watson

Tommo has just started at a new school – a training ground for the Scottish elite – when his friend Johnnie's brother is found dead in a Land Rover on a Highland farm. There's a shotgun at his feet. Nobody seems clear about what has happened, least of all Tommo. A child of the middle class, and with new independence thrust upon him, Tommo finds himself invited into fading crumbling houses. It's the early nineties and this elite is struggling for relevance. Alienated from the mainstream, and running low on inherited wealth, his peers have retreated into snobbery and fatalism. Half-remembered traditions mix with decadence and an awful lot of small dead animals. And sometimes, not just animals. Awed by their poise and seduced by their hedonism, Tommo gradually becomes aware of sinister currents beneath the surface and a suppressed rage that threatens to explode into violence.

running time 9 hours 13 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 4 5

The Renovation

by Kenan Orhan

published by Penguin Random House

read by Nadia Albina

Dilara's father is disappearing. He has dementia and the disease steals a little more of him each day. Dilara has persuaded him to move in with her, hiring builders to adapt her apartment in preparation, but when the renovation is complete she discovers a big problem. Instead of a new

bathroom, the builders have installed a Turkish prison cell. At first she is outraged. There has surely been some mistake. Dilara's family are exiles - they left Turkey many years ago and have never been back. The last thing she wants is a piece of her estranged homeland appearing uninvited in her new home. But as the weeks pass, her indignation gives way to curiosity. Even as she struggles to care for her father, to keep the family finances afloat and stop the wheels coming off her marriage, Dilara is drawn back again and again to the mysterious prison cell, and through it to a city that once belonged to her - to the salt wind off the Marmara, the sky full of gulls and domes and minarets - back to Istanbul.

running time 6 hours 39 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 5 4

The Shadow of the Object

by Chloe Aridjis

published by Penguin Random House

read by Emer Kenny

Flora is visiting home in Mexico when the family dog leaps up and bites her hand. She winds up in hospital where she undergoes several surgeries under anaesthesia and meets Wilhelmina, an elderly German woman with pneumonia, who collects pre-cinema toys and instruments. The two of them embark on a series of dream-like conversations in the hospital corridors. Wilhelmina puts on a magic lantern show for Flora, leaving her spellbound. When things take an unexpected turn, Flora finds herself entrusted with an

important mission. She returns to London, where she resumes her job polishing silver at a jewellery shop, and strikes up a strange friendship with Wilhelmina's son, Max. As Flora dips in and out of her imagination, she is increasingly aware it's not only the magic lantern that projects, and her perception of reality is subtly altered.

running time 4 hours 34 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 4 1 2

The Shape of Bones

by Alison Entrekin, Daniel Galera

published by Penguin Random House

read by Charlie Anson

A man rises at 5 a.m. and leaves his home. He does not wake his wife or child to bid them goodbye. He starts his car - an SUV filled with survival gear - but does not drive to his friend's house as planned. Instead he glides through the sleeping streets of Porto Alegre, haunted by ghosts of himself. As the dawn comes on and people slowly fill the streets, the man drives unthinkingly, inexorably, toward the old neighbourhood of his youth. What is pulling him back there? Perhaps the need to make something happen, perhaps just nostalgia. Or perhaps the search for absolution - from a crime he has carried in his heart for fifteen years.

running time 5 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 2 2

Shylock is My Name

by Howard Jacobson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Michael Kitchen

With an absent wife and a daughter going off the rails, wealthy art collector and philanthropist Simon Strulovitch is in need of someone to talk to. So, when he meets Shylock at a cemetery in Cheshire's Golden Triangle, he invites him back to his house. It's the beginning of a remarkable friendship. Elsewhere in the Golden Triangle, the rich, manipulative Plurabelle (aka Anna Livia Plurabelle Cleopatra A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever Christine) is the face of her own TV series, existing in a bubble of plastic surgery and lavish parties. She shares prejudices and a barbed sense of humour with her loyal friend D'Anton, whose attempts to play Cupid involve Strulovitch's daughter - and put a pound of flesh on the line. Howard Jacobson's version of The Merchant of Venice bends time to its own advantage as it asks what it means to be a father, a Jew and a merciful human being in the modern world.

running time 7 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 5 0 6

A Single Rose

by Alison Anderson, Muriel Barbary

published by Calibre Audio

read by Anne Marlow

Rose has just turned forty when she is unexpectedly summoned to Japan for the reading of her father Haru's will, who seemingly abandoned her when she was a baby. Leaving behind her life as a botanist in Paris, Rose travels to Kyoto and is led around its enchanting tea houses, temples and zen gardens by Paul, Haru's former assistant. Initially a reluctant tourist, Rose comes to discover her father's legacy through the itinerary he set for her, finding gifts greater than she had ever imagined and connecting with gentle widower Paul. This is a mesmerising story of second chances, of beauty born out of grief and roses grown from ashes.

running time 5 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 1 3 1

Skintown

by Ciaran McMenamin

published by Penguin Random House

read by Ciaran McMenamin

Vincent Patrick Duffy has already checked out. Trapped between Skintown's narrow horizons, he chops ribs and chickens in a takeaway, dreaming of escape, joint after freshly rolled joint. A mindless act of kindness leads to the unlikeliest of business opportunities. Where the government has failed, might the second summer of love and a little pill with a dove on it be the broom to sweep away the hatred and replace it with love, so much love?

running time 6 hours 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 6 9

Smile

by Roddy Doyle

published by Penguin Random House

read by Roddy Doyle

Just moved into a new apartment, alone for the first time in years, Victor Forde goes every evening to Donnelly's pub for a pint, a slow one. One evening his drink is interrupted. A man in shorts and a pink shirt brings over his pint and sits down. He seems to know Victor's name and to remember him from school. Says his name is Fitzpatrick. Victor dislikes him on sight, dislikes too the memories that Fitzpatrick stirs up of five years being taught by the Christian Brothers. He prompts other memories too - of Rachel, his beautiful wife who became a celebrity, and of Victor's own small claim to fame, as the man who says the unsayable on the radio. But it's the memories of school, and of one particular Brother, that he cannot control - and which eventually threaten to destroy his sanity.

running time 5 hours 3 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 3 1

The Strangers

by Naomi Alderman

published by Penguin Random House

read by Naomi Alderman

A few months after her mother dies, the novelist Naomi Alderman sets up a wildlife camera in the back garden of her parents' home. It captures the first image of a strange new animal. Low to the ground, about the size of a badger, flat face, long trunk-like nose. Suddenly these 'mimmoths' are as common as foxes or dogs. And no one knows where they've come from. As Alderman negotiates the territory of grief - a place with its own logic and rhythms - the mimmoths spread. From the UK east and west, to the United States, to Russia, to India. They seem harmless, but oddly intelligent. They cannot be captured, they will not take food from humans, they have their own purposes. Alderman cannot shake the feeling that she has a particular connection to the creatures. Or is she just succumbing to 'mimmoth psychosis'? As the impact of the mimmoths increases, she is pulled into the cross currents of conspiracy theories and global power struggles. Have her deeply personal forms of mourning lent recent events a surreal air, or is our reality changing drastically and irrevocably?

running time 6 hours 36 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 1 2 3

Switzy

by Emma Cline

published by Penguin Random House

read by Robert Petkoff

A private plane cuts through the winter night, somewhere over Greenland. David, a retired executive, sits back in his leather seat, playing solitaire on his phone. Click. Click. Drag.

Click. In his pocket is a notebook filled with urgent reminders - but he can no longer read his own handwriting. He's travelling with his assistant. There will be a stopover in London, dinner with his adult daughter, a meeting in France with an old friend. His final destination: a clinic in Zurich. As David glides through hotel rooms, airports and foreign cities, his grasp on the present slips away and the past rushes in.

running time 9 hours 55 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 3 8 4

This Too Shall Pass

by Milena Busquets, Miscellaneous

published by Penguin Random House

read by Mozhan Marno

Forty years old and suddenly motherless, Blanca is left shocked and rudderless by the death of the most important person in her life. To deal with her dizzying grief and confusion, Blanca turns to her dearest friends, her closest family, a change of scenery, and sex. Leaving Barcelona behind, she returns to her mother's former home in Cadaqués on the coast, accompanied by her two sons, two ex-husbands, and two best friends, with plans to meet her married lover. Haunted by both the past and the present, Blanca spends the summer in this impossibly beautiful place alongside those she loves most. In loss she learns to find resilience and hope, and what it means to live, truly and happily, on her own terms.

running time 3 hours 59 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 3 2

Time Of The Child

by Niall Williams

published by Bloomsbury

read by Dermot Crowley

Doctor Jack Troy was born and raised in the little town of Faha, but his responsibilities for the sick and his care for the dying mean he has always been set apart from his community. A visit from the doctor is always a sign of bad things to come. His youngest daughter, Ronnie, has grown up in her father's shadow, and remains there, having missed her chance at real love - and passed up an offer of marriage from an unsuitable man. But in the advent season of 1962, as the town readies itself for Christmas, Ronnie and Doctor Troy's lives are turned upside down when a baby is left in their care. As the winter passes, father and daughter's lives, the understanding of their family, and their role in their community are changed forever.

running time 13 hours 20 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 5 3

The Truth

by Michael Palin

published by Hachette

read by Alex Jennings

Keith Mabbut is at a crossroads in his life. When he is offered the opportunity of a lifetime - to write the biography of the elusive Hamish Melville, a highly influential activist and humanitarian - he seizes the chance to write something meaningful. His search to find out the real story behind the legend takes Mabbut to the lush landscapes and environmental hotspots of India. The more he discovers about Melville, the more he admires him - and the more he connects with an idealist who wanted to make a difference. But is his quarry really who he claims to be? As Keith discovers, the truth can be whatever we make it...

running time 8 hours 31 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 7 2

Turning for Home

by Barney Norris

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Every year, Robert's family come together at a rambling old house to celebrate his birthday. Aunts, uncles, distant cousins - it has been a milestone in their lives for decades. But this year Robert doesn't want to be reminded of what has happened since they last met - and neither, for quite different reasons, does his granddaughter Kate. Neither of them is sure they can face the party. But for both Robert and Kate, it may become the most important gathering of all.

running time 7 hours 46 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 4 7

White Chrysanthemum

by Mary Lynn Bracht

published by Penguin Random House

read by Greta Jung

Hana and her little sister Emi are part of an island community of haenyeo, women who make their living from diving deep into the sea off the southernmost tip of Korea. One day Hana sees a Japanese soldier heading for where Emi is guarding the day's catch on the beach. Her mother has told her again and again never to be caught alone with one. Terrified for her sister, Hana swims as hard as she can for the shore. So begins the story of two sisters suddenly and violently separated by war. Switch-backing between Hana in 1943 and Emi as an old woman today, White Chrysanthemum takes us into a dark and devastating corner of history. But pulling us back into the light are two women whose love for one another is strong enough to triumph over the evils of war.

running time 10 hours 39 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 3 1

Cosy Crime: Gentle Mysteries

Death of the Eleven-Toed Man

by Gaynor Torrance

published by Calibre Audio

read by Pat Steadman

Life is finally settling down for the Wye Valley Widows. Sylvie, Liz and Harriet are content running their tearoom, swapping gossip and sprucing up Monksworthy for the upcoming Village of the Year competition. But peace and quiet was never going to last in their picture-perfect corner of the Wye Valley. When their friend and local aristocrat Sir Barnaby Cavendish-Mortimer joins the village detectorists, he unearths something a little more unexpected than just old Roman coins - a dead body buried on his estate. Book 2 in the Wye Valley Widows series.

running time 10 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 2 0 6

Foul Play at the Seaview Hotel

by Glenda Young

published by Hachette

read by Colleen Prendergast

Helen Dexter is enjoying the new four-star status of the Seaview Hotel. But she begins to wonder if this accolade is cursed when a series of disasters strike. It starts when a crazy golf team arrive to play in a Scarborough tournament. Their odd behaviour heightens when the rival team captain turns up. Yet, there's worse to come for Helen when one of the guests is murdered playing crazy golf. Then the

Seaview's prize-winning cook Jean quits, leaving Helen devastated. And so, as Helen's fiftieth birthday approaches, the last thing she's in the mood for is a celebration. However, mysterious invitations arrive to a party that Helen doesn't want. Can Helen unmask the crazy golf killer, save the reputation of the Seaview, win Jean back and solve the mystery of the party invitations? With her rescue greyhound Suki by her side, Helen Dexter is on the case. Book 3 in the Helen Dexter series.

running time 9 hours 16 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 2 7

Full Dark House

by Christopher Fowler

published by Calibre Audio

read by Kim Frost

When a bomb devastates the office of London's most unusual police unit and claims the life of its oldest detective, Arthur Bryant, his surviving partner John May searches for clues to the bomber's identity. His search takes him back to the day the detectives first met as young men in 1940. In Blitz-ravaged London, a beautiful dancer rehearsing for a sexy, sinister production of 'Orpheus In The Underworld' is found without her feet. Bryant & May's investigation plunges them into a bizarre gothic mystery, where a faceless man stalks terrified actors and death strikes in darkness. Tracking their quarry through the blackout, searching for a murderer who'll stop at nothing to be free of a nightmare, the duo unwittingly follow the same path Orpheus took when

leading Euridyce from the shadows of Hell. Back in the present day, John May starts to wonder if their oldest adversary might be the killer who took his partner's life. He must work alone to solve a puzzle that began over half a century earlier... Book 1 in the Bryant & May series.

running time 11 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 8 5 1

Murder After Midnight

by Lesley Cookman

published by Hachette

read by Patience Tomlinson

When a woman's body is found on the local golf course after an illicit New Year's party, news quickly spreads, and Libby finds herself being tracked down by locals desperate to share information about the victim, Jackie Stapleton. But things are never that simple in Libby's world. Whilst everyone had an opinion on Jackie, it seems nobody really knew much about her. Libby's chum DCI Connell is being more tight-lipped than usual, and even with her friend Fran Wolfe's help, discovering a motive for the killing is frustratingly difficult. Is the murder linked to some distinctly dodgy dealing, a dispute with the local golf club or something far more sinister - a ghost from Libby's past? Book 22 in the Libby Serjeant series.

running time 9 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 3 0

Murder Repeated

by Lesley Cookman

published by Hachette

read by Patience Tomlinson

Ten years ago, a missing person story causes a furore in Kent - and the national media. A beautiful young woman with a promising career as a singer walks home alone from a party and is never seen again. There is no evidence, forensic or otherwise, and no-one is ever arrested. A decade later Libby Sarjeant is talked into inspecting a derelict hotel in her home village of Steeple Martin. The body of a young boy is discovered - but is it anything to do with the mysterious disappearance from more than 10 years ago? Book 20 in the Libby Serjeant series.

running time 8 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 2 8

Murder at the Seaview Hotel

by Glenda Young

published by Hachette

read by Colleen Prendergast

After the death of her husband, Tom, Helen Dexter is contemplating her future as the now-sole proprietor of the Seaview Hotel. There's an offer from a hotel chain developer to consider, but also a booking from a group of 12 Elvis impersonators, a singing troupe called Twelvis. Tom loved Elvis, and for Helen, this is a sign that she should stay. But the series of mysterious events that follows suggests that

the developer is not going to give up easily. Then, shortly after Twelvis arrive, one of the group disappears. His body is found floating in a lake, with his blue suede shoes missing. Could the two be connected? Book 1 in the Helen Dexter series.

running time 8 hours 47 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 2 6

Murder for Miss Hortense

by Mel Pennant

published by Hachette

read by Debra Michaels

Retired nurse, avid gardener, renowned cake maker and fearless sleuth Miss Hortense has lived in Bigglesweigh, a quiet Birmingham suburb, since she emigrated from Jamaica in 1960. She takes great pride in her home, and she can tell if she's been short-changed on turmeric before she's even taken her first bite of a beef patty. Thirty-five years of nursing have also left her afraid of nobody and an expert in deciphering other people's secrets with just a glance. Miss Hortense uses her skills to investigate the investments of the Pardner network - a special community of Black investors, determined to help their people succeed. But when an unidentified man is found dead in one of the Pardner's homes, a Bible quote noted down beside his body, Miss Hortense's long-buried past comes rushing back to greet her, bringing memories of the worst moment of her life, one which her community has never let her forget. Book 1 in the Miss Hortense series.

running time 11 hours 45 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 2 1 4

Murder on the Edge

by Lesley Cookman

published by Hachette

read by Patience Tomlinson

Colin Hardcastle has arranged for two men to meet and discuss the sale of a house. But when Nick Nash - the owner of the property - doesn't show, Colin cannot begin to imagine the events he has set in motion. Perplexed, Colin tells his friends in Steeple Martin, piquing the interest of Libby Sarjeant - and the Reverend Patti Pearson, who finds Nash's name strangely familiar.... Despite her burgeoning reputation as a super-sleuth, Libby is somewhat loath to investigate what seems to be a tragic accident. But when two of Patti's parishioners ask for her help, Libby very quickly finds herself caught up in the mystery. Then Nash's body is found, and things take a darker turn. As the case unravels, biting deeper into the local community, Nash's shocking past is unearthed, and it's up to Libby and her friend Fran Wolfe to help solve the case before it's too late... Book 21 in the Libby Serjeant series.

running time 8 hours 43 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 2 9

Too Many Cooks

by Rosemary Shrager

published by Hachette

read by Rachel Atkins

Prudence Bulstrode has fond memories of St Marianne's School for Girls, the beautiful Cornish school where she boarded as a girl. It was at St Marianne's that Prudence first learned the joy of cooking, from her dear old Home Economics teacher, Mrs Agatha Jubber. So when she's invited back to the school, to lead a summer holidays course in the fundamentals of cookery, Prudence couldn't be more delighted. But no sooner has Prudence arrived at St Marianne's, a gruesome discovery is made. The builders excavating the old hockey pitch to construct the new dormitories have unearthed human bones - bones dating from Prudence's own time at St Marianne's. Soon, Prudence recollects the story of the vanishing schoolmaster, Mr Scott, and the rumours that spread like wildfire one summer about his illicit affair with Agatha Jubber. Book 3 in the Prudence Bulstrode series.

running time 11 hours 20 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 0 0 1

We Chase Shadows

by Richard Osman

published by Penguin Random House

read by Nicola Walker

At sunrise, high in the Italian hills, a body is found on the steps of a beautiful private villa. On the body is a

threatening note, signed by a mystery man. Back at We Solve Murders HQ, Amy, Rosie and Steve leap at the chance to take on their first proper case. So what if their new client seems to have his own reasons for avoiding the police? All they need to do is uncover who left the note and then find them. Simple. But once they start digging, the suspects keep piling up: there's Sweden's most-wanted criminal, a canny ex-wife and a fierce business rival - yet the murderer keeps evading them. And as the trio chase a villain through the shadows, danger travels closer to home... Book 2 in the We Solve Murders series.

running time 11 hours

catalogue number: 2 8 9 5 6

Detective & Mystery Stories

Arrowood

by Laura McHugh

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sarah Scott

Arrowood is the grandest of historical houses lining the Mississippi. It has its own stories and ghostly presence: it's where two small twin girls were abducted ten years ago... Now, Arden has returned to her childhood home determined to establish what really happened to her sisters that traumatic summer. But the house and the surrounding town hold their secrets close - and the truth, when Arden

finds it, is more devastating than she ever could have imagined.

running time 10 hours 18 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 2 8

A Bad, Bad Place

by Frances Crawford

published by Penguin Random House

read by Bobby Rainsbury and Brede McDermott

Glasgow, 1979. Twelve-year-old Janey won't take her dog, Sid Vicious, for a walk. Not anymore. It's Sid's fault she found the murdered woman. Janey claims she can't remember what she saw at the abandoned railway, but the police think she's hiding something. And they're not the only ones interested. Fear and rumour rip through the tight-knit community of Possilpark. Janey and her nana, Maggie, are dragged into the hunt for a murderer. And Maggie's struggle to keep her beloved granddaughter safe becomes ever more desperate. Because Janey's memories can't stay hidden forever. And neither can the killer...

running time 10 hours 4 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 1 1 7

Blowback

by Peter May

published by Hachette

read by Peter Forbes

PUY-DE-DÔME, FRANCE. Footprints in the snow lead to the murder scene of Marc Fraysse, France's most celebrated chef - brutally shot before he could make the revelation of his career. Seven years on and the mystery still raw, Enzo Macleod, forensic investigator, forays into the heated world of haute cuisine to uncover bitter feuds and a burning secret. The Fraysse family history is as twisted as Enzo's own. And in his pursuit of truth, the depths of deceit threaten to consume Enzo - and that which he cherishes most. Book 5 in the Enzo Files series.

running time 9 hours 13 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 9 8

A Body on the Flats

by Max Manning

published by Calibre Audio

read by Simon Evers

Meet Detective Edison Kane. South End murder squad’s finest. Three months ago, his wife was killed on a night out. She wanted him there with her, but he always put work first. And the killer’s never been caught. Now he thinks he’s ready to be back at work… Until a body washes up. On the godforsaken mudflats near Leigh-on-Sea. One look at the dead man’s face, and Kane feels himself start to unravel. Where the eyes should be, there are only empty sockets. Kane’s mobile pings with an anonymous message. Murder was so much easier than I thought. See no evil… Everyone

knows how that saying goes. It’s up to Kane to stop the twisted killer, before they write their perfect ending.

running time 7 hours 5 minutes

catalogue number: 2 0 9 9 4

The Bone Field

by Simon Kernick

published by Penguin Random House

read by Paul Thornley

1990: A young woman goes missing while backpacking in Thailand. She is never seen again. 2016: Her bones are discovered 6000 miles away in an English field and, within hours, the boyfriend who reported her disappearance all those years ago is dead. So begins a hunt to solve her murder that will take DI Ray Mason and PI Tina Boyd into a dark and terrifying world of corruption and deadly secrets, where murder is commonplace, and nothing and nobody is safe... Book 1 in the Bone Field series.

running time 10 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 8 2

Broken Angels

by Graham Masterton

published by Bloomsbury

read by Lucianne McEvoy

One cold spring morning in County Cork, two fishermen find a body floating in the Blackwater River: the mutilated corpse of a retired music teacher. His hands and feet are bound, and his neck bears the mark of a garrotting wire. The Garda want to wrap this case up before the press get hold of it, but when a second man is found murdered, his body bearing all the same marks as the first, DS Katie Maguire knows the press are the least of their worries – this could be the work of a serial murderer... Book 2 in the Katie Maguire series.

running time 13 hours 26 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 8 3 2

Buried

by Graham Masterton

published by Bloomsbury

read by Lucianne McEvoy

In Blarney, Cork, an old millworker's cottage guards its secrets. In 1921, a mother, father and their two young children disappeared from this house. Now their mummified bodies have been discovered under the floorboards. As DS Katie Maguire investigates a ninety-five-year-old murder, the flames of old family rivalries flare up once more, catching Katie in the crossfire. Will catching the killer mean losing her life? Book 6 in the Katie Maguire series.

running time 17 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 8 2

Butterfly on the Storm

by Walter Lucius

published by Penguin Random House

read by Alix Dunmore

A young boy is found in woods outside Amsterdam. Broken and bloody, he appears to be the victim of a brutal hit-and-run. When the police at the hospital ask what happened, the one word the boy repeats they don't understand. But journalist Farah Hafez does. She left Afghanistan as a child and she recognizes her native tongue. As the boy is taken into surgery she finds herself visiting the scene of the crime, seeking to discover how a little Afghan boy came to be so far from home. Instead, she comes across a burnt-out car with two bodies inside - a sinister clue to something far darker than a simple road accident.

running time 12 hours 55 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 4 1

Close to Home

by Cara Hunter

published by Penguin Random House

read by Lee Ingleby and Emma Cunniffe

Last night, 8-year-old Daisy Mason disappeared from a summer party at her home. No one at the party noticed her leave. Even her parents aren't sure of the last time they saw her. DI Adam Fawley is trying to keep an open mind. But he knows that in nine cases out of ten, it's someone close to the victim. When a pair of bloody tights is discovered,

Fawley's worst suspicions are concerned. Someone knows where Daisy is. And her time is running out. Book 1 in the DI Adam Fawley series.

running time 9 hours 35 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 4 9 2

Darkness Falls

by Robert Bryndza

published by Hachette

read by Kristin Atherton

Kate Marshall's detective agency takes off when she and her partner, Tristan, are hired to investigate a cold case from more than a decade ago. Twelve years previously, a determined young journalist called Joanna Duncan exposed a political scandal that had major repercussions. In the fallout she disappeared without trace and was never found. When Kate and Tristan examine the case files, they find the trail long cold, but they discover the names of two young men who also vanished at that time. As she begins to connect their last days, Kate realizes that Joanna may have been onto something far more sinister than anyone first believed: the identity of a serial killer preying on the people who few will ever miss. But the closer Kate comes to finding the killer, the darker things become... Book 3 in the Kate Marshall series.

running time 10 hours 1 minute

catalogue number: 2 8 4 8 0

Dead Girls Dancing

by Graham Masterton

published by Bloomsbury

read by Lucianne McEvoy

In the middle of winter, a fire blazes through a dance studio. Seventeen young dancers die, their promising careers cut short by a tragic accident. But where others see tragedy, DCI Katie Maguire sees murder. This is not the first fire to sweep through Cork. And in one recent case, the victims were dead before the fire was lit. Katie Maguire is determined to see justice done, unaware she's about to face her most chilling killer yet... Book 8 in the Katie Maguire series.

running time 15 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 9 0 9

A Deadly Finish

by Radu Herklots

published by Calibre Audio

read by David Hobbs

When polite arguments between members of an exclusive wine tasting society take on a sinister turn, private detective John Tedesco and wine merchant Jos Elsted find themselves caught up in the fallout. Can they work out how and why an outwardly respectable group of wine experts have turned into murder suspects? As his investigations lead him to the island of Madeira, Tedesco encounters a fellow private detective, Tony Camacho, and an opinionated former royal correspondent called Sir Reggie Challenor, who provide him

with some interesting leads. Meanwhile, back in Rhyminster, Jos helps the police as they investigate the backgrounds of the club members, which reveals some real surprises. Can Tedesco and his team, including Barker the border terrier, crack the case before the final tasting? Book 4 in the John Tedesco series.

running time 6 hours 15 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 0 5 3

Death At The Old Asylum

by Adrian Magson

published by Calibre Audio

read by Simon Edginton

Picardie, 1964. On a deserted country road, three Moroccan nationals are shot dead with precision, a cold-blooded execution, one bullet each. To Inspector Lucas Rocco, it's a mystery. Why them and why here? A short time later, he happens upon two police officers who have been assaulted by an enraged motorist, one of them seriously. The unapologetic assailant, found to have an unregistered gun in his possession, claims to be the secretary of a high-profile and influential Parisian lawyer, Guy De Lancourt. The two cases seemingly have nothing in common. But on closer examination Rocco feels something isn't quite right. Just what lies beneath De Lancourt's carefully-cultivated public persona? And what secrets are hidden at Les Cyprs, the heavily-guarded former mental asylum De Lancourt has made his home? Book 7 in the Inspector Lucas Rocco series.

running time 9 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 6 7 3

Don't Look Now

by Richard Montanari

published by Penguin Random House

read by William Hope

Andrea Heller has been married for seven years but still likes to pretend she's single. She enjoys sitting on her own in bars, and watching what happens. But there's another couple watching too. They call themselves Saila and Pharaoh, but only after sundown. And it is after sundown that some terrible things are happening in the singles clubs in Cleveland. In six months, three women in their twenties have been brutally murdered. And each step that Homicide Detective Jack Paris takes to find their killer draws him closer to the heart of his own forbidden impulses. As the stakes become increasingly personal, Jack knows only one thing for certain. To enter the minds of Saila and Pharaoh is to enter a world from which no one ever fully returns... Book 1 in the Jack Paris series.

running time 8 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 2 3

Epitaph

by Anita Waller

published by Calibre Audio

read by Maggie Stokes

Pensioner and Private Investigator Doris Lester has taken a well-deserved break from work. She’s planned a holiday with her best friend Wendy on a journey across the Yorkshire and Derbyshire Dales. But before they depart a letter arrives, and the contents stir up trouble and memories of the past. Soon Doris and Wendy are drawn into the mystery surrounding a troubled family, a missing person and gruesome murder. When Doris and Wendy join the investigation, intriguing revelations about Doris’s past and present surface, which shock even those closest to her.

running time 10 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 7 6 0

Freeze Frame

by Peter May

published by Hachette

read by Peter Forbes

ILE DE GROIX, FRANCE. This tiny isle off the coast of Brittany is the scene of a murder left shrouded in mystery and grief. Adam Killian's study has been left intact since his death - the perfect state for Enzo Macleod's forensic investigation. Killian's daughter-in-law is still hoping; the first suspect is still hiding; and the treacherous island itself still has a revelation for Enzo. Book 4 in the Enzo Files series.

running time 9 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 9 9

The Gathering Dark

by James Oswald

published by Penguin Random House

read by Ian Hanmore

A truck driver loses control in central Edinburgh, ploughing into a crowded bus stop and spilling his vehicle's toxic load. The consequences are devastating. DI Tony McLean witnesses the carnage. Taking control of the investigation, he soon realises there is much that is deeply amiss - and everyone involved seems to have something to hide. But as McLean struggles to uncover who caused the tragedy, a second crisis develops: the new Chief Superintendent's son is missing, last seen in the area of the crash... Book 8 in the Inspector McLean series.

running time 12 hours 15 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 0 0

The Girl who Came Back

by Susan Lewis

published by Penguin Random House

read by Karen Kass

When Jules Bright hears a knock on the door, the last person she expects to find is a detective bringing her the news she's feared for the last three years. Amelia Quentin is being released from prison. Jules's life is very different now to the one she'd known before Amelia shattered it completely. Knowing the girl is coming back she needs to decide what to do. Friends and family gather round, fearing for Jules's

safety. They know that justice was never served; every one of them wants to make the Quentin girl pay. The question is, what will Jules do; and which of them - her or Amelia - has the most to fear? Book 2 in the Detective Andee Lawrence series.

running time 10 hours 46 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 4 6 9

The Hanged Man

by Simon Kernick

published by Penguin Random House

read by Paul Thornley

A house deep in the countryside where the remains of seven unidentified women have just been discovered. A cop ready to risk everything in the hunt for their killers. A man who has seen the murders and is now on the run in fear of his life. So begins the race to track down this witness before the killers do. For Ray Mason and PI Tina Boyd, the road ahead is a dangerous one, with bodies and betrayal at every turn... Book 3 in the DI Ray Mason series.

running time 10 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 3 5

Hiding in Plain Sight

by Susan Lewis

published by Penguin Random House

read by Julia Franklin

Ex-detective Andee has swapped freelance investigation and a broken marriage, for two months in Provence, renovating a beautiful villa with the new man in her life. Pottering around a small picturesque town on an early summer's day, she is at peace. But her world is about to be shattered. Remember me? Two words spoken by a woman from the back of a car that say so much yet reveal so little. Almost thirty years ago, fourteen-year-old Penny had disappeared from her family's life, never to be heard from again. It is the missing child case that has haunted Andee her whole life; And now Penny - Andee's sister - is back. Book 4 in the Detective Andee Lawrence series.

running time 10 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 4 2

Honour Thy Father

by Alison Joseph

published by Calibre Audio

read by Pat Steadman

Cally Fisher, a troubled young inmate in the London prison where Agnes works, wakes in a fit of terror. She dreams of her father meeting a grisly end back at their grimy London flat and feels so helpless to warn him. Agnes tries to comfort Cally, but by morning, her dreams become reality. Her father is found dead. And the police say Cally’s beloved boyfriend was the one to pull the trigger. Sister Agnes will do whatever it takes to uncover the truth for Cally. But her search will take her far beyond the prison walls and deep

into the city’s seamy underbelly... Is Agnes prepared for the dangers that wait for her there? Book 3 in the Sister Agnes series.

running time 16 hours 48 minutes

catalogue number: 2 2 7 4 3

The Killer's Mark

by M. W. Craven

published by Hachette

read by John Banks

When Vice Admiral Boyer, RN (retd) died without leaving a will, his estranged daughter inherited his - not inconsiderable - estate. Called home to sort through his belongings, she found an AegisBox - a tamper proof safe within a safe designed to self-destruct if anyone without the code attempts to open it. Unable to walk away without the truth, she uncovered something so horrifying it launched the biggest investigation in the National Crime Agency's history. Five years later, Washington Poe is unwittingly, and unwillingly, sucked into its gravity... Finally able to escape the authority they railed against, Washington Poe and Tilly Bradshaw are enjoying their new jobs as private detectives. When a teenage girl walks into their office, looking for the mother she long believed to be dead, they agree to take the case. As Poe and Tilly investigate the girl's claims, they find themselves drawn into a murky world of trafficking, pornography and prostitution. Book 11 in the Washington Poe series.

running time 11 hours 52 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 8 0 7

The Killing Room

by Richard Montanari

published by Penguin Random House

read by William Hope

In the heart of Philadelphia's badlands, Homicide Detectives Byrne and Balzano are called out to a particularly chilling crime scene. Once the pillar of the neighbourhood, an abandoned church has become a killing room. At first it looks like a random act of violence. But then a second body is found, and a third. Each crime scene more disturbing than the last, each murder more brutal. And it soon becomes horrifyingly clear that a cold, calculating and terrifyingly precise mind is at work. With very few leads, and a mastermind who always seems to be one step ahead, Byrne and Balzano are faced with challenges they could never have imagined as they race against time to hunt down their killer, before it's too late... Book 6 in the Byrne & Balzano series.

running time 11 hours 20 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 2 4

Living Death

by Graham Masterton

published by Bloomsbury

read by Lucianne McEvoy

DS Katie Maguire and her team are stretched to their limit. A gang of dognappers is terrorising Cork. The city's drug trade is at an all-time high. Now a girl has gone missing – and all in the glare of the media spotlight. As Katie closes in on the truth, she realises that the three cases might be connected. But with every second she spends investigating, the clock ticks on for the missing girl, trapped in a living death... Book 7 in the Katie Maguire series.

running time 17 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 8 3

Mania

by L. J. Ross

published by W. F. Howes

read by Richard Armitage

Back in London after a dramatic trip to North America, Doctor Alexander Gregory finds himself without an occupation while he awaits the all-important decision of the disciplinary panel at Southmoor Hospital. That is, until he witnesses the death of a famous actor, live on stage during the opening night of King Lear. When the police rule the death suspicious, they call upon the elite services of Gregory and his partner in criminal profiling, Bill Douglas. Gregory is paired with attractive investigating officer DCI Hope and tensions arise - especially when an old foe resurfaces. With bodies piling up and no new leads, Gregory and Hope realise they must look to the past to uncover the truth - before it’s too late. Immersed in the glamorous world of celebrity, Gregory soon learns that, beneath the surface,

things are far murkier than they seem... Book 4 in the Alexander Gregory series.

running time 7 hours 36 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 4 4

Nine Elms

by Robert Bryndza

published by Hachette

read by Kristin Atherton

Kate Marshall was a promising young police detective when she caught the notorious Nine Elms serial killer. But her greatest victory suddenly became a nightmare. 15 years after those catastrophic, career-ending events, a copycat killer has taken up the Nine Elms mantle, continuing the ghastly work of his idol. Enlisting her brilliant research assistant, Tristan Harper, Kate draws on her prodigious and long-neglected skills as an investigator to catch a new monster. But there's much more than her reputation on the line: Kate was the original killer's intended fifth victim... and his successor means to finish the job. Book 1 in the Kate Marshall series.

running time 12 hours 7 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 7 8

The Owl Always Hunts at Night

by Charlotte Barslund, Samuel Bjørk

published by Penguin Random House

read by Laura Paton

When a young woman is found dead, the police are quick to respond. But what they find at the murder site is unexpected. The body is posed, the scene meticulously set. And there is almost no forensic evidence to be found. Detective Mia Krüger is a woman on the edge - she has been signed off work pending psychological assessment. But her boss has less regard for the rules than he should. Desperate to get Mia back in the office, Holger Munch offers her an unofficial deal. But the usually brilliant Mia is struggling and the team are unable to close the case. Until a young hacker uncovers something that forces the team to confront the scope of the murderer's plans and face the possibility that he may already be on the hunt for a second victim. Book 2 in the Munch and Krüger series.

running time 11 hours 48 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 6 4

The Parkwood Murders

by Chris Chibnall

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jessica Gunning

For its many repeat customers, Parkwood Holiday Village in west Dorset is a haven - an idyllic woodland, a tranquil lake, customer service around the clock. Until, just before dawn the day after midsummer, a body is found in the resort's swimming pool. Detective Nicola Bridge, exhausted from late nights worrying about her increasingly errant teenage son, faces an endless stream of potential witnesses. But as

she speaks to the guests and staff, she soon uncovers an interconnected web of secrets and lies. With hundreds of restless guests and staff on site, Nicola knows the clock is ticking to find the killer before they disappear for good. Or before they strike again... Book 2 in the Detective Nicola Bridge series.

running time 9 hours 33 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 9 5

The Readymade Thief

by Augustus Rose

published by Penguin Random House

read by Emily Rankin

Lee Cuddy is seventeen years old and on the run, alone on the streets of Philadelphia. After taking the fall for a rich friend, Lee reluctantly accepts refuge in the Crystal Castle - a cooperative of homeless kids squatting in an austere, derelict building. But homeless kids are disappearing from the streets in suspicious numbers, and Lee quickly discovers that the secret society's charitable façade is too good to be true. She finds an unexpected ally in Tomi, a young artist and hacker whose knowledge of the Internet's black market is rivalled only by his ability to break into and out of buildings. From abandoned aquariums to highly patrolled museums to the homes of vacationing Philadelphians, Tomi and Lee can always chart a way to the next, perfect hide-out. But the harder Lee tries to escape into the unmapped corners of the city, the closer she unwittingly gets to uncovering the disturbing agenda of the very men who pull

the strings of the secret society she's hoped to elude, a group of fanatics obsessed with the secrets encoded in the work of early-twentieth-century artist Marcel Duchamp.

running time 14 hours 26 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 5 7

Red Light

by Graham Masterton

published by Bloomsbury

read by Lucianne McEvoy

On a bloodstained mattress in a grimy flat, a man lies dead. A terrified girl kneels over his body. She has been trapped here for three days. It doesn't take DS Katie Maguire long to identify the murder victim: he's a cruel and powerful pimp she's been trying to convict for years. It's Katie's job to catch the killer. But with men like this dead, the city is safer - and so are the frightened young women who are trafficked into Cork. When a second pimp is horrifically murdered, Katie must decide. Should she do her job, or follow her conscience and allow the killer to strike again? Book 3 in the Katie Maguire series.

running time 14 hours 41 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 4 1

The Restless Dead

by Simon Beckett

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jonathan Keeble

Once one of the country's most respected forensics experts, Dr David Hunter is facing an uncertain professional - and personal - future. So when he gets a call from Essex police, he's eager for the chance to assist them. A badly decomposed body has been found in a desolate area of tidal mudflats and saltmarsh called the Backwaters. Under pressure to close the case, the police want Hunter to help with the recovery and identification. It's thought the remains are those of Leo Villiers, the son of a prominent businessman who vanished weeks ago. To complicate matters, it was rumoured that Villiers was having an affair with a local woman. And she too is missing. But Hunter has his doubts about the identity. He knows the condition of the unrecognizable body could hide a multitude of sins. Then more remains are discovered - and these remote wetlands begin to give up their secrets... Book 5 in the David Hunter series.

running time 12 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 3 5

The Scarecrow

by Michael Connelly

published by Hachette

read by Peter Giles

Jack McEvoy is at the end of the line as a crime reporter. Forced to take a buy-out from the LA Times as the newspaper grapples with dwindling readership and revenues, he's got 30 days left on the job. His last

assignment? Training his replacement, a low-cost reporter just out of J-school who couldn't find the police station if it was right next door to the Times, which it is. But Jack has other plans for his exit. He is going to go out with a bang - a final story that will win newspaper journalism's highest honor - a Pulitzer Prize. He focuses on Alonzo Winslow, a 16-year-old drug dealer in jail after confessing to a brutal murder. But as he delves into the story, Jack realizes that Winslow's so-called confession is bogus. The kid might actually be innocent.

running time 11 hours

catalogue number: 2 3 5 5 9

The Sea Detective

by Mark Douglas-Home

published by Penguin Random House

read by David Monteath

Cal McGill is an Edinburgh-based oceanographer, environmentalist and one-of-a-kind investigator. Using his knowledge of the waves - ocean currents, prevailing winds, shipping records - McGill can track where objects came from, or where they've gone. It's a skill that can help solve mysteries ranging from disappearances to murder. Two severed feet wash up on two different islands off the coast of Scotland. Forensics shows that the feet belong to the same body. As Cal McGill investigates, he unravels a web of corruption, exploitation and human trafficking, which threatens many lives across the globe - including his own... Book 1 in the Sea Detective series.

running time 10 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 4 2 1

The Shadow District

by Arnaldur Indridason, Victoria Cribb

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sean Barrett

In wartime Reykjavik, a young woman is found strangled behind the National Theatre, a rough and dangerous area of the city known as 'the shadow district'. An Icelandic detective and a member of the American military police are on the trail of a brutal killer. Present Day: A 90-year-old man is discovered dead on his bed, smothered with his own pillow. Konrad, a former detective now bored with retirement, finds newspaper cuttings in the dead man's home reporting the shadow district murder that date back to the second world war. It's a crime that Konrad remembers, having grown up in the same neighbourhood. Why, after all this time, would an old crime resurface? Did the police arrest the wrong man? How are these cases linked across the decades? Will Konrad's link to the past help him solve the case and finally lay the ghosts of wartime Reykjavik to rest? Book 1in the Reykjavík Wartime Mystery series.

running time 8 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 0 2 2

Shadow Sands

by Robert Bryndza

published by Hachette

read by Kristin Atherton

When Kate Marshall finds the body of a young man floating in the Shadow Sands reservoir, the authorities label it a tragic accident. But the details don't add up: why was he there in the middle of the night? If he was such a strong swimmer, how did he drown? As Kate and her assistant Tristan Harper follow the evidence, they make a far darker discovery.... This is only the latest victim in a series of bloody murders dating back decades. A mythic serial killer is said to hide in the rolling fog, abducting his victims like a phantom. And when another woman is taken, Kate and Tristan have a matter of days to save her from meeting the same fate. Book 2 in the Kate Marshall series.

running time 9 hours 47 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 7 9

The Shadow Step

by Mark Billingham

published by Hachette

read by David Threlfall

Typically, such a step perfectly demonstrates synchronized elegance. It showcases a couple in near telepathic harmony with one another. It does not normally end with someone stone-dead in a lake. DS Declan Miller is a magnet for strange cases, but how can he catch a killer when the man

confessing to the crime is clearly innocent? Things rapidly escalate when the murder that isn't really a murder at all attracts the unwanted attention of a drugs Queenpin, a deranged ex-squaddie and a lovesick gangland enforcer. Then a student is kidnapped... Throw in a wobbly dog, a pair of ceramic leopards and the distracting smell from a local biscuit factory, and - if he wants to save a young man's life - Miller has little choice but to waltz all the way into the shadows. Book 3 in the Detective Miller series.

running time 10 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 7 0

The Smiling Man

by Joseph Knox

published by Penguin Random House

read by Lewys Taylor

Disconnected from his history and careless of his future, Detective Aidan Waits has resigned himself to the night shift. An endless cycle of meaningless emergency calls and lonely dead ends. Until he and his partner, Detective Inspector Peter 'Sutty' Sutcliffe, are summoned to The Palace, a vast disused hotel in the centre of a restless, simmering city. There they find the body of a man. He is dead. And he is smiling. But as Waits puts together the pieces of this stranger's life, someone is sifting through the shards of his own. When the mysterious fires, anonymous phone calls and outright threats escalate, he realises that a ghost from his own past haunts his every move. And to discover the

smiling man's identity, he must finally confront his own. Book 2 in the Aidan Waits series.

running time 11 hours 8 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 5 6

Standing in the Shadows

by Peter Robinson

published by Hachette

read by Simon Slater

Late November 1980. Student Nick Hartley returns from a lecture to find his house full of police officers. As he discovers that his ex-girlfriend has been found murdered in a nearby park, and her new boyfriend is missing, he realises two things in quick succession: he is undoubtedly a suspect as he has no convincing alibi, and he has own suspicions as to what might have happened... Late November 2019. A dig near Scotch Corner unearths a skeleton that turns out to be far more recent than the Roman remains the archaeologist is looking for. Detective Superintendent Alan Banks and his team are called in and, as an investigation into the find begins, the past and the present meet with devastating consequences. Book 28 in the DCI Banks series.

running time 11 hours 21 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 6 0

The Tailor

by Tim Sullivan

published by Bloomsbury

read by Finlay Robertson

A bespoke tailor boards the 10:00 train from Bristol to London. Before it reaches Bath, he’s found dead in the toilet, his throat slit and a plastic bag pulled over his head. DS George Cross deduces that this wasn’t a robbery – nothing about the killing is random. It’s an execution. George’s investigation brings him dangerously close to a cold and merciless world. And is it his imagination or is he being followed? With the highest conviction rate of any officer in the force, someone will do anything to stop George from getting to the truth. Book 8 in the DS Cross series.

running time 9 hours 51 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 2 7 2

Too Old For This

by Samantha Downing

published by Penguin Random House

read by Elizabeth Wiley

You'd never guess Lottie Jones had skeletons in her closet. She's lived in town for decades now. She's getting older. She lives for the simple pleasures of weekly bingo games at church, and gossiping with her friends about their children's love lives. But when investigative journalist Plum Dixon shows up on her doorstep asking questions about Lottie's past, and specifically about her connection to numerous unsolved murders, well, Lottie just can't have that. But getting away with murder is hard enough when you're

young. And when Lottie receives another annoying knock on the door, she realises this crime might just be the death of her...

running time 10 hours 50 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 3 8

Unnatural Death

by Patricia Cornwell

published by Hachette

read by January LaVoy

Chief medical examiner Dr Kay Scarpetta finds herself in a Northern Virginia wilderness examining the remains of two campers wanted by federal law enforcement. The victims have been savaged beyond recognition, and other evidence is terrifying and baffling, including a larger-than-life footprint. After one of the most frightening body retrievals of her career, Scarpetta must discover who would commit murders this brutal, and why. Book 27 in the Kay Scarpetta series.

running time 11 hours 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 9 6

The Witness

by Simon Kernick

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

When Jane Kinnear sees her lover being murdered, she suddenly finds herself in danger. Taken to an anonymous police safe house, it soon becomes clear that her lover was an MI5 informant with important information about an imminent terrorist attack. DI Ray Mason of Counter Terrorism Command is a man with a controversial past, but his effectiveness at getting results means that he's now been given the task of preventing the attack from taking place. But can he be trusted, and does he know more about the attack than he's letting on? In the safe-house, Jane is trying to piece together a description of her lover's killer. But what she doesn't know is that the killer has already found out who she is, and where she is hiding. And now he's coming for her... Book 1 in the DI Ray Mason series.

running time 10 hours

catalogue number: 2 4 4 5 0

The Woman who Walked into the Sea

by Mark Douglas-Home

published by Penguin Random House

read by David Monteath

Cal McGill is a unique investigator and oceanographer who uses his expertise to locate things - and sometimes people - lost or missing at sea. His expertise could unravel the haunting mystery of why, twenty-six years ago on a remote Scottish beach, Megan Bates strode out into the cold ocean and let the waves wash her away. Megan's daughter, Violet Wells, was abandoned as a baby on the steps of a local hospital just hours before the mother she never knew took

her own life. As McGill is drawn into Violet's search for the truth, he encounters a coastal community divided by obsession and grief, and united only by a conviction that its secrets should stay buried... Book 2 in the Sea Detective series.

running time 10 hours 48 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 4 2 0

Written in Bones

by James Oswald

published by Penguin Random House

read by Ian Hanmore

When a body is found in a tree in The Meadows, Edinburgh's scenic parkland, the forensics suggest the corpse has fallen from a great height. Detective Inspector Tony McLean wonders whether it was an accident, or a murder designed to send a chilling message? The dead man had led quite a life: a disgraced ex-cop turned criminal kingpin who reinvented himself as a celebrated philanthropist. As McLean traces the victim's journey, it takes him back to Edinburgh's past, and through its underworld - crossing paths with some of its most dangerous and most vulnerable people. And waiting at the end of it all, is the truth behind a crime that cuts to the very heart of the city... Book 7 in the Inspector McLean series.

running time 11 hours 4 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 4 5

You Don't Know Me

by Imran Mahmood

published by Penguin Random House

read by Adam Deacon

A young man stands accused of murder. The evidence is overwhelming. But at his trial, this man tells an extraordinary story. It is about the woman he loves, who got into terrible trouble. It's about how he risked everything to save her. He swears he's innocent. But in the end, all that matters is this: do you believe him?

running time 7 hours 26 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 4 0

Dystopian Fiction

The Last Dog on Earth

by Adrian J. Walker

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jonathan Aris and David John

Every dog has its day... And for Lineker, a happy go lucky mongrel from Peckham, the day the world ends is his: finally a chance to prove to his owner just how loyal he can be. Reg, an agoraphobic writer with an obsession for nineties football, plans to wait out the impending doom in his second floor flat, hiding himself away from the riots outside. But when an abandoned orphan shows up in the stairwell of

their building, Reg and Lineker must brave the outside in order to save not only the child, but themselves...

running time 13 hours 2 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 5 9

Shift

by Hugh Howey

published by Penguin Random House

read by Peter Brooke

In a future less than fifty years away, the world is still as we know it. Time continues to tick by. The truth is that it is ticking away. A powerful few know what lies ahead. They are preparing for it. They are trying to protect us. They are setting us on a path from which we can never return. A path that will lead to destruction; a path that will take us below ground. The history of the silo is about to be written. Our future is about to begin. A prequel in the Silo Trilogy series.

running time 18 hours 15 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 0 9 1

Wool

by Hugh Howey

published by Penguin Random House

read by Susannah Harker

In a ruined and hostile landscape, in a future few have been unlucky enough to survive, a community exists in a giant

underground silo. Inside, men and women live an enclosed life full of rules and regulations, of secrets and lies. To live, you must follow the rules. But some don't. These are the dangerous ones; these are the people who dare to hope and dream, and who infect others with their optimism. Their punishment is simple and deadly. They are allowed outside. Jules is one of these people. She may well be the last. Book 1 in the Silo Trilogy.

running time 16 hours 40 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 0 6 3

Family Stories

The Biscuit Factory Girls

by Elsie Mason

published by Hachette

read by Joan Walker

Newly married to dashing RAF officer Tom, Irene Farley leaves behind her safe countryside life to move in with his family by the docks in South Shields. Little prepares her for the devastation the Jerry bombers have wreaked on the Sixteen Streets or that they would be living under her mother-in-law's roof, alongside Tom's three brothers and two wives! Irene's only escape is her job at the local Wight's Biscuit factory packing up a little taste of home for the brave boys fighting for King and country across the channel. As the threat of war creeps ever closer to the Sixteen Streets, the

biscuit factory girls bond together, because no one can get through this war alone... Book 1 in the Biscuit Factory Girls series.

running time 11 hours 5 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 2 1

The Biscuit Factory Girls At War

by Elsie Mason

published by Hachette

read by Joan Walker

Beryl was the first bride of the Farley clan, finding a home in the welcoming arms of eldest son Tony. His charming voice and kind eyes and the way he truly listened made Beryl feel valued in a world in which she had always been rejected. Yet even now, wrapped in Tony's embrace, Beryl has never quite been able to forget the past she decided to run from, nor the devastating secret about her family's past she tried to bury. With Tony away fighting the Jerries alongside his brothers, it's up to Beryl and her sisters-in-law to keep the family afloat. Beryl has never been afraid of hard work, and the sweat and toil of a second job working as a welder on the docks doesn't faze her. But the sudden arrival of a devastating letter does.... Book 2 in the Biscuit Factory Girls series.

running time 9 hours 59 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 2 2

The Carpenter's Daughter

by Gloria Cook

published by Penguin Random House

read by Patricia Gallimore

Amy Lewarne finds her life changed forever when she finds her brother, Toby, dead. And troubles follow when Titus Kivell, the head of a powerful yet belligerent family, puts his son Sol in Toby's place. Despite his wild and formidable nature, Amy is inexplicably drawn to Sol, as he is to her. But will his family ties be the ruin of her? Book 1 in the Meryen series.

running time 10 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 4 4 8

The Cockney Angel

by Dilly Court

published by Penguin Random House

read by Annie Aldington

Eighteen-year-old Irene Angel lives with her parents in a tiny room above the shop where her crippled mother ekes out a living selling pickles and sauces, whilst her charming but feckless father Billy gambles away what little money they do manage to earn. And it is all Irene can do to keep the family together. Billy's addiction soon leads him into trouble. Despite having been brought up by her father to fear and distrust the police, Irene finds herself forced to collaborate with them to save her father from ruin. But Billy's errant ways finally catch up with him and he is imprisoned in

Newgate jail. With her mother away from home, a desperate Irene has little choice but to seek help from Inspector Edward Kent - her sworn enemy. For only she can clear her father's name and unite the family once more...

running time 12 hours 58 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 6 6 4

Fall From Grace

by Kitty Neale

published by Hachette

read by Annie Aldington

London, 1916. It's only when her father dies that Louisa and her mother realise just how much debt their once-wealthy family is in. The only way she can save them is by marrying old, rich and leery Mr Mullen - Louisa can't imagine a fate worse than that. So when charming up-and-coming businessman Dickie Newman offers to marry her after a chance encounter, it seems like the perfect escape. She has no idea how dangerous her new husband is. 1934. Being Dickie's daughter has given Grace a life of luxury that many people can't imagine. She's never thought about where all the money comes from. But there's only so long she can live in blissful ignorance. Once her eyes are opened to her truth, there's no going back. But Dickie has no intention of letting her walk away...

running time 11 hours 11 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 7 3

Heartbreak in the Valleys

by Francesca Capaldi

published by Ulverscroft

read by Deryn Edwards

November 1915. For young housemaid Anwen Rhys, life is hard in the Welsh mining village of Dorcalon. She cares for her ill mother and younger sister Sara, all while shielding them from her father's violent temper. Anwen comforts herself with her love for her childhood sweetheart, Idris Hughes, away fighting in the Great War. Yet when Idris returns, he is a changed man, quickly breaking off their engagement. But when there is an explosion at the pit, Anwen and Idris put their feelings aside to unite their community. Can Anwen find hope again? Book 1 in the Wartime in the Valleys series.

running time 10 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 9 0 1

A Home for Alice

by Gloria Cook

published by Penguin Random House

read by Emma Powell

After her plans to elope with her married lover fall through, Rachel Kivell is broken-hearted and saddened that she must remain in her small Cornish mining town, with all of its dark secrets. But her brooding is put to an end when the loving but childlike Alice Bowden turns up on her doorstep. Poor orphaned Alice has nowhere to go, but Rachel cannot see

herself taking on the responsibilities of a child. Can she put her worries aside, or will Alice never find a place to call home?

running time 8 hours 59 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 1 2

Hope Comes to Eastby End

by Anna Jacobs

published by Hachette

read by Katy Sobey

Sam Newby loves the rolling hills and lush green grass of Ollindale, the village he has grown up in. Home is where his heart is: but when his father dies, and his cruel stepmother becomes his guardian, he begins to dream of a different life. He flees, but vows to return once he is of age - and has the means to stop those who would destroy his community... Laura Barker thinks about the last words Sam said to her more than she would care to admit: Follow your dreams. It is her greatest hope to become a district nurse, so she can help not only Ollindale, but the neighbouring, poverty-stricken town of Eastby End. But the only way she can serve her community is to leave, to train as a nurse down south, and follow her dreams, then her heart, back home. A chance encounter between Sam and Laura fills them with hope that they will one day make it back to their village together. But with Sam's stepmother and her new husband causing chaos with their shady dealings in Eastby End, Sam and Laura must lean on their friends and the good people of Ollindale to bring hope back home... Book 3 in the Eastby End series.

running time 9 hours 16 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 7 4

The Housekeeper's Daughter

by Rosie Meddon

published by Ulverscroft

read by Penelope Freeman

Kate Bratton dreams of more. It’s 1914, and her life is mapped out ahead of her: continue working as a maid in the beautiful Woodicombe House, settle down with Luke the gardener and, of course, start a family. Desperate to run away in search of adventure, Kate’s plans are curtailed by the arrival of the Russell family at Woodicombe House. Tasked with becoming a lady’s maid for their daughter, Naomi, Kate gets a glimpse of the other side of life. Will she return to the safety of her life before, or will the handsome Ned Russell turn her head? Book 1 in the Woodicombe House series.

running time 9 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 9 0 2

The Irish Midwife

by Seána Tinley

published by Hachette

read by Roisin Rankin

Peggy Cassidy is a milly, working in the Belfast linen mills to just about get by. But Peggy also has another job - a secret one. She works as a handywoman - an illegal midwife, tending to the women of her community in their time of need. When Peggy is offered the chance to leave Belfast to receive formal midwifery training in Dublin, it sets off a chain of events that will change her life forever. But amongst her middle-class colleagues, Peggy must keep the truth about her past secret at all times. If the realities of her life in Belfast are revealed, she could lose everything she has worked for. And when she meets a well-to-do doctor down in Dublin, she must make a decision: should she protect her family and her history? Or can she let herself fall in love? Book 1 in the Irish Midwives series.

running time 11 hours 43 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 9 2

Manchester Moll

by Emma Hornby

published by Penguin Random House

read by Julia Franklin

Eighteen-year-old Moll Chambers works her fingers to the bone doing all she can to support her family. With an ailing father and a wayward mother, Moll is the only one who can look after her siblings, Bo and Sissy. But Manchester is an increasingly dangerous place to live, overrun with a ferocious rivalry between gangs of so-called 'scuttlers': young men and women bent on a life of violence and crime. And they have her brother in their sights. Soon even Moll

can't protect Bo from the lure of the criminal underworld. When she herself falls for the leader of a rival gang, Moll's choices place her and Bo firmly on opposite sides of the city's turf war. With her loyalties now torn in two, and tragedy lurking round every corner, will Moll be able to rise above the conflict and protect those she loves the most? Or will stepping out with a scuttler spell ruin for them all...?

running time 11 hours 30 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 6 4

The Midwives of Raglan Road

by Jenny Holmes

published by Penguin Random House

read by Anne Dover

Summer, 1936. Newly trained midwife Hazel Price returns to the Yorkshire streets of her childhood, only to find that her modern methods and 'stuck-up' ways bring her into conflict with her family and other formidable residents of Raglan Road. Determined Hazel battles on, assisting with home deliveries and supporting the local GP. The days are long and hard but Hazel brings knowledge and compassion to the work she loves. Then tragedy strikes and accusations fly on Raglan Road. Will Hazel's reputation survive? And what of John Moxon, the man she is beginning to fall for - whose side will he take in the war between the old ways and the new?

running time 11 hours 30 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 5 4

A Mother's Choice

by Val Wood

published by Penguin Random House

read by Anne Dover

For ten years, Delia has had to fend for herself and her son Jack, and as a young, unmarried mother, life has never been easy. Every new coat and pair of shoes was bought with what little money she could scrape together as a singer on the stage. But when the theatre work dries up, Delia faces a dilemma: continue the search for employment with no knowing whether she'll find the stability and security her son needs, or return to the place that should be home... where only spite and hatred await them. Desperate now, a chance encounter suddenly presents a lifeline. But Delia is faced with an impossible, heart-wrenching choice. Can she bear to leave Jack behind, hoping another family will care for him? Will they ever be reunited?

running time 12 hours 17 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 6 8

A Mother's Secret

by Kitty Neale

published by Hachette

read by Annie Aldington

Winnie Berry had been the landlady for the Battersea Tavern for over 25 years and loved every minute of it. Her

husband Brian preferred the quiet of the upstairs, but Winnie liked to be in the thick of it: the atmosphere and the company. While her son has taken after his father in more ways than one, she can't help but love him - David might not be able to hold down a job, but she would do anything to keep him safe. After all, once upon a time she'd made a mistake - something she'd do anything to put right. And when a young woman crosses her path, Winnie begins to wonder if her secret past is back...and if she will get another chance. Book 1 in the Battersea Tavern series.

running time 10 hours 20 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 2 3

A Nurse's Secret

by Donna Douglas

published by Penguin Random House

read by Penelope Freeman

London's East End, 1940: a frightened young woman gives birth to a tiny baby. Clearly alone, she refuses to hold the child: she can't let herself bond with the baby she must give up. But sometime in the night, a terrifying air raid forces the maternity unit to evacuate, and in the chaos, mother and baby are separated. Eighteen years later, student nurse Amy begins her career at the Nightingale Hospital. Finally away from the unhappy confines of home, she finds a friend and mentor in Sister Elizabeth Clyde. But Elizabeth is hiding a secret - one that could change both of their lives, forever... Will past mistakes destroy two families, or can love finally

put an end to heartbreak? Book 14 in the Nightingale Girls series.

running time 10 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 8 9

Nurses on Call

by Donna Douglas

published by Penguin Random House

read by Penelope Freeman

London's East End, 1957/ In the Nightingale Hospital, Matron Helen finds herself playing surrogate mother to her newly discovered French niece Catrine, while having to keep their family relationship a secret from the rest of the staff. However, independent Catrine is determined to do things her way and break the rules. But underneath it all, she is lost, still mourning the loss of her mother and struggling to get along with her new family. Helen's own heart is aching since the breakdown of her marriage with David, which isn't helped when he returns to work at the hospital. Can she work side by side with the man she still loves? Helen's isn't the only marriage that hangs in the balance, as Nurse Dora faces a shock that could mean the end of her own marriage... Book 13 in the Nightingale Girls

running time 9 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 8 8

A Pennyworth of Sunshine

by Anna Jacobs

published by Hachette

read by Marie McCarthy

Keara Michaels doesn't want to leave her family in Ireland, but fate sends her first to Lancashire, then across the sea to Australia, pregnant and penniless. And Theo Mullane, the man who loves her, is married, with an ailing baby son, so cannot follow her as he longs to. Mark Gibson leaves Lancashire to avoid marriage. But gold prospecting is a dangerous pursuit, and when his gentle young wife dies in childbirth, his father-in-law kidnaps the baby. So Mark runs away again, this time to Western Australia, where he employs Keara in his country inn. But danger threatens them all, even in the bush. As Keara searches for her lost sisters, Theo comes looking for the woman he loves, and Mark at last confronts his past. Book 1 in the Irish Sisters series.

running time 12 hours 18 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 7 9

The Sewing Factory Girls

by Posy Lovell

published by Hachette

read by Karen Bartke

Like half of all the young women living in the Scottish town Clydebank in early 1911, Ellen works at the sewing machine factory. So does her big sister, Bridget, Bridget's fiancé Malcolm, and her new friend Sadie, who has come to work

at the factory after the death of her father... For Sadie, the factory is a way to make ends meet, but Ellen has sewing in her veins. She is even making Bridget's wedding dress on her beloved sewing machine. But after the excitement of the wedding dies down, Ellen discovers that the work of the cabinet polishers - her job - is to be reorganised, and they will be doing more work for less pay. But the women aren't going to give in without a fight. They've been reading about strikes and they've got an idea - much to the disgust of manager Malcolm. Book 1 in the Sewing Girls series.

running time 11 hours 24 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 2 4

A Shilling for a Wife

by Emma Hornby

published by Penguin Random House

read by Penelope Freeman

A dismal cottage in the heart of Bolton, Lancashire, has been Sally's prison since Joseph Goden 'bought' her from the workhouse as his wife. A drunkard and bully, Joseph rules her with a rod of iron, using fists and threats to keep her in check. When Sally gives birth, however, she knows she must do anything to save her child from her husband's clutches. She manages to escape, and taking her baby, flees for the belching chimneys of Manchester, in search of her only relative. But with the threat of discovery by Joseph, who will stop at nothing to find her, Sally must fight with every ounce of strength she has to protect herself and her son,

and finally be with the man who truly loves her. For a fresh start does not come without a price ...

running time 13 hours 31 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 6 3

Victory Girls

by Helen Carey

published by Hachette

read by Annie Aldington

August 1944. Allied troops are fighting their way across Europe. But rocket attacks on London are a chilling reminder that the war is far from over. Helen knows all too well how dangerous it is in war-torn France. But it's a long time since she heard from her French fiancé, Andre, and nothing is going to stop her going back to track him down before he is lost to her forever. Her friend Molly is finding it hard to stop thinking about the lovely Canadian pilot she met while nursing overseas and the future she might have had if only she had been good enough for him. Now Molly is back in London, determined to discover the truth about the mother who gave her up for adoption when she was four years old. Victory may be just round the corner, but the fighting is far from over for the women of Lavender Road. Book 6 in the Lavendar Road series.

running time 18 hours 8 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 5 4

Victory for the Sewing Factory Girls

by Posy Lovell

published by Hachette

read by Karen Bartke

Five years after leading a strike at the sewing factory, newly pregnant Ellen is rushed off her feet at the Clydebank Clothing Exchange, the heart of the community. Ellen is missing her husband James who is away with the Royal Navy, and worried about how to make ends meet. She desperately wants to confide in her best friend Sadie. However, Sadie is hiding a heart-breaking secret of her own which places strain on their friendship. Ignoring concerns from her sister Sadie, seventeen-year-old Rachel has signed up as a munitions worker at the former sewing factory in Clydebank. Together with the other women nicknamed 'the munitionettes' she finds fun and friendship as they start a local football team. When Ellen is forced to return to the factory to earn money for her growing family, she clashes with Sadie, who is angry about the working conditions. Several of the women and their babies are falling ill, despite assurances from management that the factory is safe... Book 2 in the Sewing Girls series.

running time 9 hours 2 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 2 5

Workhouse Orphans

by Holly Green

published by Penguin Random House

read by Julie Maisey

Life has always been tough for May and Gus Lavender. Their father went away to sea never to return, and then their mother falls victim to the typhus sweeping through Liverpool. Regarded as orphans by the authorities, May and Gus are sent to the Brownlow Hill Workhouse. Like all workhouses, Brownlow is the last resort for the poor and the destitute. May and Gus will have to rely on each other more than ever if they are to survive the hardships to come...

running time 11 hours 9 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 5 4

The Yorkshire Ladies Football Club

by Gracie Hart

published by Penguin Random House

read by Claire Storey

Bradford, 1916. With her husband on the Western Front, Hattie Braithwaite throws herself into work at the local mill When Maggie Flemming, an avid football fan, joins the production line the pair soon bond over their shared love of the game, encouraging others to join them in a lunchtime kickabout. Widower Joshua Swainbank, head of the Mill, is so cheered by the sight he decides to sponsor a team. With fearless Maggie and gifted striker Hattie leading the charge, the Yorkshire Ladies' football team is born and capturing hearts across the county. Yet as the crowds grow, so do Joshua's feelings for Hattie. For now, all he can do is support her passion for football. Will the Yorkshire Ladies Football

Club continue to rise to the challenge of proving just what women can do or will it all end in tears?

running time 7 hours 18 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 8 5 5

Fantasy Romance

All Our Wrong Todays

by Elan Mastai

published by Penguin Random House

read by Elan Mastai

So, the thing is, I come from the world we were supposed to have. That means nothing to you, obviously, because you live here, in the crappy world we do have. But it never should've turned out like this. And it's all my fault - well, me and to a lesser extent my father. And, yeah, I guess a little bit Penelope. In both worlds, she's the love of my life. But only a single version of her can exist. I have one impossible chance to fix history's greatest mistake and save this broken world. Except it means saving one Penelope and losing the other forever - and I have absolutely no idea which to choose...

running time 10 hours 2 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 4 8

The Ascended

by Bree Grenwich and Parker Lennox

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

In a world where divine power bleeds into the mortal realm, Thais Morvaren has mastered the art of deception. Secretly, she hides her ability to forge weapons from starlight. But, when Thais' powers are exposed, she finds herself forced into the deadly Trials of Ascension -where those with divine powers are given a choice: ascend... or die trying. Trapped in a competition she never wanted to enter, she transforms her fear into purpose: to kill Olinthar, King of the Gods. Only the trials bind her to a mentor: Xül. A dark prince with blood-soaked hands, a sharp tongue, and dangerous secrets of his own. He might be sinfully hot, but Thais cannot let herself be drawn into the heat that pulses between them. Because, to take down a god, she must become one, even if it costs her everything... Book 1 in The Aesymarean series.

running time 25 hours 5 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 1 2 4

The Book of Azrael

by Amber V. Nicole

published by Hachette

read by Ruthie Bowles

Many centuries ago, desperate to save her dying sister, Dianna made a deal with Kaden, a monster far worse than any nightmare. Locked in servitude to him, she is forced to

hunt down an ancient relic held by her most dangerous enemies: an army led by Samkiel, the World Ender. After the Gods War, Samkiel hid from everything, denying his crown and deserting his people. Now, an attack on those he loves sends him back to the realm he never wished to return to, and into the sights of an enemy he had hoped to forget. With every world at stake, Dianna and Samkiel are forced to set aside their animosity and work together, before all is lost... Book 1 in the Gods & Monsters series.

running time 21 hours 15 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 1 3 9

Crown of Crimson and Crows

by Tessa Hale

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Hidden in the human world, I was meant to live quietly, unaware of the power bound beneath my skin. But magic doesn't stay buried forever. Neither do secrets. When the bindings on my power begin to crack, the truth is finally set free-and so are the men fate tied me to. The King of fire who would rather kill me than kiss me. A Prince of starlight, my childhood friend, whose tie to me could cost him everything. The King of ice, whose cruelty is only matched by his coldness. And the King of earth and blood, whose feral nature and death toll is feared by every being in all four kingdoms. These are the men destined to love me... if we can only stop trying to kill one another first. Book 1 in the Blood Bound series.

running time 10 hours 44 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 9 6 3

The Dawn of the Cursed Queen

by Amber V. Nicole

published by Hachette

read by Ruthie Bowles

Betrayed and bloodied, The Hand has failed. After a desperate battle, Nismera, the Goddess of War, now rules the realms as the last remnants of Samkiel's power spill across the sky. Desperate to keep Samkiel safe after almost losing him, Dianna is willing to give up everything to protect him, even if that means sacrificing their relationship itself. But that's not a risk Samkiel is willing to take, even as the stakes grow ever higher. The one true king is poised to return, but when the dust settles, who will truly rule? Book 3 in the Gods & Monsters series.

running time 25 hours 6 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 1 4 1

Dead As A Doornail

by Charlaine Harris

published by Hachette

read by Johanna Parker

Sookie Stackhouse enjoys her life, mostly. She's a great cocktail waitress in a fun bar; she has a love life, albeit a bit

complicated, and most people have come to terms with her telepathy. The problem is, Sookie wants a quiet life - but things just seem to happen to her and her friends. Now her brother Jason's eyes are starting to change: he's about to turn into a were-panther for the first time. She can deal with that, but her normal sisterly concern turns to cold fear when a sniper sets his deadly sights on the local changeling population. She afraid not just because Jason's at risk, but because his new were-brethren suspect Jason may be the shooter. Sookie has until the next full moon to find out who's behind the attacks - unless the killer decides to find her first. Book 5 in the Sookie Stackhouse series.

running time 9 hours 31 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 4 8

Dead To The World

by Charlaine Harris

published by Hachette

read by Johanna Parker

Sookie Stackhouse is a small-town cocktail waitress in small-town Louisiana. She's pretty. She does her job well. She keeps to herself - she has only a few close friends, because not everyone appreciates Sookie's gift: she can read minds. That's not exactly every man's idea of date bait - unless they're undead - vampires and the like can be tough to read. And that's just the kind of guy Sookie's been looking for. Maybe that's why, when she comes across a naked vampire on the way home from work, she doesn't just drive on by. He hasn't got a clue who he is, but Sookie has: Eric looks just

as scary and sexy - and dead - as the day she met him. But now he has amnesia, he's sweet, vulnerable, and in need of Sookie's help - because whoever took his memory now wants his life. Sookie's investigation into what's going on leads her straight into a dangerous battle between witches, vampires and werewolves. Book 4 in the Sookie Stackhouse series.

running time 9 hours 56 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 4 7

Definitely Dead

by Charlaine Harris

published by Hachette

read by Johanna Parker

Sookie doesn't have that many relations, so she hated to lose one - but of all the people to go, she didn't expect it to be her cousin Hadley, a consort of New Orleans' vampire queen - after all, Hadley was technically already dead. But she is gone, beyond recall, and she's left Sookie an inheritance - one that comes with a bit of a risk - not least because someone doesn't want Sookie digging too deep into Hadley's past - or her possessions. Sookie's life is once again on the line, and this time the suspects range from the rogue werewolves who have rejected Sookie as a friend of the pack to her first love, the vampire Bill. Sookie's got a lot to do if she's going to keep herself alive... Book 6 in the Sookie Stackhouse series.

running time 10 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 4 9

Duskbound

by Bree Grenwich and Parker Lennox

published by Penguin Random House

read by Adriene Arce and Phillip Freeman

Fia Riftborne thought joining the Sìdhe Guard was the hardest choice she'd ever make. She was wrong. Taken prisoner by those she swore to fight, Fia uncovers a devastating truth that upends everything she ever knew. The only thing that is certain, is that Fia's growing powers are tied to the Isle's survival. As war looms on two fronts and tensions in Sìdhe reach a breaking point, the Void that gave Fia her power is calling-but answering it means betraying everyone she left behind. In a war where nothing is as it seems, choosing the wrong side could cost her everything, including the brooding commander whose darkness seems to call to her own. Book 2 in The Esprithean Trilogy.

running time 18 hours 59 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 0 3 0

King of Ravens

by Clare Sager

published by Penguin Random House

read by Ethan Reid and Kristin Atherton

Rhiannon is dying - of what she doesn't know. Kept protected by her family in their clifftop home, she spends her days searching for a cure. Her world is torn apart when an unseelie King of the Dead arrives and gives her a simple choice: descend to the underworld as his bride or he'll take her family instead. Trapped in a twisted bargain, Rhiannon is thrust into a world of withered gods, scheming courtiers, and ancient magic, but she refuses to be a pawn in a game she never agreed to play. Her new husband is powerful, cold, and infuriating and she is determined to hate him. But in a court where beauty masks cruelty and every promise has teeth, hatred burns slowly into something else. Something dangerous. Something that could undo them both... Book 1 in the Upon a Broken Throne series.

running time 15 hours 15 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 1 1 1

The Poison Daughter

by Sheila Masterson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Anthony Palmini and Laura Horowitz

Every person Harlow Carrenwell kisses dies, and that's the way she likes it. Her first husband is in the ground. Her new betrothed is next. But Harlow has a secret. When she's not acting as her parents' assassin, she moonlights as a vigilante hunting abusive men in their walled city. Until one night Harlow kisses a mark and he doesn't die. Worse, he is her new betrothed, Henry Havenwood, and now he knows about her double life. Instead of exposing her, he does

something far more dangerous - he whisks her away to marry him in his wild mountain fort. Cursed with a husband she can't kill and trapped in a fort surrounded by vampire-infested woods, Harlow must do the impossible... Make the man who knows she's a killer fall in love with her anyway.

running time unknown

catalogue number: 2 8 3 8 5

Prince of Swords

by Elise Kova

published by Hachette

read by Anna Burnett

Clara Graysword is Oricalis's most wanted. Hunted and cornered, not even her mastery of tarot can save her this time... until the mysterious Worldkeepers appear. This secretive order may hold the key to changing Clara's fate. If she dares to trust them. But the most dangerous alliance of all is one she's already deeply ensnared within: Prince Kaelis. Kaelis, second-born prince of Oricalis and headmaster of Arcana Academy, is the one man she can't escape - maybe she doesn't want to escape. Ruthless, dangerous, and bound to Clara by destiny and desire, Kaelis tests her heart as much as her loyalty. Together, they grow closer to the most powerful secrets of the tarot.... and to the truths they both hide that could destroy the passion that they no longer deny. Hidden in plain sight within Arcana Academy, Clara walks the dagger's edge. Revelations about Oricalis threaten everything she thought she knew, and

every choice she makes is the difference between salvation and ruin. Book 2 in the Arcana Academy series.

running time 21 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 2 1 1

Riftborne

by Bree Grenwich and Parker Lennox

published by Penguin Random House

read by Adriene Arce and Phillip Freeman

Decades after a rebellion tore through the Isle of Sidhe, Fia Riftborne has learnt three important lessons to survival: keep your head down, don't draw attention to yourself, and avoid the Sìdhe Guard at all costs. That isn't so easy though when she harbours a secret power, one that would paint a target on her back if discovered. But, after a simple errand goes awry and her explosive power erupts, Fia knows she can no longer hide in the shadows. Only, the swift punishment she expected never materialises. Instead, the elusive General Laryk Ashford offers her a choice: join the Sìdhe Guard... or face execution. Soon, Fia faces another impossible choice: surrender to the chaos within and risk destroying everything she holds dear or become a weapon in the hands of those who took everything from her. Including the alluring General who is starting to consume her every thought... Book 1 in the Esprithean Trilogy.

running time 11 hours 41 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 4 9 1

Steelborn

by Taylor J. LaRue

published by Penguin Random House

read by Juliette Goglia

Reya Connery became the Crimson Dagger, the most notorious thief in Rhiterra, by following a strict set of rules. One: There is no honour among thieves. Two: A good blade is key to any negotiation. Three: Only the dead keep secrets. And Reya has a secret that must be kept at all costs. But when a heist goes wrong on the eve of paying off her debt to a ruthless crime lord, Reya may need a new set of rules. And a lot of coin. Fast. Enter Caelan Halcyon, an immortal warrior whose magic makes him a valuable target - if the curse inching closer to his heart doesn't kill him first. There's just one person who might be desperate enough to try and get their hands on the fabled cure in time to save his life, someone whose legend claims they can steal anything: the Crimson Dagger. A male of honour, Caelan loathes everything the beautiful, cocky thief represents, yet knows that Reya is his last hope for survival. Book 1 in the Steelborn Saga series.

running time 17 hours 34 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 3 8 3

The Sweetest Fiend

by Raven Kennedy

published by Penguin Random House

read by Isabelle Turner

Our world cracked open like an egg. Power burst out, and with it, nine monstrous Banes ready to destroy everything. The powerful Core fae finally slayed them all, but each Bane left a Plague to punish us. But that's not the only thing they left behind. I'm half Bane, half fae, and wholly hated. Survival means enduring every vicious glare and cursed outbreak. Until one day, a Plague descends upon my city that means certain death. Then he comes. The Pied Piper. He rids my city of the Plague, but it comes at a cost. One hundred and thirty people are taken as payment. Including me. I don't know what he's going to do to us, but I know I have to get home. My family's lives depend on it. But the Piper won't let me go, and something wicked stirs between us. The sweet scent in my veins beckons him, while the seductive lure of his magic sinks under my skin. I have to escape before it's too late. Because if I don't, it's not just my heart at risk... But the entire world.

running time 16 hours 35 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 9 3

The Throne of Broken Gods

by Amber V. Nicole

published by Hachette

read by Ruthie Bowles

Dianna is hellbent on revenge. As the last shred of her humanity is ripped from her, she decides to embrace her monstrous side and set the worlds alight. Samkiel alone refuses to believe that she has become the monster that everyone else sees, and he'll do anything in his power to

save her from herself, even if it means losing her. With every realm now at risk from Kaden's army, and a myriad of new threats on the horizon, Samkiel can't afford to let his guard down. And as Dianna's thirst for blood only increases, he is running out of time to save them both... Book 2 in the Gods & Monsters series.

running time 28 hours 48 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 1 4 0

The Wrath of the Fallen

by Amber V. Nicole

published by Hachette

read by Ruthie Bowles

With the return of Samkiel, the rightful heir, battle lines are beginning to form across the realms. But without the Ring of Oblivion, the ancient darkness living beneath Samkiel's skin begins to lash out, and as war looms on the horizon, he struggles with his growing power. Meanwhile, an ancient power plagues Dianna's dreams with messages of retribution. Desperate to protect the woman he loves, Samkiel must embark on a frantic search for answers - a journey that will lead him to the one place he dare not go: the Otherworld. As Nismera hunts for Vincent and Camilla, relentlessly chasing what they stole, her thirst for power, and her armada, only grow stronger. And now forces, primal and eternal, have taken notice, forcing Ig'Morruthens and gods to work together - an unlikely bond formed in blood and fire. Book 4 in the Gods & Monsters series.

running time 22 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 1 4 2

Fantasy Stories

Alchemy of Secrets

by Stephanie Garber

published by Hachette

read by Sutton Foster

It starts with a class in an old movie theatre. Folklore 517: Local Legends and Urban Myths, taught by a woman called the Professor. Most students believe the Professor's stories are just fiction, but Holland St. James has always been convinced that magic is real. Her search for the truth leads her to a dazzling new world, a deadly ultimatum hidden at the heart of Los Angeles, and into the path of a magnetic stranger who claims he's been sent to save her life. But everyone in this intoxicating new world is lying to her, even this stranger. And if she can't figure out whom to trust, her magical reality could change from a Hollywood dream to a nightmare.

running time 10 hours 6 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 9 3

Assail

by Ian C. Esslemont

published by Penguin Random House

read by John Banks

To the North lies Assail. It is a land that has been impenetrable for centuries. Now, as the ice begins to melt, it starts to yield its long-hidden secrets and the steady march through this hostile environment begins. Awaiting those brave enough to make the journey is the murmured promise of riches and reverence. Some go seeking answers, some wealth, and some simply adventure. In the South waits Silverfox. The newly incarnate Summoner of the undying army of the T'lan Imass, she will do anything in her power to halt the renewal of an ages-old crusade - a crusade that could lay waste to the entire continent... and beyond. Book 6 in the Malazan Empire series.

running time 22 hours 46 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 6 6

A Curse for True Love

by Stephanie Garber

published by Hachette

read by Rebecca Soler and Dan Bittner

Evangeline Fox ventured to the Magnificent North in search of her happy ending, and it seems as if she has it. She's married to a handsome prince and lives in a legendary castle. But Evangeline has no idea of the devastating price she's paid for this fairytale. She doesn't know what she has lost, and her husband is determined to make sure she never

finds out... but first he must kill Jacks, the Prince of Hearts. Book 3 in the Once Upon a Broken Heart series.

running time 9 hours

catalogue number: 2 4 0 0 7

Dancer's Lament

by Ian C. Esslemont

published by Penguin Random House

read by John Banks

It was once a land ravaged by war, minor city states, baronies and principates fighting for supremacy. But when the rival cities of Tali and Quon formed an alliance, Quon Tali came into being. However that was generations ago, that dynasty has collapsed and the regional powers are now clawing at each other’s throats once more. But at the heart of Quon Tali lies the powerful city state of Li Heng which has for centuries enjoyed relative stability under the guidance of the powerful sorceress known as the "Protectress". She is not someone likely to tolerate the arrival of two particular young men into her domain: one is determined to prove he is the most skilled assassin of his age; the other is his quarry - a Dal Hon mage who is proving annoyingly difficult to kill... Book 1 in the Path to Ascendency series.

running time 16 hours 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 5 0 1

Dawn of the Firebird

by Sarah Mughal Rana

published by Bloomsbury

read by Sarah Slimani

The discarded daughter of an emperor, Khamilla Zahr-zad is raised with her mother's nomadic tribe until a violent raid ends that peaceful life. Amid the chaos of death, the heavenly magic of nur awakens within her, granting her the power to wield a cosmic light. Khamilla suddenly goes from outsider to weapon, finally accepted into her father's court. Now worthy, she trains in combat and poisons, pledging loyalty to his throne. But tragedy strikes again and when her clansmen are defeated by a rival empire, Khamilla vows lasting vengeance as she escapes. However Khamilla is not alone – for something shadows her, feeding her darkness... Hiding her identity, Khamilla infiltrates the enemy's army academy. She studies jinn, magic, and martial arts from cutthroat mystic monks in a bid to bring down an empire from within. However, through her studies Khamilla begins to question her father's teachings of war and rule. With war escalating across kingdoms and a twisted magic spreading, Khamilla is torn between two impossible choices: revenge or freedom.

running time 19 hours 45 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 1 9 9

Deadhouse Landing

by Ian C. Esslemont

published by Penguin Random House

read by John Banks

After the disappointments of Li Heng, Dancer and Kellanved wash up on a small insignificant island named Malaz. Immediately, of course, Kellanved plans to take it over. To do so they join forces with a small band of Napans who have fled a civil war on their own home island. The chaos in the region extends to the metaphysical planes also as a young priest of D'rek starts to question the rot at the heart of the worship of the god of decay. And back in Li Heng, Dassem, now the proclaimed Sword of Hood, finds himself being blamed for a plague which leads him to a crisis of faith - and searching for answers. During all this, war with the neighbouring island of Nap threatens, recruited allies wonder at Kellanved's sanity, and powerful entities take more of an interest in the little mage from Dal Hon. Book 2 in the Path to Ascendancy series.

running time 15 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 5 1

The Magician King

by Lev Grossman

published by Penguin Random House

read by Mark Bramhall

Meet Quentin Coldwater, king of the bizarre and wonderful land of Fillory. But he is getting restless, even in heaven a man needs a little adventure. So when a steward is murdered on a morning's hunt Quentin gets exactly that. But this quest is like no other. What starts as a glorified

cruise to faraway lands soon becomes the stuff of nightmares... Book 2 in the Magician series.

running time 15 hours 48 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 4 6 4

The Magician's Land

by Lev Grossman

published by Penguin Random House

read by Mark Bramhall

Quentin Coldwater has lost everything. He has been cast out of the secret magical land of Fillory and now, friendless and broke, he returns to where his story began: Brakebills Preparatory College of Magic. But Quentin's past soon catches up with him... Meanwhile, Fillory's magical barriers are failing, and barbarians from the north have invaded. To save their beloved world from extinction, Eliot and Janet, High King and Queen of Fillory, must embark on a final, dangerous quest. Quentin's adventure takes him from Antarctica to the enchanted Neitherlands, where he finds old friends. But all roads lead back to Fillory, where Quentin must put things right, or die trying. Book 3 in the Magician series.

running time 16 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 4 6 5

The Magicians

by Lev Grossman

published by Penguin Random House

read by Mark Bramhall

Quentin Coldwater's life is changed forever by an apparently chance encounter: when he turns up for his entrance interview to Princeton University, he finds his interviewer dead - but a strange envelope bearing Quentin's name leads him down a very different path. Instead of Princeton, he finds himself invited to study at Brakebills - a secret college of modern-day sorcerers. Quentin plunges deep into a secret world of obsession and privilege, a world of freedom and power; and for a while, it seems to answer all Quentin's desires. But the idyll cannot last. There are other powers than sorcery, powers that are as seductive as they are dangerous - and when the illusion of safety shatters, Quentin is drawn into a world far darker than he ever imagined. After all, power corrupts. No exceptions. Book 1 in the Magicians series.

running time 17 hours 24 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 4 6 3

The Midnight Shift

by Cheon Seon-Ran, Gene Png

published by Bloomsbury

read by Rosa Escoda

When four isolated elderly people die back-to-back at the same hospital by jumping out of the sixth-floor window, Su-Yeon doesn’t understand why she’s the only one at her precinct that seems to care. But her colleagues at the police

force dismiss the case as a series of unfortunate suicides due to the patients' loneliness. But Su-Yeon doesn't have the privilege of looking away: her dearest friend, Grandma Eun-Shim, lives on the sixth floor, and Su-Yeon is terrified that something will happen to her next. As Su-Yeon begins her investigation alone, she runs into a mysterious woman named Violette at the crime scene. Violette claims to be a vampire hunter, searching for her ex-lover, Lily, and is insistent that a vampire is behind the mysterious deaths. Su-Yeon is sceptical at first, but when a fifth victim jumps from the window, her investigation reveals the body was completely drained of blood. Desperate to discover the cause of the deaths, Su-Yeon considers Violette's explanation - that something supernatural is involved.

running time 7 hours 28 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 7 3

The Olympian Affair

by Jim Butcher

published by Hachette

read by Euan Morton

For centuries the Cinder Spires have safeguarded humanity, rising far above the deadly surface world. Within their halls, aristocratic houses rule, developing scientific marvels and building fleets of airships for defence and trade. Now, the Spires hover on the brink of open war. A trading summit at Spire Olympia provides an opportunity for the Spirearch, Lord Albion, to secure alliances that will shape the outcomes of the war, and to that end he dispatches privateer Captain

Francis Madison Grimm and the crew of the AMS Predator to bolster the Spirearch's diplomatic agents. It will take daring, skill, and no small amount of showmanship to convince the world to stand with Spire Albion - assuming that it is not already too late. Book 2 in the Cinder Spires series.

running time 20 hours 23 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 9 2

Once Upon a Broken Heart

by Stephanie Garber

published by Hachette

read by Rebecca Soler

For as long as she can remember, Evangeline Fox has believed in happily-ever-after. Until she learns that the love of her life is about to marry another and her dreams are shattered. Desperate to stop the wedding and heal her wounded heart, Evangeline strikes a deal with the charismatic, but wicked, Prince of Hearts. In exchange for his help, he asks for three kisses, to be given at the time and place of his choosing. But after Evangeline's first promised kiss, she learns that bargaining with an immortal is a dangerous game - and that the Prince of Hearts wants far more from her than she pledged. He has plans for Evangeline, plans that will either end in the greatest happily ever after, or the most exquisite tragedy... Book 1 in the Once Upon a Broken Heart series.

running time 10 hours 4 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 0 0 6

Starside

by Alex Aster

published by Bloomsbury

read by Anthony Palmini and Vanessa Moyen

Hundreds of years ago, a brutal war split a land in two. Starside is the realm of magic and immortals – the descendants of the gods, living in a power-rich paradise. Stormside is where mortals fight for scraps of that magic. Every fifty years, the gates between them open, and fifty challengers are allowed to journey across Starside on a deadly quest for magic that can heal, grant wealth or extend life. Everyone has their reasons for entering, but Aris has only one: vengeance against the gods who killed her family. Winning one of the fifty spots on the quest won't be easy. An orphaned blacksmith's apprentice, Aris doesn't have the superior weapons of the heirs from the Great Houses. But the greatest swords, ones that contain power, are not inherited or bought – they are claimed, by both sides. And when Aris claims a great sword, it makes her not just a real competitor... but a target.

running time 20 hours 3 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 8 5 5

General Fiction

All the Good Things

by Clare Fisher

published by Penguin Random House

read by Emily Atack

Twenty-one-year-old Beth is in prison. The thing she did is so bad she doesn't deserve ever to feel good again. But her counsellor, Erika, won't give up on her. She asks Beth to make a list of all the good things in her life. So Beth starts to write down her story, from sharing silences with Foster Dad No. 1, to flirting in the Odeon on Orange Wednesdays, to the very first time she sniffed her baby's head. But at the end of her story, Beth must confront the bad thing. What is the truth hiding behind her crime? And does anyone - even a 100% bad person - deserve a chance to be good?

running time 7 hours 14 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 2 0

Believe in Me

by Susan Lewis

published by Penguin Random House

read by Julia Franklin

Leanne and her teenage daughter Abby have recently been forced to move from London back to Ash Morley Farm where Leanne grew up. Leanne's husband Jack, Abby's father, killed himself, and the pair are still reeling from the shock waves caused by the tragedy. Also living at Ash Morley

farm is Leanne's mother Wilkie, who is a rock for everyone, and family friend Klaudia and her two children. Klaudia has to face the backlash of xenophobic feeling post the Brexit vote. Hoping to move forward and mend the wounds her family has suffered, Leanne decides to foster a child. And when she's told that Daniel's father is in prison for murder, she hardly bats an eyelid. But as Daniel becomes integrated into the family, Leanne starts asking herself questions about his father's conviction.

running time 11 hours 21 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 3 6

Campari for Breakfast

by Sara Crowe

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sara Crowe

In 1987, Sue Bowl's world changes for ever. Her mother dies, leaving her feeling like she's lost a vital part of herself. And then her father shacks up with an awful gold-digger called Ivana. But Sue's mother always told her to make the most of what she's got - and what she's got is a love of writing and some interesting relatives. So Sue moves to her Aunt Coral's crumbling ancestral home, Green Place, along with a growing bunch of oddballs and eccentrics. Not to mention the odd badger or two... There she fully intends to write a book, fall in love, and learn to live decadently.

running time 9 hours 3 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 7 9 4

Faking Friends

by Jane Fallon

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sally Scott and Kristin Atherton

Amy thought she knew who Melissa was - then again, Amy also thought she was on the verge of the wedding of her dreams to her long-distance fiancé. When her career begins to unravel, she pays a surprise trip home to London. Her boyfriend Jack is out, but another woman has been making herself at home... And that Other Woman is Melissa. Amy has lost her job, her fiancé and her home in one disastrous weekend - but instead of falling apart she's determined to get her own back. Piecing her life back together won't be half as fun as dismantling theirs, after all.

running time 10 hours 24 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 3 0

The Fifth Letter

by Nicola Moriarty

published by Penguin Random House

read by Natasha Jacobs

Joni, Trina, Deb and Eden. Best friends since the first day of school. Best friends, they liked to say, forever. But now they are in their thirties and real life - husbands, children, work - has got in the way. So, resurrecting their annual trip away, Joni has an idea, something to help them reconnect. Each

woman will write an anonymous letter, sharing with their friends the things that are really going on in their lives. But as the confessions come tumbling out, Joni starts to feel the certainty of their decades-long friendships slip from her fingers. And then she finds another letter. One that was never supposed to be read. A fifth letter. Containing a secret so big that its writer had tried to destroy it. And now Joni is starting to wonder, did she ever really know her friends at all?

running time 6 hours 35 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 3 9

Finding Home

by Lorna Marlow

published by Calibre Audio

read by Ann Stutz

In a world where silence can be deadly, Lucy Harrison is trapped in a dangerous marriage, her every move watched by a man who hides his cruelty behind a charming facade. Planning her escape in secret, Lucy knows failure isn't an option. If Simon discovers the truth, her life could be in jeopardy. But when a mysterious inheritance offers her a lifeline, she seizes the chance to flee. As Lucy embarks on a journey to reclaim her life, hidden truths from the past emerge, intertwining with her present and forcing her to confront not only her own fears, but the ghosts of another woman whose story echoes her own. With Simon in pursuit, and the stakes higher than ever, Lucy must decide how far

she's willing to go to secure her freedom - before time runs out.

running time 17 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 9 7 1

The Funeral Crashers

by Joanna Nell

published by Hachette

read by Rebecca Macauley

Retired academic Martin Pottinger's romantic aspirations for the delectable head of his former university's archaeology department, Professor Mary Blake, seem about to be realised. If only he could devise a plan to manage the demands of his eccentric elderly mother, Edwina. Recently bereaved Grace Cavendish spends her days helping out at All Souls Church, making it her mission to drown out the Reverend Rod's tone-deaf hymn-singing and give each funeral recipient a hearty send-off. Yet the peace she craves remains elusive despite the comforts offered by psychic medium Rhondda and her eight-year-old son, Hudson. When Martin and Grace meet and bond at an All Souls service, they unwittingly set off a chain of events with far-reaching consequences. They become funeral crashers. But who could have predicted that crashing funerals might have such life-changing and life-affirming outcomes?

running time 10 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 8 0 6

The Girl I Used to Know

by Faith Hogan

published by Bloomsbury

read by Flora Montgomery

Amanda King and Tess Cuffe are strangers who share the same Georgian house, but their lives couldn't be more different. Amanda seems to have the perfect life. But the reality is a soulless home, an unfaithful husband and a very lonely heart. While Tess has spent a lifetime hiding and shutting her heart to love. But if they can open up to one another, these two women may just learn that sometimes letting go is the first step to moving forward and new friendships can come from the most unlikely situations.

running time 10 hours 36 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 7 9

Hetty's Farmhouse Bakery

by Cathy Bramley

published by Penguin Random House

read by Colleen Prendergast

Thirty-two-year-old Hetty Greengrass is the star around which the rest of her family orbits. Marriage, motherhood and helping Dan run Sunnybank Farm have certainly kept her hands full for the last twelve years. But when her daughter Poppy has to choose her inspiration for a school project and picks her aunt, not her mum, Hetty is left full of self-doubt. Hetty's always been generous with her time and until now, her biggest talent - baking deliciously moreish

shortcrust pastry pies - has been limited to charity work and the village fete. But taking part in a competition run by Cumbria's Finest to find the very best produce from the region might be just the thing to make her daughter proud... and reclaim something for herself.

running time 10 hours 2 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 4 8

Invisible

by Danielle Steel

published by W. F. Howes

read by Michael Braun

Antonia Adams is the product of a loveless marriage between a beautiful young model and an aristocrat. Unprotected and unloved, she learns that the only way to feel safe is to hide from the dangers around her, drawing as little attention as possible to herself, to be "invisible." In her isolation, books are her refuge and movies her escape. Her love of the movies turns into a dream to become a screenwriter, and a summer job at a Hollywood studio. There, a famous British filmmaker notices her, and suddenly she can remain invisible no longer. He wants to put her in a movie and make her a star. She is suddenly thrust into the public eye - and even more so when they fall in love. She will never let go of her true dream of becoming a filmmaker, though, and if she wants to make that leap, she will have to expose herself in ways she never has before.

running time 8 hours 40 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 4 1

The Island Secret

by Lorraine Kelly

published by Hachette

read by Lorraine Kelly

Evie has come home to Orkney and finally found peace. She has rediscovered her passion for painting, mended broken friendships, and for the first time in a long time, truly feels a sense of belonging. But then a surprise visitor arrives. Mysterious Amelia McLean claims to be Evie's long lost-relative. She looks strangely familiar, her stories seem plausible and she quickly slides into island life. Yet Evie soon starts to feel unsettled and suspicious - and with her hard-won happiness slipping through her fingers, she knows she must uncover Amelia's secret, before it's too late...

running time 8 hours 50 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 6 6

The Italian Flame

by Rosanna Ley

published by Hachette

read by Helen Keeley

Dorset, 1965: twenty-five-year-old aspiring artist Marilyn longs to escape to London, but her family relies on her wages from the hotel on the cliff. Then one day Marilyn meets Bruno, an intriguing Italian, and the two fall madly in

love, painfully aware of Bruno having very little time left in the country. When he leaves for Italy, he promises to write and to come back as soon as he can. Over fifty years later, Marilyn's daughter Lily returns to her old hometown when she hears that her mother is ill. Mother and daughter have never been close, but now, Lily determines to stay by her side. After Marilyn's death, Lily finds a photo of a baby girl amongst her mother's belongings - the name 'Josephine' written on the back. But who is Josephine? Lily resolves to find out the truth.

running time 12 hours 7 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 9 0

A Little Bit of Sunshine

by Nick Alexander

published by Calibre Audio

read by Anne Marlow

Dee’s life in rainy Salford is a world away from her sister Trina’s champagne-and-caviar shenanigans. So when Trina offers escape - ten days on a sun-drenched Greek island owned by a handsome, enigmatic businessman - Dee leaves comfort, routine, and the endless drizzle behind. A little bit of sunshine seems like the perfect antidote to her summertime blues. But paradise proves hot and restless. The other guests are increasingly on-edge and a creeping sense of doom shadows Dee’s every step. As the Aegean sun beats down, hidden truths begin to blister in the heat. Soon, Dee must question everything: the reality behind her sister’s glittering lifestyle, the true intentions of their seductive host,

and whether the grass on this sunny side of the fence is really so green after all.

running time 14 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 0 3 1

Losing You

by Susan Lewis

published by Penguin Random House

read by Julia Franklin

Lauren Scott is bright, talented and beautiful. At eighteen, she is the most precious gift in the world to her mother, and has a dazzling career ahead of her. Oliver Lomax is a young man full of promise, despite the shadow his own, deeply troubled, mother casts over him. Then one fateful night, Oliver makes a decision that tears their worlds apart. Until then Lauren and Oliver had never met, but now they become so closely bound together that their families are forced to confront truths they hoped they'd never have to face, secrets they'd never even imagined...

running time 18 hours 17 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 4 2

My Husband's Wives

by Faith Hogan

published by Bloomsbury

read by Flora Montgomery

Paul Starr, Ireland's leading cardiologist, dies in a car crash with a pregnant young woman by his side. United in their grief and the love of one man, four women are thrown together in an attempt to come to terms with life after Paul. They soon realise they never really knew him at all. As they begin to form unlikely friendships, Paul's death proves to be the catalyst that enables them to become the people they always wanted to be.

running time 9 hours 44 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 7 8

Nothing Else

by Louise Beech

published by Ulverscroft

read by Sarah Durham and Willow Nash

Heather Harris is a piano teacher and professional musician, whose quiet life revolves around music, whose memories centre on a single song that haunts her. A song she longs to perform again. A song she wrote as a child, to drown out the violence in their home. A song she played with her little sister, Harriet. But Harriet is gone... she disappeared when their parents died, and Heather never saw her again. When Heather is offered an opportunity to play piano on a cruise ship, she leaps at the chance. She'll read her recently released childhood care records by day - searching for clues to her sister's disappearance - and play piano by night... coming to terms with the truth about a past she's done everything to forget.

running time 10 hours 41 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 9 0 3

On the Bright Side

by Hendrik Groen

published by Penguin Random House

read by Patrick Ryecard and Hester Velmans

After a year mourning the death of his beloved friend Eefje, Hendrik picks up his pen once again to chronicle the goings on both inside his care home and in the increasingly confusing world outside. He may be older and a little more wobbly but his appetite for mischief hasn't diminished. When fears arise that the home is set for demolition it's up to Hendrik and the Old-But-Not-Dead Club to intervene. Both heart-breaking and hilarious, we see Hendrik make new friends whilst losing old ones and embarking on new adventures while confronting the realities of old age.

running time 15 hours 24 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 4 9 9

Pieces of Happiness

by Anne Ostby

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jilly Bond

When recently-widowed Kat writes to her four old school friends, inviting them to live with her on a cocoa plantation in the South Pacific, they swap icy pavements and TV dinners for a tropical breeze and an azure-blue ocean.

Leaving behind loneliness, dead-end jobs and marriages that have gone sour, they settle into the Women's House, surrounded by palms and cocoa trees; and locals with the puzzling habit of exploding into laughter for no discernible reason. Each of the women has her issues to resolve, and secrets to keep. But together the friends find a new purpose, starting a business making chocolate: bittersweet, succulent pieces of happiness. As they embrace a new culture that views ageing so differently from their own, will they learn to accept and forgive: to discover the value of friendship, and a better way to live?

running time 10 hours

catalogue number: 2 3 8 2 7

The Right Wavelength

by Amber Crewe

published by Hachette

read by Polly Edsell

From the outside, Lorna has everything sorted. A cool job in radio, a home to call her own, plenty of friends. And anyone would be happy to attend their school reunion if they'd had the kind of post-adolescent glow up she's managed to pull off. Library Lorna is no more, and this new Lorna is 100%, definitely over her teenage crush on Finn, the most popular boy in school. But on the inside, Lorna's got to admit she is trying too hard. Everything is so much more difficult for her than it seems to be for everyone else. She's sure something is wrong with her, she just needs to figure out what that is -

and fast, now that Finn is back in her life and she's finally got a chance of getting everything she's ever dreamed of.

running time 10 hours 17 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 3 4

Secrets We Keep

by Faith Hogan

published by Bloomsbury

read by Flora Montgomery

The beautiful old Bath House in Ballytokeep has lain empty and abandoned for decades. For devoted pensioners Archie and Iris, it holds too many conflicting memories – sometimes it's better to leave the past where it belongs. For highflying, top London divorce lawyer Kate Hunt, it's a fresh start – maybe even her future. On a winter visit to see her estranged Aunt Iris she falls in love with the Bath House. Inspired, she moves to Ballytokeep leaving behind her past heartache – but can you ever escape your past or your destiny?

running time 10 hours 15 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 7 7

Secrets of the Bees

by Jane Johnson

published by Bloomsbury

read by Oliver Hembrough

Ezra Curnow has lived in the little cottage on the Trengrose estate all his life. He was born there, as was his father, and his grandfather before that. It is his own little Cornish paradise. Then the mistress of the estate, Eliza, dies without leaving a will, putting the cottage's ownership into question. London financier Toby and his wife Minty are soon enticed by Trengrose's charm and, worse still, see a lucrative rental opportunity in Ezra's cottage. But Ezra is prepared to battle to save his beloved home and has a number of secret weapons in his armoury. What Ezra doesn't know is that Eliza also took some secrets to her grave – and she doesn't intend to rest quietly until they come to light...

running time 11 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 0 7

Stolen

by Lesley Pearse

published by Penguin Random House

read by Lucy Brownhill

Sussex, 2003. When a beautiful blonde girl is found half-drowned on a beach, she has no memory of who she is or what horrors have left her there. But an article about her in a Brighton newspaper rings alarm bells for beautician, Dale, who shows the police photographs of Lotte Wainright. The girls met working on a cruise ship and their friendship blossomed as they sailed the seas of South America, until Lotte fell under the sinister influence of an older American couple. Their reunion only marks the beginning of a dangerous tidal wave of secrets, lies and nightmares. Dale

and Lotte must dig deep and find the strength to hold on against the odds if they are to rebuild their friendship and survive Lotte's stolen - and deadly - past.

running time 11 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 2 9

The Trouble With Sister Francis

by Matt Coyne

published by Hachette

read by Colin R. Campbell

Sister Francis is an unlikely nun. She's sixty, sweary, drives like a lunatic and smokes like a stacked chimney... and she runs the Blessed Assumption Boys Club. Richie, Bennett, Kenny and Stan are four best friends from the Whittle council estate with little to do but get up to no good. After a run-in with local bullies, they discover the crumbling, forgotten club and find themselves in the company of the most remarkable person they will ever meet. Set against early 1980s Britain, The Trouble With Sister Francis is a funny, heartwarming, and heartbreaking story of unlikely heroes, quiet rebellions, fierce loyalty and unexpected hope. And at the centre of it all lies a long-forgotten journal that might just change everything.

running time 12 hours 5 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 2 8

The Truth of Us

by Sara Cox

published by Hachette

read by Sara Cox

Manchester, 1982. The houses on the street are almost identical but number 51 has always been slightly neater, a shiny penny next to number 49. The people inside have their differences too but still their lives are entwined, most especially for young girls Abi and Christy. From questionable fashion choices, illicit nights out and doomed romances, growing up together they share everything. Including the secret that eventually tears them apart. Two decades later, Abi's life is one of marriage, family and stability. Christy, always the wilder of the two, has travelled and partied and risen high in the world of TV. Until, unexpectedly, they're living next door to each other again. Is it finally time to confront the past and speak the truth?

running time 10 hours 8 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 2 1 3

White Lies and Wishes

by Cathy Bramley

published by Penguin Random House

read by Colleen Prendergast

Flirtatious, straight-talking Jo Gold says she's got no time for love; she's determined to save her family's failing footwear business. New mother Sarah Hudson has cut short her maternity leave to return to work. She says she'll do whatever it takes to make partner at the accountancy firm.

Bored, over-eating housewife Carrie Radley says she just wants to shift the pounds - she'd love to finally wear a bikini in public. The unlikely trio meet by chance one winter's day, and in a moment of 'Carpe Diem' madness, embark on a mission to make their wishes come true by September. With hidden issues, hidden talents, and hidden demons to overcome, new friends Jo, Carrie and Sarah must admit to what they really, really want, if they are ever to get their happy endings.

running time 12 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 7 8

Wickham Hall

by Cathy Bramley

published by Penguin Random House

read by Colleen Prendergast

Holly Swift has just landed the job of her dreams: events co-ordinator at Wickham Hall, the beautiful manor home that sits proudly at the heart of the village where she grew up. Not only does she get to organise for a living and work in stunning surroundings, but it will also put a bit of distance between Holly and her problems at home. As Holly falls in love with the busy world of Wickham Hall - from family weddings to summer festivals, firework displays and Christmas grottos - she also finds a place in her heart for her friendly (if unusual) colleagues. But life isn't as easily organised as an event at Wickham Hall (and even those have their complications...). Can Holly learn to let go and live in the moment? After all, that's when the magic happens...

running time 14 hours 24 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 5 0 3

The Women at Ocean's End

by Faith Hogan

published by Bloomsbury

read by Flora Montgomery

Constance Macken, in her ninth decade, is looking back on a life filled with laughter and loss, tragedy and triumph, but knows it is time to right the wrongs from her past that have always haunted her. Heather Banks arrives on the island to bury her mother. Already adrift with her business sold and her divorce finalised this may be the perfect opportunity to change the course of her future. Ros Stokes has managed to slip into the perfect job, the perfect cottage and friends that feel like family. However, when the stitches of her life begin to unravel, she must find a way to hold onto the things that have become most dear to her and let go of what holds her back. Now, in a faded art deco house near the ocean’s end, these women must come together to save the house they love, and each other, because they might have run from their troubles but only time will tell if they can overcome their past.

running time 12 hours 14 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 1 8

Historical Adventure

The Art of War

by M. C. Scott

published by Penguin Random House

read by Philip Stevens

Rome: AD69. The Year of the Four Emperors. Three Emperors have ruled in Rome this year and a fourth, Vespasian, has been named in the East. As the legions march toward civil war, Sebastos Pantera, the spy whose name means leopard, returns to Rome intent on bribery, blackmail and persuasion: whatever it takes to bring the commanders and their men to Vespasian's side. But in Rome, as he uses every skill he has ever learned of subterfuge, codes and camouflage, it becomes clear that one of those closest to him is a traitor, who will let Rome fall to destroy him. Together the two spies spin a web of deceit with Rome as the prize and death the only escape. Book 4 in the Rome series.

running time 17 hours 1 minute

catalogue number: 2 6 2 7 0

The Cutthroat

by Clive Cussler, Justin Scott

published by Penguin Random House

read by Scott Brick

1911. Chief Investigator Isaac Bell of the Van Dorn Detective Agency has had many extraordinary cases before. But none

quite like this. Hired to find a young woman named Anna Pape who ran away from home to become an actress, Bell gets a shock when her murdered body turns up instead. Vowing to bring the killer to justice, he begins a manhunt which leads him into increasingly more alarming territory. Anna Pape was not alone in her fate - petite young blond women like Anna are being murdered in cities across America. And the pattern goes beyond the physical resemblance of the victims - there are disturbing familiarities about the killings themselves that send a chill through even a man as experienced with evil as Bell. Book 10 in the Isaac Bell series.

running time 9 hours 21 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 3 4

Dominion of Dust

by Matthew Harffy

published by Bloomsbury

read by Barnaby Edwards

AD 797, Cyprus. Warrior-monk Hunlaf and his crew are on a voyage to acquire an important Christian relic before it falls into the hands of Byzantium's scheming Empress Eirene. Hunlaf's crew receive unexpected help as they seek their treasure, but soon find themselves betrayed. About to leave for home empty-handed, the adventurers instead sail further east: to Jerusalem, the Holy Land, abundant in relics. And dangerous intrigues. Hunlaf and his friends will face a deadly race against time as they attempt to secure a holy treasure, outwit Byzantium's zealous agents, and avoid

grisly deaths at the hands of the local rulers. Book 4 in A Time of Swords series.

running time 14 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 3 9

The Eagle of the Twelfth

by M. C. Scott

published by Penguin Random House

read by Philip Stevens

Throughout the Roman Army, the brutal XIIth Legion is notorious for its ill fortune. For one young man, Demalion of Macedon, joining it will be a baptism of fire. And yet, amid all of the violence and savagery of his life as a legionary, he will come to love the Twelfth and the bloody-minded, dark-hearted soldiers he calls his brothers. But during the punishing Judaean campaign, the Hebrew army inflict a catastrophic defeat upon the legion - not only decimating their ranks, but taking away their soul - the eagle. There is just one final chance to save the legion's honour - to steal it back. To do that, Demalion and his legionaries must go undercover into Jerusalem, into the very heart of their enemy. Recovering their pride is paramount but discovery will mean the worst of deaths... Book 3 in the Rome series.

running time 13 hours 36 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 2 6 9

The Gladiator

by Ben Kane

published by Penguin Random House

read by Michael Praed

Historically very little is known about Spartacus. We know that he came from Thrace, a land north of Greece, that he once fought in the Roman legions and that, during two fateful years, he led a slave army which nearly brought Rome to its knees. In Ben Kane's brilliant novel, we meet Spartacus as he returns to Thrace, ready to settle down after a decade away. But a new king has usurped the throne. Treacherous and violent, he immediately seizes Spartacus and sells him to a Roman slave trader looking for new gladiators. Book 1 in the Spartacus series.

running time 17 hours 43 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 6 3 2

A Land Aflame

by Ben Kane

published by Hachette

read by Philip Stevens

211 BC: Hannibal's struggle against the Romans in Italy continues, but the Carthaginians have been utterly defeated on Sicily. Fleeing the island to Spain, Hanno and Aurelia are shipwrecked, and taken prisoner by local tribesmen. Unless they escape, a life of slavery and brutal treatment awaits. Aurelia's brother Quintus is posted with his comrades to Spain, where a new commander - Scipio - has been given the task of defeating the Carthaginian generals who hold sway

over most of the peninsula. Here, on the third front, there will be marches of incredible endurance, epic sieges and huge set piece battles. The very outcome of the war hangs in the balance. Who will emerge victorious, Rome or Carthage? Only the gods can tell. Book 4 in the Hannibal series.

running time 13 hours 36 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 6 3

On Starlit Seas

by Sara Sheridan

published by Hachette

read by Francine Brody

Celebrated writer and historian Maria Graham must make the treacherous voyage from Brazil to London to deliver her latest book to her publisher. Having come to terms with the loss of her beloved husband, Maria is now determined to live her life as she pleases, free from the smothering constraints of Georgian society. For a woman travelling alone it's a journey fraught with danger, and as civil war rages around her, the only ship prepared to take Maria belongs to roguish smuggler Captain James Henderson. Onboard, all is well until Maria makes two shocking discoveries - the first a deadly secret, the second an irresistible attraction to the enigmatic captain.

running time 14 hours 7 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 9 1

Rage of Swords

by David Gilman

published by Bloomsbury

read by Colin Mace

1368. Amidst the Hundred Years' War, alliances must be brokered. The Duke of Clarence, second son of King Edward III, journeys from Paris to marry the daughter of the powerful Lord of Milan. Little does he know that he is heading into a trap. Luckily the Duke is preceded on the road to Milan by Sir Thomas Blackstone, Master of War, on an urgent mission of his own. Blackstone must get his hands on the gold the Prince of Wales needs to wage successful war in France. But there is a price on Blackstone's head, and assassins willing to risk everything to claim it before he even gets to Milan. He must outwit a succession of ever deadlier enemies, and the Master of War has other foes to conquer: the ambitions of his son Henry, who has inherited his father's knack of getting into scrapes. Scrapes that could end in a hangman's noose... Book 9 in the Masters of War series.

running time 15 hours

catalogue number: 2 3 7 3 7

Red Sky at Noon

by Simon Sebag Montefiore

published by Penguin Random House

read by Simon Bubb

Imprisoned in the Gulags for a crime he did not commit, Benya Golden joins a penal battalion made up of Cossacks and convicts to fight the Nazis. He joins the Russian cavalry, and on a hot summer day in July 1942, he and his band of brothers are sent on a desperate mission behind enemy lines. Switching between Benya's war in the grasslands of Southern Russia, and Stalin's plans in the Kremlin, between Benya's intense affair with an Italian nurse and a romance between Stalin's daughter and a journalist also on the Eastern Front, this is a sweeping story of passion, bravery and human survival where personal betrayal is a constant companion, and death just a heartbeat away. Book 2 in the Moscow Trilogy.

running time 11 hours 39 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 4 1

The Road to Rome

by Ben Kane

published by Penguin Random House

read by Michael Praed

Having survived the perils of a journey across half the world, Romulus and Tarquinius are press-ganged into the legions, which are under imminent threat of annihilation by the Egyptians. Meanwhile in Rome, Romulus's twin sister Fabiola lives in fear for her life, loved by Brutus, but wooed by Marcus Antonius, his deadly enemy. Soon after, Romulus fights at Zela, the vicious battle where Caesar famously said, 'Veni, vidi, vici'. Tarquinius, separated from Romulus in the chaos of war, hides in Alexandria, searching for guidance.

But mortal danger awaits them both. From the battlefields of Asia Minor and North Africa, to the lawless streets of Rome and the gladiator arena, they face death daily, until on the Ides of March, the twins are reunited and must decide either to back or to betray Caesar on his day of destiny. Book 3 in the Forgotten Legion Chronicles.

running time 16 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 6 3 3

A Very Dangerous Pursuit

by Ben Miller

published by Harper Collins

read by Ben Miller

When one Richard Hannay – intrepid, inquisitive, and on the hunt for intrigue – encounters an old acquaintance in Constantinople, he has an inkling that something thrilling is afoot. Charged with an item of great mystery and import – a washbag, no less! – he soon finds himself in a very dangerous pursuit: from the luxurious confines of the Orient Express to the decks of the Titanic herself, all with the very fate of Europe in his care. Can he slip the net of Count Schwabing, whose long arm stretches from Berlin to the Bosphorus? And what of Madame Zara, the cabaret enchantress – does she play at affection, deception, or something far more deadly? In over his head, often a step – or thirty-nine – behind, but absolutely, resolutely determined to save the day, Hannay is about to embark on an escapade that will test his wits, his courage, and his

ability to keep hold of a blasted washbag. Book 1 in the Richard Hannay series.

running time 9 hours 30 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 6 8

Historical Fantasy

The Bear and the Nightingale

by Katherine Arden

published by Penguin Random House

read by Kathleen Gati

In a village at the edge of the wilderness of northern Russia, where the winds blow cold and the snow falls many months of the year, an elderly servant tells stories of sorcery, folklore and the Winter King to the children of the family, tales of old magic frowned upon by the church. But for the young, wild Vasya these are far more than just stories. She alone can see the house spirits that guard her home, and sense the growing forces of dark magic in the woods... Book 1 in the Winternight trilogy.

running time 11 hours 48 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 6 2

Once Upon A River

by Diane Setterfield

published by Penguin Random House

read by Juliet Stevenson

A dark midwinter's night in an ancient inn on the Thames. The regulars are entertaining themselves by telling stories when the door bursts open on an injured stranger. In his arms is the drowned corpse of a little child. Hours later the dead girl stirs, takes a breath and returns to life. Is it a miracle? Is it magic? Or can it be explained by science?

running time 16 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 2 2 3 0

Once Was Willem

by M. R. Carey

published by Hachette

read by Joe Jameson

Eleven hundred and some years after the death of Christ, in the kingdom that had but recently begun to call itself England, I, Once Was Willem, rose from the dead to defeat a great evil facing the humble village of Cosham. The words enclosed herein are true. I speak of monsters and magic, battle and bloodletting, and the crimes of desperate men. I speak also of secret things, of that which lies beneath us and that which impends above. By the time you come to the end of this account you will know the truth of your own life and death, the path laid out for your immortal soul, your origin and your inevitable end. You will not thank me.

running time 10 hours 39 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 8 2

The Sapphire Eruption

by I. M. Redwright

published by Echo Point Books & Media, LLC

read by Peter Kenny

Once a year, the skies burn red. Upon this day, the Fire Kingdom’s priests perform their ritual: each newborn’s palm is lacerated, opened with a sacred sword, for Firia’s next ruler will be seen to shed no blood. Long ago, Noakhail had been driven from the Fire Kingdom as an infant - forced to escape with his noble father. They’d wanted to kill him simply because he was next in line for the crown... Now, Noakhail has grown, and the swordsman won’t give up until he claims the throne and his birthright. But pure resolve may not be enough. He first must face grave danger as he cuts across the four kingdoms with his fire sword. Meanwhile, Princess Vienne is mistreated by her elder sisters. Shy and soft-spoken, she couldn’t be more unsuitable to rule the Queendom of Water. Alas, the Aqua Deus can be capricious, and the fates aren’t clear. Vienne will have to prove that she is capable of mastering the sacred water sword if she should hope to reign with pride. Unbeknownst to Noakhail and Vienne, their tales run parallel... and only one result can lie ahead: a ruthless battle. Book 1 in The Sword's Choice series.

running time 11 hours 51 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 6 6

The Winter of the Witch

by Katherine Arden

published by Penguin Random House

read by Kathleen Gati

One girl can make a difference... Moscow is in flames, leaving its people searching for answers - and someone to blame. Vasilisa, a girl with extraordinary gifts, must flee for her life, pursued by those who blame their misfortune on her magic. Then a vengeful demon returns, stronger than ever. Determined to engulf the world in chaos, he finds allies among men and spirits. Mankind and magical creatures alike find their fates resting on Vasya's shoulders. But she may not be able to save them all.

running time 14 hours

catalogue number: 2 2 2 4 7

Historical Fiction

The Betrothed Sister

by Carol McGrath

published by Hachette

read by Elaine Claxton

It is September 1068. Thea, also known as Gytha, the elder daughter of King Harold II, travels with her brothers and grandmother into exile carrying revenge in her heart. She is soon betrothed to a prince of Kiev. Will her betrothal and

marriage bring her happiness, as she confronts enemies from inside and outside Russian territories? Will she prove herself the courageous princess she surely is, win her princely husband's respect and establish her independence in a society protective towards its women? Book 3 in the Daughters of Hastings series.

running time 15 hours

catalogue number: 2 3 9 8 1

Faith

by Lesley Pearse

published by Penguin Random House

read by Tracy Wiles

Scotland, 1995. On the hills of Cornton Vale Prison. Laura Brannigan has been put away for murder. She insists that she didn't kill Jackie. But her search for true justice seems futile. Then she receives a letter that takes her back to her youth and the memory of an old love, Stuart . . . Twenty years ago was a heady time for Laura: she'd escaped an abusive home, and together with Jackie they had made a fresh start. They had sworn to be sisters for ever. What could have possibly gone so wrong? And why is Stuart writing to her now? Does he believe Laura's innocent and can he help free her from prison... and her past?

running time 17 hours 3 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 1 0

The Girl With No Name

by Diney Costeloe

published by Bloomsbury

read by Juliette Burton

Thirteen-year-old Lisa has escaped from Nazi Germany on the Kindertransport. She arrives in London unable to speak a word of English, her few belongings crammed into a small suitcase. Among them is one precious photograph of the family she has left behind. Lonely and homesick, Lisa is adopted by a childless couple. But when the Blitz blows her new home apart, she wakes up in hospital with no memory of who she is or where she came from. The authorities give her a new name and despatch her to a children's home. With the war raging around her, what will become of Lisa now?

running time 16 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 8 9 9

Gypsy

by Lesley Pearse

published by Penguin Random House

read by Heather Bleasdale

Liverpool, 1893, and tragedy sends Beth Bolton on a journey far from home... Fifteen-year-old Beth's dreams are shattered when she, her brother Sam and baby sister Molly are orphaned. Sam believes that only in America can they make their fortunes so, reluctantly leaving Molly with adoptive parents, brother and sister embark on the greatest

adventure of their lives. Onboard the steamer to New York there are rogues aplenty. But Beth's talent with the fiddle earns her the nickname Gypsy - and the friendship of charismatic gambler Theo and sharp-witted Londoner, Jack. And after dodging trouble across America, finally the foursome head for the dangerous mountains of Canada and the Klondike river in search of gold....

running time 16 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 0 9

Leopard at the Door

by Jennifer McVeigh

published by Penguin Random House

read by Katharine McEwan

Stepping off the boat in Mombasa, eighteen-year-old Rachel Fullsmith stands on Kenyan soil for the first time in six years. She has come home. But when Rachel reaches the family farm at the end of the dusty Rift Valley Road, she finds so much has changed. Her beloved father has moved his new partner and her son into the family home. She hears menacing rumours of Mau Mau violence, and witnesses cruel reprisals by British soldiers. Even Michael, the handsome Kikuyu boy from her childhood, has started to look at her differently. Isolated and conflicted, Rachel fears for her future. But when home is no longer a place of safety and belonging, where do you go, and who do you turn to?

running time 12 hours 12 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 1 0

Lilith

by Nikki Marmery

published by W. F. Howes

read by Lara Sawahla

Lilith and Adam are equal and happy in the Garden of Eden. But when Adam decides Lilith should submit to his will and lie beneath him, she refuses – and is banished forever from Paradise. Demonised and sidelined, Lilith watches in fury as God creates Eve, the woman who accepts her submission. But Lilith has a secret: she has already tasted the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge. Endowed with Wisdom, she knows why Asherah – God's wife and equal, the Queen of Heaven – is missing. Lilith has a plan: she will rescue Eve, find Asherah, restore balance to the world and regain her rightful place in Paradise.

running time 10 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 4 0

The Listeners

by Edward Parnell

published by Calibre Audio

read by David Hobbs and Anne Marlow

May 1940. Ghosts haunt the woods and fields of Norfolk, as Europe descends into full-blown warfare. William Abrehart, a strange, nature-loving boy who hasn't spoken since the mysterious death of his father, struggles to keep the

promise he made to look after his withdrawn mother and older sisters. Rachel, the eldest, is waiting for news from France of her soldier sweetheart, while Kate has designs on an airman stationed nearby. Over the course of a momentous weekend, a complex family web of lies and self-deception will unravel, as the past and present dramatically collide. Drawing on the Gothic traditions of Walter de la Mare's poem of the same name, Edward Parnell's The Listeners is a dark, elegiac tale about grief, love and loss, and how we try to make sense of existence through stories and memories.

running time 7 hours 43 minutes

catalogue number: 2 1 8 3 7

The Mermaid and Mrs Hancock

by Imogen Hermes Gowar

published by Penguin Random House

read by Juliet Stevenson

One September evening in 1785, the merchant Jonah Hancock hears urgent knocking on his front door. One of his captains is waiting eagerly on the step. He has sold Jonah's ship for what appears to be a mermaid. As gossip spreads through the docks, coffee shops, parlours and brothels, everyone wants to see Mr Hancock's marvel. Its arrival spins him out of his ordinary existence and through the doors of high society. At an opulent party, he makes the acquaintance of Angelica Neal, the most desirable woman he has ever laid eyes on... and a courtesan of great accomplishment. This meeting will steer both their lives

onto a dangerous new course, on which they will learn that priceless things come at the greatest cost. What will be the cost of their ambitions? And will they be able to escape the destructive power mermaids are said to possess?

running time 17 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 2 1

Mrs Dickens

by Emily Howes

published by Hachette

read by Miscellaneous

London, 1835. Nineteen-year-old Kate Hogarth falls in love with the young journalist Charles Dickens. In the early days of their marriage, Charles is infatuated with his bride and Kate delights in her new life, the balm to her husband's irrepressible spirit. But as he finds fame as a novelist and the family rise through the ranks of Victorian society, Kate becomes increasingly aware of his frustration that real people cannot be manipulated as easily as his characters. Meanwhile, in the East End slums, a young orphan named Anne Brown has lost everything, but is determined to make her way in the world. A chance encounter with the Dickens family transports her to the heart of the household, opening up a world of privilege, travel and remarkable company. But her newfound freedom has come at a cost she cannot always ignore.

running time 16 hours 16 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 5 9

Mrs Osmond

by John Banville

published by Penguin Random House

read by Amy Finegan

Isabel Osmond, a spirited, intelligent young heiress, flees to London after being betrayed by her husband, to be with her beloved cousin Ralph on his deathbed. After a sombre, silent existence at her husband's Roman palazzo, Isabel's daring escape to London reawakens her youthful quest for freedom and independence, as old suitors resurface and loyal friends remind her of happier times. But soon Isabel must decide whether to return to Rome to face up to the web of deceit in which she has become entangled, or to strike out on her own once more.

running time 12 hours 11 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 2 3

Painter to the King

by Amy Sackville

published by Calibre Audio

read by James Murphy

This is a portrait of Diego Velázquez, from his arrival at the court of King Philip IV of Spain, to his death 38 years and scores of paintings later. It is a portrait of a relationship that is not quite a friendship, between an artist and his subject. It is a portrait of a ruler, always on duty, and increasingly

burdened by a life of public expectation and repeated private grief. And it is a portrait of a court collapsing under the weight of its own excess. Unfolding through series of masterly set-pieces and glancing sketches, this is a novel of brilliance, imagination and sheer style - about what is shown and what is seen, about art and life.

running time 12 hours 51 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 2 5 5

The Queen's Painter

by Wendy Holden

published by Hachette

read by Phillipe Bosher

When the brilliant young Holbein arrives at the Tudor court, Anne Boleyn is among his first patrons. As she rises to the top, Hans rises with her. Courtiers clamour for his portraits of life-like accuracy; pictures which tell the truth about their subjects. When his beloved Anne is beheaded on false evidence, Hans is heartbroken and enraged. And he's not alone. Poet and diplomat Thomas Wyatt is agonised at his own unwitting part in her tragedy. He and Hans join forces and vow revenge on the person they blame for Anne's downfall: Thomas Cromwell, the king's ruthless chief minister. But what can a poet and painter do against the most powerful man in England? The answer comes when Henry VIII seeks a fourth wife. Cromwell turns to Holbein and Wyatt, his trusted artist and envoy, to travel across Europe to find and paint a new bride. Cromwell's position depends on a portrait of someone young and beautiful,

painted with Hans' trademark truth. Anything less could bring the whole court crashing down.

running time 10 hours 21 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 8 2

Sashenka

by Simon Sebag Montefiore

published by Penguin Random House

read by Tuppence Middleton

St Petersburg, 1916: Outside the Smolny Institute for Noble Young Ladies, an English governess is waiting for her young charge to be released from school. But so are the Tsar's secret police... Beautiful and headstrong, Sashenka Zeitlin is just sixteen. As her mother parties with Rasputin and her dissolute friends, Sashenka slips into the frozen night to play her part in a dangerous game of conspiracy and seduction. Twenty years on, Sashenka has a powerful husband with whom she has two children. Around her people are disappearing, but her own family is safe. But she's about to embark on a forbidden love affair which will have devastating consequences. Book 1 in the Moscow Trilogy.

running time 19 hours 37 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 6 4

The Swan-Daughter

by Carol McGrath

published by Hachette

read by Elaine Claxton

1075 and Dowager Queen Edith has died. Her niece Gunnhild longs to leave Wilton Abbey, but is her suitor, Breton knight Count Alain of Richmond, interested in her inheritance as the daughter of King Harold and Edith Swan-Neck, or does he love her for herself? Is her own love for Count Alain an enduring love, or has she made a terrible mistake? The Swan Daughter is woven around a true 11th-century tale of elopement, love and courage. Book 2 in the Daughters of Hastings series.

running time 13 hours 51 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 8 2

Sweetbitter Song

by Rosie Hewlett

published by Penguin Random House

read by Lizzie Wofford

One fateful night in Sparta, a young slave girl encounters a mysterious, grey-eyed princess. Melantho and Penelope, though from different worlds, are instantly connected. But betrayal soon tears them apart. Years later, on Ithaca's rocky shores, Melantho is sent to serve Princess Penelope and her new husband, Prince Odysseus. Hardened by slavery, Melantho vows to stay distant from Penelope. Yet, the undeniable pull between them proves stronger than ever. As war ignites Greece, Odysseus and Ithaca's men are called away and, in their absence, Melantho finds a new world opening up before her - one where women rule, where family can be found, and where love is finally given

the space to bloom. But all wars eventually end and as Troy falls, Penelope and Melantho must face the King's return and decide how far they will go to protect what matters most to them.

running time 17 hours 48 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 6 3

The Templar's Garden

by Catherine Clover

published by Calibre Audio

read by Vivienne Ennemoser

England, 1452. Under the reign of King Henry VI the country is on the brink of civil war after the Hundred Years' War. Young mystic Lady Isabelle d'Albret Courteault's family is forced to flee the Duchy of English Gascony for a new and unforeseeable life in England. While they become established in the courts, Lady Isabelle discovers dark secrets about their chaplain and tutor. As their growing relationship places her in harm's way, can she remain steadfast in her promises to uphold the monarchy and her faith? Set amidst a period of grave uncertainty, this is the story of a woman learning to stand up for her beliefs in a patriarchal world - a beautifully crafted narrative of faith, love and grace. Book 1 in the Maid of Gascony series.

running time 10 hours 53 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 2 9 9

This Immortal Heart

by Jennifer Saint

published by Penguin Random House

read by Lydia Leonard

Aphrodite, Goddess of Love, wields unparalleled power over every divine and mortal heart. Though her world is one of beauty, she is the most dangerous god of all, ruled by passion regardless of the consequences. Ares, God of War, is her perfect contradiction: feared, unwanted and relentless in his devotion to chaos. Where she breathes life into longing, he thrives in destruction. And yet gods are no more immune to love and loss than anyone else, and soon their lives collide. But even divine love can't protect them from the fates of Mount Olympus, and whilst the God of War may be capable of greater love than anyone else, so may the Goddess of Love be capable of the gravest mistakes. . .

running time 11 hours 55 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 4 2 0

The Woman In The Wood

by Lesley Pearse

published by Penguin Random House

read by Rosie Jones

Fifteen-year-old Maisy Mitcham and her twin brother Duncan watch their mother being sent away one night in 1960. The twins are sent to their grandmother's country house, Nightingales. Cold and distant, she leaves them to their own devices, to explore and to grow. That is until the

day Duncan doesn't come home from the woods. With their grandmother seeming to have little interest in her grandson's disappearance, and the police soon giving up hope, it is left to Maisy to discover the truth. And she will start with Grace Deville. A woman who lives alone in the wood, about whom rumours abound...

running time 10 hours 52 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 3 3

The Woodcock

by Richard Smyth

published by Calibre Audio

read by Jon Beck

It's 1920s England, and the coastal town of Gravely is finally enjoying a fragile peace after the Great War. John Lowell, a naturalist who writes articles on the flora and fauna of the shoreline, and his wife Harriet lead a simple life, basking in their love for each other and enjoying the company of John's visiting old school friend, David. But when an American whaler arrives in town with his beautiful red-haired daughters, boasting of his plans to build a pier and pleasure-grounds a mile out to sea, unexpected tensions and temptations arise. As secrets multiply, Harriet, John and David must each ask themselves, what price is to be paid for pleasure?

running time 11 hours 31 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 4 8 0

Historical Mystery

Dangerous Crossing

by Rachel Rhys

published by Penguin Random House

read by Katherine Manners

England, September 1939. Lily Shepherd boards a cruise liner for a new life in Australia and is plunged into a world of cocktails, jazz and glamorous friends. But as the sun beats down, poisonous secrets begin to surface. Suddenly Lily finds herself trapped with nowhere to go... Australia, six-weeks later. The world is at war, the cruise liner docks, and a beautiful young woman is escorted onto dry land in handcuffs. What has she done?

running time 11 hours 6 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 7 0

Deadly Election

by Lindsey Davis

published by Hachette

read by Jane Collingwood

In the blazing July heat of imperial Rome, Flavia Albia inspects a decomposing corpse. It has been discovered in lots to be auctioned by her family business, so she's determined to identify the dead man and learn how he met his gruesome end. The investigation will give her a chance to

work with the magistrate, Manlius Faustus, the friend she sadly knows to be the last chaste man in Rome. But he's got concerns other than her anonymous corpse. It's election time, and with democracy for sale at Domitian's court, tension has come to a head. As Albia's and Faustus' professional and personal partnership deepens, they have to accept that for others, obsession can turn sour and become a deadly strain that leads, tragically, to murder. Book 3 in the Flavia Albia series.

running time 11 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 4 3

Death and the Chapman

by Kate Sedley

published by Calibre Audio

read by David Hobbs

The political situation in 1471 is complex and the war between the Yorkist and Lancastrian factions rages on. But for Roger the Chapman, who has recently given up a monk's cell for freedom to be found peddling his wares on the open road, life goes on much as normal. Until, that is, he gets caught up in the strange disappearance of Clement Weaver, only son of a wealthy Bristol alderman. It seems that Clement is not the only one to have vanished without a trace from London's Crossed Hands Inn... Roger's interest is piqued and at the request of the alderman he sets off for the bustle and excitement of London, to find out just how Clement disappeared. It is a journey that carries him to a confrontation with the highest power in the land, and puts

his life in mortal peril. Book 1 in the Roger the Chapman series.

running time 7 hours 21 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 3 7 2

Dr. Spilsbury and the Camden Town Killer

by D. L. Douglas

published by Hachette

read by John Telfer

London, 1920. There's a killer on the streets of Camden Town, and no woman is safe. When a woman's body is dragged from the Regent's Canal on a freezing January night, eminent forensic pathologist and criminal sleuth Dr Bernard Spilsbury immediately detects foul play. And when a second woman washes up dead under similar circumstances, police realise they are looking for a dangerous predator. Is someone luring lonely spinsters to their deaths through a newspaper Lonely Hearts column? And can they be stopped before they strike again? With time against them, there's only one thing the police can do... Send for Dr Spilsbury! Book 1 in the Dr. Spilsbury series.

running time 10 hours 55 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 3 8

Dr. Spilsbury and the Cursed Bride

by D. L. Douglas

published by Hachette

read by John Telfer

September 1920. A young bride is discovered dead at a country house on her wedding day. Has she fallen victim to the deadly Withington curse, which strikes down any woman who marries into the family? Forensic Pathologist Dr Bernard Spilsbury doesn't believe in such superstitions, and suspects a more earthly reason for Theodora Tupper's death. But as he and his trusty assistant Violet investigate, they soon discover that there are indeed ghosts at Withington Hall. And they, too, have a story to tell... Book 2 in the Dr. Spilsbury series.

running time 10 hours 12 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 3 9

Enemies at Home

by Lindsey Davis

published by Hachette

read by Lucy Brown

As the dust settles from her last case, Albia finds herself once again drawn into a web of lies and intrigue. Two mysterious deaths at a local villa may be murder and, as the household slaves are implicated, Albia is once again forced to involve herself. Her fight is not just for truth and justice, however; this time, she's also battling for the very lives of people who can't fight for themselves. Book 2 in the Flavia Albia series.

running time 10 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 4 2

A Granite Silence

by Nina Allan

published by Hachette

read by Fiona MacLaine

A Granite Silence is an exploration - a journey through time to a particular house, in a particular street, Urquhart Road, Aberdeen in 1934, where eight-year-old Helen Priestly lives with her mother and father. Among this long, grey corridor of four-storey tenements, a daunting expanse of granite, working families are squashed together like pickled herrings in their narrow flats. Returning home from school for her midday meal, Helen is sent by her mother Agnes to buy a loaf from the bakery at the end of the street. Agnes never sees her daughter alive again. Nina Allan explores the aftermath of Helen's disappearance, turning a probing eye to the close-knit neighbourhood - where everyone knows everyone, at least by sight - and with subtlety and sympathy, explores the intricate layers of truth and falsehood that can coexist in one moment of history.

running time 9 hours 52 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 8 1

The Graveyard of the Hesperides

by Lindsey Davis

published by Hachette

read by Sarah Feathers

Life is sweet for Flavia Albia and her soon-to-be husband Faustus. But his new job as a building contractor runs into a problem: At the Garden of the Hesperides a barmaid went missing years before; now the workmen start unearthing her bones. Albia takes on the task of finding out what happened. Five more skeletons are discovered. Despite the fact that nobody seems to know or care who died, violent attempts are made to stop her enquiries. Soon Albia is exploring the world of Roman street life, where bars are brothels, workers lead brutal lives, foreigners are muscling in on the gambling syndicates, and extortion is commonplace. What's more there's little time to solve the mystery before the wedding day when Albia is expected to show Rome that her affair with Manlius is a much more than a casual fling. Book 4 in the Flavia Albia series.

running time 11 hours 39 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 4 4

The Harvey Girl

by Dana Stabenow

published by Bloomsbury

read by Marguerite Gavin

1890. The New Mexico Territory is a lawless frontier where criminals steal money and land alike with impunity. Everyone wears a six-gun and is ready and willing to draw it. In the new city of Montaña Roja, Fred Harvey’s growing empire is threatened by the robberies plaguing his newest Harvey House restaurant. To get justice, he needs a skilled detective to go undercover and procure answers to

questions the law will not ask. The assignment falls to Clare Wright, a young Pinkerton agent. Disguised as one of Harvey's famous hostesses, Clare travels west where she risks being exposed at every step of her investigation. To get answers – and to get out alive – there are only two things she can trust: her instincts, and her derringer. Book 1 in the Clare Wright series.

running time 6 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 2 4

How To Solve Murders Like A Lady

by Hannah Dolby

published by Bloomsbury

read by Antonia Beamish

Violet Hamilton is no ordinary lady... She is a Lady Detective, who spends her time solving mysteries and unveiling scandals in the bustling seaside town of Hastings and St Leonards, a popular spot for the Victorian middle classes. But when the body of a local woman is found on the beach, Violet's efforts to investigate are blocked at every turn. Is that because, as a woman, she can't possibly be allowed to think or act for herself? Or is it because someone sinister has Violet in their sights? Book 2 in the Violet Hamilton series.

running time 9 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 3 6

The Ides of April

by Lindsey Davis

published by Hachette

read by Lucy Brown

Flavia Albia is the adopted daughter of a famous investigating family. In defiance of tradition, she lives alone on the colourful Aventine Hill, and battles out a solo career in a male-dominated world. As a woman and an outsider, Albia has special insight into the best, and worst, of life in ancient Rome. A female client dies in mysterious circumstances. Albia investigates and discovers there have been many other strange deaths all over the city, yet she is warned off by the authorities. The vigils are incompetent. The local magistrate is otherwise engaged, organising the Games of Ceres, notorious for its ancient fox-burning ritual. Even Albia herself is preoccupied with a new love affair: Andronicus, an attractive archivist, offers all that a love-starved young widow can want, even though she knows better than to take him home to meet the parents... Book 1 in the Flavia Albia series.

running time 11 hours 1 minute

catalogue number: 2 4 1 4 0

The Story Keeper

by Anna Mazzola

published by Hachette

read by Sarah Barron

Audrey Hart is on the Isle of Skye to collect the folk and fairy tales of the people and communities around her. It is 1857, and the Highland Clearances have left devastation and poverty and a community riven by fear. The crofters are suspicious and hostile to a stranger, claiming they no longer know their fireside stories. Then Audrey discovers the body of a young girl washed up on the beach, and the crofters reveal that it is only a matter of weeks since another girl disappeared. They believe the girls are the victims of the restless dead: spirits who take the form of birds. Initially, Audrey is sure the girls are being abducted, but as events accumulate she begins to wonder if something else is at work. Something which may be linked to the death of her own mother many years before.

running time 8 hours 50 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 3 6

The Unseeing

by Anna Mazzola

published by Hachette

read by Anna Bentinck

Set in London in 1837, Anna Mazzola's The Unseeing is the story of Sarah Gale, a seamstress and mother sentenced to hang for her role in the murder of Hannah Brown on the eve of her wedding. Perfect for any fan of Sarah Waters or Antonia Hodgson. After Sarah petitions for mercy, Edmund Fleetwood is appointed to investigate and consider whether justice has been done. Idealistic but struggling with his own demons, Edmund is determined to seek out the truth. Yet

Sarah refuses to help him, neither lying nor adding anything to the evidence gathered in court. Edmund knows she's hiding something but needs to discover just why she's maintaining her silence. For how can it be that someone would willingly go to their own death?

running time 11 hours 30 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 3 7

Historical Romance

Before the Rains

by Dinah Jefferies

published by Penguin Random House

read by Naomi Frederick

1930, Rajputana, India. Since her husband's death, 28-year-old photojournalist Eliza's only companion has been her camera. When the British Government send her to an Indian princely state to photograph the royal family, she's determined to make a name for herself. But when Eliza arrives at the palace she meets Jay, the Prince's handsome, brooding younger brother. Brought together by their desire to improve conditions for local people, Jay and Eliza find they have more in common than they think. But their families - and society - think otherwise. Eventually they will have to make a choice between doing what's expected, and following their heart...

running time 11 hours 14 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 1 2

Six Weeks by the Sea

by Paula Byrne

published by Harper Collins

read by Anna Burnett and Paula Byrne

Sidmouth, 1801. The Austen family descends upon a fashionable seaside resort in Devonshire for a six-week holiday. Jane's brother, Frank, is on leave from the Royal Navy, and dearly wishes to unite his sister with his friend Captain Peter Parker. But another holidaymaker, a handsome stranger, catches sight of Jane and is determined to make her acquaintance. This rival to Captain Parker is Samuel Rose: a lawyer, literary man and abolitionist. As the weeks pass, Jane's relationship with both men brings about unexpected surprises. By the end of the summer, the course of her life will have changed forever.

running time 5 hours 33 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 6 4

Horror

Bat Eater

by Kylie Lee Baker

published by Hachette

read by Natalie Naudus

Cora Zeng is a crime scene cleaner. But the bloody messes don't bother her, not when she's already witnessed the most horrific thing possible: her sister being pushed in front of a train. But the killer was never caught, and Cora is still haunted by his last words: bat eater. These days, nobody can reach Cora: not her aunt who wants her to prepare for the Hungry Ghost Festival, not her weird colleagues, and especially not the slack-jawed shadow lurking around her doorframe. After all, it can't be real - can it? After a series of unexplained killings in Chinatown, Cora believes that someone might be targeting East Asian women, and something might be targeting Cora herself.

running time 8 hours 48 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 2 9

The Cellar

by Minette Walters

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sara Powell

'Muna's fortunes changed for the better on the day that Mr and Mrs Songoli's younger son failed to come home from school.' Before then her bedroom was a dark windowless cellar, her activities confined to cooking and cleaning. She'd grown used to being maltreated by the Songoli family; to being a slave. She's never been outside, doesn't know how to read or write, and cannot speak English. At least that's

what the Songolis believe. But Muna is far cleverer - and her plans more terrifying - than the Songolis, or anyone else, can ever imagine...

running time 5 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 6 1 1

Femme Feral

by Sam Beckbessinger

published by Bloomsbury

read by Imogen Church

Hyper-competent start up CFO Ellie is 46-year-old and like most women, is already juggling too much. Daughter's not talking to her, husband's not listening to her, and she's got a promotion coming up at work. It's an inconvenient time to be beset by mid-life symptoms: coarse hair in new places, hot flushes, insomnia, losing time... finding bloodstains on all her clothing, howling at the moon. Her doctor diagnoses perimenopause. But it's another 28-day cycle that's taking hold. One involving fur, and teeth, and a not insignificant amount of rage. Suddenly the troubles in her life - hot flushes, thankless family, spiralling to-do list, oblivious husband, the w*nker promoted above her at work – seem almost... bite-size.

running time 16 hours 9 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 8 4 9

Grace

by A. M. Shine

published by Bloomsbury

read by Deirdre O'Connell

Off the west coast of Ireland lies a lonely island, isolated and wilfully forgotten. Some say there hasn't been a child born on the island for thirty years. Others speak of strange deaths there, decades ago. But no one really knows what happened. Locals believe that the dark times are behind them. They are mistaken. Grace, adopted at four years old, has never known where she came from. A mysterious phone call leads her back to the island where she was born – and where a terrible evil has been disturbed. As the evil starts to spread, Grace finds herself dragged back into a living nightmare that threatens to engulf anyone who steps into its path.

running time 10 hours 51 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 3 9 6

Pendergast: The Beginning

by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child

published by Bloomsbury

read by Jefferson Mays

FBI Special Agent Dwight Chambers has lost everything. His partner, his wife, and his footing at the Bureau. Now, he's been assigned to mentor a new recruit who just might be the final nail in his coffin. A.X.L. Pendergast is an enigmatic young agent with a complicated past. His recklessness soon drags Chambers into chaos and gets them both suspended.

For Pendergast, this is a chance to investigate a peculiar murder in Mississippi. With Chambers grudgingly in tow, the two agents discover a string of grisly, ritualistic killings that defy any known pattern. Thanks to Pendergast's unorthodox brilliance, they manage to find the killer. Then the true horror begins. Book 23 in the Agent Pendergast series.

running time 12 hours 26 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 7 5

Prince Lestat and the Realms of Atlantis

by Anne Rice

published by Penguin Random House

read by Simon Vance

At the novel's centre: the vampire Lestat de Lioncourt, hero, leader, irresistible force, irrepressible spirit, battling (and ultimately reconciling with) a strange otherworldly form that has taken possession of his undead body and soul. This ancient and mysterious power and unearthly spirit of vampire lore has all the force, history and insidious reach of the unknowable Universe. It is through this spirit, previously considered benign for thousands of vampire years and throughout the Vampire Chronicles, that we come to be told the hypnotic tale of a great sea power of ancient times; a mysterious heaven on earth situated on a boundless continent - and of how and why this force came to build and rule the great legendary empire of centuries ago that thrived in the Atlantic Ocean. Book 12 in the Vampire Chronicles series.

running time 17 hours 14 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 1 2

There is No Antimemetics Division

by qntm

published by Penguin Random House

read by Rebecca Calder

An antimeme is an entity with self-censoring properties. Some are benign; but others, less so... These entities can feed on your most cherished memories, the things that make you you - and you'll never even know anything changed. And they aren't just feeding on us. They're invading. But how do you contain something you can't record or remember? How do you fight against an enemy with effortless, perfect camouflage, when you can never even know that you're at war? WELCOME TO THE ANTIMEMETICS DIVISION. NO, THIS IS NOT YOUR FIRST DAY.

running time 8 hours 50 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 0 1 7

The Tiger Skin

by Melissa Edmundson, Violet Hunt

published by Calibre Audio

read by Maggie Stokes

A headless coachman drives his carriage of lost souls towards a violent fate. A mother's obsession with eugenics spirals into a cruel madness. An adulterous pair are plagued by the suspicion that their dog means to expose their

darkest secrets. In 1911, Violet Hunt published her groundbreaking collection of short stories entitled Tales of the Uneasy, which explored a world of psychological and ghostly hauntings, shot through with high tragedy and strange horror. Over time, Hunt's reputation as a literary hostess obscured her important contribution to British weird fiction, and now her uncanny collection-recognised by R. S. Hadji as one of his thirteen "neglected masterpieces of the macabre"-is long overdue its rightful place among the great weird works of the Edwardian era.

running time 13 hours 14 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 5 4 3

Vigil

by George Saunders

published by Bloomsbury

read by Miscellaneous

Not for the first time – in fact, for the 343rd time – Jill ‘Doll’ Blaine finds herself crashing down to earth, head-first, rear-up, to accompany her latest charge into the afterlife. She soon realises however that this man is not quite like the others. For powerful oil tycoon K.J. Boone will not be consoled, because he has nothing to regret. He lived a big, bold life, and the world is better for it… isn’t it? As death approaches, a cast of worldly and otherworldly visitors arrive. Crowds of people and animals – alive and dead – materialise, birds swarm the dying man’s room, and associates from decades past show up, all clamouring for a reckoning.

running time 5 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 8 1

Humorous Fiction

All Quiet on the Orient Express

by Magnus Mills

published by Calibre Audio

read by Jon Beck

It is the end of the summer. The tourists have already gone, and now the sun is abandoning the Lake District's damp valleys. Only a lone camper remains, enjoying the quiet. He plans to stay just long enough to prepare for a trip to the East. But then the owner of the campsite asks him to paint a fence and he innocently obliges. Soon other odd jobs pile up until little by little he becomes ensnared in the ominous 'out-of-season'...

running time 6 hours 24 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 8 5 2

Legally Blonde

by Amanda Brown

published by Hachette

read by Morgan Cambs

One rule Elle was learning fast was this: blondes do not have more fun in law school. Delta Gamma president and pink-obsessed Elle Woods has just been dumped by the man she thought she'd marry. Warner Huntington III has traded his homecoming queen for Harvard Law - and now Elle's determined to follow, proving she has the beauty and the brains to be his perfect match. (What, like it's hard?) But acing the LSATs is only the beginning. At Harvard, Elle's Californian charm makes her an outsider among her preppy classmates. Then a high-profile case lands in her lap, and Elle realises she might be the only one who can save fitness queen, Brooke Vandermark.

running time 8 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 4 3

A Perfect Year?

by Ruth Foster

published by Calibre Audio

read by Miscellaneous

1990s England. Ali and Caroline are neighbours but not friends in leafy Upley Rising. Ali battles with money troubles and multiple children while Caroline has rock star connections and always gets what she wants. Then there’s respectable Robert, the third neighbour, whose life takes an unexpected turn. Every December Ali, Caroline and Robert write up their year’s news into cheery round robin

newsletters for everyone they know. What a wonderful year it's been: Charles has been promoted twice, Max is the school orchestra's top tuba player and Clementine's child modelling career progression is meteoric. But what about the longstanding local murder mystery? Or the strange goings on at Upley Rising's 300-year-old summer festival? Whose letters can you really believe?

running time 8 hours 52 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 2 7 9

The Sisterhood Rules

by Kathy Lette

published by Bloomsbury

read by Kathy Lette

The Sisterhood Rules: 1. Never let a man come between you 2. Share all your secrets 3. Live life to the fullest - girls just wanna have fun For twin sisters Isabel and Verity, the sisterhood rules were shattered when Verity had an affair with Izzy's husband. Unforgivable, right? Devastated by her sister's betrayal, Izzy casts Verity into social Siberia. But when their mother goes missing, Verity and Izzy are forced to come together again to find her. And then the estranged sisters' problems only get bigger. Their mother has a new younger lover and where there's a will... he'd clearly like to be in it. Can they stop their mother making a dreadful mistake? And in doing so find a way to bury the pain of the past?

running time 10 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 9 2

Wild Ink

by Richard Smyth

published by Calibre Audio

read by Edward Peel

Albert Chaliapin is dead – or at least, he feels like he ought to be. He lives in a world occupied only by the ghosts of his former life (and his nurse, who can't even get his name right). Then, one day, his past – in the form of a drunk cartoonist, a suicidal hack and a corrupt City banker – pays a visit, and Chaliapin is resurrected, whether he likes it or not. He doesn't, much. Someone's sending him some very strange cartoons. Someone's setting off bombs all over London. Someone's been up to no good with some very important people. This is no job for a man wearing pyjamas. Will Chaliapin make it out alive? And is being alive, when it comes down to it, really all it's cracked up to be?

running time 11 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 2 9 3

Love Stories

All in

by Claire Powell

published by Penguin Random House

read by Anna Wilson-Jones

Jo and Dave haven't had a holiday in years. They've had other things on their plate: failed IVF, the death of Dave's mother, doing up the bathroom. So when Dave's flashy brother Teddy offers to fly in from Dubai and take them - along with his gorgeous young girlfriend and their curmudgeonly father - to a beachfront resort in the Med, the couple can hardly refuse. But while romance might be on the cards for some, Jo and Dave soon find that tensions don't disappear in paradise. In fact, they might just get worse...

running time 8 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 3 4 7

Back Where We Started

by Becca Freeman

published by Penguin Random House

read by Brittany Pressley

Katie's wildest dreams have come true. She's a Hollywood actress, booked and busy, and campaigning for her first Oscar. Sure, she still struggles with sexist media malignment and unimaginative roles, but from where she stands today, her hometown of Dutch Ridge, Pennsylvania feels far away- and that makes it all worth it. Because Dutch Ridge can only ever represent Drew. Every street is filled with memories of their shared adolescence, how they were each other's first everything, the hours they spent planning for the future.

Drew was the only person in Dutch Ridge who didn't make Katie feel crazy for dreaming big, because he did, too. But now, a promise to her sister forces Katie to return for Christmas to Dutch Ridge, where she runs into Drew, who seems to have followed a different path from the one they once dreamed up. As their run-ins heat up and the two can't keep themselves away from each other, Katie begins to wonder whether her accolade-filled Hollywood life really fulfils her after all.

running time 9 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 1 6

The Best of Adam Sharp

by Graeme Simsion

published by Penguin Random House

read by David Barker

On the cusp of fifty and a happy introvert, Adam is content. He's the music expert at his local pub-quiz and he and his partner Claire rumble along. Life may not be rock n' roll, but neither is it easy listening. Yet something has always felt off-key. And that's his nostalgia for what might have been, his blazing affair - more than twenty years ago, on the other side of the world - with Angelina Brown, a smart and sexy, strong-willed actress who taught him for the first time, as he played piano and she sang, what it meant to find - and then lose - love. How different might his life be if he hadn't let her walk away? Then, out of nowhere, Angelina gets in touch. Adam has sung about second chances, but does he have the courage to believe in them?

running time 9 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 4 2

Binding 13: Part One

by Chloe Walsh

published by W. F. Howes

read by Matthew Forsythe and Jacqueline Milne

His first, last, and only true love has always been rugby. Until now. She's damaged. He's determined. Fate brought them together. Love binds them. Johnny Kavanagh has everything going for him. On the rugby pitch, he's a force to be reckoned with. Primed for stardom, he's heading straight for the top. Nothing can possibly get in his way, right? Not even the shy new girl at Tommen College. The one with the sad eyes and hidden bruises. The one that distracts him like no one ever has. Plagued with a hidden injury and desperate to impress the scouts watching his every move, Johnny has been placed on a pedestal so high, he has no room to make mistakes. Johnny needs to keep his head in the game. He needs to stay focused and cannot afford to let distractions get in the way of the big picture. But what happens when a lonely girl with sad eyes becomes the only picture? Book 1 in the Boys of Tommen series.

running time 15 hours 11 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 4 6

Break Me

by Tillie Cole

published by Penguin Random House

read by Morias Almeida and Derek Duvall

Florida show jumper Hallie Oakley was raised in the saddle. Now she's the rising star on Team USA. And she has just one goal in mind - an Olympic gold medal. But to achieve this, she must train with the most prestigious equestrian facility in the world. Nestled in the English countryside, Golden Oaks might look like nothing more than a beautiful stables, but it has produced some of the sport's greatest riders... including Hallie's idol, Jasper Knighton. The brooding oldest son in a showjumping dynasty, Jasper has recently inherited Golden Oaks and is determined to defend its legacy. From the moment Jasper and Hallie meet, their attraction is instant and mutual. But when a shocking event threatens to tear Golden Oaks apart, Jasper knows he'll do whatever it takes to protect what matters most to him.

running time 13 hours 55 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 0 3 2

The Chocolate Lovers' Club

by Carole Matthews

published by Hachette

read by Lucy Price-Lewis

For Lucy Lombard, there's nothing that chocolate can't cure. From heartache to headaches, it's the one thing she knows that she can rely on - and she's not alone. Fellow chocolate addicts Autumn, Nadia and Chantal share her passion, and

together they form a select group known as The Chocolate Lovers' Club. Whenever there's a crisis, they meet in their sanctuary, a café called Chocolate Heaven. And with a cheating boyfriend, a flirtatious boss, a gambling husband and a loveless marriage, there's always plenty to discuss... Book 1 in the Chocolate Lovers' series.

running time 10 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 5 3

The Chocolate Lovers' Diet

by Carole Matthews

published by Hachette

read by Lucy Price-Lewis

Lucy thought she had got her happily ever after with the gorgeous Aidan, but things aren't turning out the way she hoped they would. But she's not the only one with problems - Autumn's new boyfriend has yet to meet her parents; Nadia's husband has sworn he's given up gambling, but she's finding that hard to believe; and Chantal is doing all she can to save her marriage. It's clear that these girls are going to need a lot of chocolate. Book 2 in the Chocolate Lovers' series.

running time 10 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 5 6

The Chocolate Lovers' Wedding

by Carole Matthews

published by Hachette

read by Lucy Price-Lewis

Lucy is worried about her financial situation, and it keeps distracting her. Should she accept an offer of help from an untrustworthy source? Nadia may have a real chance at finding love, but other areas of her life aren't so rosy. Something needs to change - but what? Autumn can't wait to meet someone she hasn't seen in a very long time. She's full of hope for the future, but then things don't exactly go to plan.... Chantal has been through so much, and she's finally starting to feel settled. The last thing she needs is the kind of bad news that could change her life all over again. And yet, despite all the ups and downs, the Chocolate Lovers' ladies know they can get through it all as long as they have each other. Book 4 in the Chocolate Lovers' series.

running time 10 hours 34 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 5 5

Christmas for Beginners

by Carole Matthews

published by Hachette

read by Emma Powell

Christmas is fast approaching at the new Hope Farm and Bev has convinced a reluctant Molly to organise an open day to raise some much-needed funds ahead of the New Year. Their nativity tableau has everything they need: anti-social sheep, alpacas munching the Baby Jesus doll and a hairdresser dressed up as Santa Claus. But on Hope Farm

it's going to take more than mulled wine and Christmas lights to get everyone in the festive spirit.... Molly is looking forward to her first Christmas with Shelby and Lucas, but with father and son continuing to clash and the arrival of Lucas's new girlfriend, it becomes all too clear that their living situation cannot last. And as Shelby plans to take his career to glamorous new heights, Molly fears that a mucky life with her on the farm may no longer be enough for him. Book 2 in the Hope Farm series.

running time 10 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 5 1

Dashing Through the Snow

by Debbie Macomber

published by Penguin Random House

read by Allyson Ryan

Ashley Davison is desperate to spend the holidays with her mother in Seattle. Dash Sutherland has an interview for the job of a lifetime in Seattle and must arrive by 23 December. Both frantic to book a last-minute flight out of California, Ashley and Dash collide at the airport to learn that there are no flights and only one rental car available. After a rocky start, the two reluctantly agree to drive to Washington together. But their journey isn't without obstacles, and a misunderstanding with the law threatens to ruin their holiday plans altogether. Will Ashley make it home in time to surprise her mother? Will Kevin report to duty as expected? And most importantly, will they both have the opportunity to discover the greatest gift of all?

running time 4 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 7 5

A Good Heart is Hard to Find

by Trisha Ashley

published by Penguin Random House

read by Eva Haddon

Cassandra Leigh has woken as if from a bad dream: desperate for a baby, and finally out of patience waiting for her 20-year affair with Max to end happily ever after. Maybe Max is not the only man for her? Perhaps she could find love with her friend Jason - though he's perhaps a little too rugged, and there's something strange about the way his wife disappeared.... Or there's Dante, the mysterious stranger she meets on a dark night in his haunted manor house... Cass must throw caution to the wind and claim the life she's always wanted. Suddenly, it's a choice between Mr Right, Mr Wrong or Mr Right Now...

running time 9 hours 39 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 6 6

Happiness for Beginners

by Carole Matthews

published by Hachette

read by Emma Powell

Molly Baker is living her best life. Thirty-eight years old, she lives on the twenty-five-acre Hope Farm in Buckinghamshire, surrounded by (mostly) four-legged friends and rolling hills. There's Anthony the anti-social sheep, Tina Turner the alpaca with attitude, and the definitely-not-miniature pig, Teacup. Molly runs the farm as an alternative school for kids who haven't thrived in mainstream education. It's full on, but she wouldn't have it any other way. So when the well-groomed Shelby Dacre turns up at Hope Farm asking to enrol his son Lucas, Molly isn't fazed. But Lucas is distant and soon Molly realises he might be more of a handful than she anticipated. And then there's the added problem that his dad is distractingly handsome. Molly has her beloved farm to think of - could letting Lucas and Shelby in be a terrible mistake, or the start of something wonderful? Book 1 in the Hope Farm series.

running time 11 hours 44 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 5 4

Hold Back the Stars

by Katie Khan

published by Penguin Random House

read by Gemma Whelan

Carys and Max have ninety minutes of air left. None of this was supposed to happen. But, perhaps this doesn't need to be the end... Adrift in space with nothing to hold on to but each other, Carys and Max can't help but look back at the well-ordered world they have left behind - at the rules they couldn't reconcile themselves to, and a life to which they

might now never return. For in a world where love is banned, what happens when you find it?

running time 8 hours 34 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 6 5

House of Hopes and Dreams

by Trisha Ashley

published by Penguin Random House

read by Julia Franklin

When Carey Revell unexpectedly becomes the heir to Mossby, his family's ancestral home, it's rather a mixed blessing. Still, newly dumped by his girlfriend and also from his job as a TV interior designer, Carey needs somewhere to lick his wounds. And Mossby would be perfect for a renovation show. He already knows someone who could restore the stained-glass windows in the older part of the house... Angel Arrowsmith has spent the last ten years happily working and living with her artist mentor and partner. But suddenly bereaved, she finds herself heartbroken, without a home or a livelihood. Life will never be the same again - until old friend Carey Revell comes to the rescue. Will all their dreams for happiness be shattered? Or can Carey and Angel find a way to make this house a home?

running time 14 hours 2 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 6 7

Ivy and Abe

by Elizabeth Enfield

published by Penguin Random House

read by Cassidy Janson

Meet Ivy and Abe. Childhood friends in the 1960s, Ivy and Abe were inseparable until a chance event tore them apart. Now in their early seventies, fate once again brings them together - both grey-haired, Ivy hand in hand with her grandson - to fill in the gaps of one another's lives. Each has experienced great passions as well as heart-breaking tragedies, but the time is finally right for them. Their love story seems, in the end, meant to be. But what if, in a parallel universe, chance had intervened and they'd met sooner? What if they'd met in their forties, both married to other people, and began an affair? What if they'd met before then and married, but the daunting question mark over Ivy's health had suffocated Abe's love for her? What if, as lovestruck teenagers, one small moment had sealed their fate?

running time 9 hours 12 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 4 9 6

A Leap of Faith

by Trisha Ashley

published by Penguin Random House

read by Julia Franklin

Sappho Jones stopped counting birthdays when she reached thirty but, even with her hazy grip on mathematics, she

realises that she's on the slippery slope to the big four-oh! With the thought suddenly lodged in her mind that she's a mere cat's whisker away from becoming a single eccentric female living in a country cottage in Wales, she has the urge to do something dramatic before it's too late. The trouble is, as an adventurous woman of a certain age, Sappho's pretty much been there, done that, got the T-shirt. In fact, the only thing she hasn't tried is motherhood. And with sexy potter Nye on hand as a potential daddy - or at least donor - is it time for her to consider the biggest leap of all? It's either that or buy a cat ...

running time 9 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 6 8

Million Love Songs

by Carole Matthews

published by Hachette

read by Emma Powell and Carole Matthews

Ruby Brown is ready for a change. She's single for the first time in years and she's going to dive into this brave new world with a smile on her face and a spring in her step. The last thing she's looking for is a serious relationship. Mason represents everything Ruby wants right now: he's charming, smooth and perfect for some no-strings-attached fun. Joe on the other hand is kind and attractive, but comes with the sort of baggage Ruby wants to avoid: an annoyingly attractive ex-wife and two teenage children. Ruby thinks she knows what she wants, but is it what she needs to be truly happy?

running time 10 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 5 0

One Day in December

by Josie Silver

published by Penguin Random House

read by Eleanor Tomlinson and Charlie Anson

Laurie is pretty sure love at first sight doesn't exist. After all, life isn't a scene from the movies, is it? But then, through a misted-up bus window one snowy December day, she sees a man who she knows instantly is the one. Their eyes meet, there's a moment of pure magic...and then her bus drives away. Laurie thinks she'll never see the boy from the bus again. But at their Christmas party a year later, her best friend Sarah introduces her to the new love of her life. Who is, of course, the boy from the bus. Determined to let him go, Laurie gets on with her life. But what if fate has other plans?

running time 10 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 2 0 1

Sunny Days & Sea Breezes

by Carole Matthews

published by Hachette

read by Laura Kirman

Jodie Jackson is all at sea, in every sense. On a ferry bound for the Isle of Wight, she's leaving her London life, her career and her husband behind. She'd like a chance to turn back the clocks, but she'll settle for some peace and quiet on her brother Bill's beautifully renovated houseboat, Sunny Days. But from the moment Jodie steps aboard her new home, it's clear she'll struggle to keep herself to herself. If it isn't Marilyn, who cleans for Bill and is under strict instructions to look after Jodie, then it's Ned, the noisy sculptor on the next-door houseboat. Ned's wood carving is hard on the ears, but it's made up for by the fact that he's rather easy on the eyes. Bustled out of the boat by Marilyn and encouraged to explore with Ned, Jodie soon delights in her newfound freedom. But out of mind isn't out of sight, and when her old life comes knocking, Jodie is forced to face reality.

running time 9 hours 47 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 5 2

The Sweetest Thing

by Cathy Woodman

published by Calibre Audio

read by Yvonne Clemenson

Jennie Copeland thought she knew the recipe for a happy life: marriage to her university sweetheart, a nice house in the suburbs and three beautiful children. But when her husband leaves her, she is forced to find a different recipe. And she thinks she's found just what she needs: a ramshackle house on the outskirts of the beautiful Talyton St George, a new cake-baking business, a dog, a horse,

chickens... But life in the country is not quite as idyllic as she'd hoped, and Jennie can't help wondering whether neighbouring farmer Guy Barnes was right when he told her she wouldn't last the year. Or perhaps the problem is that she's missing one vital ingredient to make her new life a success. Could Guy be the person to provide it? Book 3 in the Talyton St George series.

running time 13 hours 13 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 9 0

The Twelve Dates of Christmas

by Ruby Winter

published by Penguin Random House

read by Kate Handford

When burnt-out New York journalist Evie McClane escapes to London for December, she's determined to keep her heart and her expectations firmly guarded. Christmas is the last thing she wants to celebrate, especially after a breakup that's left her cynical about all things love. Then she meets Jake Frost: charming, teasingly confident and dangerously beautiful. He makes her laugh. Looks far too good in a tailored coat. And is convinced he can change her mind about Christmas, one date at a time. What begins as a chance encounter turns into a deal: twelve dates to prove that Christmas, London and maybe love, are still worth believing in. Ice skating under fairy lights. Mulled wine in candlelit pubs. Late-night walks and lingering touches, each one tempting her to open up just a little more. As the days tick by, the chemistry between them becomes impossible to

ignore. But with Christmas ending and an ocean between their lives, Evie must decide whether this was just a December flirtation… or something worth risking her heart for.

running time 8 hours 52 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 9 6

Psychological Thriller

All My Lies

by Sophie Flynn

published by Calibre Audio

read by Jane Colgan

Anna wants to escape. She doesn't know when her marriage to James began to feel like a trap or when he became so controlling. All she knows is that she needs to leave before it's too late. When Anna reconnects with her childhood sweetheart, Sam, she sees it as the answer to her problems. Finally, they'll have a life together, like they'd always planned – the life she was meant to have. But on the morning of their escape, Sam goes missing. Anna knows he wouldn't leave her, that something must have happened to him. Her search for answers will force her to confront her past, something that she has been running from for a very long time…

running time 10 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 1 3 6 6

Anything You Do Say

by Gillian McAllister

published by Penguin Random House

read by Katie Clarkson-Hill

It's the end of the night. You're walking home on your own. Then you hear the sound every woman dreads. Footsteps. Behind you. Coming fast. You're sure it's him - the man from the bar who wouldn't leave you alone. You make a snap decision. You turn. You push. Your pursuer tumbles down the steps. He lies motionless, face-down on the floor. Now What? Wait for the police to arrive. For judgement, for justice, whatever that may be. You just hope your husband, family and friends, everyone you love, will stand by you. Or stay silent. You didn't mean to do it. You were scared, you panicked. And no one saw. No one will ever know. If you leave now. If you keep quiet. Forever...

running time 11 hours 36 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 0 6

Blood Sisters

by Jane Corry

published by Penguin Random House

read by Zoe Thorne and Emilia Fox

Kitty lives in a care home. She can't speak properly, and she has no memory of the accident that put her here. At least that's the story she's sticking to. Art teacher Alison looks fine on the surface. But the surface is a lie. When a job in a prison comes up she decides to take it - this is her chance to finally make things right. But someone is watching Kitty and Alison. Someone who wants revenge for what happened that sunny morning in May. And only another life will do...

running time 12 hours 46 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 1 6

The Book of Mirrors

by E.O. Chirovici

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

It's been thirty years since Professor Weider was found dead in his stately home. With little evidence to convict a suspect, the case has never been solved. Now, a partial manuscript has been discovered that reveals three people were at the house that night. All three clearly remember what happened. But someone is lying...

running time 7 hours 4 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 6 2

Do Not Become Alarmed

by Maile Meloy

published by Penguin Random House

read by Maile Meloy

When Liv and Nora decide to take their husbands and children on a holiday cruise, everyone is thrilled. The ship's comforts and possibilities seem infinite. But when they all go ashore in beautiful Central America, a series of minor mishaps lead the families further from the ship's safety. One minute the children are there, and the next they're gone. What follows is a heart-racing story told from the perspectives of the adults and the children, as the distraught parents - now turning on one another and blaming themselves - try to recover their children and their shattered lives.

running time 8 hours 59 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 2 1

Everything but the Truth

by Gillian McAllister

published by Penguin Random House

read by Colleen Prendergast

It all started with the email. Rachel didn't even mean to look. She loves Jack and she's pregnant with their child. She trusts him. But now she's seen it, she can't undo that moment. Or the chain of events it has set in motion. Why has Jack been lying about his past? Just what exactly is he hiding? And doesn't Rachel have a right to know the truth at any cost?

running time 10 hours 53 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 4 9

The Friend

by Dorothy Koomson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

After her husband's big promotion, Cece Solarin arrives in Brighton with their three children, ready to start afresh. But their new neighbourhood has a deadly secret. Three weeks earlier, Yvonne, a very popular parent, was almost murdered in the grounds of the local school - the same school where Cece has unwittingly enrolled her children. Already anxious about making friends when the parents seem so cliquey, Cece is now also worried about her children's safety. By chance she meets Maxie, Anaya and Hazel, three very different school mothers who make her feel welcome and reassure her about her new life. That is until Cece discovers the police believe one of her new friends tried to kill Yvonne. Reluctant to spy on her friends but determined to discover the truth, Cece must uncover the potential murderer before they strike again...

running time 15 hours 4 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 1 7

Here and Gone

by Haylen Beck

published by Penguin Random House

read by Abby Craden

Audra has finally left her abusive husband. She's taken the family car and her young children, Sean and Louise, are

buckled up in the back. This is their chance for a fresh start. Audra keeps to the country roads to avoid attention. She's looking for a safe place to stay for the night when she spots something in her rear-view mirror. A police car is following her and the lights are flickering. Blue and red. As Audra pulls over she is intensely aware of how isolated they are. Her perfect escape is about to turn into a nightmare beyond her imagining...

running time 10 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 2 9

The House

by Simon Lelic

published by Penguin Random House

read by Gemma Whelan and Adam Newington

Londoners Jack and Syd moved into the house a year ago. It seemed like their dream home: tons of space, the perfect location, and a friendly owner who wanted a young couple to have it. So when they made a grisly discovery in the attic, Jack and Syd chose to ignore it. That was a mistake. Because someone has just been murdered. Right outside their back door. And now the police are watching them...

running time 8 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 1 3

Hush Little Baby

by Joanna Barnard

published by Penguin Random House

read by Clare Corbett and Daniel Weyman

When baby Oliver breaks his arm, no-one can (or will) say how it happened. His mother is exhausted. His father is angry. His older sister is resentful. And they all have something to hide...

running time 8 hours 14 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 5 3

If I Die Before I Wake

by Emily Koch

published by Penguin Random House

read by Finlay Robertson

Everyone believes Alex is in a coma, unlikely to ever wake up. As his family debate withdrawing life support, and his friends talk about how his girlfriend Bea needs to move on, he can only listen. But Alex soon begins to suspect that the accident that put him here wasn't really an accident. Even worse, the perpetrator is still out there and Alex is not the only one in danger. As he goes over a series of clues from his past, Alex must use his remaining senses to solve the mystery of who tried to kill him, and try to protect those he loves, before they decide to let him go.

running time 9 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 1 8

It Could Have Been Her

by Lisa Jewell

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Jane Trevally, newly divorced and feeling a little lost, agrees to accompany a man she doesn't know to his house in the darkest corner of Hampstead Heath. She's offered a drink, goes in, and then - a scream and the sound of something falling upstairs - Jane senses she's in a bad place. She runs. Twenty-five years later, Jane finds herself outside the same house, this time to return a small white dog who's been found near her home in the country; a dog whose owner has just been reported missing. A fleeting glimpse of a haunted looking woman through the window sends Jane on a mission to uncover the house's secrets - secrets more terrifying than she could have ever imagined, especially when she realises it could have been her...

running time 10 hours 47 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 3 8 3

A Lie for a Lie

by Julie Corbin

published by Hachette

read by Helen McAlpine

As a school nurse, Anna Pierce is a well-respected and trusted member of the community. So when she is accused of hitting a pupil, the reaction is one of shock and disbelief. The pupil is Tori Carmichael - Anna's mentee and a troubled child known for bending the truth. With her career and

reputation on the line, Anna is determined to clear her name. But before she can, the worst happens: Tori is found dead. Suspicion mounts against Anna, who says she didn't do it. But if she isn't the killer, there is someone out there who is . . .

running time 9 hours 50 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 9 3

The Lying Game

by Ruth Ware

published by Penguin Random House

read by Imogen Church

The text message is just 3 words: I need you. Isa Leigh drops everything, packs up her baby daughter and heads straight to Salten where she and her 3 best friends attended prestigious boarding school, Salten House. Only Kate still lives in the area, at the crumbling Tide Mill she inherited when her disgraced art tutor father vanished when she was just 17. Each of the women is running from something, from an act that has haunted them for many years but which they have tried their best to bury: in work, in alcohol, in family, faith and routine. At school together, the girls used to play a game - the lying game - in which they competed to tell the most outrageous stories to fool tourists. But for some, did the boundaries between fact and fantasy become too blurred?

running time 13 hours 39 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 0 1 6

Mad

by Chloé Esposito

published by Penguin Random House

read by Emily Atack

Beth has always been the golden girl, leaving her identical twin, Alvie, in her shadow. She has everything Alvie ever wanted - the money, the hot husband, the cute baby, the fast car. So when she invites Alvie for seven sun-drenched days at her luxury villa in Sicily, Alvie accepts. Just because Alvie can't stand Beth doesn't mean she can't enjoy a slice of her decadent lifestyle. But her usually goody-two-shoes twin has a hidden agenda. And when the sisters swap identities for a day, it ends badly for Beth. Very badly. It's Alvie's chance to steal the life that she deserves... If she can get away with it.

running time 9 hours 55 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 5 7

My Husband the Stranger

by Rebecca Done

published by Penguin Random House

read by Josh Dylan and Cassidy Janson

When Molly married Alex Frazer, she knew it was for ever. Theirs would be the perfect future. However, after a night out with his twin brother, Graeme, a terrible injury leaves Alex with permanent brain damage. In a single moment the

man she married is transformed into someone new. Someone who has forgotten how to love her. And someone Molly isn't sure she can ever love again. The Alex she married no longer exists. Even with Graeme willing to help, Molly isn't sure that she can go on. How can she stay married to a man she doesn't know? Should she let the future she dreamed of slip through her fingers? And what really happened on the night that turned her husband into a stranger?

running time 9 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 5 4

My Sister's Bones

by Nuala Ellwood

published by Penguin Random House

read by Imogen Church and Sally Scott

Kate Rafter is a successful war reporter. She's the strong one. The one who escaped Herne Bay and the memories it holds. Her sister Sally didn't. Instead, she drinks. But when their mother dies, Kate is forced to return to the old family home. And on her first night she is woken by a terrifying scream. What secret has Kate stumbled upon? And is she strong enough to uncover the truth... and make it out alive?

running time 11 hours 41 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 0 8

The Night Stairs

by Erin Kelly

published by Penguin Random House

read by Bessie Carter

Centuries of tradition are coming to an end at St Cordula's school. Deputy Head, Fiona Fox, is about to preside over a controversial move to save it from ruin. But it's not easy to change things at a school this old. Legend has it that the ghost of fifteenth-century nun, Sister Matilda, will keep St Cordula's safe. But only as long as the words 'GOD FORGIVE ME', scrawled by Matilda on a chapel staircase wall before she fell to her death, are repainted every year. The words have only been allowed to fade once, in 2002. But then, fits of vertigo spread through the pupils, and a second girl fell to her death on the night stairs. Only three people know the truth of what happened on the night of the tragedy. Now the vertigo is back, and Fiona must stem the outbreak before it threatens St Cordula's future, or worse, another girl loses her life. But when one of her pupils begins a dangerous investigation into the past, old secrets start to twist into new scandals...

running time 14 hours 26 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 9 9

One of the Family

by Mark Edwards

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sarah Slimani and Thomas Judd

Patrick couldn't believe his luck when Holly fell for him. She's wickedly funny, beautiful, and with an intimidatingly successful father, Charles. So when she invites him to Charles' mansion for a New Year's break in Scotland, all he's hoping is that they'll accept him as one of the family. But everything feels a little off. Whispers in hallways. Rumours of a body that got found nearby the previous year. And something very strange about Charles' new girlfriend. Every family has secrets, and Patrick tells himself all he needs to do is survive the next few days. But then the first body is found, and Patrick realises that all he needs to do is survive the next few days...

running time 9 hours 12 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 8 9 7

Please Help Me

by Gytha Lodge

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

It looked like the perfect getaway. A luxury resort with endless pools, a gorgeous golden beach, and a kids' club that is every parent's dream. But for Amanda, a British detective in desperate need of a break with her young son, it soon becomes clear this isn't going to be a holiday. A girl has been sending anonymous messages to a teenager at the resort. She says her real name is Lara, that she was kidnapped from the UK, and that the family she's with are her abductors. But the resort is full of families. The kidnappers could be any of them. If the police guess wrong,

Lara could be whisked away, and never see her real family again. When every family seems to be hiding something, can Amanda find the truth - and Lara - before it's too late?

running time 11 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 3 4 3

The Secretary

by Renée Knight

published by Penguin Random House

read by Victoria Hamilton

Look around you. Who holds the most power in the room? Is it the one who speaks loudest, who looks the part, who has the most money, who commands the most respect? Or perhaps it's someone like Christine Butcher: a meek, overlooked figure, who silently bears witness as information is shared and secrets are whispered. Someone who quietly, perhaps even unwittingly, gathers together knowledge of the people she's there to serve - the ones who don't notice her, the ones who consider themselves to be important. There's a fine line between loyalty and betrayal. And when someone like Christine Butcher is pushed to her limit, she might just become the most dangerous person in the room . . .

running time 8 hours 23 minutes

catalogue number: 2 2 2 1 6

They All Fall Down

by Tammy Cohen

published by Penguin Random House

read by Elizabeth Bower

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

running time 8 hours 56 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 2 5

Unravelling Oliver

by Liz Nugent

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Oliver Ryan is a handsome and charismatic success story. He lives in the suburbs with his wife, Alice, who illustrates his award-winning children's books and gives him her unstinting devotion. Their life together is one of enviable privilege and ease - enviable until, one evening after supper, Oliver attacks Alice and beats her into a coma. In the aftermath, as everyone tries to make sense of his astonishing act of savagery, Oliver tells his story. So do those whose paths he has crossed over five decades. What unfolds is a story of shame, envy, breath-taking deception and masterful manipulation. Only Oliver knows the lengths to which he has had to go to get the life to which he felt

entitled. But even he is in for a shock when the past catches up with him.

running time 6 hours 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 1 5

What Alice Knew

by T. A. Cotterell

published by Penguin Random House

read by Gemma Whelan

Alice has a perfect life - a great job, happy kids, a wonderful husband. Until he goes missing one night; she receives a suspicious phone call; things don't quite add up. Alice needs to know what's going on. But when she uncovers the truth she faces a brutal choice. And how can she be sure it is the truth? Sometimes it's better not to know.

running time 9 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 7 3

The Woman in Cabin 10

by Ruth Ware

published by Penguin Random House

read by Imogen Church

This was meant to be the perfect trip. The Northern Lights. A luxury press launch on a boutique cruise ship. A chance for travel journalist Lo Blacklock to recover from a traumatic break-in that has left her on the verge of collapse. Except

things don't go as planned. Woken in the night by screams, Lo rushes to her window to see a body thrown overboard from the next-door cabin. But the records show that no-one ever checked into that cabin, and no passengers are missing from the boat. Exhausted and emotional, Lo has to face the fact that she may have made a mistake - either that, or she is now trapped on a boat with a murderer...

running time 11 hours 8 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 8 7 6

Quick Reads

Dead Man's Fingers

by M. W. Craven

published by Hachette

read by John Banks

Dead Man's Fingers sees Poe, Tilly and Edgar, Poe's English springer spaniel, enjoying a picnic at a nature reserve. When Edgar chases a rabbit, and Poe and Tilly chase after Edgar, they stumble upon a twenty-year-old mystery, a mystery that couldn't be solved until now... A novella in the Washington Poe series.

running time 47 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 8 6

Eye for an Eye

by Graham Masterton

published by Bloomsbury

read by Lucianne McEvoy

Meet DS Katie Maguire. With her bright green eyes and short red hair, she looks like an Irish pixie. But she is no soft touch. In this exclusive short story, Ireland's most fearless detective hunts down a priest-killer in county Cork. A short story in the Katie Maguire series.

running time 1 hour 45 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 9 0 8

The Killing Field

by M. W. Craven

published by Hachette

read by John Banks

In The Killing Field, Poe and Tilly are having breakfast, wondering how to spend the rest of their holiday, when their presence is requested at a Cumbrian airfield. An airfield that, during the 2001 foot and mouth crisis, was known as the killing field... A novella in the Washington Poe series.

running time 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 8 5

Mondo Bizzarro

by M. W. Craven

published by Hachette

read by John Banks

Mondo Bizzarro sees Tilly drag Poe to Durham to meet her favourite fantasy author, Aldridge Fowler but when they arrive, he's already dead - killed by his own hand. Despite the overwhelming evidence though, Poe suspects the bookshop staff might be hiding a terrible secret. A novella in the Washington Poe series.

running time 56 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 8 7

Once in a Red Moon

by M. W. Craven

published by Hachette

read by John Banks

In Once in a Red Moon, whilst on a murder-mystery evening in deepest darkest Northumberland, Poe manages to annoy everyone whilst simultaneously solving a mystery - what happened to a five-carat red diamond called the Red Moon of Coonowrin? A novella in the Washington Poe series.

running time 39 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 8 3

A Permanent Solution

by M. W. Craven

published by Hachette

read by John Banks

In A Permanent Solution Poe and Tilly are on an HR course in Wales when a murder is committed in their hotel. But maybe not everything is as it seems. This story first appeared in First Edition: Celebrating 21 Years of Goldsboro Books. A novella in the Washington Poe series.

running time 41 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 8 8

Strange Ink

by M. W. Craven

published by Hachette

read by John Banks

In Strange Ink crime fighting duo, Tilly and Poe solve a mystery from inside a pantomime horse in a short story that first appeared in the Halloween anthology Afraid of the Shadows. A novella in the Washington Poe series.

running time 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 8 4

Why Don't Sheep Shrink?

by M. W. Craven

published by Hachette

read by John Banks

In Why Don't Sheep Shrink?, a global pandemic forces Poe and Tilly to self-isolate together. Things don't go well. They're bickering and on the verge of falling out until Poe finds an old case file: a locked room mystery he's been mulling over for years. Step forward, Tilly Bradshaw. A novella in the Washington Poe series.

running time 34 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 8 2

Radio Plays

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: BBC Radio 4 Full-Cast Dramatisations

by Arthur Conan Doyle

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Clive Merrison and Michael Williams star as Holmes and Watson in this collection of stories from the unique fully dramatised BBC Radio 4 canon, based on Arthur Conan Doyle's original short stories. The twelve dramatisations are A Scandal in Bohemia; The Red-Headed League; A Case of Identity; The Boscombe Valley Mystery; The Five Orange Pips; The Man with the Twisted Lip; The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle; The Adventure of the Speckled Band; The Adventure of the Engineer's Thumb; The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor; The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet; The Adventure of the Copper Beeches.

running time 8 hours 44 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 9 4

Bleak Expectations: The Complete BBC Radio 4 Series

by Mark Evans

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

The complete collected series 1-5 of the gloriously daft Victorian Romp, Bleak Expectations. Gasp at the evil Mr Gently Benevolent, played by Mr Anthony Head! Weep at the trials of our young hero Pip Bin, played by Master Tom Allen! Be moved to joy and sorrow by the remarkable narration of Mr Richard Johnson! Swoon at the fragile beauty of Pip's poor Mama, played by Miss Celia Imrie! Wonder at the thespian prowess of Mr Geoffrey Whitehead as six different siblings! Follow the remarkable adventures of young Pip Bin as he struggles to rescue himself and his sisters from the schemes of his evil and badly-named guardian Mr Gently Benevolent, and the blood-curdling Hardthrasher family. Immerse yourself in a timeless epic featuring terrifying schools, even worse prisons, opium dens, disguises, court-cases, shipwrecks, underwater squirrels and swash-buckling long-lost aunts.

running time 14 hours 5 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 8 8

The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes: BBC Radio 4 Full-Cast Dramatisations

by Arthur Conan Doyle

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Clive Merrison stars as Holmes with Michael Williams as Watson in these twelve adventures from the unique, fully dramatised BBC canon of Conan Doyle's short stories and novels. The twelve dramatisations are The Illustrious Client; The Blanched Soldier; The Mazarin Stone; The Three Gables; The Sussex Vampire; The Three Garridebs; The Problem of Thor Bridge; The Creeping Man; The Lion's Mane; The Veiled Lodger; Shoscombe Old Place; The Retired Colourman.

running time 8 hours 46 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 1 3

Cully & More: A BBC Radio Collection

by Ian Rankin

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Best known for his Inspector Rebus novels, Sir Ian Rankin is one of Britain's most successful and acclaimed crime writers. He has won numerous awards, including the CWA Diamond Dagger for lifetime achievement, and in 2023 he received a knighthood for services to literature and charity. He has also written extensively for BBC Radio, and in this collection he guides us through a selection of those pieces as they were first heard on the airwaves. The collection

opens with two feature-length, full-cast period dramas set in Edinburgh in the 1790s, introducing the resourceful if low-born Mr Cullender ('Cully') - caddie, manservant and general dogsbody. The enterprising detective, played by Alexander Morton, goes in search of a double murderer (The Serpent's Back) and investigates a series of ritualistic wine-cellar killings (The Third Gentleman). Next, Let it Bleed sees Morton starring as Detective Inspector John Rebus in the very first BBC Radio Rebus adaptation, in which the maverick cop probes political corruption and insider dealing - and uncovers the dark underbelly of 1990s Scotland.

running time 8 hours

catalogue number: 2 6 3 6 6

The Forsytes: The Complete Series

by John Galsworthy

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

An irresistible family saga of love, money and betrayal, The Forsytes: The Complete Series encompasses four acclaimed BBC Radio 4 productions of Galsworthy's perennially popular epic, spanning 50 years from 1886 to 1936. The Forsytes sees wealthy Soames Forsyte questioning his relationship with his beautiful wife Irene. As evidence of her betrayal emerges, the family is torn apart and scandal unleashed. In The Forsytes Continues, it is 1920 and Soames would do anything for his sparkling daughter, Fleur. But when she falls in love with the wrong man, how can he stop history repeating itself? The Forsytes Returns picks up

Fleur's story four years later, as she vows to put her past behind her and settle down. But those around her are intent on stirring up trouble. The Forsytes Concludes introduces young Dinny Cherrell, Fleur's cousin. Unbeknown to both, their lives will be paralleled in ways neither could have predicted...

running time 15 hours

catalogue number: 2 3 8 8 9

Hancock's Half Hour Collectibles: Volume 1

by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Tony Hancock's broadcasting career began in the early 1950s with appearances in BBC radio programmes such as Variety Bandbox and Calling All Forces. Rare archive extracts of both are presented in this collection, along with an edition of Educating Archie, the radio comedy in which Hancock was a regular guest star. Soon he had his own radio series, Hancock's Half Hour, which transferred to BBC television in 1956. This volume features four complete episodes: the recently discovered TV soundtrack of 'The Horror Serial', plus remastered and restored versions of 'The Blackboard Jungle', 'The Student Prince' and 'The Test Match' from the radio series.

running time 5 hours 36 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 8 2

Inspector Morse: BBC Radio Drama Collection

by Colin Dexter

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Three BBC Radio 4 full-cast dramatisations starring John Shrapnel as Morse and Robert Glenister as Lewis, plus a bonus reading by Colin Dexter of one of his short stories. In Last Seen Wearing, Inspector Morse is reluctant to take over an old missing person case from a dead colleague. But two years, three months and two days after teenager Valerie Taylor’s disappearance, somebody decides to supply some surprising new evidence... In The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn Inspector Morse tackles the murder of an exam invigilator. The newly appointed member of the Oxford foreign exam syndicate was deaf, and he wasn’t from the insular world of the Oxford colleges. Now he is dead. After he’s rushed into hospital, Inspector Morse becomes intrigued by an old crime in The Wench is Dead. Could the wrong men have been hanged for the murder of Joanna Franks?

running time 4 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 6 9

John Finnemore's Double Acts: Series 2

by John Finnemore

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

This is the second series of one-off comedies written by the genius behind the smash-hit radio sitcom "Cabin Pressure" - John Finnemore. The first series won the coveted Writers Guild of Great Britain award for Best Comedy. Each show is a comedy perfumed by just two actors - including (across the series) famous household names such as Martin Clunes ("Doc Martin"), Julia McKenzie ("Fresh Fields") and the inimitable voice of Carolyn in "Cabin Pressure", Stephanie Cole. The show comes from Pozzitive, proud producers of Cabin Pressure, Thanks A Lot, Milton Jones!, Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation, The Brig Society, The Castle, Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive, Shush! & Kevin Eldon Will See You Now...

running time 2 hours 50 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 7 6

The League of Gentlemen: Precious Things from the BBC TV Series

by Miscellaneous Authors

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

In a selection of episodes from Series Two of the award-winning black comedy, Reenie and Vinnie are in charge of the charity shop, Tubbs and Edward are looking to fins a 'no-tail' mate for son David, and friendly butcher Hilary Briss is holding a soiree for patrons of his 'special stuff'. In Series Three, Pauline is released from HMP Clitclink and harbours dreams of running her own pen shop, joke peddlar Lance regrets dabbling in the murky world of illegal body parts,

and Geoff travels to London to become a stand-up comedian. So welcome to town. You'll never leave...

running time 4 hours 30 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 7 0

Lord Peter Wimsey: BBC Radio Drama Collection Volume 1

by Dorothy L. Sayers

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey in these definitive BBC radio dramatisations of Dorothy L. Sayers' classic crime novels. Aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Wimsey was the master creation of Dorothy L. Sayers, widely acknowledged as one of the four original 'Queens of Crime'. These full-cast adaptations – first broadcast on BBC radio in the 1970s, and presented here in their entirety – are admired by fans of the genre worldwide. Includes: Whose Body?, Clouds of Witness and Unnatural Death.

running time 8 hours 55 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 8 6

Martin Beck Stories: 10 BBC Radio 4 Full-Cast Dramatisations

by Per Wahlöö and Maj Sjöwall

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

The Martin Beck books are widely acknowledged as some of the most influential detective novels ever written. Written by Swedish husband and wife team Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahlöö between 1965-1975, the ten-book series set a gold standard for all subsequent Scandanavian crime fiction. Long before Kurt Wallander or Harry Hole, Beck was the original flawed policeman, working with a motley collection of colleagues to uncover the cruelty and injustice lurking beneath the surface of Sweden's seemingly liberal, democratic society.

running time 10 hours 30 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 9 1

Midnight's Children: BBC Radio 4 Full-Cast Dramatisation

by Salman Rushdie

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Saleem Sinai is born on the stroke of midnight on 14th-15th August 1947, at the exact moment that India and Pakistan become separate, independent nations. From that moment on, his fate is mysteriously handcuffed to the history of his country. But Saleem's story starts almost thirty years earlier, when his grandfather, Dr Aadam Aziz, falls in love with a woman concealed behind a perforated sheet. That pivotal moment in Kashmir in 1919 sparks a series of bizarre events that will lead to a cryptic prophecy and the birth of a boy

with an extraordinary destiny. As a 'Midnight's Child', Saleem has magical powers, and can telepathically tune in to all the other gifted children whose birth coincided with India's division. However, his strange entanglement with the fate of India will have dramatic repercussions for both him and his country...

running time 4 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 8 0

Mrs Bradley Mysteries: Classic Radio Crime

by Gladys Mitchell

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Mary Wimbush stars as unconventional psychoanalyst sleuth Mrs Bradley in these two full-cast dramatisations of stories by Gladys Mitchell. Colourful, cynical, intimidating and extremely intelligent, Mrs Bradley is one of the most unorthodox detectives in the history of Golden Age crime fiction. In these two dramas, she puts her extraordinary mind to work investigating cases of disguise, dismemberment, mayhem and murder. In Speedy Death, a country house in the 1920s is rocked by a murder which takes place in a room which is first locked, then later unlocked. A startling secret is uncovered, and as fingers point and the suspects begin to turn on each other, another death occurs... The Mystery of a Butcher's Shop sees Mrs Bradley probing some alarming events in the village of Wandles Parva, as Rupert Sethleigh goes missing and a headless body is found jointed in the butcher's shop.

running time 2 hours 55 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 8 4

The Odyssey: A BBC Radio 4 Full-Cast Production

by Homer, Simon Armitage

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

A BBC Radio 4 full-cast production of Homer's epic seafaring adventure, dramatised by award-winning poet Simon Armitage and starring Tim McInnerny, Amanda Redman & Benedict Cumberbatch. 'My fame is written in the heavens, and my fate too...' So speaks Odysseus as he starts to recount his struggles to sail home to Ithaca, in one of the greatest pieces of storytelling in Western literature. 'The Odyssey' is his incredible traveller's tale - and also the story of his faithful wife Penelope who waits for him, besieged by suitors, and their son Telemachus who has a quest of his own. In a twenty-year journey, fabulous fantasy mixes with extraordinary reality as Odysseus encounters enchantresses, nymphs, monsters, prophets and ghosts. From the temptations of the lotus flowers and the Sirens' song to the horrors of the Cyclops' cave and the Land of the Dead, the story of his encounters is riveting. We hear of Circe, who turned his men into swine; Calypso, who held Odysseus prisoner for seven years; and the dreadful six-headed monster Scylla who devoured some of his crew. And we hear of the Gods, who have a vital role to play....

running time 3 hours 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 2 5 6

Paul Temple Returns (2006-2013): The Complete Radio Collection

by Francis Durbridge

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Paul Temple lives again in five BBC Radio 4 remakes of classic adventures, starring Crawford Logan as Paul and Gerda Stephenson as Steve. Paul Temple and the Sullivan Mystery: A pair of spectacles spells danger for the suave sleuth and his wife as they embark on a trip to Egypt. Paul Temple and the Madison Mystery: A murdered millionaire and a mysterious watch-chain sets the Temples on the trail of an international counterfeiting gang. Paul Temple and Steve: On the hunt for notorious criminal mastermind Dr Belasco, Paul and Steve find trouble at every turn... A Case for Paul Temple: Braving booby traps, bullets and blazing houses, Paul pursues a shadowy drug dealer known only as 'Valentine'. Paul Temple and the Gregory Affair: When a young woman disappears, Paul is drawn into a ruthless kidnapping racket run by the murderous 'Mr Gregory'.

running time 21 hours

catalogue number: 2 3 8 7 8

A Perfect Spy: A BBC Radio 4 Full-Cast Dramatisation

by John le Carré

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

‘Love is whatever you can still betray. Betrayal can only happen if you love.’ So says Magnus Pym, the spy of the title; and he has betrayed a lot in his life – countries, friends, family and lovers. When Magnus disappears after his father’s funeral, MI6 launches an urgent manhunt to prevent his defection. But Pym is on a search of his own – to unravel the mystery of what made him the perfect spy. Was it the duplicity of his con artist father, Rick? Or his MI6 mentor and father figure Jack Brotherhood? Or was it Axel, the Czech agent he has known since his teens? All have marked him in crucial ways, and as the net closes around Magnus, he attempts finally to make sense of his life and find the source of his talent for deception...

running time 2 hours 50 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 7 7

The Return of Sherlock Holmes: Twelve BBC Radio 4 Full-Cast Dramatisations

by Arthur Conan Doyle

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Clive Merrison and Michael Williams star as Holmes and Watson in these twelve adventures from the unique, fully dramatised BBC canon of Conan Doyle's short stories and novels. Sherlock Holmes did not lose his life at the Reichenbach Falls. Nor has three years of absence taken

away his power to startle the faithful Dr Watson... In these intriguing tales, the duo solve cases that range from the suspicious to the downright strange, and encounter mysteries as diverse as a disappearing aristocrat and some inspired code-breaking. These twelve stories also see Holmes confronted with an evil blackmailer, an outbreak of attacks on busts of Bonaparte, and a seemingly motiveless murder where his only clue is a pair of spectacles and the victim's dying words...

running time 8 hours 45 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 8 5

Revelation: A BBC Radio 4 Full-Cast Dramatisation

by C. J. Sansom

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Spring, 1543. London's streets are filled with preachers; strange signs and portents are seen everywhere; and young men, maddened by differing interpretations of the Bible, are drawn into dangerous fundamentalism. The family of one such man, Adam Kite, has sought help from lawyer Matthew Shardlake. Adam is suffering from religious mania, and is being held in Bedlam for his own safety. But Shardlake is distracted from the case when his friend Roger Elliard is found brutally murdered - the victim of a serial killer inspired by the Book of Revelation. Archbishop Cranmer asks Shardlake to conduct a secret investigation: no word of the bloodshed must reach the King as one of the dead men was close to Catherine Parr, Henry's latest romantic

obsession and (like Cranmer) a supporter of religious reform. With the help of trusty sidekick Barack, Shardlake embarks on his most dangerous investigation yet, as he tries to protect Adam and prevent the killer from fulfilling his unholy mission...

running time 2 hours 15 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 8 7

Round the Horne Compendium

by Barry Took and Marty Feldman

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Starring Kenneth Horne, Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee, Round the Horne breathed daring new life over the BBC radio airwaves from 1965 to 1968, a madcap mix of daring double entendres, captivating characters and bawdy badinage. In this exhaustive collection of rare material, two complete episodes - Series 1, Episode 5 and Series 1, Episode 15 - are presented complete and remastered, alongside a cornucopia of previously unpublished segments from the series' original run.

running time 5 hours 3 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 8 1

Steptoe & Son: Series 5 & 6

by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Steptoe and Son was hugely successful, with eight series broadcast on BBC TV and two spin-off feature films. So popular was the show that many episodes were subsequently recorded for BBC radio. Collected together for the first time, here are all the episodes from the fifth and sixth radio series, scripted and adapted for radio by Hancock's Half Hour creators Ray Galton and Alan Simpson. In these classic episodes, Harold conquers his fear of ballroom dancing; falls for his drama society's leading lady; plans a solo holiday and pens an article for the church magazine. Plus, Albert is startled by his son's sleepwalking; tangles with the tax inspector; tackles some extortionists (with the help of his kung fu club) and becomes involved in spiritualism.

running time 7 hours 30 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 7 5

Th Ultimate Iliad & Odyssey: Two Full-cast BBC Radio Dramatisations

by Homer

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Attributed to the Greek poet Homer, The Iliad and The Odyssey are among the greatest and most influential works of the past 3000 years, often claimed as the cornerstones of Western literature. For as long as these epics have existed, they have been retold, but these unmissable BBC dramas

breathe new life into the classic stories, adding an extra dimension with stunning casts and specially composed music. Vivid, visceral and action-packed, they will transport you to the battlefield of Troy, and take you on a fantastic journey with the wandering king of Ithaca...

running time 5 hours 45 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 9 5 0

Romantic Comedy

Dancing With Bees

by Anna Maynard

published by W. F. Howes

read by Sonya Kerr

One chaotic hip-hop dancer with no direction in life. One outrageously handsome scientist who is determined to go back to the Antarctic. Over a shared interest in beekeeping, things start to heat up. But can the path to true love ever flow as smoothly as honey? Sunny Moritz needs a change. She's thirty-three, single, weary of tedious romances with the wrong kind of men and, according to her disappointed parents, drifting about like a tumbleweed. Her former high school crush, orthopaedic surgeon Adam Harrison, might be meeting all her physical demands (and requiring a subtotal of zero emotional headspace), but what about the rest of her life? When Sunny decides to start beekeeping, the man with the information she needs is an odd, enigmatic and

indecently sexy Antarctic scientist. Surely, though, she's way too pragmatic to be affected by his magnetism... But as her hunger for meaning starts to bloom, Sunny begins to think that maybe it’s not too late to reconnect with her parents, maybe it’s time to start dancing again and maybe even she could have a lasting relationship.

running time 8 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 4 2

Love and Other Brain Experiments

by Hannah Brohm

published by Bloomsbury

read by Norma Butikofer

Neuroscientist Dr. Frances Silberstein has always had success on the brain. In grad school, she turned down a job – and her accomplished boyfriend – to forge her own academic path. Five years later, she’s still single, hustling from project to project, and about to face her ex at a high-stakes conference – the same ex who once told her she’d never make it on her own. When an argument with her meticulous and infuriatingly attractive rival Dr. Lewis North leads to a mistaken assumption that they’re a couple, Frances accidentally confirms the misconception, inadvertently putting both their careers at stake. Forced to keep up appearances, Frances and Lewis know that for any scientist worth their salt, faking data is out of the question. But fake dating? That might just be genius.

running time 12 hours 1 minute

catalogue number: 2 6 3 0 2

Love by the Book

by Melissa Pimentel

published by Penguin Random House

read by Becca Stewart

Lauren moves to London looking for fun, not commitment. So why do the men she dates assume she's searching for The One and run for the hills? It's time for drastic action. Lauren turns her love life into an experiment, vowing to obey the advice of a different dating guide each month. She'll follow The Rules and play The Game to discover the science behind being a no-strings siren. But modern dating is more complicated than swiping right - and Lauren's about to discover that the things you run from tend to catch up with you...

running time 10 hours

catalogue number: 2 3 5 0 9

Science Fiction

Armada

by Ernest Cline

published by Penguin Random House

read by Wil Wheaton

It's just another day of high school for Zack Lightman. He's daydreaming through another boring math class, with just one more month to go until graduation and freedom - if he can make it that long without getting suspended again. Then he glances out his classroom window and spots the flying saucer. At first, Zack thinks he's going crazy. A minute later, he's sure of it. Because the UFO he's staring at is straight out of the videogame he plays every night, a hugely popular online flight simulator called Armada - in which gamers just happen to be protecting the earth from alien invaders. But what Zack's seeing is all too real. And his skills - as well as those of millions of gamers across the world - are going to be needed to save the earth from what's about to befall it.

running time 11 hours 51 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 6 0 3

City of Illusions

by Ursula K. Le Guin

published by Hachette

read by Nathaniel Priestley

Earth, like the rest of the Known Worlds, has fallen to the Shing. Scattered here and there, small groups of humans live in a state of semi-barbarism. They have lost the skills, science and knowledge that had been Earth's in the golden age of the League of Worlds, and whenever a colony of humans tries to rekindle the embers of a half-forgotten technology, the Shing, with their strange, mind lying power, crush them out. There is one man who can stand against the malign Shing, but he is an alien with amber eyes and must

first prove to paranoid humanity that he himself is not a creature of the Shing.

running time 6 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 9 6

The Galaxy, and the Ground Within

by Becky Chambers

published by Hachette

read by Patricia Rodriguez

With no water, no air, and no native life, the planet Gora is unremarkable. The only thing it has going for it is a chance proximity to more popular worlds, making it a decent stopover for ships traveling between the wormholes that keep the Galactic Commons connected. If deep space is a highway, Gora is just your average truck stop. One of the many establishments present is the Five-Hop One-Stop, a place where long-haul spacers can stretch their legs (if they have legs, that is), and pick up fuel, transit permits, and assorted supplies. The Five-Hop is run by an enterprising alien and her occasionally helpful child, who both work hard to provide a little piece of home to everyone passing through. When a freak technological failure halts traffic to and from Gora, three strangers are thrown together at the Five-Hop. Grounded, and with nothing to do but wait, the trio - an exiled artist with an appointment to keep, a cargo runner at a personal crossroads, and a mysterious individual doing her best to help those on the fringes - are compelled to confront where they've been, where they

might go, and what they might be to each other. Book 4 in the Wayferers series.

running time 11 hours 37 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 3 1

Humans, Bow Down

by Emily Raymond, James Patterson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Tara Sands

Hu-bots - robots that humans created as perfect versions of themselves - now control the world. They seized power in a war that almost wiped humankind off the face of the earth. The humans that remain are forced to either work as servants or live in prison camps. But one teenage girl, Six, has a device that could change everything. Her Q-comp, a computer onto which the memories of her murdered family have been downloaded, contains information that could save humankind. Six is unaware of the power she holds, but the ruling hu-bots are not. Forced to flee from those sent to kill her, can Six discover the secret that could save her life, and the future of the human race?

running time 7 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 6 1

Planet of Exile

by Ursula K. Le Guin

published by Hachette

read by Nathaniel Priestley

The Earth colony of Landin has been stranded on Werel for ten years - and each of Werel's years is over 60 terrestrial years! After so long an exile, the lonely and dwindling human settlement is beginning to feel the strain. Every winter - a season that lasts a decade and a half - the Earthmen have neighbours: the humanoid hilfs, a nomadic people who only settle down for the cruel cold spell. The hilfs fear the Earthmen, whom they think of as witches, and call the farborns. But both peoples have common enemies: the hordes of ravaging barbarians called gaals, and eerie preying snow ghouls. Can the hilfs and the farborns overcome their mutual suspicions and join forces? Or will they both be annihilated? Book 2 in the Hainish Cycle series.

running time 4 hours 4 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 9 5

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

by Alexander Freed

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jonathan Davis

As the shadows of the Empire loom ever larger across the galaxy, so do deeply troubling rumors. The Rebellion has learned of a sinister Imperial plot to bring entire worlds to their knees. Deep in Empire-dominated space, a machine of unimaginable destructive power is nearing completion. A weapon too terrifying to contemplate... and a threat that may be too great to overcome. If the worlds at the Empire's mercy stand any chance, it lies with an unlikely band of

allies: Jyn Erso, a resourceful young woman seeking vengeance; Cassian Andor, a war-weary rebel commander; Bodhi Rook, a defector from the Empire's military; Chirrut Ïmwe, a blind holy man and his crack-shot companion, Baze Malbus; and K-2SO, a deadly Imperial droid turned against its former masters. In their hands rests the new hope that could turn the tide toward a crucial Rebellion victory-if only they can capture the plans to the Empire's new weapon.

running time 12 hours 7 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 2 2 1

Star Wars Outlaws: Low Red Moon

by Mike Chen

published by Penguin Random House

read by Eric Johnson and Jay Rincon

Jaylen Barsha, heir to his family's immense power and wealth, had his life charted out for him neatly and meticulously by his parents. Then the Empire stripped it all away on trumped-up charges of conspiracy against his family. A battle droid arrives at the family compound with a mission to kill every last member of the Barsha clan. Jaylen manages to fend off the attack as the sole survivor, but realizes the droid, who he reprograms, is his only chance to stay alive. Former Separatist battle droid ND-5 knows he should be scrap metal but loyalty is in his programming, and Jaylen, who treats him as more than just a weapon, has earned it. With the threat against the Barsha clan still shrouded in mystery, the pair has no choice but to leverage the chaos and disappear.

running time unknown

catalogue number: 2 5 1 4 1

Star Wars Reign of the Empire: The Mask of Fear

by Alexander Freed

published by Penguin Random House

read by January LaVoy

With one speech, and thunderous applause, Chancellor Palpatine brought the era of the Republic crashing down. In its place rose the Galactic Empire. Across the galaxy, people rejoiced and celebrated the end to war-and the promises of tomorrow. But that tomorrow was a lie. Instead the galaxy became twisted by the cruelty and fear of the Emperor's rule. During that terrifying first year of tyranny, Mon Mothma, Saw Gerrera, and Bail Organa face the encroaching darkness. One day, they will be three architects of the Rebel Alliance. But first, each must find purpose and direction in a changing galaxy, while harboring their own secrets, fears, and hopes for a future that may never come, unless they act.

running time 16 hours 52 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 4 0 6

Star Wars, Mace Windu: The Glass Abyss

by Steven Barnes

published by Penguin Random House

read by William DeMeritt

The Jedi are reeling from Qui-Gon Jinn's sudden death at the hands of a Sith. Jedi Master Mace Windu's feelings about Qui-Gon have always been complicated, and have not been made any simpler in death. While considering his fallen friend's legacy, Mace is surprised to receive a final message from Qui-Gon, marked to be delivered to Mace on the event of Qui-Gon's death. The message contains a last request: a plea to help the Outer Rim planet of Metagos. Intent on fulfilling Qui-Gon's final wishes, Mace travels to Metagos and infiltrates the enemies of the Sa'ad. But as the Jedi Master investigates the intricate web of adversaries and allies, Mace finds himself pushed to the boundaries of the Jedi code, challenging his beliefs and his relationship to the Force itself.

running time 11 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 3 1 6

Star Wars: Black Spire

by Delilah S. Dawson

published by Penguin Random House

read by January LaVoy

After devastating losses at the hands of the First Order, General Leia Organa has dispatched her agents across the galaxy in search of allies, sanctuary, and firepower - and her top spy, Vi Moradi, may have just found all three, on a secluded world at the galaxy's edge. A planet of lush forests, precarious mountains, and towering, petrified trees, Batuu is on the furthest possible frontier of the galactic map, the last settled world before the mysterious expanse of Wild

Space. The rogues, smugglers, and adventurers who eke out a living on the largest settlement on the planet, Black Spire Outpost, are here to avoid prying eyes and unnecessary complications. Vi, a Resistance spy on the run from the First Order, is hardly a welcome guest. And when a shuttle full of stormtroopers lands in her wake, determined to root her out, she has no idea where to find help.

running time 12 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 5 3 3

Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith

by Matthew Stover

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jonathan Davies

As combat escalates across the galaxy, the stage is set for an explosive endgame: Obi-Wan undertakes a perilous mission to destroy the dreaded Separatist military leader, General Grievous. Supreme Chancellor Palpatine continues to strip away constitutional liberties in the name of security while influencing public opinion to turn against the Jedi. And a conflicted Anakin fears that his secret love, Senator Padmé Amidala, will die. Tormented by unspeakable visions, Anakin edges closer to the brink of a galaxy-shaping decision. It remains only for Darth Sidious to strike the final staggering blow against the Republic-and to ordain a fearsome new Sith Lord: Darth Vader.

running time 5 hours 2 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 1 8 7

Star Wars: Sanctuary

by Lamar Giles

published by Penguin Random House

read by Marc Thompson

A good soldier knows that life is all about change - whether it's on or off the battlefield. Surviving, living, means adaptation. Hunter is well acquainted with this lesson. He's on the run from the Empire, Echo's off on a mission with Captain Rex, and Crosshair is... still Crosshair, but amidst all the change, Hunter still has Tech, Wrecker, and Omega. And it seems that his small family might have finally found a safe place to land, far from the increasingly vigilant eyes of the Empire: Pabu. But their potential new island home is in desperate need of resources if there is any hope for the fledgling community to recover from a devastating sea wave. That's where Phee Goena, self-proclaimed liberator of treasures, comes in, with a couple of jobs she swears will get them the funds they need. Things go wrong almost immediately. As Hunter tries to get the crew back on a stable, safe path far, far away from anything to do with the Empire's watchdogs, their overlapping missions only invite more danger and chaos.

running time 11 hours 47 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 2 0

Star Wars: The Last Jedi

by Jason Fry

published by Penguin Random House

read by Marc Thompson

From the ashes of the Empire has arisen another threat to the galaxy's freedom: the ruthless First Order. Fortunately, new heroes have emerged to take up arms - and perhaps lay down their lives-for the cause. Rey, the orphan strong in the Force; Finn, the ex-stormtrooper who stands against his former masters; and Poe Dameron, the fearless X-wing pilot, have been drawn together to fight side-by-side with General Leia Organa and the Resistance. But the First Order's Supreme Leader Snoke and his merciless enforcer Kylo Ren are adversaries with superior numbers and devastating firepower at their command. Against this enemy, the champions of light may finally be facing their extinction. Their only hope rests with a lost legend: Jedi Master Luke Skywalker.

running time 11 hours 5 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 2 5

Star Wars: The Living Force

by John Jackson Miller

published by Penguin Random House

read by Marc Thompson

The Jedi have always travelled the stars, defending peace and justice across the galaxy. But the galaxy is changing, and along with it, the Jedi Order. More and more, the Order finds itself focused on the future of the Republic, secluded on Coruscant, where the twelve members of the Jedi Council

weigh crises on a galactic scale. As yet another Jedi Outpost leftover from the Republic's golden age is set to be decommissioned on the planet Kwenn, Qui-Gon Jinn challenges the Council about the increasing isolation of the Order. Mace Windu suggests a bold response: all twelve Jedi Masters will embark on a goodwill mission to help the planet, and remind the people of the galaxy that the Jedi remain as stalwart and present as they have been across the ages. But the arrival of the Jedi leadership is not seen by all as a cause for celebration. Warring pirate factions have infested the sector in the increasing absence of the Jedi. To maintain their dominance, the pirates unite, intent on assassinating the Council. And they are willing to destroy countless innocent lives to secure their power.

running time 16 hours 11 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 5 2 1

Star Wars: Trials of the Jedi

by Charles Soule

published by Penguin Random House

read by Marc Thompson

In this epic conclusion to Star Wars: The High Republic, the Jedi face a final confrontation against the Nihil and Marchion Ro. The conflict with Ro and his marauding Nihil forces has left scars across the galaxy and held the Republic hostage. Countless lives have been lost, beacons of hope have fallen, and the collective courage and resolve of the Republic have been tested like never before. Through it all the Jedi Order has endured, an unwavering candle against the encroaching

darkness. But the Jedi have yet to solve the mystery of the Nameless creatures who feed on the Force. Ro has loosed them upon the galaxy, striking fear into the heart of even the most stalwart Jedi. And yet with every life saved and world freed from Nihil control, the all-consuming blight, which devours everything wherever it appears, threatens to wipe it all away. Everything now depends on nine brave Jedi, led by Avar Kriss and Elzar Mann, who embark on a treacherous journey to the Nameless homeworld. Their quest: to finally solve the mystery of the Nameless and their connection to the Force, and to stop the blight before its damage becomes irreversible.

running time 17 hours 58 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 0 1 5

Waking Gods

by Sylvain Neuvel

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

An unknown vessel, not of this world, materializes in London. A colossal figure towering over the city, it makes no move. Is this a peaceful first contact or the prelude to an invasion? Every child has nightmares. But the only thing scarier than little Eva Reyes' dreams - apocalyptic visions of death and destruction - is the habit they have of coming true... Scientist Dr Rose Franklin has no memory of the last few years. The strangers she works with say she died, and was brought back to life. The question is not just how... but why? Kara Resnik and Vincent Couture fell in love during

war, and have found peace since. They are the thin line of defence against what is coming. But they do not know they have been living a lie. And a man who claims to have the answers has his own agenda. There are things he cannot say - and others he won't.

running time 9 hours 7 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 3 6

Short Stories & Anthologies

Chill Tidings

by Miscellaneous Authors, Tanya Kirk

published by Calibre Audio

read by Mark Campbell

Welcome to the second new collection of dark Christmas stories in the Tales of the Weird series, ushering in a fresh host of nightmarish phantoms and otherworldly intruders bent on joining or ruining the most wonderful time of the year. Featuring classic tales from Algernon Blackwood, Rosemary Timperley, Sheridan Le Fanu and Elinor Glyn alongside rare pieces from the sleeping periodicals and literary magazines of the Library collection, it's time to open the door and let the real festivities begin.

running time 5 hours 4 minutes

catalogue number: 2 1 9 9 4

Eerie East Anglia

by Edward Parnell, Miscellaneous Authors

published by Calibre Audio

read by David Hobbs

A seaside honeymoon holiday is plagued by the mystery of bells which never stop ringing - and that which answers the call. Druidic rites and modernity spells disaster at a Norfolk golf course. An ancient relic found on the Suffolk coast summons a nightmarish entity to its discoverer. A land of mind-stretching expanses, wide, yawning skies and the disorientating landscapes of the tidal fens, East Anglia has inspired a wide range of writers in the field of weird and uncanny fiction. This new collection includes a wealth of tales from the past 130 years set in Norfolk, Essex, Suffolk and Cambridge by a host of authors including ghost tale luminaries M. R. James, Robert Aickman, E. F. Benson and Marjorie Bowen, alongside bright lights of modern weird writing.

running time 9 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 1 7 6 2

In White Ink

by Elske Rahill

published by Bloomsbury

read by Sophie Jo Wasson

Motherhood, nurture and violence - these are the themes of Elske Rahill's remarkable first collection, In White Ink. Rahill brings to life the psychological and physical reality of

mothering, pregnancy and childbirth in ways that few other writers have attempted. Here is a biting realism, in the relations between men and women and in the expectations and failures of their assigned roles. Each story is illumined by moments of harsh poetry. They are carefully crafted snapshots of our condition. In the title story, an isolated young mother is locked into a custody battle with her abusive husband; 'Right to Reply' shows three generations of women confronting the terrible legacy of their family's past; in 'Toby', a woman obsessed with hygiene finally snaps, when she finds her home is infested with fleas.

running time 8 hours

catalogue number: 2 3 7 4 2

Innocence

by Roald Dahl

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

What makes us innocent and how do we come to lose it? Featuring the autobiographical stories telling of Roald Dahl's boyhood and youth as well as four further tales of innocence betrayed, Dahl touches on the joys and horrors of growing up. Among other stories, you'll read about the wager that destroys a girl's faith in her father, the landlady who has plans for her unsuspecting young guest and the commuter who is horrified to discover that a fellow passenger once bullied him at school.

running time 6 hours

catalogue number: 2 3 8 0 3

The Largesse of the Sea Maiden

by Denis Johnson, Miscellaneous

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

The Largesse of the Sea Maiden is the long-awaited new story collection from Denis Johnson, author of the groundbreaking, highly acclaimed Jesus' Son. Written in the same luminous prose, this collection finds Johnson in new territory, contemplating mortality, the ghosts of the past, and the elusive and unexpected ways the mysteries of the universe assert themselves. Finished shortly before Johnson's death, this collection is the last word from a writer whose work will live on for many years to come.

running time 5 hours 17 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 1 6

Openings

by Lucy Caldwell

published by Calibre Audio

read by Pamela Todd

From a highly charged Christmas party in Belfast to a passionate affair in Blitz-era London, to a trip to Marrakech which could form a new family, the thirteen striking stories of Openings pulse with possibility and illuminate those

fleeting but recognisable moments of heartbreak and hope that can change the course of a life.

running time 6 hours 58 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 0 5 5

The Picador Book of 40

by Charlotte Greig, Miscellaneous Authors

published by Calibre Audio

read by Kay Morrison

For Picador's 40th anniversary we asked 40 writers to respond to the idea of 40 in whatever way they liked. The results are spectacular: thoughtful, funny, poignant, as brilliantly diverse as the Picador list. Pieces include the temporal (what I was doing 40 years ago; the mid-life crisis of a 40-year-old whose lifespan coincides with Picador's), the quirky (gifts I'd like to receive for my 40th birthday; 40 things to do before I die; what it's like never to have been on any of those Best Under 40 lists), and the downright clever (40-word synopses of great works of literature), along with some astonishingly good short stories and poems touching on mortality and ageing. The authors range from great established writers on the list, like Alice Sebold, John Banville and Graham Swift, to new stars, such as Emma Straub, Belinda McKeon and Megan Abbott, and 33 more!

running time 8 hours 26 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 1 4 3

Stories for Summer

by Miscellaneous Authors

published by Calibre Audio

read by Hilary Spiers

Join a host of female writers in celebrating the sunshine months of the year. As a sister volume to Stories for Winter, this collection of 15 short stories takes its inspiration from the holiday season. Grab a copy as you head off to the beach or to lie by the pool and spend time with female protagonists as they navigate life during the hot summer days and long balmy evenings. In keeping with the spirit of the Women Writers series, the stories are penned by authors whose writing originally appeared in books and magazines in the twentieth century.

running time 6 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 2 2 8

Trickery

by Roald Dahl

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

How underhand could you be to get what you want? In these ten tales of dark and twisted trickery Roald Dahl reveals that we are at our smartest and most cunning when we set out to deceive others - and, sometimes, even ourselves. Here, among others, you'll read of the married couple and the parting gift which rocks their marriage, the light fingered hitch-hiker and the grateful motorist, and

discover why the serious poacher keeps a few sleeping pills in his arsenal.

running time 6 hours 45 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 0 4

War

by Roald Dahl

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

In war, are we at our heroic best or our cowardly worst? Featuring the autobiographical stories from Roald Dahl's time as a fighter pilot in the Second World War as well as seven other tales of conflict and strife, Dahl reveals the human side of our most inhumane activity. Among other stories, you'll read about the pilot shot down in the Libyan desert, the fighter plane that vanishes inside a mysterious thick white cloud and the soldier who returns from war but has been shockingly changed by his experiences.

running time 8 hours

catalogue number: 2 3 8 0 2

Spy Stories

Cold Sunset

by William Boyd

published by Penguin Random House

read by George Blagden

Gabriel Dax is on route to Russia, tasked with delivering a mysterious Blanco drawing to celebrated defector, Kit Caldwell. But Caldwell is convinced that the KGB suspects him of treachery and he wants to get out - now. When Gabriel is ordered by his enigmatic handler Faith Green to help, he is pulled into a web of shifting loyalties and dangerous escape plans. As tensions rise and trust fractures, he is forced to confront the fine line between devotion and deception. But which will he choose? Book 3 in the Gabriel Dax series.

running time 8 hours 43 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 8 6 4

Gabriel's Moon

by William Boyd

published by Penguin Random House

read by George Blagden

Gabriel Dax is a young man haunted by the memories of a tragedy: every night, when sleep finally comes, he dreams about his childhood home in flames. His days are spent on the move as an acclaimed travel writer, capturing the changing landscapes in the grip of the Cold War. When he's offered the chance to interview a political figure, his ambition leads him unwittingly into a web of duplicities and betrayals. As Gabriel's reluctant initiation takes hold, he is drawn deeper into the shadows. Falling under the spell of

Faith Green, an enigmatic and ruthless MI6 handler, he becomes 'her spy', unable to resist her demands. But amid the peril, paranoia and passion consuming Gabriel's new covert life, it will be the revelations closer to home that change the rest of his story... Book 1 in the Gabriel Dax series.

running time 9 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 2 0 2

My Name is Nobody

by Matthew Richardson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Colin Mace

Solomon Vine was the best of his generation, a spy on a fast track to the top. But when a prisoner is shot in unexplained circumstances on his watch, only suspension and exile beckon. Three months later, MI6's Head of Station in Istanbul is abducted from his home. There are signs of a violent struggle. With the Service in lockdown, uncertain of who can be trusted, thoughts turn to the missing man's oldest friend: Solomon Vine. Officially suspended, Vine can operate outside the chain of command to uncover the truth. But his investigation soon reveals that the disappearance heralds something much darker. And that there's much more at stake than the life of a single spy...

running time 8 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 2 8

A Traitor in the Family

by Nicholas Searle

published by Penguin Random House

read by Lisa Hogg and Ciarán McMenamin

Francis O'Neill is a terrorist, trained to kill for his cause. Bridget is his wife, expected to be loyal and stand by her husband. She has learned not to hope for much more, until the day she glimpses, for the first time, the chance of a new life. A life without violence, without secrets, and without knocks on the door in the dead of night. A life without her husband. But what if freedom for Bridget means grave danger for Francis?

running time 10 hours

catalogue number: 2 3 9 1 8

Thrillers

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by Anna Maloney

published by Bloomsbury

read by Miscellaneous

Claire Fitzroy was just trying to get home when her train from Manchester to London was hijacked by a group of armed men. In one terrifying moment she faced the starkest of choices: to stand back. To fight back. And maybe to die either way. Claire chose to fight back, and in doing so saved hundreds of lives. But what looks like heroism in the heat of the moment can play out very differently in the courts and the eyes of the public. Especially when you have the blood of two men on your hands. Selfless and quick-thinking. Attention-seeking vigilante. Unrepentant murderer. Whichever she is, this is Claire's story of what happened that day. But is it the whole story?

running time 11 hours 14 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 7 2

Agrippa

by Robert Harris

published by Penguin Random House

read by Simon Russell Beale

Julius Caesar is dead, and the lives of two teenaged boys are about to be changed forever. One is Caesar's 17-year-old nephew, Octavius, whom he has made his heir. The other is Octavius's closest friend, Agrippa. To claim Octavius's inheritance, they must fight the giant figures of the Roman Empire - and, against all odds, they win. Octavius becomes the Emperor Augustus. For twenty years, they rule the world together. Now Agrippa is fifty. Ailing and alone, betrayed by his wife's infidelity, he takes refuge in his house on the Bay

of Naples and begins to write his memoirs. Yet to stir up the past can be dangerous. From his earliest meetings with Julius Caesar, through the epic conflict with Mark Antony and Cleopatra, the great naval battle of Actium and the endless wars to expand the empire, he describes how one man has dominated his life: the cunning, ruthless, unknowable Octavius. When it comes to power, does friendship exist at all?

running time 9 hours 55 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 8 6 2

Angelmaker

by Nick Harkaway

published by Penguin Random House

read by Daniel Weyman

All Joe Spork wants is a quiet life. He repairs clockwork and lives above his shop in a wet, unknown bit of London. The bills don't always get paid and he's single and has no prospects of improving his lot, but at least he's not trying to compete with the reputation of Mathew "Tommy Gun" Spork, his infamous criminal dad. Edie Banister lives quietly and wishes she didn't. She's nearly ninety and remembers when she wasn't. She's a former superspy and now she's... well... old. Worse yet, the things she fought to save don't seem to exist anymore, and she's beginning to wonder if they ever did. When Joe fixes one particularly unusual device, his life is suddenly upended. The client? Unknown. And the device? It's a 1950s doomsday machine. And having triggered it, Joe now faces the wrath of both the government

and a diabolical South Asian dictator, Edie's old arch-nemesis. With Joe's once-quiet world now populated with mad monks, psychopathic serial killers, scientific geniuses and threats to the future of conscious life in the universe, he realises that the only way to survive is to muster the courage to fight, help Edie complete a mission she gave up years ago, and pick up his father's old gun...

running time 17 hours 59 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 1 1

Blind Defence

by John Fairfax

published by Hachette

read by Daniel Weyman

She was found hanging in a dingy London bedsit with a blood orange in her mouth. Diane Heybridge, a young woman without a past or much of a future, has captured in death the compassion denied her in life. For the prosecution, this seeming suicide is nothing more than a bungled killing, and a disgusted public looks to Court 2 of the Old Bailey for justice. Her callous, jilted partner, Brent Stainsby, stands accused of her murder, and he's turned to the maverick legal team William Benson and Tess de Vere to defend him. However, as the trial unfolds, it soon becomes clear that there is far more to Diane Heybridge than meets the eye. What began as a simple trial rapidly turns into a complex search for the truth beyond the confines of the courtroom... Book 2 in the Benson and de Vere series.

running time 9 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 5 2

Blood Trust

by Eric Van Lustbader

published by Bloomsbury

read by Richard Ferrone

Alli Carson was once First Daughter, only child of the US President. Then, after a car crash killed her father and hospitalized her mother, Alli battled her grief and threw herself into her FBI training at the elite Fearington Institute. Alli thought she had nothing more to lose... but she was wrong. On the same night that her mother dies from her injuries, Alli's boyfriend is brutally murdered – and she is the only suspect. Suspended from her work, bewildered and alone, Alli must find a way to contact the one person she can trust: National Security Adviser, Jack McClure. Jack knows that Alli is innocent. So who would want to frame her for murder? With Fearington in lockdown, they must navigate a treacherous underworld of violence and intrigue to uncover the truth... Book 3 in the Jack McClure series.

running time 14 hours 6 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 2 3

The Burning Time

by Peter Hanington

published by Hachette

read by Jonathan Keeble

Australian inventor and geoengineer Clive Winner is the genius who brought the Great Barrier Reef back from the brink, yet his ambition goes well beyond that. He wants to save the planet. For the all-powerful fossil-fuel industry, Winner is their 'get out of jail free card'. If he can engineer a solution to climate change, business can continue as usual. When old-school journalist William Carver is tipped off by a trusted Whitehall source that climate scientists have begun to go missing in suspicious circumstances, his gut instinct tells him to follow the story. It rapidly becomes clear that scientists, green campaigners and well-intentioned politicians are in the firing line; William Carver and his colleagues must move fast to find out who is behind the disappearances. They know the journalist's job is to speak truth to power - but first you must uncover that truth and this time it's buried deeper than ever. Book 4 in the William Carver series.

running time 10 hours 52 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 8 8

Can You Keep a Secret?

by Karen Perry

published by Penguin Random House

read by Grainne Gillis

It's been twenty years since Lindsey has seen her best friend Rachel. Twenty years since she has set foot in Thornbury Hall - the now crumbling home of the Bagenal family - where they spent so much time as teenagers. Since Patrick Bagenal's 18th birthday party, the night everything changed.

Patrick has decided on one last hurrah before closing the doors of his family home for good. All of the old crowd, back together for a weekend. It's not long before secrets begin to float to the surface. Everything that Lindsey shared with her best friend at sixteen and everything that she didn't. But some secrets should never be told. They need to be taken to the grave. While others require revenge at any cost.

running time 10 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 0 4

The Chalk Man

by C. J. Tudor

published by Penguin Random House

read by Andrew Scott and Asa Butterfield

None of us ever agreed on the exact beginning. Was it when we started drawing the chalk figures, or when they started to appear on their own? Was it the terrible accident? Or when they found the first body?

running time 8 hours 39 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 4 9 1

A Cursed Place

by Peter Hanington

published by Hachette

read by Jonathan Keeble

Reporter William Carver comes up against Big Tech's manipulation and suppression of truth from the mines of Chile to the turbulent streets of Hong Kong. The tech company Public Square believes in 'doing well by doing good'. It's built a multi-billion-dollar business on this philosophy and by getting to know what people want. They know a lot. But who else can access all that information, and what are they planning to do with it? Reporter William Carver is an analogue man in a digital world. He isn't the most tech-savvy reporter, he's definitely old school, but he needs to learn fast - the people he cares most about are in harm's way. Book 3 in the William Carver series.

running time 11 hours 13 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 8 7

A Dying Breed

by Peter Hanington

published by Hachette

read by Jonathan Keeble

Carver, an old BBC hack, is warned off a story when a bomb goes off, killing a local official in Kabul, but his instincts tell him something isn't quite right, and he won't give up until he finds the truth. A junior producer sent out from London to control him is kidnapped, and as the story unravels it looks like there's collusion between the local consul, Whitehall and someone in the BBC to ensure the real story never sees the light of day. Book 1 in the William Carver series.

running time 12 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 8 6

Everything is Lies

by Helen Callaghan

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sian Thomas and Anna Popplewell

Sophia's parents lead quiet, unremarkable lives. At least that is what she's always believed. Until the day she arrives at her childhood home to find a house ringing with silence. Her mother is hanging from a tree. Her father is lying in a pool of his own blood, near to death. The police are convinced it is an attempted murder-suicide. But Sophia is sure that the woman who brought her up isn't a killer. As her father is too ill to talk it is up to Sophia to clear her mother's name. And to do this she needs to delve deep into her family's past - a past full of dark secrets she never suspected were there...

running time 11 hours 44 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 2 9

Fierce Kingdom

by Gin Phillips

published by Penguin Random House

read by Cassandra Campbell

Lincoln is a good boy. At the age of four, he is curious, clever and well behaved. He does as his mum says and knows what the rules are. When an ordinary day at the zoo turns into a nightmare, Joan finds herself trapped with her

beloved son. She must summon all her strength, find unexpected courage and protect Lincoln at all costs - even if it means crossing the line between right and wrong; between humanity and animal instinct. It's a line none of us would ever normally dream of crossing. But sometimes the rules are different.

running time 8 hours 4 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 7 1

Fifty Fifty

by Candice Fox, James Patterson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Federay Holmes

Sam Blue stands accused of the brutal murders of three young students, their bodies dumped near the Georges River. Only one person believes he is innocent: his sister, Detective Harriet Blue. And she's determined to prove it. Except she's now been banished to the outback town of Last Chance Valley (population 75), where a diary found on the roadside outlines a shocking plan - the massacre of the entire town. And the first death, shortly after Harry's arrival, suggests the clock is already ticking. Meanwhile, back in Sydney, a young woman holds the key to crack Sam's case wide open. If only she could escape the madman holding her hostage... Book 2 in the Harriet Blue series.

running time 9 hours 11 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 3 4

Forced Confessions

by John Fairfax

published by Hachette

read by Daniel Weyman

Convicted of murder 16 years ago, William Benson is ostracised by the establishment and his family. Supported by a close-knit group including solicitor Tess de Vere, he's defied them all and opened his own Chambers. Now he faces the case of his life - and the terminal illness of Helen Camberley, who helped him leave his prison life behind. Jorge Menderez, a doctor from Spain, has been found dead in a deserted warehouse in East London. A troubled man, he'd turned to counsellor Karen Lynwood seeking help. Now Karen's husband, John, is accused of his murder. Who is Menderez, and why did he come to London? Benson is defending the couple against seemingly impossible odds, while secrets from his own past threaten to overwhelm him... Book 3 in the Benson and de Vere series.

running time 11 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 5 4

Fractured

by Karin Slaughter

published by Penguin Random House

read by Phil Gigante

When Atlanta housewife Abigail Campano comes home one afternoon, she walks into a nightmare. A broken window, a bloody footprint on the stairs and her teenage daughter

lying dead on the landing, a man standing over her with a knife. The struggle which follows changes Abigail's life forever. Now, in the relentless heat of a Georgia summer, Special Agent Will Trent must find the brutal killer who has targeted one of Atlanta's wealthiest, most privileged communities - before it's too late... Book 2 in the Will Trent series.

running time 5 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 8 7 8

Greeks Bearing Gifts

by Philip Kerr

published by Hachette

read by Jonathan Keeble

Munich, 1957. Bernie Gunther's latest move in a long string of varied careers sees him working for an insurance company. Sent to Athens to investigate a claim from a fellow German for a ship that has sunk, Bernie takes an instant dislike to the claimant. When he discovers the ship in question once belonged to a Greek Jew deported to Auschwitz, he is convinced the sinking was no accident but an avenging arson attack. Then the claimant is found dead, shot through both eyes. It's a win for Bernie's employers at least: no one to pay out to even if the claim is genuine. But who is behind the murder, and why?

running time 12 hours 58 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 6 2

The Innocent Wife

by Amy Lloyd

published by Penguin Random House

read by Lorelei King and Christina Cole

Twenty years ago, Dennis Danson was sentenced to death for a brutal murder in Florida. But there were flaws in the case, questions hanging over the prosecution, suspicions of a miscarriage of justice. Sam, an English schoolteacher, finds herself drawn into an online community obsessed with the case, and with the eighteen-year-old who tearfully protested his innocence. Sam writes to Dennis, and Dennis writes back. They become friends. She visits him. They fall in love. They marry. And, at long last, a confession from the real killer seems to prove Dennis's innocence. He's acquitted; declared a free man. Sam is overjoyed, but part of her starts to doubt Dennis, and the ways he seems to change once released. She pushes it aside. After all, they're husband and wife. Till death do them part.

running time 8 hours 13 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 1 1

Invitation From a Dictator

by Rory Clements

published by Penguin Random House

read by Adam Sims

Munich, 1937. The Duke and Duchess of Windsor have arrived in Germany for a historic meeting at Hitler's mountain retreat. But recent attacks by ruthless Communist

band, Red Freedom, has brought fear and bloodshed to the area. As brutal as the Nazis, their next targets are Edward, Wallis and the Fuhrer himself. Detective Sebastian Wolff is charged with their protection, but the conflict between his job and his politics becomes even more complicated when Wolff realises who is behind Red Freedom: Ulrike, his first love and the mother of his son. Book 3 in the Detective Sebastian Wolff series.

running time 11 hours 35 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 3 1

Last Snow

by Eric Van Lustbader

published by Bloomsbury

read by Richard Ferrone

Four days ago, US Senator Lloyd Berns was killed in a hit-and-run on the island of Capri. His death deals a serious blow to President Carson's precarious new administration – but more worrying is that Berns was never officially on Capri. According to the White House, Berns was on a tour of the Ukraine. Agent Jack McClure is in Moscow, babysitting Carson's troubled daughter. But the President needs Jack to investigate the senator's final days in the Ukraine, and since Alli Carson won't be parted from her protector, he'll have to take her along. Their starting point is the senator's last known contact: K. Rochev. But all they find at Rochev's address is the body of a young woman, brutally executed. And now Jack and Alli have attracted dangerous attention

from the Ukrainian police, the FSB, and the Russian mafia... Book 2 in the Jack McClure series.

running time 12 hours 34 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 2 2

Look for Me

by Lisa Gardner

published by Penguin Random House

read by Regina Reagan

Detective DD Warren and Flora Dane are in a race against time to save a young girl's life - or bring her to justice. A family home has become a crime scene. Four are dead, savagely murdered. One - a sixteen-year-old girl - is missing. Did she have a lucky escape? Or is her absence evidence of something sinister? Seeking different types of justice, Warren and survivor-turned-avenger Flora must make sense of the clues left behind by a young woman who could be victim or suspect. All they know is that the girl is silently pleading: Look for me... Book 1 in the D.D. Warren series.

running time 11 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 2 9

Metropolis

by Philip Kerr

published by Hachette

read by Jonathan Keeble

Berlin, 1928, the height of the Weimar Republic. Bernie is a young detective working in Vice when he asked to investigate the Silesian Station killings: four prostitutes murdered in as many weeks, and in the same gruesome manner. Bernie hardly has time to acquaint himself with the case files before another murder occurs. Until now, no one has shown much interest in these victims - there are plenty in Berlin who'd like the streets washed clean of such degenerates. But this time, the girl's father runs Berlin's foremost criminal ring, and he's prepared to go to extreme lengths to find his daughter's killer. It seems that someone is determined to rid Berlin of anyone less than perfect. The voice of Nazism is becoming a roar that threatens to drown out all others. But not Bernie Gunther's... Book 14 in the Bernie Gunther series.

running time 10 hours 39 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 6 1

NYPD Red

by James Patterson, Marshall Karp

published by Penguin Random House

read by Edoardo Ballerini and Jay Snyder

It's the start of the Hollywood on Hudson film festival, and New York City is swept up in the glamour. With so many celebrities in town, special task force NYPD Red is on high alert - and it can't afford to make a single mistake. Then a world-renowned producer fatally collapses at his power breakfast, and top NYPD Red Detective Zach Jordan is the first one on the scene. Zach works with his beautiful new

partner, Detective Kylie MacDonald - who also happens to be his ex-girlfriend - to discover who the killer might be. But this is only the beginning: the most brutal, public, and horrifyingly spectacular crimes they've ever encountered are about to send all of New York into chaos, putting NYPD Red on the ropes. Book 1 in the NYPD Red series.

running time 7 hours 8 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 6 6 0

NYPD Red 2

by James Patterson, Marshall Karp

published by Penguin Random House

read by Edoardo Ballerini and Jay Snyder

A vigilante serial killer is on the loose in New York City, tracking down and murdering people whose crimes have not been punished. The number of victims grows, and many New Yorkers secretly applaud the idea of justice won at any price. NYPD Red Detective Zach Jordan and his partner Kylie MacDonald are put on the case when a woman of vast wealth and even greater connections disappears. Zach and Kylie have to find what's really behind this murderer's rampage while political and personal secrets of the highest order hang in the balance. But Kylie has been acting strange recently - and Zach knows whatever she's hiding could threaten the biggest case of their careers. Book 2 in the NYPD Red series.

running time 8 hours 7 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 0 0 8

NYPD Red 3

by James Patterson, Marshall Karp

published by Penguin Random House

read by Edoardo Ballerini and Jay Snyder

Hunter Alden Jr. has it all: a beautiful wife, a brilliant son and billions in the bank. But when his son goes missing and he discovers the severed head of his chauffeur, it's clear he's in danger of losing it all. The kidnapper knows a horrific secret that could change the world as we know it. A secret worth killing for. A secret worth dying for. New York's best detectives, Zach Jordan and Kylie MacDonald, are on the case. But by getting closer to the truth, Zach and Kylie are edging ever closer to the firing line... Book 3 in the NYPD Red series.

running time 6 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 7 2 9

NYPD Red 4

by James Patterson, Marshall Karp

published by Penguin Random House

read by Edoardo Ballerini and Jay Snyder

In a city where crime never sleeps, NYPD Red is the elite task force called in when a case involves the rich, famous and connected. Detectives Zach Jordan and Kylie MacDonald are the best of the best - brilliant and tireless investigators who will stop at nothing to catch a criminal, even if it means

antagonising the same powerful people they're supposed to be helping. When a glitzy movie premiere is the scene of a shocking murder and high-stakes robbery, NYPD Red gets the call. In a hunt that takes Zach and Kylie from celebrity penthouses to the depths of Manhattan's criminal underworld, they have to find the cold-blooded killer - before he strikes again. Book 4 in the NYPD Red series.

running time 6 hours 55 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 4 5 2

NYPD Red 5

by James Patterson, Marshall Karp

published by Penguin Random House

read by Edoardo Ballerini

The richest of New York's rich gather at The Pierre's Cotillion Room to raise money for those less fortunate. Detectives Zach Jordan and Kylie MacDonald of the elite NYPD Red task force are there providing security. The night is shattered as a fatal blast rocks the room, stirring up horrifying memories of 9/11. Is the explosion an act of terrorism - or a homicide? A big-name female filmmaker is the next to die, in a desolate corner of New York City. As the attacks keep escalating, Zach and Kylie realise the perpetrators may be among the A-list New Yorkers NYPD Red was formed to protect. Book 5 in the NYPD Read series.

running time 7 hours 11 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 2 2

Need to Know

by Karen Cleveland

published by Penguin Random House

read by Mia Barron

Vivian Miller is a CIA analyst assigned to uncover Russian sleeper cells in the USA. After accessing the computer of a potential Russian spy, she stumbles on a secret dossier of deep-cover agents living in her own country. Five seemingly normal people living in plain sight. A few clicks later, everything that matters to Vivian is threatened - her job, her husband, even her four children... Vivian has vowed to defend her country against all enemies, foreign and domestic. But now she's facing impossible choices. Torn between loyalty and betrayal, allegiance and treason, love and suspicion, who can she trust? Will her next move be the right one?

running time 9 hours 40 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 5 7

One of Us is Guilty

by Steve Cavanagh

published by Hachette

read by Adam Sims

Patrick Vanderpool, son of a billionaire media mogul, is destined for power. But the affair he's having could ruin everything. Vanessa Vanderpool, married to one of America's most influential men, has her own ambitions. But the affair he's having could ruin everything. When the other

woman is found brutally murdered, there are only two suspects... One of them is guilty. But which one? Conman turned defence lawyer Eddie Flynn must risk his life to find out... Book 10 in the Eddie Flynn series.

running time 12 hours 37 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 7 1

The Pinnacle

by Abir Mukherjee

published by Penguin Random House

read by Deepak Verma

Washed-up American heart-throb George Abercrombie hates India, even from the rarified heights of his apartment on the 68th floor of the Pinnacle, Mumbai's grandest luxury skyscraper. He hates the noise, he hates the heat and maybe he's even grown to hate his much younger wife, the newest queen of Bollywood, Sweety Sahota. When George wakes from a drunken stupor to find Sweety murdered in their bedroom, he knows he will be the prime suspect. But why have her computer and her phone disappeared without a trace? As George scrambles to piece together the night, others in the building are covering their tracks. Sweety's assistant must find who is blackmailing her, and a servant who knows too much goes on the run.

running time 12 hours 46 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 8 5 4

Rio Grande Night

by Stephen Leather

published by Ulverscroft

read by Paul Thornley

Mexico is famous for its rich culture, ancient ruins, dazzling beaches, and spicy cuisine. But there is a darker side to America’s southern neighbour, with vicious gangs dealing in drugs. extortion, money laundering, human trafficking and contract killings. Jack Nightingale came across his fair share of villains when he worked for the Metropolitan Police in London. But nothing could prepare him for the evil that was waiting for him when he crossed the Rio Grande river and entered Mexico - an evil that is hunting for an immortal soul. A very special soul. Book 11 in the Jack Nightingale series.

running time 9 hours 35 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 9 0 5

Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Revenge

by Brian Freeman

published by Bloomsbury

read by Scott Brick

When his lover, Johanna, is murdered, Jason Bourne finds himself drawn into a murky world as he pursues a revenge more personal than anything he has felt before. But can he unravel the reasons behind Johanna's death in time, or will more people die unnecessarily? Book 22 in the Jason Bourne series.

running time 11 hours 11 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 3 9 8

The Runaway

by Martina Cole

published by Hachette

read by Lisa Coleman

When Cathy Connor and Eamonn Docherty are thrown together as children in the sleazy streets of London's east End their fate is sealed. Cathy's miserable life as a prostitute's child leads to a terrifying ordeal that leaves her with no choice... Entering the world of Soho as a runaway, she is rescued and taught to survive in a criminal underworld by Desrae. Meanwhile, Eamonn, who fled to America with his father, has gained a reputation as one of the most ruthless villains in New York. It's only a matter of time before their paths cross and, when they do, Cathy's an equal match for Eamonn. She's beautiful, clever and tough. And nothing's going to make her run away again...

running time 18 hours 13 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 8 3

The Search

by Howard Linskey

published by Penguin Random House

read by Kieran Bew

Little Susan Verity went missing during the heatwave of 1976. An unprecedented amount of police resource went

into finding her, but to no avail. Until now. Convicted serial killer Adrian Wicklow was always the prime suspect. In the past, he's repeatedly lied to the police about where Susan's body is buried - playing a sick game from behind bars. But this time, he says, he'll tell the truth. Because Adrian Wicklow is dying. Detective Ian Bradshaw works with investigative journalists Helen Norton and Tom Carney to find the body. However, this is Wicklow's life's work. Would a murderer on death's door give up his last secret so easily...?

running time 11 hours 35 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 4 6

Serenity Falls

by C. J. Tudor

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Welcome to Serenity Falls - the most idyllic, and safest, town in the US - a place to grow up, grow your family and grow old together. For Dan and his daughter, Sadie, it's the perfect relocation option. A fresh start, thousands of miles from their troubled past in the UK. But their idyll is shattered when they find a dead body in the swimming pool of their new house - a house Dan's late mother kept secret from him all his life. It's just the start of a series of disturbing discoveries. Abandoned houses where people have seemingly just upped and left. The strange woman Sadie sees around town putting up 'missing' posters for a child who drowned almost thirty years ago. An ice cream van that drives around at night making sure residents are asleep... As

plans gear up to celebrate Serenity Falls' fiftieth anniversary, something is stirring beneath the surface of the blissful façade. Is Serenity Falls really the perfect town or is it founded on something far darker? And is someone so desperate to keep its secrets that they'd resort to anything to preserve them?

running time 14 hours 40 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 9 7 2

A Silent Death

by Peter May

published by Hachette

read by Peter Forbes

Spain, 2020. When expat fugitive Jack Cleland watches his girlfriend die, gunned down in a pursuit involving officer Cristina Sanchez Pradell, he promises to exact his revenge by destroying the policewoman. Cristina's aunt Ana has been deaf-blind for the entirety of her adult life: the victim of a rare condition named Usher Syndrome. Ana is the centre of Cristina's world - and of Cleland's cruel plan. John Mackenzie - an ingenious yet irascible Glaswegian investigator - is seconded to aid the Spanish authorities in their manhunt. He alone can silence Cleland before the fugitive has the last, bloody, word.

running time 10 hours 26 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 9 7

The Store

by James Patterson, Richard DiLallo

published by Penguin Random House

read by Graham Halstead

Imagine a future of unparalleled convenience. A powerful retailer, The Store, can deliver anything to your door, anticipating the needs and desires you didn't even know you had. Most people are fine with that, but not Jacob and Megan Brandeis. New York writers whose livelihood is on the brink of extinction, Jacob and Megan are going undercover to dig up The Store's secrets in a book that could change the entire American way of life. But after a series of unsettling discoveries, Jacob and Megan's worst fears about The Store seem like just the beginning.

running time 5 hours 9 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 2 0

Summary Justice

by John Fairfax

published by Hachette

read by Daniel Weyman

The last time Tess de Vere saw William Benson she was a law student on work experience. He was a twenty-one-year-old, led from the dock of the Old Bailey to begin a life sentence for murder. He'd said he was innocent. She'd believed him. Sixteen years later Tess overhears a couple of hacks mocking a newcomer to the London Bar, a no-hoper with a murder conviction, running his own show from an old

fishmonger's in Spitalfields. That night she walks back into Benson's life. The price of his rehabilitation - and access to the Bar - is an admission of guilt to the killing of Paul Harbeton, whose family have vowed revenge. He's an outcast. The government wants to shut him down and no solicitor will instruct him. But he's subsidised by a mystery benefactor and a desperate woman has turned to him for help. Book 1 in the Benson and de Vere series.

running time 8 hours 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 5 1

Triggers

by Stephen Leather

published by Ulverscroft

read by Paul Thornley

Marianne is an assassin. One of the best in the business. Except killing isn't her business - it's her way of getting revenge. Revenge that has been a long time coming. But there are dark forces who want to use Marianne for their own ends. Dark forces who will do whatever is necessary to acquire her skills. But what they don't know is that Marianne has a secret. A secret that could be the death of them all.

running time 9 hours 36 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 9 0 4

Twist

by Colum McCann

published by Bloomsbury

read by Colum McCann

Anthony Fennell, a journalist, is in pursuit of a story buried at the bottom of the sea: the network of tiny fibre-optic tubes that carry the world's information across the ocean floor - and what happens when they break. So he has travelled to Cape Town to board the George Lecointe, a cable repair vessel captained by Chief of Mission John Conway. Conway is a talented engineer and fearless freediver - and Fennell is quickly captivated by this mysterious, unnerving man and his beautiful partner, Zanele. As the boat embarks along the west coast of Africa, Fennell learns the rhythms of life at sea, and finds his place among the band of drifters who make up the crew. But as the mission falters, tensions simmer - and Conway is thrown into crisis. A terrible, violent tragedy is unfolding in the life he has left behind on land; and, trapped out at sea, it seems as if the vast expanse of the ocean is closing in. Then Conway disappears; and Fennell must set out to find him.

running time 8 hours 4 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 4 2

The Whisper Man

by Alex North

published by Penguin Random House

read by Christopher Eccleston

Still devastated after the loss of his wife, Tom Kennedy and his young son Jake move to the sleepy village of

Featherbank, looking for a fresh start. But Featherbank has a dark past. Fifteen years ago a twisted serial killer abducted and murdered five young boys. Until he was finally caught, the killer was known as 'The Whisper Man'. Of course, an old crime need not trouble Tom and Jake as they try to settle into their new home. Except that now another young boy has gone missing. And then Jake begins acting strangely. He says he hears a whispering at his window...

running time 9 hours 41 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 4 6

A Winter's Kill

by JK Ellem

published by Echo Point Books & Media, LLC

read by Cassandra Alling

For ex-FBI Special Agent Carolyn Ryder, winter is the season to reflect, to come home, to take stock and to grieve. Willow Falls for her is filled with sorrow and regret. She has returned to her hometown to bury her mother after a long battle with illness. Her sister blames Carolyn for not caring, for not being there for her and their mother, for being a cold, dispassionate person who was more interested in building her career than in the family. In the close-knit community of Willow Falls, Ryder has no reputation, no authority and no say with the townsfolk. To them she’s a stranger, an outsider, someone who can’t be trusted. Then the first body is discovered; a local, a teenage girl found almost crucified to a white pine deep in the forest. The local police aren’t equipped to deal with something like this, yet

they stubbornly refuse Ryder's help. With no support, Ryder decides to go it alone, to follow the clues herself, to trust her instincts. Slowly she starts to formulate a theory as to who the killer is. But no one will believe her. It's too incredible to conceive. Book 1 in the Killing Seasons series.

running time 9 hours 15 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 6 8

The Wolf of Sarajevo

by Matthew Palmer

published by Bloomsbury

read by Davis Brooks

Diplomat Eric Petrosian has returned to Sarajevo, twenty years after the horrors of the Srebrenica massacre which took the life of his friend. The spectre of war again hangs over the Balkans. The Bosnian Serb leader is now threatening to pull Bosnia apart in a bloody struggle for control. Pulling the strings from the shadows is a ruthless organised crime figure. As Eric is dragged deeper into the political maelstrom, he uncovers an ambitious plot of blackmail and treachery and faces an impossible choice: use that information to atone for the past – or use it to shape the future.

running time 11 hours 5 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 3 5

War Stories

All Quiet on the Western Front

by Erich Maria Remarque

published by Hachette

read by Tom Lawrence

In 1914 a room full of German schoolboys, fresh-faced and idealistic, are goaded by their schoolmaster to troop off to the ‘glorious war’. With the fire and patriotism of youth they sign up. What follows is the moving story of a young ‘unknown soldier’ experiencing the horror and disillusionment of life in the trenches.

running time 7 hours 9 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 6 9

The Complete Flying Officer X Stories

by H. E. Bates

published by Calibre Audio

read by John Hobday

At thirty-four, H.E. Bates was deemed too old for active service in WWII. But as a successful author, was

commissioned by the nascent RAP Public Relations unit to publicise the bravery of the fighter pilots. Bates was posted to Oakington and Tangmere air bases where, over drinks with the pilots, he gathered their stories and wrote them as Flying Officer X. The stories convey the pilots' personal qualities and the forces that motivated them. They blend the action and suspense of aerial battles, the tragedy of friendships cut off too soon, and life enduring against all odds. Collected into one volume for the first time, along with five previously unpublished stories from the era, this is a remarkable collection.

running time 7 hours 7 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 9 4

Spoils

by Brian Van Reet

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

It is the spring of 2003 and coalition forces are advancing on Iraq. Images of a giant statue of Saddam Hussein crashing to the ground in Baghdad are being beamed to news channels around the world. Nineteen-year-old Specialist Cassandra Wigheard, on her first deployment since joining the US army two years earlier, is primed for war. For Abu al-Hool, a jihadist since the days of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, war is wearing thin. Two decades of fighting - and the new wave of super-radicalised fighters joining the ranks in the wake of the September 11 attacks - have left him questioning his commitment to the struggle. When

Cassandra is taken prisoner by al-Hool's mujahideen brotherhood, both fighters will find their loyalties tested to the very limits.

running time 9 hours 7 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 0 2 1

Non-Fiction

Animals

The Book of Birds

by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris

published by Penguin Random House

read by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris

A great thinning of the skies is underway. Around 50% of bird species are in decline worldwide. Our dawns and springs are quieter each year than the last. An almost

unimaginable abundance has been lost. It does not have to be this way - but we will not save what we do not love. The Book of Birds is a compendium of forty-nine bird species, from Avocet to Yellowhammer, all of which are declining or endangered in Britain. Inspired by the classic bird-books with which the authors grew up, this is a field guide with a difference. It asks not 'What is that bird?', but 'Who is that bird?' It shows its readers how to identify birds, but also how to identify with them. With lyrical precision and playfulness, Robert Macfarlane evokes each bird's habits and habitats - their patterns of flight and of song, how they hunt and gather, how they nest and raise their young, the stories and myths which attend them, the threats which shadow them, and how their wild lives intersect with our own.

running time 3 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 9 6 2

Friend for Life

by Kate Humble

published by Hachette

read by Kate Humble

Even if we've never had direct contact with one, we will have seen one, or at the very least, heard one. For those of us who live in the Western world, it is more than likely that one sleeps in our house, possibly even on our bed. I'm talking, of course, of the dog. Yet, this animal, which lives alongside 500 million of us all over the world - as an invaluable partner and a trusted confidant - presents us with one great unsolved mystery: how did this relationship - the most

complex and enduring of any between human and animal - start in the first place? Kate Humble is a life-long animal lover. Now living on an idyllic farm in Wales, she has achieved her dream of surrounding herself with as many varieties as possible. But, as with many Brits, the dog has always held a special place in her heart. Here, she uses her journey with her sheepdog puppy Teg to frame her examination of this very special relationship. Told with warmth and love, and packed full of stories about rescue dogs, guide dogs, service dogs and medical dogs, this is a must for anyone with a four-legged friend.

running time 7 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 3 5

How to Fly

by Simon Barnes

published by Bloomsbury

read by Simon Barnes

In How to Fly, bestselling writer Simon Barnes brings together all aspects of aerial life - evolution, technology, mythology, religion, nature and imagination - in a celebration of the wonders of flight. Barnes looks at the physics of flying and how flight has evolved quite separately four times over (or five, if we count humans). He examines how these creatures do it: from the nocturnal agility of bats and the bees that beat their wings 230 times per second, to the extinct reptile Quetzalcoatlus with its 10-metre wingspan and the Arctic terns that travel 75,000km every year. He also explores how the great poets, mystics, saints,

musicians and athletes have all, in their different ways, succeeded in getting high and getting us high.

running time 12 hours 1 minute

catalogue number: 2 7 5 4 9

The Inner Life of Animals

by Peter Wohlleben

published by Penguin Random House

read by Thomas Judd

We humans tend to assume that we are the only living things able to experience feelings intensely and consciously. But have you ever wondered what's going on in an animal's head? From the leafy forest floor to the inside of a beehive, The Inner Life of Animals takes us microscopic levels of observation to the big philosophical, ethical and scientific questions. We hear the stories of a grateful humpback whale, of a hedgehog who has nightmares, and of a magpie who commits adultery; we meet bees that plan for the future, pigs who learn their own names and crows that go tobogganing for fun. And at last we find out why wasps exist.

running time 6 hours 2 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 6 6

A Pig Called Alice

by Paul Heiney

published by Calibre Audio

read by Mike Duffin

Alice the Large Black pig was Paul Heiney's best friend, his confidante and his therapist. This is the story of their tempestuous relationship with all its ups-and-downs, from her arrival as a 'large, black and expensive' Christmas present for his wife to her last days as the matriarch of his traditional farm. In A Pig Called Alice, Heiney walks us through why lop-eared pigs are the best to raise (they can't see you coming), how to escape a sow that's decided you're her next mate (throw a bucket and run), and how, actually, pigs might have just got this whole 'life' situation sorted out.

running time 3 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 8 4

The Running Hare

by John Lewis-Stempel

published by Penguin Random House

read by Bernard Hill

Traditional ploughland is disappearing. Seven cornfield flowers have become extinct in the last twenty years. Once abundant, the corn bunting and the lapwing are on the Red List. The corncrake is all but extinct in England. And the hare is running for its life. Written in exquisite prose, The Running Hare tells the story of the wild animals and plants that live in and under our ploughland, from the labouring microbes to the patrolling kestrel above the corn, from the linnet pecking at seeds to the seven-spot ladybird that eats the aphids that eat the crop. It recalls an era before open-roofed factories and silent, empty fields, recording the ongoing

destruction of the unique, fragile, glorious ploughland that exists just down the village lane.

running time 7 hours 36 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 7 6

The Unexpected Truth About Animals

by Lucy Cooke

published by Penguin Random House

read by Lucy Cooke

History is full of strange animal stories, invented by the brightest and most influential, from Aristotle to Disney, and they reveal as much about us and the things we believe as they do about the animals they misrepresent. We once thought that eels were born from sand, that swallows hibernated under water, and that bears gave birth to formless lumps that were licked into shape by their mothers. Zoologist Lucy Cooke unravels many such myths, revealing the facts she's uncovered while sniffing out vultures, snooping on sloths and stalking drunk moose. The Unexpected Truth About Animals is in equal parts astonishing, illuminating and laugh-out-loud funny. Starring: feminist hyenas; perverted penguins, exploding bats and frogs in taffeta trousers...

running time 10 hours 28 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 6 1

Arts General

Every Day I Read

by Hwang Bo-reum, Shanna Tan

published by Bloomsbury

read by Rosa Escoda

Why do we read? What is it that we hope to take away from the intimate, personal experience of reading for pleasure? Rarely do we ask these profound, expansive questions of ourselves and of our relationship to the joy of reading. But in this gentle, philosophical collection celebrating books, reading and language, Hwang Bo-reum doesn't just tell us, but shows us what living a life immersed in reading means. Every Day I Read provides many quiet moments for introspection and reflection, encourages booklovers to explore what reading means to each of us. While this is a book about books, at its heart is an attitude to life, one outside capitalism and climbing the corporate ladder.

running time 6 hours 24 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 5 7

Homer-Haunted

by Henry Power

published by Bloomsbury

read by Henry Power

The siege of Troy and Odysseus' long voyage home have inspired many of our most thrilling and radical poets. Henry Power takes us on a surprising journey through the afterlives of these mysterious epics, and the search for the poet who created them. Guiding us through the twists and turns of the Iliad and the Odyssey, Power travels to the places where Homer's stories have taken root – from the islands of Greece to the Scottish Highlands, the Devon coast to suburban Los Angeles – to trace the footsteps of the poets, politicians, lunatics, and lovers haunted by Homer's mythical heroes and monsters. A dazzlingly original and deeply personal testament to the power of poetry, Homer-Haunted is an epic account of how our oldest stories have shaped the way we read, write, and think.

running time 10 hours 33 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 2 6 4

The Making of Music

by James Naughtie

published by Penguin Random House

read by James Naughtie

The history of classical music is inextricably linked with the places it was written, its purpose and its patrons, as well as with politics, war and social change. From the earliest music of the monasteries to the court and church music of the Renaissance and Reformation and beyond, composers have always changed with the times. In these programmes, James Naughtie reveals how the chance happenings of history built a classical tradition that tells a glittering and inspiring story.

His journey takes him from early beginnings to the present day, where he examines the current state of classical music. This epic and important series features extracts from the music itself, as well as the voices of Benedict Cumberbatch, Alison Carney, Laurence Fox and Simon Russell Beale alongside James Naughtie's own.

running time 13 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 9 3

Shakespeare in London

by Miscellaneous Authors

published by Bloomsbury

read by Finty Williams

Shakespeare in London offers a lively and engaging new reading of some of Shakespeare’s major work, informed by close attention to the language of his drama. The focus of the book is on Shakespeare’s London, how it influenced his drama and how he represents it on stage. Taking readers on an imaginative journey through the city, the book moves both chronologically, from beginning to end of Shakespeare’s dramatic career, and also geographically, traversing London from west to east. Each chapter focuses on one play and one key location, drawing out the thematic connections between that place and the drama it underwrites. Plays discussed in detail include Hamlet, Richard II, The Merchant of Venice, The Tempest, King Lear and Romeo and Juliet. Close textual readings accompany the wealth of contextual material, providing a fresh and exciting way into Shakespeare’s work.

running time 8 hours 31 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 2 5 3

Uncommon People

by David Hepworth

published by Penguin Random House

read by David Hepworth

The age of the rock star, like the age of the cowboy, has passed. Like the cowboy, the idea of the rock star lives on in our imaginations. What did we see in them? Swagger. Recklessness. Sexual charisma. Damn-the-torpedoes self-belief. A certain way of carrying themselves. Good hair. Interesting shoes. Talent we wished we had. What did we want of them? To be larger than life but also like us. To live out their songs. To stay young forever. No wonder many didn't stay the course. In Uncommon People, David Hepworth zeroes in on defining moments and turning points in the lives of forty rock stars from 1955 to 1995, taking us on a journey to burst a hundred myths and create a hundred more.

running time 12 hours 56 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 4 3

Biography - Art Music & Literature

David Bowie And The Search For Life, Death And God

by Peter Ormerod

published by Bloomsbury

read by Chris Bianchi

In this wide-ranging biography, Peter Ormerod explores the quest for spirituality that powered David Bowie's creativity from his earliest recordings to his death-defying final album. Bowie’s genre-expanding, era-crossing genius had an extraordinary impact on popular culture but his life-long search for spiritual truth and enlightenment has been overlooked. From Bowie's first musical encounters as a choirboy, this book traces his spiritual obsessions over the years. As a young musician at the start of his career, he was enraptured by Tibetan Buddhism. It was the first step in a spiritual journey that would generate his most profound lyrics and music. From the Kabbalah-influenced tracks of Station to Station to Ziggy Stardust's messiah complex and the profound affinity between Heroes and Christian thought, Ormerod sheds new light on the spiritual traditions behind Bowie's genius.

running time 9 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 3 9 1

Future Indefinite

by Noël Coward

published by Bloomsbury

read by Arty Froushan

With his trademark wit, Coward delivers anecdotes about his travels in South America, Hollywood encounters with an array of contemporary stars and directors, and his later theatrical successes, including the Broadway triumph of Design For Living. The showbiz glamour aside, we also encounter a middle-aged man coming to terms with a world in disarray; his confused feelings towards the war and his own part in it exposing a more serious and thoughtful side to a performer and raconteur more usually associated with frivolity. Future Indefinite sees Coward transformed from a 'brazen odious little prodigy' into one of the most exuberant characters in British theatrical history.

running time 15 hours 28 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 2 6 3

A Genesis in My Bed

by Steve Hackett

published by Calibre Audio

read by David Brassington

The long overdue autobiography from guitar great and former member of Genesis, Steve Hackett. As with his music, Steve has written a highly detailed, entertaining and embracing tome that charts his life in full, but with a firm emphasis on his years with Genesis that saw the band's meteoric rise to become one of the most successful British

bands of all time. Steve talks candidly about his early life, his time with Genesis, and in particular his personal relationships with the other four band members, with great insight into the daily goings on of this major rock band. Naturally A Genesis In My Bed also regales stories of Steve's career since leaving Genesis and the many different journeys that it has taken him on. With his flair for the creative, and a great deal of levity, A Genesis In My Bed is a riveting read. Indispensable for Genesis fans but also essential for general music lovers and avid readers of autobiographies full of heartfelt and emotive tales.

running time 6 hours 34 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 5 6

Get Back

by Hunter Davies

published by Penguin Random House

read by Rich Keeble

Hunter Davies, the only authorised biographer of The Beatles, revisits his treasured 39 notebooks filled with remarkable interviews to explore the lives of John, Paul, George and Ringo as they were growing up and coming of age. Drawing on a wealth of never-before-revealed, intimate material, and his own experience as a boy of similar age from a working-class Northern background, Hunter now tells the story of where they came from, what it was like, how it shaped their hopes and aspirations. Hunter spent three years with The Beatles, visiting all their homes, and each of them visiting his. He also spent time with their

parents, school friends, teachers, girlfriends, members of the Quarry Men and many others from their inner circle. Their conversations often harked back to the War, with memories of air-raid shelters and rationing, to the NHS coming in, the eleven plus and grammar schools, and council house life in the 1950s. We all know what they became famous for, but here Hunter takes us into the much more private world of their formative years, for this colourful, richly detailed, personal portrait of the young boys who were destined to come together and revolutionise music and pop culture.

running time 7 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 1 2

Gone

by Min Kym

published by Penguin Random House

read by Rebecca Yeo

At 7 years old Min Kym was a prodigy, the youngest ever pupil at the Purcell School of Music. At 11 she won her first international prize. She worked with many violins, waiting for the day she would play 'the one'. At 21 she found it: a rare 1696 Stradivarius, perfectly suited to her build and temperament. Her career soared. She recorded the Brahms concerto and a world tour was planned. Then, in a train station café, her violin was stolen from her side. In an instant her world collapsed. She descended into a terrifying limbo land, unable to play another note. This is Min's extraordinary story. It is a story of isolation and

dependence, of love, loss and betrayal, and the intense, almost human bond that a musician has with their instrument. Above all it's a story of hope through a journey back to music.

running time 8 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 0 5

Ian Fleming's War

by Mark Simmons

published by Calibre Audio

read by John Hobday

In 1953, Ian Fleming's literary sensation James Bond emerged onto the world's stage. Seven decades later, he has become a multi-billion-pound film franchise, now equipped with all the gizmos of the modern world. Yet Fleming's creation, who battled his way through the fourteen novels from 1953 to 1966, was a maverick - a man out of place. Bond even admits it, wishing he was back in the real war... the Second World War. Indeed, the thread of the Second World War runs through the whole of the Bond series, and many were inspired by the real events and people Fleming came across during his time in Naval Intelligence. In Ian Fleming's War, Mark Simmons explores these remarkable similarities, from Fleming's scheme to capture a German naval codebook that appears in Thunderball as Plan Omega, to the exploits of 30 Assault Unit, the commando team he helped to create, which inspired Moonraker.

running time 10 hours 30 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 6 0

In Other Words

by Ann Goldstein, Jhumpa Lahiri

published by Bloomsbury

read by Jhumpa Lahiri

In Other Words is a revelation. It is at heart a love story of a long and sometimes difficult courtship, and a passion that verges on obsession: that of a writer for another language. For Jhumpa Lahiri, that love was for Italian, which first captivated and capsized her during a trip to Florence after college. Although Lahiri studied Italian for many years afterwards, true mastery had always eluded her. Seeking full immersion, she decided to move to Rome with her family, for 'a trial by fire, a sort of baptism' into a new language and world. There, she began to read and to write – initially in her journal – solely in Italian. In Other Words, an autobiographical work written in Italian, investigates the process of learning to express oneself in another language, and describes the journey of a writer seeking a new voice. Presented in a dual-language format, this is a wholly original book about exile, linguistic and otherwise.

running time 6 hours 53 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 8 8

In Pursuit of Love

by Mark Bostridge

published by Bloomsbury

read by John Hastings

It's 1863. The daughter of the most famous writer in the world, Victor Hugo, who has ambitions as a writer and composer, suddenly leaves her family's home on the Channel Islands bound for Nova Scotia. She is in pursuit of a young British soldier, with whom she is desperately in love, but who has rejected her. Eight years later, after stalking him to the Caribbean, where he's stationed with the army, Adèle Hugo is brought back to Paris by a benevolent former slave woman who has taken pity on her. She is admitted to an asylum where she dies decades later, rich from the inheritance of the rights to her father's books. This story of hopeless love has inspired writers, composers, and a well-known film by François Truffaut. Yet much about Adèle Hugo's tragic life has remained shrouded in mystery – not least the true character and identity of the soldier who ultimately contributed to her undoing. Mark Bostridge sets out in pursuit of the truth about her, travelling halfway across the world, acting as sleuth and tracking down the descendants of the soldier she loved.

running time 10 hours 43 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 0 6

Lonely Boy

by Steve Jones

published by Penguin Random House

read by Steve Jones

Without the Sex Pistols there would be no punk rock, and without Steve Jones there would be no Sex Pistols. It was Steve who formed Kutie Jones and his Sex Pistols, the band that eventually went on to become the Sex Pistols, with his schoolmate Paul Cook and who was its original leader. As the world celebrates the 40th anniversary of Punk - the influence and cultural significance of which is felt in music, fashion and the visual arts to this day - Steve tells his story for the very first time. Rising from the streets of Hammersmith, Steve Jones was once a lonely, neglected boy living off his wits and petty thievery. Given purpose by the glam art rock of David Bowie and Roxy Music, he became one of the first generation of punks taken under the wings of Malcolm McLaren and Vivienne Westwood. For the very first time Steve describes the neglect and abuse he suffered at the hands of his stepfather, and how his interest in music and fashion saved him from a potential life of crime.

running time 9 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 1 8

Mother Mary Comes to Me

by Arundhati Roy

published by Penguin Random House

read by Arundhati Roy

Arundhati Roy's first work of memoir, this is a soaring account, both intimate and inspiring, of how the author became the person and the writer she is, shaped by circumstance, but above all by her relationship to her extraordinary, singular mother Mary, who she describes as

'my shelter and my storm'. Distraught and even a "little ashamed" at the intensity of her response to the death of the mother she ran from at age eighteen, Arundhati began to write Mother Mary Comes to Me. The result is this astonishing, disconcerting, surprisingly funny chronicle-unique and simultaneously universal, of the author's life, from childhood to the present, from Kerala to Delhi. With the scale, sweep, and depth of her novels and the passion, political clarity, and warmth of her essays, Mother Mary Comes to Me is an ode to freedom, a tribute to thorny love and savage grace - a memoir like no other.

running time 11 hours 28 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 7 3 0

One Day at a Time

by Susan Lewis

published by Penguin Random House

read by Colleen Prendergast

In 1960s Bristol, Susan's family was like any other with its joys and frustrations, and fierce loyalties. Then tragedy struck and left a legacy that was to last a lifetime. Susan was only nine when her mother died. A year later she was sent away to school. She didn't want to go, and didn't understand why she had to. In her struggle to cope with an uncertain world - a world where nothing seemed to make sense anymore - she pushed away the one person she loved best, her father. It wasn't until adulthood beckoned that she realised that, in order to turn their relationship around, she had to learn to love - and trust - again.

running time 13 hours 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 4 3

A Piece Of Work

by Simon Russell Beale

published by Hachette

read by Simon Russell Beale

Simon Russell Beale is one of Britain's most recognisable and well-loved actors. He has played many roles on stage, film, television and radio But ever since his appearance at school as a glamorous Desdemona, complete with false eyelashes that rendered him half-blind, he has been captivated by Shakespeare. In A Piece of Work, Russell Beale tries to get under the skin of the playwright and find out what interested him. Was Shakespeare an instinctive 'conservative' or, rather, gently subversive? How collaborative was he? Did he add a line to Hamlet in order to accommodate his ageing and increasingly chubby principal actor, Richard Burbage? Did he suffer from insomnia and experience sexual jealousy? Funny and touching about his family, Russell Beale also writes fascinatingly about some of the supremely creative people he counts as his friends.

running time 11 hours 50 minutes

catalogue number: 2 2 6 0 5

Somewhere, A Boy and A Bear

by Gyles Brandreth

published by Penguin Random House

read by Gyles Brandreth

When Winnie-the-Pooh first appeared in print on Christmas Eve 1925, his creator had no idea that this bear, and the fellow inhabitants of the Hundred Acre Wood, would go on to capture the imaginations of people of all ages all over the world for the next hundred years. In this new biography Gyles Brandreth tells the remarkable story of A A Milne - and of the 'bear of very little brain' who went on to become a global phenomenon. Drawing on his friendship with Milne's son, the real Christopher Robin, Gyles Brandreth has produced a revealing and intimate portrait of a prolific author whose legacy came to be defined by his most famous creation, and of the divided Milne family who for many years had a conflicted relationship with the iconic bear. This is the story of a man, a boy and a bear - but it is also a gripping family drama, and a fascinating exploration of the complicated nature of growing up, and the impossible longing for a return to the enchanted places of childhood.

running time 11 hours 46 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 5 6

Biography - Diaries & Letters

Letters from a Postman

by Tom Dymond

published by Calibre Audio

read by John Hobday

Dearest Reader, Every morning, in every weather, someone walks your street so that something reaches your door. You probably know their face. You might even know their name. But do you know their story? Tom Dymond does. He's lived it. After one Christmas on the job almost sends him packing, Tom embarks on a year of wondering and wandering through the streets of Bristol - sorting office carnage, scorching summers, freezing winters and the occasional biting dog included. Along the way he asks a question nobody has thought to ask before: what is a postie in the 21st century, and why has nobody ever found a word for a collection of them? Letters from a Postman tucks you into the satchel and takes you on the rounds.

running time 5 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 9 4

The Passion of Mademoiselle S.

by Jean-Yves Berthault, Mademoiselle S.

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jean-Yves Berthault and Imogen Church

Mademoiselle S., identified here only as Simone, was a well-educated and cultured lady living in Paris at the height of the glamorous roaring twenties. Simone's letters to her married lover Charles express her desires, fears, anxieties and fantasies, and through them we become intimately acquainted with an extraordinary woman whose sexual

appetite knew no bounds, and with an obsessive and destructive love that was taken to extremes. The Passion of Mademoiselle S. paints a vivid portrait of a violently passionate love affair that evolves in shocking and unexpected ways. Framed by illuminating insights from their editor, Jean-Yves Berthault, this correspondence opens a window into another time and another life, and a woman whose voice echoes down the century and still resonates today.

running time 8 hours 3 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 4 5 1

Biography - Entertainment

Believe Me

by Eddie Izzard

published by Penguin Random House

read by Eddie Izzard

Star of stage and screen. Tireless supporter of charity. Marathon runner. Political campaigner. Fashion icon. Human. There is no one quite like Eddie Izzard. This is the story of how she broke through. Her relentless optimism has led her to always do things her own way, even if it didn't work the first time, and her incredible self-belief has pushed her to keep on trying, even if it didn't work the second or third time either. Whether she was putting on teddy bear shows on boarding school beds or sword fighting on the

streets of London, Eddie never stopped trying to achieve her dreams of becoming a performer. Brimming with her distinctively surreal humour and disarming candour, Believe Me tells the story of a person who never took no for an answer.

running time 14 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 5 6

Between the Stops

by Sandi Toksvig

published by Hachette

read by Sandi Toksvig

'Between the Stops is a sort of a memoir, my sort. It's about a bus trip really, because it's my view from the Number 12 bus (mostly top deck, the seat at the front on the right), a double-decker that plies its way from Dulwich, in Southeast London, where I was living, to where I sometimes work - at the BBC, in the heart of the capital. It's not a sensible way to write a memoir at all, probably, but it's the way things pop into your head as you travel, so it's my way'. A funny and moving trip through memories, musings and the many delights on the Number 12 route, Between the Stops is also an inspiration to us all to get off our phones, look up and to talk to each other because, as Sandi says, 'Some of the greatest trips lie on our own doorstep'.

running time 9 hours 35 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 6 3

Brand Beckham

by Alison Boshoff

published by Penguin Random House

read by Clare Corbett

Full of eye-watering revelations from highly-placed sources, Boshoff uncovers what lies behind Brand Beckham. With unprecedented access, Boshoff unearths never-before-seen details and stories about the workings of the Beckham empire and the truth behind the fall out with now estranged son, Brooklyn and wife, Nicola Peltz. Alison Boshoff is Editor-at-Large at the Daily Mail, where she has covered the world of showbusiness since 1997. Known for her sharp reporting and exceptional insider access, she has built an unrivalled network of contacts across the entertainment industry, breaking major stories and interviewing some of the most influential names in Hollywood and beyond. Boshoff has had a front-row seat to the evolution of the Beckham brand, writing for The Daily Telegraph, The Sun and the Daily Mail from the beginnings of the Spice Girls and the first headlines of Sir David and Victoria's romance. In July 2022, just months after the Peltz-Beckham wedding, she broke the first reports of tensions within the family and has remained at the forefront of coverage ever since, including reporting on the alleged legal request for parental non-contact earlier this year.

running time 8 hours 11 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 3 9 6

Dare to Dream

by Izzy Judd

published by Penguin Random House

read by Izzy Judd and Harry Judd

Having been told by doctors that, due to Izzy's polycystic ovarian syndrome, they would have difficulty conceiving - and after two years of trying - Izzy and Harry turned to IVF. Izzy's aim, drawing on her own experience, is to break through some of the taboos surrounding miscarriage, IVF and fertility issues. This brutally honest and deeply personal account will acknowledge the struggles that so many couples go through but will ultimately focus on the positive, life-changing and remarkable results that IVF can yield. One in seven couples in the UK have difficulty conceiving and although many babies are now born through IVF, there is still a sense of awkwardness around the subject. Izzy hopes that this book will be a companion to those going through similar challenges to those she has experienced.

running time 6 hours 8 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 4 4

How to Be a Bawse

by Lilly Singh

published by Penguin Random House

read by Lilly Singh and Alicia Keys

From actress, comedian and YouTube sensation Lilly Singh (aka Superwoman) comes the definitive guide to being a BAWSE - a person who exudes confidence, reaches goals, gets hurt efficiently, and smiles genuinely because they've

fought through it all and made it out the other side. Told in her hilarious, bold voice that's inspired over 9 million fans, and using stories from her own life to illustrate her message, Lilly proves that there are no shortcuts to success. WARNING: This book does NOT include hopeful thoughts, lucky charms, and cute quotes. That's because success, happiness and everything else you want in life needs to be fought for - not wished for. In Lilly's world, there are no escalators. Only stairs.

running time 6 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 3 7

My Pressures

by Andy Serkis

published by Penguin Random House

read by Andy Serkis

Beginning in a childhood split between Ruislip and Baghdad, Andy Serkis takes us - and his characters - on a journey through the early influences that shaped him: acting mentors, early roles at a regional repertory theatre, a passion for mountaineering, a desire for film-making and the love story with Lorraine Ashbourne that became the foundation of his life. Then, the call arrives in 1999 that changes everything. Peter Jackson is preparing to make The Lord of the Rings and Andy is asked to audition for the voice of a certain animated character. What follows is an extraordinary behind-the-scenes journey through the fantastical worlds Andy has helped shape - The Lord of the Rings, Planet of the Apes, Black Panther, Star Wars and

more - as he pioneered a new form of performance that would forever redefine the possibilities of cinema. In this book, Andy invites us into a genre-defying conversation between actor and character, imagination and reality, and provides an answer to the question: what would Andy's most iconic characters make of the man that brought them to life?

running time 13 hours 6 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 1 1 5

Remember Me?

by Shobna Gulati

published by Hachette

read by Shobna Gulati

Remember Me? is a memoir about caring for a parent with dementia and the memories that resurface in the process. In her first book, Shobna Gulati sets out to reclaim her mother's past after her death, and in turn, discovers a huge amount about herself and their relationship. Remember Me? captures the powerful emotions that these memories hold to both Shobna and her mother; secrets they had collectively buried and also the concealment of her mother's condition. What ensues is a story of cultural assimilation, identity and familial shame.

running time 9 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 3 6

Biography - General

Agent Storm

by Morten Storm, Paul Cruickshank and Tim Lister

published by Penguin Random House

read by Neil Shah

He was the Western convert who would plunge deep inside al-Qaeda. He named his first son Osama after 9/11 and became a Jihadist. But then - after a sudden loss of faith - Morten Storm made a life-changing decision. He became a double agent and joined the CIA, MI6 and MI5. Filled with hair-raising close calls and deception, Storm's story builds to the climactic finale when he must betray his friend and mentor al-Awlaki - al-Qaeda's biggest threat to the West. Storm is trusted to find al-Awlaki a wife from Europe. She becomes the bait for a possible American drone strike.

running time 12 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 5 3 6

Also Human

by Caroline Elton

published by Penguin Random House

read by Rachel Bavidge

Doctors are the people we turn to when we fall ill. They are the people we trust with our lives, and with the lives of those we love. Yet who can doctors turn to at moments of

stress, or when their own working lives break down? Caroline Elton is a psychologist who specialises in helping doctors. For over twenty years she has listened as doctors have unburdened themselves of the pressures of their jobs: the obstetrician whose own fertility treatment failed; the trainee oncologist who found herself unable to treat patients suffering from the disease that killed her father; the brilliant neurosurgeon struggling to progress her career in an environment that was hostile to women. Drawing on extraordinary case studies and decades of work supporting clinicians, Also Human presents a provocative, perceptive and deeply humane examination of the modern medical profession.

running time 9 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 1 5

Catch Your Breath

by Ed Patrick

published by Hachette

read by Ed Patrick

A gut punch of a memoir by a doctor - and comedian - whose job is to keep people alive by putting them to sleep. Ed Patrick is an anaesthetist. Strong drugs for his patients, strong coffee for him. But it's not just sleep-giving for this anaesthetist, as he navigates emergencies, patients not breathing for themselves and living with a terrifying sense of responsibility. It's enough to leave anyone feeling numb. But don't worry, there's plenty of laughing gas to be had.

running time 5 hours 51 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 3 9

David Attenborough: The Early Years Collection

by David Attenborough

published by Penguin Random House

read by David Attenborough

David Attenborough, Britain's voice of natural history, narrates his early adventures in Indonesia, New Guinea and Northern Australia. David Attenborough first appeared in front of a television camera in the 1950s when, together with London Zoo's Curator of Reptiles, Jack Lester, he persuaded the BBC to mount and film an animal-collecting expedition. The result was Zoo Quest. Specially recorded for audio, David Attenborough's early adventures are sometimes life-threatening, often hilarious and always totally absorbing. The warmth and enthusiasm that have made him a broadcasting legend are instantly apparent here as he recounts this magical journey.

running time 10 hours 9 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 1 4

Fly, Wild Swans

by Jung Chang

published by Harper Collins

read by Adjoa Andoh

Jung Chang’s Wild Swans was a book that defined a generation, an epic personal history of Jung, her mother and

grandmother – ‘three daughters of China’. Nearly half a century on, China has risen from a decrepit and isolated state to a global power, the challenger to the United States’ dominant position in the world. Through those decades, Jung’s life has been intimately entwined with her native land. Her experiences dealing with the regime in those years were rich and revealing – especially so because all her books were (and are) banned. Fly, Wild Swans is the follow-up to Wild Swans and brings the story of Jung’s family – along with that of China – up to date. The book is in many ways Jung’s love letter to her mother. It is inevitably also about her grandmother and father, both of whom died tragically in the Cultural Revolution but are often recalled in this book. In fact, the past is never far away in Jung’s subsequent life. It has shaped her, and moulded the present China, and what’s more, it promises to herald the future.

running time 10 hours 21 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 6 6

The Honesty Box

by Lucy Brazier

published by Bloomsbury

read by Katherine Press

"On National Divorce Day, my husband Steve and I decide to break up. After years of depression and mood swings (him) and hope and defeat (me) enough is, quite frankly, enough. Until a chance remark triggers a chain of events leading to Steve’s later-in-life diagnosis of ADHD and autism. What follows is a year of discovery, denial, medication and

salvation as we, our teenagers and even our beloved Golden Retriever, Margot, adjust to the ups and downs of this new reality. I guess you could call it a love story too." One wife and mother, one garden, and one year of discovering how honesty, hope and home-grown kindness can change everything.

running time 8 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 9 5

How to Murder Your Life

by Cat Marnell

published by Penguin Random House

read by Cat Marnell

By the age of 15, Cat Marnell longed to work in the glamorous world of women's magazines - but was also addicted to the ADHD meds prescribed by her father. Within 10 years she was living it up in New York as a beauty editor at Condé Nast, with a talent for 'doctor-shopping' that secured her a never-ending supply of prescriptions. Her life had become a twisted merry-go-round of parties and pills at night, while she struggled to hold down her high-profile job during the day. Witty, magnetic and penetrating - prompting comparisons to Brett Easton Ellis and Charles Bukowski - Cat Marnell reveals essential truths about her generation, brilliantly uncovering the many aspects of being an addict with pin-sharp humour and beguiling style.

running time 11 hours 58 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 0 2 4

The Hurley Maker's Son

by Patrick Deeley

published by Penguin Random House

read by Gerry O'Brien

Patrick Deeley's train journey home to rural East Galway in autumn 1978 was a pilgrimage of grief: his giant of a father had been felled, the hurley-making workshop silenced. From this moment, Patrick unfolds his childhood as a series of evocative moments, from the intricate workings of the timber workshop run by his father to the slow taking apart of an old tractor and the physical burial of a steam engine; from his mother's steady work on an old Singer sewing machine to his father's vertiginous quickstep on the roof of their house. There are many wonderful descriptions of the natural world and delightful cameos of characters and incidents from a not-so-long-ago country childhood.

running time 7 hours 8 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 5 6

I Found My Tribe

by Ruth Fitzmaurice

published by Penguin Random House

read by Ruth Fitzmaurice

Ruth's tribe are her lively children and her filmmaker husband, Simon, who has Motor Neurone Disease and can only communicate with his eyes. Ruth's other 'tribe' are the

friends who gather at the cove in Greystones, Co. Wicklow, and regularly throw themselves into the freezing cold water, just for kicks. 'The Tragic Wives' Swimming Club', as they jokingly call themselves, meet to cope with the extreme challenges life puts in their way, not to mention the monster waves rolling over the horizon.

running time 4 hours 53 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 3 0

A Life of My Own

by Claire Tomalin

published by Penguin Random House

read by Penelope Wilton

As one of the best biographers of her generation, Claire Tomalin has written about great novelists and poets to huge success: now, she turns to look at her own life. This enthralling memoir follows her through triumph and tragedy in about equal measure, from the disastrous marriage of her parents and the often difficult wartime childhood that followed, to her own marriage to the brilliant young journalist Nicholas Tomalin. When he was killed on assignment as a war correspondent she was left to bring up their four children - and at the same time make her own career.

running time 9 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 1 6

The Line Becomes a River

by Francisco Cantú

published by Penguin Random House

read by Francisco Cantú

Francisco Cantú was a US Border Patrol agent from 2008 to 2012. He worked the desert along the Mexican border, at the remote crossroads of drug routes and smuggling corridors, tracking humans through blistering days and frigid nights across a vast terrain. He detains the exhausted and the parched. He hauls in the dead. He tries not to think where the stories go from there. He is descended from Mexican immigrants, so the border is in his blood. But the line he is sworn to defend is dissolving. Haunted by nightmares, he abandons the Patrol for civilian life. And when an immigrant friend is caught on the wrong side of the border, Cantú faces a final confrontation with a world he believed he had escaped.

running time 6 hours 30 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 1 9

Logical Family

by Armistead Maupin

published by Penguin Random House

read by Armistead Maupin

Born in the mid-twentieth century and raised in the heart of conservative North Carolina, Armistead Maupin lost his virginity to another man "on the very spot where the first shots of the Civil War were fired." Realizing that the South

was too small for him, this son of a traditional lawyer packed his earthly belongings into his Opel GT (including a beloved portrait of a Confederate ancestor), and took to the road in search of adventure. It was a journey that would lead him from a homoerotic Navy initiation ceremony in the jungles of Vietnam to that strangest of strange lands: San Francisco in the early 1970s.

running time 7 hours 52 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 1 1

The Man Who Climbs Trees

by James Aldred

published by Penguin Random House

read by James Aldred

This is the story of a professional British tree climber, cameraman and adventurer, who has made a career out of travelling the world, filming wildlife for the BBC and climbing trees with people like David Attenborough, Chris Packham and Helen Macdonald. James's climbs take him to breathtaking locations as he scales the most incredible and majestic trees on the planet. On the way he meets native tribes, gets attacked by African bees, climbs alongside gorillas, chased by elephants, and spends his nights in a hammock pitched high in the branches with only the stars above him. This book blends incredible stories of scrapes and bruises in the branches with a new way of looking at life high above the daily grind, up into the canopy of the forest.

running time 7 hours 55 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 3 1

Mayhem

by Sigrid Rausing

published by Penguin Random House

read by Maggie Gyllenhaal

In the summer of 2012 a woman named Eva was found dead in the London townhouse she shared with her husband, Hans K. Rausing. The couple had struggled with drug addiction for years, often under the glare of tabloid headlines. Now, writing with singular clarity and restraint the editor and publisher Sigrid Rausing, tries to make sense of what happened to her brother and his wife. In Mayhem, she asks the difficult questions those close to the world of addiction must face. 'Who can help the addict, consumed by a shaming hunger, a need beyond control? There is no medicine: the drugs are the medicine. And who can help their families, so implicated in the self-destruction of the addict? Who can help when the very notion of 'help' becomes synonymous with an exercise of power; a familial police state; an end to freedom, in the addict's mind?'

running time 5 hours 55 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 0 7

A Mother's Reckoning

by Sue Klebold

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sue Klebold and Andrew Solomon

On April 20, 1999, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold walked into Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Over the course of minutes, they would kill twelve students and a teacher and wound twenty-four others before taking their own lives. For the last sixteen years, Sue Klebold, Dylan's mother, has lived with the indescribable grief and shame of that day. How could her child, the promising young man she had loved and raised, be responsible for such horror? And how, as his mother, had she not known something was wrong? Were there subtle signs she had missed? What, if anything, could she have done differently? In A Mother's Reckoning, she chronicles with unflinching honesty her journey as a mother trying to come to terms with the incomprehensible. In the hope that the insights and understanding she has gained may help other families recognize when a child is in distress, she tells her story in full, drawing upon her personal journals, the videos and writings that Dylan left behind, and on countless interviews with mental health experts.

running time 11 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 4 1 4

My Sister Milly

by Gemma Dowler

published by Penguin Random House

read by Ruby Thomas

In My Sister Milly , Gemma Dowler shares the heartbreaking account of Milly's disappearance, the suspicions that fell on

the family, the fatal errors made by the police, and the media's obsession that focused relentlessly on every personal, intimate and emotional aspect of the Dowlers' lives. It is the story of two stolen childhoods - Milly's and Gemma's - and about the love that kept the family together as they struggled with terrible darkness and injustice. However, this book is a story of hope and recovery. It's taken fifteen years of pain for the family to find their voice. The family has worked hard and has received intensive therapy to recover from the trauma of Milly's murder. Their story shows that whatever suffering you endure in life, there is always hope, and there is always love.

running time 22 hours 35 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 0 5

The Old Man and the Sand Eel

by Will Millard

published by Penguin Random House

read by Will Millard

Growing up on the Cambridgeshire Fens, Will Millard never felt more at home than when he was out with his granddad on the riverbank whiling away the day catching fish. As he grew older his competitive urge to catch more and bigger fish led him away from that natural connection between him, his grandfather and the rivers of his home and into large commercial fisheries catching fish after fish. That is, until the fateful day he let a record-breaking sand eel slip through his fingers and he knew that he had lost the magic of those days down by the river, and that something had to

change. Armed with his late grandfather's well-thumbed fishing encyclopaedia Will set out on a quest to get back to his roots and catch some of our great forgotten fish species, hidden deep in our lost waterways. The Old Man and the Sand Eel is at its heart the story of three generations of men trying to figure out what it is to be a man, a father and a fisherman.

running time 8 hours 14 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 2 6

The Republic of Imagination

by Azar Nafisi

published by Penguin Random House

read by Mozhan Marno

Ten years ago, Azar Nafisi electrified readers with her million-copy bestseller, Reading Lolita in Tehran, which told the story of how, against the backdrop of morality squads and executions, she taught The Great Gatsby and other classics to her eager students in Iran. In this exhilarating follow-up, Nafisi has written the book her fans have been waiting for: an impassioned, beguiling and utterly original tribute to the vital importance of fiction in a democratic society. Taking her cue from a challenge thrown to her at a reading, she energetically responds to those who say fiction has nothing to teach us today. Blending memoir and polemic with close readings of her favourite novels, she invites us to join her as citizens of her 'Republic of Imagination', a country where the villains are conformity,

and orthodoxy and the only passport to entry is a free mind and a willingness to dream.

running time 10 hours 9 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 4 6 7

Riot Days

by Maria Alyokhina

published by Penguin Random House

read by Kate Lock

People who believe in freedom and democracy think it will exist forever. That is a mistake. What happened in Russia - what happened to me - could happen anywhere. When I was jailed for political protest, I learned that prison doesn't just teach you to follow the rules. It teaches you to think that you can never break them. It's inevitable that the prison gates will open at some point. But this doesn't mean that you leave the 'prisoner' category and go straight into the category of 'the free'. Freedom does not exist unless you fight for it every day. This is the story about how I made a choice. We are all Pussy Riot. And actions break fear.

running time 6 hours 44 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 0 9

Starchild

by Maggie Aderin

published by Penguin Random House

read by Maggie Aderin

Maggie Aderin-Pocock's destiny was always written in the stars. From the age of three, inspired by The Clangers, her dream was to go into space. Throughout a chaotic childhood, ricocheting between divorced parents and acrimonious custody battles, she attended thirteen schools in fourteen years - but while her environment regularly changed, her fascination with the Universe did not. It became enmeshed in her desire to succeed as a scientist even when her school careers advice was to become a nurse. Starchild is Maggie's emotionally honest and revealing memoir, telling a story of education and prejudice, adversity and ambition, motherhood and the moon - all recounted in her characteristically warm and relatable style.

running time 8 hours 28 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 4 5 5

Strangers

by Belle Burden

published by Penguin Random House

read by Belle Burden

On a chilly day in March of 2020, in the early days of the pandemic, Belle Burden's husband of twenty years announced, with no prior warning, that he was leaving her. His decision shocked Belle to her core: she believed he was a happy man, a committed partner, and a devoted father to their three children. She thought he was a man who had settled into the life he had always wanted: a successful career, summers spent at their beloved home on Martha's

Vineyard, lots of tennis. Overnight, he transformed from her steady companion into a stranger. As she pieces her life together in the wake of a loss she had never imagined coming, she finds she is much stronger than she ever expected. Exploring the transformation of a shy, quiet girl, nicknamed 'Belle the Good' to a powerful, brave, determined woman who has learned to use her voice to expose the patriarchal structures that have forced women to be discreet and compliant for far too long, Strangers is a must-read memoir of self-discovery.

running time 7 hours 4 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 7 3 8

Biography - Historical to 1945

El Generalísimo Franco

by Giles Tremlett

published by Bloomsbury

read by Luis Soto

From a scrawny, overlooked military graduate to the youngest general in Europe, Francisco Franco was known for his ambition, talent and calculated risk-taking. Yet his reputation remains a topic of fierce debate. Did he destroy Spain and stifle its democracy or rescue the nation from left-wing tumult? In this compelling biography, Giles Tremlett unravels the complex life and legacy of the enigmatic dictator who shaped twentieth-century Spanish history.

running time 17 hours 34 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 5 0

Happy Odyssey

by Sir Adrian Carton de Wiart

published by Calibre Audio

read by Alan Bowen

Adrian Carton de Wiart's autobiography is one of the most remarkable of military memoirs. He was the son of a Belgian barrister, Leon Constant Ghislain Carton de Wiart (1854-1915). He, himself, was intended for the law, but abandoned his studies at Balliol College, Oxford, in 1899 to serve as a trooper in the South African War. He abandoned the law for all time on 14 September 1901 when he received a direct commission in the 4th Dragoon Guards. Carton de Wiart's extraordinary military career embraced service with the Somaliland Camel Corps, liaison officer with Polish forces, membership of the British Military Mission to Yugoslavia, a period as a prisoner of war, and three years as Churchill's representative to Chiang Kai-shek. In this thrilling autobiography, the legendary officer tells his own remarkable story.

running time 10 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 8 9

Hero of the Empire

by Candice Millard

published by Penguin Random House

read by Simon Vance

At the age of twenty-four, Winston Churchill believed that to achieve his ambition of becoming Prime Minister he must do something spectacular on the battlefield. Although he had put himself in real danger in colonial wars in India and Sudan, and as a journalist covering the Spanish-American War in Cuba, glory and fame had eluded him. Churchill arrived in South Africa in 1899 to write about the brutal colonial war against the Boers. Just two weeks later, he was taken prisoner. Remarkably, he pulled off a daring escape - but then had to traverse hundreds of miles of enemy territory alone. Candice Millard tells a magnificent story of bravery, savagery and chance encounters with a cast of historical characters.

running time 10 hours 14 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 0 1

Kissinger

by Niall Ferguson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Roy McMillan

No American statesman has been as revered and as reviled as Henry Kissinger. Hailed by some as the "indispensable man", whose advice has been sought by every president from John F. Kennedy to George W. Bush, Kissinger has also attracted immense hostility from critics who have cast him as an amoral Machiavellian - the ultimate cold-blooded

"realist". In this remarkable new book, the first of two volumes, Niall Ferguson has created an extraordinary panorama of Kissinger's world, and a paradigm-shifting reappraisal of the man. Only through knowledge of Kissinger's early life (as a Jew in Hitler's Germany, a poor immigrant in New York, a GI at the Battle of the Bulge, an interrogator of Nazis, and a student of history at Harvard) can we understand his debt to the philosophy of idealism.

running time 33 hours 13 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 0 0

The Man Who Stopped the Sultan

by Edoardo Albert

published by Bloomsbury

read by Chris Courtenay

Throughout the 16th century, wars raged across Europe as kings and republics jostled for wealth and power. Yet one man exceeded all these medieval princes of Christendom: Suleiman the Magnificent. As ruler of the Ottoman Empire, he governed 25 million people from Constantinople, his realm stretching from Persia to the Atlantic Ocean. Turning his gaze to Europe, Suleiman attacked Rhodes, the island fortress of the Knights Hospitaller but was opposed by Gabriele Tadino – an Italian who had risen through the ranks thanks to his genius as a military engineer. This is a fascinating history of crusading knights and gunpowder, of spies and tunnels, and of a crossroads in history when the medieval age gave way to the Renaissance. Delving deep into Italian source material, Edoardo Albert weaves together

the story of an ordinary man alive in an extraordinary time and performing extraordinary feats of military genius.

running time 12 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 7 6

Margaret Beaufort

by Lauren Johnson

published by Bloomsbury

read by Lauren Johnson

Born into a century of conflict as the daughter of the Duke of Somerset and a descendant of Edward III, Margaret Beaufort was married at twelve, a mother and widow at thirteen, and a player in one of the most violent chapters of English history. Across three marriages and decades of civil war, Margaret endured loss, intrigue and exile - yet lived to see her only son crowned Henry VII, the first Tudor king. Against a backdrop of shifting power and danger, she helped broker the union that ended the Wars of the Roses, shaped the early Tudor court, and played a formative role in the life of her grandson, Henry VIII. In this powerful and perceptive biography, historian Lauren Johnson brings Margaret vividly to life as a woman of rare resilience and ambition.

running time 14 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 4 0

A Mother's Promise

by Kate Thompson, Renee Salt

published by Hachette

read by Miscellaneous

From invasion to liberation, September 1939 to April 1945, as Renee was marched from ghetto to camp, there was one constant. One hand that clutched hers - her mother's. Every day for nearly six years, mother and daughter were bound together in hell. From Auschwitz-Birkenau to Bergen-Belsen, they were a powerful source of solace and hope for one another. The strength of Sala's love gave them both something fragile yet beautiful to cling to in an ugly, depraved world. It was her mother who hid Renee, lied to the SS, went right when she was directed left - whose small actions had life-saving consequences. Now, for Renee, the need to share has finally overcome the desire to forget.

running time 7 hours 51 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 8 9

Sister Dora

by Jo Manton

published by Calibre Audio

read by Derina Dinkin

The biography of Sister Dora, Dorothy Pattison, offers a detailed account of her life, highlighting her early years, her education, her marriage, and her later years as a nurse in Walsall. The book provides insights into her personal life, her work as a village schoolmistress, and her later role as a nurse in a cottage hospital. It also touches on the challenges

she faced due to her father’s mental health issues and her efforts to provide care and support to those in need. The biography is a testament to Sister Dora’s dedication and compassion, making her a significant figure in the history of nursing and charity work.

running time 15 hours 21 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 0 6 7

Biography - Humour

Fight!

by Harry Hill

published by Hachette

read by Harry Hill

After a childhood spent making smoke bombs, killing wasps and carving soap in 70s Kent, Harry Hill then found himself in charge of hundreds of sick people as a junior doctor. Out of his depth and terrified, he chucked it all in to pursue his dream of becoming a stand-up comedian. Battling his way through the 90s comedy circuit he quickly rose to become a household name and one of the UK's most celebrated comics, almost making it to the top of the showbiz tree... From being chased by an angry heckler and getting fired from Capital Radio to a bizarre assassination attempt and cutting up Simon Cowell's trousers, Harry takes an honest and hilarious look at the ups and downs of his life and

career, finding joy in failure and creativity in struggle, whilst never forgetting that life is short.

running time 7 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 7 1

Biography - Political

Everywoman

by Jess Phillips

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jess Phillips

If you're thinking, 'Jess who?' then I'm glad that there was something about 'Everywoman' and 'truth' that caught your eye. Or you might already know me as that gobby MP who has a tendency to shout about the stuff I care about. Because I'm a woman with a cause, I have been called a feminazi witch, a murderer and threatened with rape. The internet attracts a classy crowd. So, speaking the truth isn't always easy but I believe it's worth it. And I want you to believe it too. The truth can be empowering, the truth can lead to greater equality, and the world would be incredibly boring if we let all of those people who allegedly know everything, say everything. By demanding to be heard, by dealing with our imposter syndrome, by being cheerleaders, doers not sayers, creating our own networks and by daring to believe that we can make a difference, we can. We're women and we're kick-ass. And that's the truth.

running time 6 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 7 7

Gordon Brown

by James Macintyre

published by Bloomsbury

read by Angus King

More than fifteen years since he left Downing Street, Brown continues to wield significant influence among the current generation. Polls regularly suggest he is the most popular living former prime minister. Yet his short time in Number 10 ended in bitterness and election defeat. In James Macintyre's fascinating new biography, he provides a definitive portrait of a true political giant. Based on unique access to Brown's personal archive and interviews with his family, friends, colleagues and political rivals - including Tony Blair, David Cameron and Alastair Campbell, among many others - Macintyre reveals the private man behind the public figure. We gain unprecedented insight into his family life, his faith and what it is that still motivates him.

running time 12 hours 43 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 8 6

The Happy Depressive

by Alastair Campbell

published by Penguin Random House

read by Alastair Campbell

Are you happy? Does it matter? Increasingly, governments seem to think so. As the UK government conducts its first happiness survey, Alastair Campbell looks at happiness as a political as well as a personal issue; what it should mean to us, what it means to him. Taking in economic and political theories, he questions how happiness can survive in a grossly negative media culture, and how it could inform social policy. But happiness is also deeply personal. Campbell, who suffers from depression, looks in the mirror and finds a bittersweet reflection, a life divided between the bad and not-so-bad days, where the highest achievements in his professional life could leave him numb, and he can somehow look back on a catastrophic breakdown twenty-five years ago as the best thing that happened to him. He writes too of what he has learned from the recent death of his best friend, further informing his view that the pursuit of happiness is a long game.

running time 1 hour 43 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 6 2 3

Lula!

by Richard Lapper

published by Bloomsbury

read by David Thorpe

In October 2022, Lula was once again elected President of Brazil, replacing the far-right strongman Bolsonaro, sparking an insurrection, and exiling the fallen demagogue to the US. Lula won by promising to save the Amazon and, as ever, to give power back to the Brazilian people. This has long been

the dream of Latin American left-wing movements - many of which have ended in corruption, disaster and death. Lula has survived at least three curtain calls. Imprisoned for corruption in the notorious 'Car Wash' scandal, voted out, bullied and beaten, Lula continues to draw huge crowds of workers wherever he goes. He speaks of revolution and comes from the streets of São Paulo, and yet he is enmeshed in hidden bank accounts and lobbying scandals. When Barack Obama met Lula during his second term as President of Brazil in 2009, he called him 'the most popular politician in the world'. This is the definitive book on Lula. Richard Lapper ran the FT bureau on Latin America for two decades, and lived in Brazil for many years. He is the world's foremost expert on Brazilian politics.

running time 12 hours 36 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 2 0

Our Revolution

by Bernie Sanders

published by Penguin Random House

read by Bernie Sanders and Mark Ruffalo

Bernie Sanders stormed to international headlines after running an extraordinary campaign for the Democratic primaries that saw over 13 million people turn out to vote for him, and changed the global discussion surrounding US politics. But how did a complete unknown and a democratic socialist make such waves? In Our Revolution, Sanders provides a unique insight into the campaign that galvanized a movement, sharing experiences from the campaign trail

and the ideas and strategies that shaped it. Sanders' message resonated with millions. His supporters are young and old, dissatisfied with expanding social inequality, struggling with economic instability and fighting against a political elite which has long ignored them. This global phenomenon is driving movements from Syriza in Greece to Podemos in Spain and the support for Jeremy Corbyn in the UK.

running time 18 hours 34 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 3 3

Rivals in the Storm

by Damian Collins

published by Bloomsbury

read by Dyfrig Morris

Brought up in rural North Wales, David Lloyd George attended neither a grand school nor ancient university. He was very much an outsider. And yet he rose through the ranks with charisma, fierce intelligence and fighting spirit. But his rise was not without its hardships, and in Rivals in the Storm, experienced MP and author Damian Collins focuses on the impact of Lloyd George’s personality on other leading politicians, in driving progressive reforms through government, changing the course of the First World War to lead the Allies to victory, and cementing Britain’s alliance with America. Covering Lloyd George’s emergence as the dominating political personality in Great Britain to the aftermath of his resignation, this fascinating biography takes you inside the rooms where the important decisions

happened, and shows the bitter struggles as well as the triumphs of this great man of his or any other age, who nonetheless fell short of his own high expectations.

running time 12 hours 26 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 7 4

Biography - Royals

Entitled

by Andrew Lownie

published by Harper Collins

read by Andrew Lownie

Drawing on four years of research, numerous FOI requests and interviews with over a hundred people who have never spoken out before, the book traces the lives of the late Queen's second son and his ex-wife through their childhoods, courtship, marriage, divorce, careers, and royal and charitable activities. Having still lived together until their departure from Royal Lodge in 2025, they claimed to be "the happiest divorced couple in the world". The book investigates the reality of their relationship and their love lives. It charts Andrew's record in the Falklands, his business activities and reveals details of how the couple have been able financially to sustain their extravagant lifestyles. It also recounts the full story of their links with Jeffrey Epstein. Chronicling their lives in parallel, the picture that emerges is of a spoilt former prince unable to connect and a former

duchess pushed by her insecurities into a desperate need to maintain the attention her 'royal' status brought. Rigorously researched and packed full of revelations, this is eye-watering biography at its best.

running time 13 hours 9 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 6 7

The Four Wives of Windsor

by Simon Vigar

published by Penguin Random House

read by Simon Vigar

Diana. Camilla. Catherine. Meghan. Outsiders by birth, insiders by marriage. Four women united by their decision to enter the most famous family in the world, and by their place in the centre of its greatest upheavals. From Diana's emotional revolution to Camilla's unlikely ascent, from Meghan's dramatic break to Catherine's quiet consolidation of power, these are the true stories of the women who have shaped - and shaken - the modern royal family. Drawing on decades of experience as one of Britain's most trusted royal correspondents, Simon Vigar takes readers behind palace walls to reveal the private tensions, public battles and shifting alliances that have shaped the House of Windsor.

running time 8 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 3 4 9

Regina

by Kate Williams

published by Hachette

read by Esther Wane and Kate Williams

Stories about royal women form some of our most foundational myths about femininity, and yet their legacies have been almost entirely constructed by the words and images created by men. In Regina, acclaimed historian Kate Williams leads us deep into a world of queens, empresses, princesses, mistresses and courtiers, uncovering how their ambitions were shaped, celebrated and often thwarted, exposing a tangled web of women and power that spans thousands of years. Ranging from the ancient civilisations of Egypt and Mesopotamia to the opulent courts of the pre-modern world and the last days of colonialism, Williams delves into the lives of these remarkable women, revealing both their trials and triumphs as they navigate political intrigue, family rivalries and personal sacrifices.

running time 17 hours 51 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 6 4

Swan Song

by Charles Spencer

published by Penguin Random House

read by Charles Spencer

In September 1997, Charles Spencer stood in Westminster Abbey before a watching world and shared his grief at losing his beloved sister, Diana. Now, nearly thirty years later, he tells the astonishing story of his life with Diana and the

tragic week of her death. In childhood, Charles and Diana, the youngest Spencers, were inseparable - secretly calling one another Duch and Carlos. As each other's closest confidantes, they roamed the family estate, endured extremely challenging boarding schools, survived terrifying nannies and helped each other through the agony of their parents' divorce. Yet everything changed when Diana married the Prince of Wales, now King Charles III, and overnight became a global icon. Charles saw his older sister serve the world's marginalized and relish being mother to her treasured sons. But, pursued by a barbaric press as her royal marriage crumbled, she was left desperately alone. Charles always tried to be there for Diana - until that black night in August 1997. In Swan Song, Charles Spencer provides the most intimate, loving and honest portrait yet of his sister.

running time 9 hours 47 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 2 4 1

Biography - Sport

The Battle

by Paul O'Connell

published by Penguin Random House

read by John Cormack

There has never been a rugby player quite like Paul O'Connell. His name is synonymous with passion, heart and determination. But he is also the thinking man's rugby player, a legendary student of the game. As the heartbeat of Munster, British and Irish Lions captain in 2009, and captain of the first Ireland team to retain the Six Nations championship, O'Connell became the most beloved and respected of the golden generation of Irish rugby players - and was widely regarded as one of the very best players in the world. There was nothing inevitable - or even likely - about any of this, and in an autobiography as intense and thoughtful as its author, O'Connell explores the forces and struggles that turned him into the player and leader that he became.

running time 11 hours 8 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 1 1

Believe

by Nicola Adams

published by Penguin Random House

read by Emma Swan

At London 2012, Nicola Adams made history. The flyweight boxer - nicknamed the smiling assassin – became the first ever woman to win an Olympic Gold medal for boxing. In Rio 2016, with the nation cheering her on, she did it all over

again. Growing up in Leeds, Nicola stumbled into boxing in her local sports centre while her mum was at aerobics. Age 13 she decided that she would win an Olympic Gold: nobody was going to stop her. Years of relentless training, fundraising and determination have seen Nicola battle through injury, prejudice and defeat to become one of Britain best-loved athletes and an inspiration to all those who are chasing after a seemingly impossible dream.

running time 4 hours 33 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 1 4

Centaur

by Ami Rao, Declan Murphy

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

A natural on a horse since he was able to walk, and imbued with a pure love of riding, Declan Murphy became one of the most brilliant jockeys of his generation before his world came crashing down at the final hurdle of a race at Haydock Park. His skull shattered in twelve places, he was believed to be dead, the last rites were read and the Racing Post published his obituary. Miraculously, and the word is not used lightly, he survived and defied medical thinking in recovering to the extent that eighteen months after his fall, he was able to saddle up for one more race. As usual, he won. For 23 years, Declan has been unable to tell his story, to bring to words existence on the frontier between life and death, to describe the incredible bond between man and horse. But now, in an extraordinary collaboration with Ami

Rao, she has helped him find those words, a way to piece together what happened before, during and after, what it all meant and what it means to us all.

running time 9 hours 20 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 6 7

Foxcatcher

by David Thomas, Mark Schultz

published by Penguin Random House

read by Stephen Mendel

On 22nd January 1996 Dave Schultz, Olympic gold medallist and wrestling's golden boy, was shot in the back by John E. du Pont at the famed Foxcatcher estate in Pennsylvania. That started a two-day siege at the ranch before the du Pont family heir was finally captured. Foxcatcher is Mark Schultz's vivid portrait of the complex relationship he and his brother had with du Pont, a man whose catastrophic break from reality lead to tragedy. No one knows the inside story of what went on behind the scenes at Foxcatcher Farms - and inside John du Pont's head - better than Mark Schultz, also an Olympic gold medalist and a part of the Foxcatcher team.

running time 7 hours 31 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 4 0 6

Game Changer

by Ellie Kildunne

published by Penguin Random House

read by Ellie Kildunne

Growing up in Yorkshire, Ellie started playing rugby aged six with a boys' team, which she continued to do until she was 13, constantly having to prove herself as the only girl. Then, her mum found out about some local U15 trials for girls. She went along, made the team, and thus began the career of an England rugby great. But to achieve greatness in sport is not an easy journey. Ellie has faced prejudice. She has fought through career-threatening injury. While the hyperfocus superpower that is part of her ADHD has driven her to surpass the competition, it brings with it a difference in the way she processes information that has led to misunderstandings and conflict, at school, at college and in her professional life. Ellie's guiding philosophy is 'Lukewarm is no good'. Her passion for rugby was always white hot. The fire will never go out, and the setbacks have made her stronger. She's smashing through barriers, and spurs us all on to achieve our goals, whatever our path in life. On and off the field, Ellie is a game changer.

running time 6 hours 2 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 4 9 4

Knowing the Score

by Judy Murray

published by Penguin Random House

read by Judy Murray

As mother to tennis champions Jamie and Andy Murray, Scottish National Coach, coach of the Fed Cup, and general all-round can-do woman of wonder, Judy Murray is the

ultimate role model for believing in yourself and reaching out to ambition. As a parent, coach, leader, she is an inspiration who has revolutionised British tennis. From the soggy community courts of Dunblane to the white heat of Centre Court at Wimbledon, Judy Murray's extraordinary memoir charts the challenges she has faced, from desperate finances and growing pains to entrenched sexism. We all need a story of 'yes we can' to make us believe great things are possible. This is that story.

running time 8 hours 8 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 0 3 7

Tadej Pogacar

by Andy McGrath

published by Bloomsbury

read by Elliot Chapman

Tadej Pogacar is not like any other professional cyclist. The Slovenian is a sporting phenomenon. He won almost everything there is to win in bike racing, has done so with breathtaking audacity and style - and all by the age of 26. This comprehensive biography follows his meteoric rise to the top, recounts his greatest race wins and rivalries, and reveals the character, motivation and skills that have led to his domination of elite cycling. Experienced cycling journalist Andy McGrath has documented the versatile superstar's development from his victory in the Tour de l'Avenir in 2018 to his Liège-Bastogne-Liège, Il Lombardia and Tour of Flanders successes and his historic 2024 season, when he won cycling's prestigious triple crown of the Giro d'Italia, the

Tour de France and the World Championship road race. His victories include four Tours de France (2020, 2021, 2024 and 2025).

running time 8 hours 40 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 8 9 0

Yes!

by Craig Tello, Daniel Bryan

published by Penguin Random House

read by Daniel Bryan and Peter Berkrot

YES! YES! YES! Daniel Bryan is the real deal. Everyone's favourite underdog, he's proven to the world and to all of WWE that looks can be deceiving. Just ask everyone who's ever underestimated him...right before he went out and whipped the WWE Universe into a frenzy. This is Bryan's behind-the-scenes story told for the first time ever - from his beginnings as a child wanting to wrestle to his ten years on the circuit before finally making it in WWE. When his "YES!" chant becomes a full-fledged movement, his career skyrockets. This book chronicles all the hard work, values, influences, unique life choices and more leading to his watershed week at WrestleMania 30. You won't want to miss it. Yes! We're sure about this.

running time 9 hours 3 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 6 4 2

Business and Management

The Asshole Survival Guide

by Robert I. Sutton

published by Penguin Random House

read by Robert I. Sutton

In The Asshole Survival Guide, Stanford professor Robert Sutton offers practical advice on identifying and tackling any kind of asshole - based on research into groups from uncivil civil servants to French bus drivers, and 8,000 emails that he has received on asshole behaviour. With expertise and humour, he provides a cogent and methodical game-plan to fight back. First, he sets out the asshole audit, to find out what kind of asshole needs dealing with, and asshole detection strategies. Then he reveals field-tested, sometimes surprising techniques, from asshole avoidance and asshole taxes to mind-tricks and the art of love bombing. Finally, he explains the dangers of asshole blindness - when the problem might be yours truly.

running time 5 hours 58 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 0 6

Do Breathe

by Michael Townsend Williams, Miscellaneous

published by Penguin Random House

read by Michael Townsend Williams

When you get the right balance in life you can do amazing things: create, perform, lead a team, build a great company,

raise a family. But so often the scales tip and we feel overwhelmed and stressed. Michael Townsend Williams, an adman turned yoga and breathwork teacher, is an advocate of 'welldoing' - leading a busy and productive life, but not at the expense of our health and wellbeing. And key to this? Our breath. The crucial link between mind and body, our breath reflects what we're dealing with at any given moment. It tells us when we're out of our depth. Even the smallest changes to our breathing can have a profound effect. Why not breathe yourself better?

running time 2 hours 37 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 4 5

Do Design

by Alan Moore

published by Penguin Random House

read by Alan Moore

So much passes us by, unnoticed. We multi-task, switch between screens, work faster. When was the last time you paused to consider a beautifully-made object or stunning natural landscape? Yet this is when our spirits lift and our soul is restored. Designer Alan Moore invites us to rethink not only what we produce - whether it's a website, a handmade chair, or a business - but how and why. With examples from Apple, Yeo Valley and Blitz Motorcycles, we are encouraged to ask: Is it useful and considered? Is it a thing of beauty? We are creative beings. We love to make things. This book will inspire you to create better things for better reasons. Things that people will love - for a long time

to come. Some say beauty is a luxury. But what if it is key to creating a better world for us all?

running time 1 hour 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 3 9

Do Fly

by Gavin Strange

published by Penguin Random House

read by Gavin Strange

Do Work You Love. Sounds simple, doesn't it? But the reality can be quite different. Whether you're just starting out or simply ready to head in a new direction, you're going to need some help turning your natural skills into success-seeking missiles of radness. On hand is Gavin Strange, a creative working by night under the name of JamFactory and, by day, at Aardman Animations - the Academy Award-winning studio behind Wallace & Gromit and Shaun the Sheep. Do Fly is your all-in-one guide, ticket and passport to a new destination. Are you ready for take off?

running time 1 hour 40 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 4 3

Do Lead

by Les McKeown

published by Penguin Random House

read by Les McKeown

Real-world leadership is very different from all that the media would have us believe. Forget the dashing hero, true leadership is typically understated. It's the myriad small things that make the big things possible. And we can all do it. In Do Lead, Les McKeown draws on his decades as CEO and senior advisor to demolish the myths around modern-day leadership - and provide new tools for the job. You'll discover that effective leadership is goal- not people-oriented. It's about the person with the right skills stepping forward. With scenarios from a range of industries, simple exercises and proven leadership techniques, Do Lead is an empowering guide to becoming a confident, respected and inspiring leader no matter what your position.

running time 2 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 4 4

Do Open

by David Hieatt

published by Penguin Random House

read by Matt Addis

How do you grow your business when you don't have a marketing budget? How do you stand out in a busy world? And what if the answer is right in front of you? 'For me, the newsletter is the most important tool I have in building a global denim brand. Second only to the sewing machine.' So writes entrepreneur David Hieatt who has based his entire marketing strategy around a simple email newsletter. And it's worked. His company has grown into a creative global jeans business with a fiercely loyal community. Now, David

shares his insight, strategy and methodology so you can do the same.

running time 1 hour 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 4 1

Do Purpose

by David Hieatt

published by Penguin Random House

read by Matt Addis

The most important brands in the world make us feel something. They do that because they have something they want to change. And as customers, we want to be part of that change. These companies have a reason to exist over and above making a profit: They have a Purpose. Yes, we love the product they make. But the thing we love most about them is the change they are making. Purpose is an incredibly powerful thing. It provides the strength to fight the impossible. It tells your story, it builds your teams and it defines your culture. In Do Purpose, David Hieatt offers insights on how to build one of these purpose-driven companies. You know, those rare brands we all fall in love with. The crazy ones that don't just make something, but change something as well.

running time 1 hour 21 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 4 2

Do Story

by Bobette Buster

published by Penguin Random House

read by Bobette Buster

Today's world wants to know you and the real story behind why you do what you do. Whether you have a product to sell, a company mission to share or an audience to entertain, people are far more likely to engage and connect if you deliver a well-crafted story with an emotional core. Bobette Buster is a lecturer and story consultant to major studios including Pixar, Disney and Sony Animation. In Do Story she teaches the art of telling powerful and engaging stories. With practical tips and exercises, you will soon discover how to take your own storytelling from good... to great. So, what's your story?

running time 2 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 4 0

Drop the Ball

by Tiffany Dufu

published by Penguin Random House

read by Tiffany Dufu

For women, a glass ceiling at work is not the only barrier to success - it's also the increasingly heavy obligations at home that weigh them down. Women have become accustomed to delegating, advocating and negotiating for themselves at the office, but when it comes to managing households, they still bear the brunt on their own shoulders. A simple solution is staring them in the face: negotiate with the men

in their personal lives. In Drop The Ball, Tiffany Dufu explains how women can create all-in domestic partnerships that protect them against professional burn-out.

running time 9 hours 37 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 2 9

Find Your Why

by Miscellaneous Authors

published by Penguin Random House

read by Simon Sinek and Stephen Shedletzky

This hands-on, step-by-step guide will help you to find your WHY. With detailed exercises, illustrations and action steps for every stage of the process, Find Your Why can help you address many important concerns including: What if my WHY sounds like my competitors? Can I have more than one WHY? If my work doesn't match my WHY, what should I do? What if my team can't agree on our WHY? Whether you've just started your first job, are leading a team or are CEO of your own company, the exercises in this book will help guide you on a path to long-term success and fulfilment, both for you and your colleagues.

running time 4 hours 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 0 8

The Four

by Scott Galloway

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jonathan Todd Ross

For all that's been written about the Four over the last two decades, no one has captured their power and staggering success as insightfully as Scott Galloway. Instead of buying the myths these companies broadcast, Galloway asks fundamental questions. How did the Four infiltrate our lives so completely that they're almost impossible to avoid (or boycott)? Why does the stock market forgive them for sins that would destroy other firms? And as they race to become the world's first trillion-dollar company, can anyone challenge them? In the same irreverent style that has made him one of the world's most celebrated business professors, Galloway deconstructs the strategies of the Four that lurk beneath their shiny veneers.

running time 8 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 2 4

The Go-Giver Leader

by Bob Burg and John David Mann

published by Penguin Random House

read by Bob Burg and John David Mann

Ben is an ambitious young executive charged with persuading 500 employee shareholders to agree to a merger that will save their company. But despite his best efforts, he can't convince anyone to buy in to the deal. During his week at the company, Ben realizes that his aggressive style is actually making it harder to reach his goals. Will Ben find a way to sway the shareholders before the climactic vote? The answer may surprise you, as you

follow Ben on his journey to understanding that the path to genuine influence lies less in taking leadership than in giving it.

running time 3 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 4 9 0

Great by Choice

by James Collins and Morten T. Hansen

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jim Collins

Great by Choice distinguishes itself from Collins's prior work by its focus not just on performance, but also on the type of unstable environments faced by leaders today. With a team of more than twenty researchers, Collins and Hansen studied companies that rose to greatness - beating their industry indexes by a minimum of ten times over fifteen years - in environments characterized by big forces and rapid shifts that leaders could not predict or control. The research team then contrasted these "10X companies" to a carefully selected set of comparison companies that failed to achieve greatness in similarly extreme environments. The authors challenge conventional wisdom with thought-provoking, sticky, and supremely practical concepts. They include 10Xers; the 20-Mile March; Fire Bullets then Cannonballs; Leading above the Death Line; Zoom Out, Then Zoom In; and the SMaC Recipe. Finally, in the last chapter, Collins and Hansen present their most provocative and original analysis: defining, quantifying, and studying the role of luck. The great companies and the leaders who built

them were not luckier than the comparisons, but they did get a higher Return on Luck. This book is classic Collins: contrarian, data driven, and uplifting. He and Hansen show convincingly that, even in a chaotic and uncertain world, greatness happens by choice, not by chance.

running time 8 hours 45 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 6 8 4

The Power of Moments

by Chip Heath and Dan Heath

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jeremy Bobb

What if a teacher could design a lesson that he knew his students would remember twenty years later? What if a doctor or nurse knew how to orchestrate moments that would bring more comfort to patients? What if you had a better sense of how to create memories that matter for your children? Many of the defining moments in our lives are the result of accident or luck - but why leave our most meaningful, memorable moments to chance when we can create them? In The Power of Moments, Chip and Dan Heath explore the stories of people who have created standout moments, from the owners who transformed an utterly mediocre hotel into one of the best-loved properties in Los Angeles by conjuring moments of magic for guests, to the scrappy team that turned around one of the worst elementary schools in the country by embracing an intervention that lasts less than an hour.

running time 6 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 7 2

Rest

by Alex Soojung-Kim Pang

published by Penguin Random House

read by Adam Sims

For most of us, overwork is the new normal. Resting means late-night TV binges or hours spent on social media. We never truly recharge. In this revelatory book, Silicon Valley consultant Alex Soojung-Kim Pang offers a way for us to be more productive and fulfilled in all areas of our lives. Working better does not mean putting in longer hours: it means working less and resting better. Whether through daily naps, as Winston Churchill did in the Second World War, spending a week alone in a cabin like Bill Gates, or simply walking or playing a game, 'deliberate rest' is the key to getting more done.

running time 6 hours 56 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 2 7

The Startup Way

by Eric Ries

published by Penguin Random House

read by Eric Ries

Eric Ries has been working with giant firms like General Electric and Toyota to help them become more nimble, in order to spur growth and produce products and services

that customers want. In The Startup Way, he shares his insights, stories and best practices, delivering a critical toolkit to solve all business challenges. Today every company needs to get faster and smarter. Read The Startup Way and discover how to embrace change, survive and thrive.

running time 10 hours 12 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 1 1

That's Not How We Do It Here!

by John Kotter and Holger Rathgeber

published by Penguin Random House

read by Bahni Turpin and John Kotter

That's Not How We Do It Here! is a business parable about a clan of meerkats who live in the Kalahari. Well organised and efficient, the colony enjoys many years of successful growth, until it suddenly comes under threat from a new form of predator and is forced to rethink its organizational structure. John Kotter uses this charming parable to explore why organizations often struggle no matter their past success, and why they fall. Kotter shows that by embracing reliability, efficiency, speed and agility, and building passion, discipline and personal growth, organizations can once again prosper, fulfil their mission, create great jobs and services and generate wealth.

running time 2 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 0 2

The Upstarts

by Brad Stone

published by Penguin Random House

read by Dean Temple

Ten years ago, the idea of getting into a stranger's car, or walking into a stranger's home, would have seemed bizarre and dangerous, but today it's as common as ordering a book online. Uber and Airbnb are household names: redefining neighbourhoods, challenging the way governments regulate business and changing the way we travel. In the spirit of iconic Silicon Valley renegades like Steve Jobs and Bill Gates, a new generation of entrepreneurs is sparking yet another cultural upheaval through technology. They are among the Upstarts, idiosyncratic founders with limitless drive and an abundance of self-confidence. The Upstarts is the definitive account of a dawning age of tenacity, creativity, conflict and wealth. In Brad Stone's highly anticipated and riveting account of the most radical companies of the new Silicon Valley, we find out how it all started, and how the world is wildly different than it was ten years ago.

running time 10 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 7 4

Wild Ride

by Adam Lashinsky

published by Penguin Random House

read by Adam Lashinsky

Uber is one of the most fascinating and controversial businesses in the world, both beloved for its elegant ride-hailing concept and heady growth, and condemned for CEO Travis Kalanick's ruthless pursuit of success at all cost. In Wild Ride, Adam Lashinsky, veteran Fortune writer and author of Inside Apple, traces the story of Uber's meteoric rise: from its murky origins to its plans for expansion into radically different industries. The company has already poached entire departments from top research universities in a push to build the first self-driving car and possibly replace the very drivers it's worked so hard to recruit.

running time 7 hours 37 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 1 7

Crime & Law

The Adversary

by Emmanuel Carrère

published by Penguin Random House

read by Joseph Kloska

ON THE SATURDAY MORNING OF JANUARY 9, 1993, WHILE JEAN CLAUDE ROMAND WAS KILLING HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN, I WAS WITH MINE IN A PARENT-TEACHER MEETING... With these chilling first words, acclaimed master of psychological suspense, Emmanuel Carrère, begins his exploration of the double life of a respectable doctor,

eighteen years of lies, five murders, and the extremes to which ordinary people can go.

running time 4 hours 53 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 7 1

All-American Murder

by Alex Bramovich with Mike Harvey, James Patterson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Peter Coleman

A true story told by the master of crime fiction, All-American Murder is the tale of Aaron Hernandez, once the NFL's youngest player, a star for the New England Patriots and a Super Bowl veteran. His every move played out in the headlines, and yet he led a secret life – one that ended in a maximum-security prison. What drove him to go so wrong, so fast? This explosive account of the rise and fall of a life cut short in the dark shadow of fame, culminating in Hernandez's own untimely death behind bars, is built on original, in-depth reporting. Was Hernandez a victim himself, suffering violence-inducing brain damage from the sport that meant everything to him – or was he just a heartless killer?

running time 7 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 2 3

American Kingpin

by Nick Bilton

published by Penguin Random House

read by Will Damron

In 2011, Ulbricht, a 26-year-old libertarian idealist and former Boy Scout, launched "a website where people could buy anything anonymously, with no trail whatsoever that could lead back to them." He called it Silk Road, opened for business on the Dark Web. The site grew at a tremendous pace, quickly becoming a $1.2 billion enterprise where you could buy or sell drugs, hacking software, forged passports, counterfeit cash, guns, grenades, and poisons. The Silk Road soon caught the attention of the Feds, who embarked on an epic two-year manhunt for the site's proprietor. This is a true-life thriller about ambition gone awry, spurred on by the defining clash of our time: the new world of libertarian-leaning, anonymous, decentralised web advocates and the old world of government control, order, and the rule of law. Bilton's dazzling rendering and gift for narrative make for an endlessly fascinating drama.

running time 12 hours 14 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 3 0

A False Report

by T. Christian Miller and Ken Armstrong

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

On 11 August 2008, eighteen-year-old Marie reported that a masked man had broken into her home and raped her. Within days, police - and even those closest to Marie -

became suspicious of her story. Confronted with the seeming inconsistencies, Marie broke down and said her story was a fabrication. More than two years later, some 1,600 kilometres away, detective Stacy Galbraith was assigned to a case of sexual assault. It bore an eerie resemblance to a rape that had taken place months earlier in a nearby town. Galbraith joined forces with detective on that case, Edna Hendershot. Galbraith and Hendershot soon realised they were dealing with a serial rapist: a man who took calculated steps to erase all physical evidence, who photographed each of his victims, threatening to release the images online if the women went to the police. Based on investigative files and extensive interviews with those involved, A False Report is a serpentine tale of doubt, lies and a hunt for justice.

running time 10 hours 6 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 3 7

Home Sweet Murder

by James Patterson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Peter Ganim

Two true-crime cases from the hit TV series Murder is Forever HOME SWEET MURDER: Lawyer Leo Fisher and his wife Sue are enjoying a quiet Sunday dinner at home. Until a man in a suit rings at their front door claiming to be an SEC agent. By the end of the evening, two people will be shot, stabbed and tortured. And two others will fare worse... MURDER ON THE RUN: The middle-aged housekeeper found

dead with a knife in her throat was bad. But the little boy was worse. After a bloody double homicide that puts Omaha, Nebraska, on the map, Detective Derek Mois promises the boy's parents he will catch the killer, no matter how long or far he runs...

running time 5 hours 26 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 2 4

Nemesis

by Misha Glenny

published by Penguin Random House

read by Misha Glenny

His name was Antonio, but they would call him Nem. From the infamous favela of Rocinha in Rio, he was a hardworking young father forced to make a decision that would turn his world upside down. Nemesis is the story of an ordinary man who became the king of the largest slum in Rio, the head of a drug cartel and perhaps Brazil's most wanted criminal. A man who tried to bring welfare and justice to a playground of gang culture and destitution, while everyone around him drew guns and partied. It's a captivating tale of gold-hunters and evangelical pastors, bent police and rich-kid addicts, quixotic politicians and drug lords with maths degrees.

running time 10 hours 7 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 6 2 2

Shepherds and Butchers

by Chris Marnewick

published by Penguin Random House

read by Peter Noble

South Africa, 1987. Apartheid. When Leon, a white 19-year-old prison guard working on death row commits an inexplicable act of violence, killing seven black men in a hail of bullets, the outcome of the trial - and the court's sentence - seems a foregone conclusion. Hotshot lawyer John Weber reluctantly takes on the seemingly unwinnable case. A passionate opponent of the death penalty, John discovers that young Leon worked on death row in the nation's most notorious prison, under traumatic conditions: befriending the inmates over the years while having to assist their eventual execution. As the court hearings progress, the case offers John the opportunity to put the entire system of legally sanctioned murder on trial. How can one man take such a dual role of friend and executioner, becoming both shepherd and butcher? Inspired by true events, this is the story that puts the death penalty on trial and changes history.

running time 16 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 6 0

Current Affairs

Consumed

by Aja Barber

published by Hachette

read by Aja Barber

Aja Barber wants change. In the 'learning' first half of the book, she will expose you to the endemic injustices in our consumer industries and the uncomfortable history of the textile industry; one which brokered slavery, racism and today's wealth inequality. And how these oppressive systems have bled into the fashion industry and its lack of diversity and equality. She will also reveal how we spend our money and whose pockets it goes into and whose it doesn't (clue: the people who do the actual work) and will tell her story of how she came to learn the truth. In the second 'unlearning' half of the book, she will help you to understand the uncomfortable truth behind why you consume the way you do. She asks you to confront the sense of lack you have, the feeling that you are never quite enough and the reasons why you fill the aching void with consumption rather than compassion. And she makes you challenge this power disparity and take back ownership of it. The less you buy into the consumer culture the more power you have.

running time 8 hours 17 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 3 8

Rainbow Trap

by Kevin Guyan

published by Bloomsbury

read by Kevin Guyan

Looking across six systems - the police and the recording of hate crimes; dating apps and digital desire; outness in the film and television industry; borders and LGBTQ asylum seekers; health and fitness activities; and DEI initiatives in the workplace - Rainbow Trap documents how inclusive interventions - such as new legislation, revamped diversity policies and tech fixes - have attempted to bring historically marginalized communities out of the shadows. Yet, as part of the bargain, LGBTQ people need to locate themselves in an ever-growing list of classifications, categories and labels to 'make sense' to the very systems they are seeking to access. This requirement to be classified catches LGBTQ communities in a rainbow trap. Because when we look beyond the welcoming veneer of inclusive interventions, we uncover sorting processes that determine what LGBTQ lives are valued and what queer futures are possible.

running time 9 hours 8 minutes

catalogue number: 2 2 2 6 9

Tackling Poverty and Disadvantage in Schools

by Sean Harris and Katrina Morley

published by Bloomsbury

read by George Potts

The stark reality of poverty and disadvantage in our communities is one of the biggest challenges faced by schools today. Schools need better understanding of the broader impact of poverty and disadvantage and what they can do about it – that’s where Tackling Poverty and Disadvantage in Schools comes in. The book is divided into

three clear sections on how to understand and tackle poverty across the whole school, in the classroom, and within the community. Written by expert authors working in a deprived area in the northeast of England, Tackling Poverty and Disadvantage in Schools goes beyond the statistics and – whilst there are no 'silver bullets' – offers practical ways forward. This book is backed by research and is complete with case studies, reflective tasks and next steps from contributors from across the UK and working with all phases.

running time 7 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 4 8

We Came by Sea

by Horatio Clare

published by Calibre Audio

read by Kim Frost

We Came by Sea is an untold story of the small boats crisis, a story which shows the best of us. It is the story of the volunteers who help thousands of refugees in Calais, of the lifeboat crews mounting one of the great search and rescue operations of all time, of an unrecognised, uncelebrated, all but unknown Britain which is giving its all to help the vulnerable and desperate. It is a journey through an unexamined nation, a nation which is as truly great and good as the people in the dinghies believe Britain to be. It is not the story we have been told, and it is a true story.

running time 4 hours 58 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 2 5 6

Disabilities

Blind Not Broken

by Lucy Edwards

published by Hachette

read by Lucy Edwards

At only 17, Lucy's world went to black. Due to a rare condition called incontinentia pigmenti, Lucy lost her eyesight in an instant and suddenly had to learn how to navigate her life all over again. While incredibly difficult and traumatic, this also marked the beginning of Lucy's extraordinary journey to finding self-acceptance and happiness. Lucy's motto in life is that she is 'blind, not broken'. In her book, she shows how anyone can adopt this same motto by demonstrating how the challenges we face in life need not break us but can instead inspire us to lead full, rich lives.

running time 5 hours 23 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 9 4

Little Big Things

by Henry Fraser

published by Hachette

read by Henry Fraser

Henry Fraser was a 17-year-old sports enthusiast and senior prefect when he broke his spinal cord and was left paralysed from the shoulders down. Life as he knew it was over, and yet, through extraordinary determination and a positive attitude, he has forged a successful career as an inspirational speaker and an artist. He chose survival over defeat and transformed unimaginable difficulty into an opportunity to grow and inspire others. This book combines his wisdom and insight into accepting life's challenges with positivity and hope and will resonate with anyone facing an obstacle, no matter how big or small. It includes Henry's thoughts on how to look at the right things and avoid the wrong things, looking for progress in whatever you do, and acknowledging and accepting the darkness when it comes. Right at the heart of Henry's inspiring philosophy is his belief that every day is a good day.

running time 3 hours 12 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 8 5

My Body is a Meadow

by Bethany Handley

published by Hachette

read by Bethany Handley

Since childhood, Bethany Handley has always felt most at home out in the wilds of the Welsh countryside. This all changed when Bethany became a full-time wheelchair user in her twenties and suddenly found herself padlocked out of the landscapes she belonged to. Today, nearly one in four

people are Disabled in the UK. Yet, public rights of way are blocked in 32,000 places across England and Wales. My Body is a Meadow writes into this troubling landscape. Passionate and political, it delivers a galvanising call for us to rethink how we live among nature and each other. Lyrical and personal, Bethany invites readers to wheel alongside her as she explores ableism, climate justice and what nature means to her.

running time 7 hours 53 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 8 4

Neurodivergent, by Nature

by Joe Harkness

published by Bloomsbury

read by Joe Harkness

Time in nature supports our wellbeing. If we are neurodivergent, it can stimulate our senses, feed our curiosity and help us find others with the same deep interests. But why do natural environments have such profound effects? After receiving an ADHD diagnosis in his thirties, Joe Harkness began to question whether his bond with nature was intrinsic to his neurodivergence or something developed through his life choices. Keen to know more, he connected with other neurodivergent people who share his passion for the natural world. Threading their stories with his own, Joe explores why they chose to seek diagnosis, the ways they find solace and understanding through nature, and what led many of them into nature-related careers. Drawing on his personal and professional

experiences, Joe highlights the creativity, skills and passion that can benefit communities, schools and workplaces when neurodiversity is welcomed and supported in all its forms.

running time 7 hours 40 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 1 9 7

The Spoonie Survival Guide

by Jodie K. Ranu

published by Bloomsbury

read by Cecilia Appiah

Living with a chronic illness is exhausting. From deciding how to manage your limited energy to the isolation that comes from finding ‘easy’ tasks – such as running errands or taking a shower – nearly impossible, daily life can be challenging. Spoonie Jodie K. Ranu gets it, and she’s here to help. The Spoonie Survival Guide is packed with practical advice so you can achieve the best quality of life possible, no matter your energy levels. Jodie looks at how our lives change with chronic illness, and what we can do about it - Lifestyle: dealing with daily tasks and maintaining your social life. Written by a spoonie for spoonies, this is your kind and reassuring guide to moving through your day with confidence – one spoon at a time. One spoon = one unit of energy Spoonie = someone with a chronic illness, condition or disability

running time 5 hours 48 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 0 3

The View From Down Here

by Lucy Webster

published by Dorling Kindersley (DK)

read by Nicola Chegwin and Lucy Webster

Women's lives are shaped by sexism and expectations. Disabled people's lives are shaped by ableism and a complete lack of expectations. But what happens when you're subjected to both sets of rules? This powerful, honest, hilarious and furious memoir from journalist and advocate Lucy Webster looks at life at the intersection; the struggles, the joys and the unseen realities of being a disabled woman. From navigating the worlds of education and work, dating and friendship; to managing care; contemplating motherhood; and learning to accept your body against a pervasive narrative that it is somehow broken and in need of fixing, The View From Down Here shines a light on what it really means to move through the world as a disabled woman.

running time 6 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 2 7 4

We're All Neurodiverse

by Sonny Jane Wise

published by Hachette

read by Miscellaneous

This affirming and thoughtful guide outlines how and why we need to fundamentally shift our thinking about neurodivergent people. We need to accept differences

rather than framing them as a problem, abnormality or disorder. Welcome to the neurodiversity paradigm. At times challenging and radical, Sonny Jane Wise explores the intersections of neurodivergence with disability, gender, sexuality and race. Through interviews, narratives, and the lens of their own raw experiences, they consider how current systems and structures that impact neurodivergent people are rooted in outdated capitalist and racist frameworks, and how these need to change and adapt to be neurodiversity affirming. Sonny Jane's words are a rallying cry to challenge the pathology paradigm. They offer nine principles for facilitating change, reflected in deeply personal stories from the neurodivergent community.

running time 6 hours 44 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 4 7 5

Wired to Feel

by Sarah Bergenfield and Martha Sweezy

published by Echo Point Books & Media, LLC

read by Sarah Bergenfield

Autism is not simply a difference in thinking - it is an embodied experience shaped by heightened sensory awareness, nervous system sensitivity, and perceptual intensity. For many autistic adults, this can lead to sensory overwhelm, shutdowns, difficulty with social expectations, and challenges navigating a world designed for neurotypical minds. In this groundbreaking guide, autistic psychologist Sarah Bergenfield offers a new way of understanding autism as a condition of sensory surplus, supported by both

personal insight and emerging scientific research. Psychotherapist Martha Sweezy joins Bergenfield in adapting internal family systems (IFS) therapy alongside principles from neuroscience and polyvagal theory to help autistic readers better understand their internal experiences and nervous system responses.

running time 4 hours 58 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 6 5

Economics and Finance

The Ascent of Money

by Niall Ferguson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Gareth Armstrong

Bread, cash, dosh, dough, loot. Call it what you like, it matters now more than ever. In The Ascent of Money, Niall Ferguson shows that finance is the foundation of all human progress and the lifeblood of history. From the cash injection that funded the Italian Renaissance to the stock market bubble that sparked the French Revolution, from the bonds that fuelled Britain's war effort to the Wall Street Crash and today's meltdown, this is the story of boom and bust as it's never been told before. Whether you're scraping by or rolling in it, there's no better time to understand the ascent of money.

running time 5 hours 50 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 9 9

Doughnut Economics

by Kate Raworth

published by Penguin Random House

read by Kate Raworth

Economics is broken. It has failed to predict, let alone prevent, financial crises that have shaken the foundations of our societies. Its outdated theories have permitted a world in which extreme poverty persists while the wealth of the super-rich grows year on year. And its blind spots have led to policies that are degrading the living world on a scale that threatens all of our futures. Can it be fixed? In Doughnut Economics, Oxford academic Kate Raworth identifies seven critical ways in which mainstream economics has led us astray, and sets out a roadmap for bringing humanity into a sweet spot that meets the needs of all within the means of the planet.

running time 10 hours 50 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 2 6

Econocracy

by Joe Earle

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jonathan Keeble

A century ago, the idea of 'the economy' didn't exist. Now economics is the supreme ideology of our time, with its own rules and language. The trouble is, most of us can't speak it. This is damaging democracy. Dangerous agendas are hidden inside mathematical wrappers; controversial policies are presented as 'proven' by the models of economic 'science'. Government is being turned over to a publicly unaccountable technocratic elite. The Econocracy reveals that economics is too important to be left to the economists - and shows us how we can begin to participate more fully in the decisions which affect all our futures.

running time 6 hours 56 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 2 2

The Euro

by Joseph E. Stiglitz

published by Penguin Random House

read by Mike Fitzpatrick

Solidarity and prosperity fostered by economic integration: this principle has underpinned the European project from the start, and the establishment of a common currency was supposed to be its most audacious and tangible achievement. Since 2008, however, the European Union has ricocheted between stagnation and crisis. The inability of the eurozone to match the recovery in the USA and UK has exposed its governing structures, institutions and policies as dysfunctional and called into question the viability of a common currency shared by such different economies as Germany and Greece. Designed to bring the European

Union closer together, the euro has actually done the opposite. Joseph Stiglitz argues that Europe's stagnation and bleak outlook are a direct result of the fundamental flaws inherent in the euro project - economic integration outpacing political integration with a structure that promotes divergence rather than convergence. Can the euro be saved?

running time 13 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 9 6

Talking to My Daughter About the Economy

by Yanis Varoufakis

published by Penguin Random House

read by Leighton Pugh

Why is there so much inequality? In this short book, world famous economist Yanis Varoufakis sets out to answer his daughter Xenia's deceptively simple question. Using personal stories and famous myths - from Oedipus and Faust to Frankenstein and The Matrix - he explains what the economy is and why it has the power to shape our lives. Intimate yet universally accessible, Talking To My Daughter About the Economy introduces readers to the most important drama of our times, helping to make sense of a troubling world while inspiring us to make it a better one.

running time 4 hours 50 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 6 5

Family and Relationships

Are You Right for Me?

by Andrew G. Marshall

published by Bloomsbury

read by Gabrielle Glaister

In the movies, a couple meet and they just know that each has found that one special person. Marriage, children and eternal bliss are just a heartbeat away. Unfortunately in the real world, it is much harder to work out if a relationship has a future or not. Most people do not have these blinding flashes or if they've had them in the past, have been badly let down and no longer trust their own judgement. If this sounds familiar and you're not sure if your relationship is serious or you're just wasting your time, this book is for you. Marital therapist Andrew G Marshall draws on extensive research and twenty-five years' experience of working with couples to help you understand what is going on beneath the surface.

running time 4 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 6 6

Dummy

by Matt Coyne

published by Hachette

read by Matt Coyne

Matt Coyne has become a hero for thousands of parents everywhere who are devoted followers of his popular blog, Man vs Baby. This is his book, and it is not your average parenting tome. It's packed with completely impractical advice for the bewildered new mum or dad - stuff you won't find anywhere else: from 'Profanity Bingo' for labour to a categorisation of various nappy disasters. But, more than that, it is the story of how becoming a parent is a kind of beautiful insanity - a thing that changes you. Above all, Dummy will keep you laughing through the exhaustion, the mystery and the madness of bringing up your own children. This is the parenting book for real people.

running time 5 hours 56 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 8 7

Flirtology

by Jean Smith

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jean Smith

Flirtology is THE dating guide for the 21st century. In an age of swiping left and right, and hiding behind online profiles, this book shows you how to replace connectivity with connection. Flirtology debunks the myths that surround flirting in order to help you find love. It helps you to analyse what you are looking for in a potential partner, shows you how to practise your interaction skills and how to unlock your inner flirt. It will give you the confidence to speak to anyone, anywhere and get results - without every compromising who you are. It's not about games, rules and

tricks - it's about presenting your real self so that you will attract the right people for you.

running time 6 hours 26 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 5 3

Grand Expectations

by Celia Dodd

published by Bloomsbury

read by Nano Nagle

Grandparents are more important in families than ever before, with millions providing free childcare. But while the joys of being a grandparent are widely celebrated, the challenges and dilemmas are often overlooked. What should you do if you don't agree with your daughter-in-law's parenting? Is it possible to build a close relationship with grandchildren when you live far apart? And above all, how do you juggle your own ambitions with your family's needs? Celia Dodd speaks to grandmothers, grandfathers and adult children and draws on the latest research to help both generations negotiate what can at times be an emotional minefield. Grand Expectations shows how grandparents can harvest their wisdom and experience in nurturing these precious relationships.

running time 9 hours 9 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 4 3

How Can I Ever Trust You Again?

by Andrew G. Marshall

published by Bloomsbury

read by Gabrielle Glaister

There are few things in life more traumatic than discovering that your partner is having an affair. You are not only coping with the pain and anger but also the sense that your partner is a stranger. How could someone you love, and thought that you knew, treat you in this way? How can you ever trust your partner again? Don't panic. Millions upon millions of ordinary men and women have trodden the same path and come out the other end with not only their love restored but a significantly stronger and better relationship. Whether you are the discoverer of the affair or whether you were discovered, Marshall offers guidance and support.

running time 9 hours 48 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 6 7

I Love You But I'm Not in Love With You

by Andrew G. Marshall

published by Bloomsbury

read by Gabrielle Glaister

How do you fall back in love? This was the underlying problem of one in four couples seeking help from relationship therapist Andrew G. Marshall. They described their problem as: ‘I love you but I'm not in love with you'. Noticing how widespread the phenomenon had become, he decided to look more closely. Why were these relationships becoming defined more by companionship than by passion,

and why was companionship no longer enough? From his research Andrew has devised his own unique programme. By looking at how a couple communicate, argue, share love, take responsibility, give and learn he offers in seven steps a reassuring and empowering map for how two individuals can better understand themselves, strengthen their bond and recover that lost magic.

running time 10 hours

catalogue number: 2 5 8 6 8

Learn to Love Yourself Enough

by Andrew G. Marshall

published by Bloomsbury

read by Gabrielle Glaister

Are you your own greatest critic? Do you have low self-esteem? Have you ever thought that if people knew the real you, that they would think less of you? Does life feel an uphill struggle because nobody - not even you - is truly on your side? If any of this sounds familiar, it is time to take a fresh look at the most important relationship of all: Your relationship with yourself. In this thought-provoking book, marital therapist Andrew G Marshall looks at how to love yourself enough to make better relationships and how to stop zigzagging between boosting yourself up (often to unsustainable heights) and becoming overly critical.

running time 4 hours 16 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 6 9

Man Vs. Toddler

by Matt Coyne

published by Hachette

read by Matt Coyne

In the follow-up to the critically acclaimed Sunday Times bestseller Dummy (April 2017) comes Man vs. Toddler - the story of what happens when your little one is transformed from an innocent bundle of joy into a creature that walks, talks... and craps in a plastic bucket in the middle of your living room. Man vs Toddler exposes the lie that, that when it comes to parenting 'it gets easier'. But it is just as honest, foul-mouthed and heart-warming as Matt's first book, and will have you laughing and crying with recognition as he shares his observations and advice on everything from tantrums to the horrors of soft play.

running time 7 hours 15 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 8 8

The Parent's Guide to Exam Stress

by Katharine Radice

published by Bloomsbury

read by Willow Nash

Katharine Radice draws on her training in child and adolescent development and 20+ years teaching in the classroom to provide you with practical advice, valuable insights and effective strategies to support your child through exams and assessments from KS3 to A level. The teenage years are a swirl of trying to find an identity

surrounded by other people’s expectations, so it’s no wonder pupils are feeling the pressure. It's well known that teenage anxiety seems to be on the rise and it’s visibly present in classrooms today, especially during exams and assessments. As parents, the challenge is this: is the pressure on your child healthy or not? And if it’s not healthy, what can we do about it? The Parent’s Guide to Exam Stress includes voices of students, teachers and mental health professionals, all giving their take on what the exam experience can be like for teenagers today. You will learn how to open up the difficult conversations, how to understand where your child is coming from, and how to help pave the way for your child to feel motivated, prepared and ready for their exams.

running time 8 hours 39 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 4 0

A Parent's Guide to High-functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder

by Miscellaneous Authors

published by Echo Point Books & Media, LLC

read by Kathleen Godwin

Leading experts show how you can work with your child's unique impairments--and harness his or her capabilities. Vivid stories and real-world examples illustrate ways to help kids with ASD relate more comfortably to peers, learn the rules of appropriate behavior, and succeed in school. You'll learn how ASD is diagnosed and what treatments and educational supports really work. Updated with the latest

research and resources, the second edition clearly explains the implications of the DSM-5 diagnostic changes.

running time 9 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 6 9

Resolve Your Differences

by Andrew G. Marshall

published by Bloomsbury

read by Gabrielle Glaister

Do you have arguments that go round and round in circles? Do you and your partner keep picking at each other over stupid things? Can things turn nasty when you disagree? Despite all the falling out, making up and promises to try harder, do you find that nothing really changes? If all this sounds familiar, it is time for a fresh approach. In this down-to-earth book, marital therapist Andrew G. Marshall draws on twenty-five years of counselling couples to explain how to deal with conflict and find lasting solutions.

running time 4 hours 36 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 7 0

The Single Trap

by Andrew G. Marshall

published by Bloomsbury

read by Gabrielle Glaister

Are you tired of casual relationships and playing ‘the game'? Do you want to settle down, but can't seem to be able to find the right person? Have you just come out of a long-term relationship, or had your heart badly broken? Do you worry that nobody will love you again? If any of this sounds familiar, you may have fallen into the Single Trap. You are not alone. For the first time ever, the number of single-person households in the UK is about to outnumber those with families. In this ground-breaking book, marital therapist Andrew G. Marshall diagnoses the underlying social trends and sets out his two-step guide to freeing yourself from the trap and finding lasting love.

running time 10 hours 44 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 7 1

The Unmumsy Mum Diary

by The Unmumsy Mum

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sarah Turner

In The Unmumsy Mum Diary Sarah shares with us a year in her life as a mum, wife, blogger and bestselling author. With her trademark candour and wit, she documents the good days and the bad days, the giggles and the tantrums. She'll also share poignant, life-changing moments from her year, such as her older son heading off through the school gates for the first time. The Unmumsy Mum Diary is as honest as it is hilarious and a peek into Sarah's innermost thoughts will leave you in no doubt that, on those days when you feel you

are not quite cut out for the job, you are most definitely not alone.

running time 6 hours 53 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 7 2

You, Your Child and School

by Ken Robinson, Lou Aronica

published by Penguin Random House

read by Ken Robinson

Parents everywhere are deeply concerned about the education of their children, especially now, when education has become a minefield of politics and controversy. One of the world's most influential educators, Robinson has had countless conversations with parents about the dilemmas they face. As a parent, what should you look for in your children's education? How can you tell if their school is right for them and what can you do if it isn't? In this important new book, he offers clear principles and practical advice on how to support your child through the education system, or outside it if you choose to homeschool or un-school. Dispelling many myths and tackling critical schooling options and controversies, You, Your Child, and School is a key book for parents to learn about the kind of education their children really need and what they can do to make sure they get it.

running time 7 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 0 6

Gardening

The Gardener's Almanac

by Alan Titchmarsh

published by Hachette

read by Alan Titchmarsh

National treasure and presenter of ITV's hugely popular Love Your Garden, Alan Titchmarsh brings us his month by month almanac of garden knowledge, facts, advice and inspiration. Here is seasonal advice on what to grow and sow, projects to engage in, as well as wildlife to spot, gorgeous gardens to visit, birds and flowers to celebrate, weather notes, and nature to reflect on in poems, music, and books.

running time 7 hours 3 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 6 1

Grief & Bereavement

Grief Works

by Julia Samuel

published by Penguin Random House

read by Julia Samuel

Death is the last taboo in our society, and grief is still profoundly misunderstood. So many of us feel awkward and uncertain around death, and shy away from talking honestly with family and friends. Grief Works is a compassionate guide that will inform and engage anyone who is grieving, from the 'expected' death of a parent to the sudden unexpected death of a small child, and provide clear advice for those seeking to comfort the bereaved. With deeply moving case studies of real people's stories of loss, and brilliantly accessible and practical advice, Grief Works will be passed down through generations as the definitive guide for anyone who has lost a loved one, and revolutionise the way we talk about life, loss and death.

running time 8 hours 41 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 1 0

Option B

by Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant

published by Penguin Random House

read by Elisa Donovan

After the sudden death of her husband, Sheryl Sandberg felt certain that she and her children would never feel pure joy again. Her friend Adam Grant, a psychologist at Wharton, told her there are concrete steps people can take to recover and rebound from life-shattering experiences. We are not born with a fixed amount of resilience. It is a muscle that everyone can build. Option B combines Sheryl's personal insights with Adam's eye-opening research on finding strength in the face of adversity. Beginning with the gut-

wrenching moment when she finds her husband, Dave Goldberg, collapsed on a gym floor, Sheryl opens up her heart - and her journal - to describe the acute grief and isolation she felt in the wake of his death. But Option B goes beyond Sheryl's loss to explore how a broad range of people have overcome hardships including illness, job loss, sexual assault, natural disasters, and the violence of war.

running time 6 hours 14 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 3 8

Health & Well-being

The Anxiety Solution

by Chloe Brotheridge

published by Penguin Random House

read by Chloe Brotheridge

Therapist Chloe Brotheridge has used the latest scientific research and her own personal experience to create a programme that has already helped thousands of her clients to overcome anxiety. The Anxiety Solution will provide you with simple yet powerful practical tools to help you manage your symptoms and start feeling better every day. Chloe will help you to understand why we feel anxious in the first place, and equips you with techniques to help manage the symptoms and start living a happier, more confident life. Whether it is social media pressure,

perfectionism or fear of failure, this book will show you how to regain control of your life.

running time 5 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 5 0

The Art of Stopping Time

by Pedram Shojai

published by Penguin Random House

read by John Sackville

Our perception of the scarcity of time is coupled with the epidemic of stress in the modern world and, when we don't have a positive connection with the flow of time, we lack purpose as well as develop health problems. The Art of Stopping Time offers specific meditations to empower the reader to feel like they have MORE time, even though they are probably busier than ever. The book is based on the concept of a 100-Day Gong - an ancient Chinese technique for forming new habits over 100 days which the reader can simply work into their daily life. As the author explains, 'A Gong is a dedicated act of self-love and by practising these small but profound changes we are snapped out of our daily trance into the light of awareness, where we find peace and joy.'

running time 5 hours 52 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 0 8

The Four Pillar Plan

by Rangan Chatterjee

published by Penguin Random House

read by Rangan Chatterjee

In The Four Pillar Plan, Dr Rangan Chatterjee presents us with an incredibly simple framework for taking control of our health. He divides health into four pillars: diet, rest, sleep and movement. By making small, easily achievable changes in each of these key areas you can find and maintain good health - and avoid illness. You don't need to excel at any one pillar; what matters is the balance across all the things you do, from: Having an electronic 'sabbath' once a week Aiming for 12 hours every day without food Exposing yourself to sunlight first thing each morning Based on cutting-edge research and his own experience as a GP, and featuring fascinating case studies from real patients, The Four Pillar Plan is an inspiring, easy-to-follow and practical guide to good health.

running time 5 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 1 3

Mindful Hypnobirthing

by Sophie Fletcher

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sophie Fletcher

Hypnotherapist and experienced doula Sophie Fletcher shares with you the secrets to having a safe, natural and positive birth. Using a powerful combination of mindfulness, hypnosis and relaxation techniques, Sophie will ensure you

feel genuinely excited and completely prepared for birth. With stories from women who have successfully used the tools in this book, and downloadable hypnosis and relaxation tracks, discover how to use your mind and body together to stay focused and in control, draw on visualisation and breathing techniques to help birth progress and feel positive and empowered, before, during and after you give birth Reassuring, practical and based entirely on what works, Mindful Hypnobirthing is your essential guide to giving birth the way you want to.

running time 10 hours 11 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 0 2 5

Nourish & Glow: The 10-day Plan

by Amelia Freer

published by Penguin Random House

read by Amelia Freer

This 10-day plan will help you lose weight, feel great and kick-start a lifetime of healthy eating. In her most comprehensive book yet, the UK's leading nutritional therapist and bestselling author, Amelia Freer, shares the secrets of her exclusive practice that includes Victoria Beckham and Sam Smith as clients. With her engaging and encouraging commentary, including client case studies and scientifically researched guidance, Nourish & Glow: The 10-Day Plan showcases Amelia's unrivalled easy-to-follow 10-day meal plan and promises to fundamentally transform the way you shop for food, cook and eat: now and forever.

running time 2 hours 7 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 5 5

Still Beautiful

by Katie Piper

published by Dorling Kindersley (DK)

read by Katie Piper

When a life-threatening acid-attack left Katie Piper physically and visibly scarred at just 24, her approach to ageing was irrevocably changed: she now sees each passing year as a reminder of the privilege of being alive. Over a decade on from sharing her story for the first time, Katie reflects on what it means to age well within a world that has too often made women feel irrelevant or invisible for going through the natural ageing process. From how to know your worth to how to take up space in a society that tells you to be small, this audiobook will help you cultivate a confidence you can depend on and find the real beauty in getting older.

running time 4 hours 39 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 2 7 5

The Things You Can See Only When You Slow Down

by Chi-Young Kim, Haemin Sunim

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sean Pratt

The world moves fast, but that doesn't mean we have to. In this timely guide to mindfulness, Haemin Sunim, a Buddhist monk born in Korea and educated in the United States, offers advice on everything from handling setbacks to dealing with rest and relationships, in a beautiful book combining his teachings with calming full-colour illustrations. Haemin Sunim's simple messages - which he first wrote when he responded to requests for advice on social media - speak directly to the anxieties that have become part of modern life and remind us of the strength and joy that come from slowing down.

running time 2 hours 51 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 2 6

The Upside Of OCD

by Michael Alcée

published by Bloomsbury

read by Ian Porter

Many OCD sufferers fail to improve using the standard exposure-response prevention (ERP) treatment. But as clinical psychologist Michael Alcée contends, it's not the patients who are failing the treatment, but rather the treatment that is failing the patients. Using vivid case examples, practical exercises, personal anecdotes, and inspiring stories, The Upside of OCD shows sufferers and therapists the creative powers that allow OCD sufferers to see the world with such unique depth, feeling, and intensity.

running time 6 hours 58 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 6 0

Wake Up to the Joy of You

by Agapi Stassinopoulos

published by Penguin Random House

read by Agapi Stassinopoulos

Wake Up to the Joy of You is the simple way to find grace and meaning in your life. Inspirational motivational speaker and blogger, Agapi Stassinopoulos offers 52 weeks of super-accessible meditations that allow you to overcome disappointment, rejection, fear, and self-doubt - and to find something more in your life. Wake Up to the Joy of You is the perfect introduction to meditation and mindfulness, and a book to treasure at any point on your journey through life.

running time 11 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 6 0

History - Ancient

Mythica

by Emily Hauser

published by Penguin Random House

read by Emily Hauser

In Mythica Emily Hauser tells, for the first time, the extraordinary stories of the real women behind some of the western world's greatest legends. Following in their footsteps, digging into the history behind Homer's epic poems, piecing together evidence from the original texts, recent astonishing archaeological finds and the latest DNA studies, she reveals who these women - queens, mothers, warriors, slaves - were, how they lived, and how history has (or has not - until now) remembered them. A riveting new history of the Bronze Age Aegean and a journey through Homer's epics charted entirely by women - from Helen of Troy, Briseis, Cassandra and Aphrodite to Circe, Athena, Hera, Calypso and Penelope - Mythica is a ground-breaking reassessment of the reality behind the often-mythologized women of Greece's greatest epics, and of the ancient world itself as we learn ever more about it.

running time 16 hours 23 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 1 5 7

History - British

The Blood in Winter

by Jonathan Healey

published by Bloomsbury

read by Mark Meadows

After years of tension between a king and his people, in 1641 England reaches a semblance of peace. Armies have

disbanded, legislation has passed to ensure Parliament will continue to sit, and the people are tentatively optimistic. Radical politicians congratulate themselves on a stunning political victory. Royal servants are coming to accept an altered future. Then comes winter. With it, chaos, protests, political deadlock, and eventually a remarkable attempt by King Charles I to destroy his opponents. On 4 January 1642 Charles marches on the small riverside city of Westminster at the head of an army, seeking to arrest five Members of Parliament. In doing so, he sets in motion a series of events that will lead to bloodshed and war, changing a nation forever. Why did the English Civil War break out? The Blood in Winter tells the story of an English people's great political awakening, and of a nation that splintered into bloodshed at a terrifying speed.

running time 13 hours 31 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 9 0

Craftland

by James Fox

published by Penguin Random House

read by James Fox

For generations, what we made with our hands shaped who we were. The skills and knowledge passed down to us built our communities and defined our regions. And if you know where to look, they still do. In Craftland, James Fox seeks out Britain's last great craftspeople - those who are keeping our vanishing trades and traditions alive. Through them, we witness not only the living past but a deeper, more

connected way of living today: one that is not yet lost and might still shape our future. This soul-stirring journey shows that Britain is still a craft land, if only we have eyes to see it.

running time 7 hours 35 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 8 7 9

Dad's Army

by Sinclair McKay

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sinclair McKay

With the threat of invasion from Hitler's forces looming large in 1940, men of all ages and backgrounds assembled under the banner of the Home Guard. A voluntary force much later nicknamed 'Dad's Army', at its height there were almost two million volunteers prepared to defend every corner of the kingdom. Far from the stereotype of charming incompetence, the Home Guard were in fact entirely serious in their approach. Many volunteers had fought in World War One, and radical veterans from the Spanish Civil War taught these men and boys new techniques in lethal guerilla fighting. Chocolate-box village greens were re-imagined as bloody battlefields, with duties including rifle and mortar training, night-time patrols and manning anti-aircraft guns - all on top of volunteers' everyday jobs. Yet all of this was underpinned by an essential good humour, with moments of levity and comradery vital in keeping up a much-needed spirit of defiance. Sinclair McKay tells the remarkable story of these courageous, highly-trained and often pioneering men and women through original archival research, vivid

storytelling and insights into the beloved television comedy which has shaped the national memory of the Home Guard.

running time 12 hours 34 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 9 3 7

Long Road From Jarrow

by Stuart Maconie

published by Penguin Random House

read by Stuart Maconie

In the autumn of 1936, some 200 men from the Tyneside town of Jarrow marched 300 miles to London in protest against the destruction of their towns and industries. Precisely 80 years on, Stuart Maconie, walks from north to south retracing the route of the emblematic Jarrow Crusade. Following history's footsteps, Maconie is in search of what Modern Britain is really like today.

running time 12 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 5 1

The Secret Life Of The Hotel

by Eloise Moss

published by Bloomsbury

read by Lindsey Campbell

Hotels represent nations, hosting visiting monarchs, politicians, and diplomats. Hotels underpin global networks of travel and communication, on which national and

international prosperity have increasingly depended since the end of the First World War. Yet hotels are also places where people can be anonymous; where murderers and thieves mix with adulterers and con artists; and where prejudice finds expression in who is refused access, and in the forms of ‘service’ provided by staff in the lowest-paid roles. The Secret Life of the Hotel: Sex, Crime and Protest in British Guesthouses Since 1918 is the first book to uncover how hotels entrenched inequality, prejudice, and exploitation in Britain’s tourist sector, and in wider society and culture, during the 20th century. Eloise Moss delves into hotel murders, swindles, and scandals, including the history of Agatha Christie’s disappearance in 1926, the ‘Margate Hotel Murder’, and the divorce of Wallis Simpson in 1936 so she could marry King Edward VIII.

running time 13 hours 28 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 8 9 6

The Stolen Crown

by Tracy Borman

published by Hachette

read by Tracy Borman

In March 1603, Queen Elizabeth I, the last Tudor monarch, lies dying at Richmond Palace. The queen's ministers cluster round her bedside, urging her to name her successor - something she has stubbornly resisted throughout her reign. Almost with her last breath she whispers that James VI of Scotland should succeed her. Or so we've been led to believe. But, as enthralling new research shows, this is not

what happened. Elizabeth went to her grave without formally naming an heir. The notion of an approved succession from Tudors to Stuarts is little more than an elaborately constructed fiction - a fiction that went on to have devastating consequences. The Stuart regime rapidly descended into turbulence and uncertainty, conspiracy and persecution, witchcraft and gunpowder. With a combination of rigorous research and brilliant storytelling, The Stolen Crown takes us behind palace doors to reveal the secret history of the Tudor succession.

running time 13 hours 35 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 9 4

Through the Windows of an Ordinary House

by Ian Mortimer

published by Penguin Random House

read by Ian Mortimer

This book tells the history of England from the point of view of the people who lived in Mearsdon - a house in Moretonhampstead on the edge of Dartmoor, where historian Ian Mortimer now lives. Remarkably, Mortimer has been able to trace daily life here from the coming of the Saxons to the present day. Blending the broadest national history with the most intimate local events, Mortimer acquaints us with those who occupied the building - from the first known owner, a thirteenth-century priest, to his own family living there today. Along the way he illustrates important social changes - such as the Norman Conquest, the Black Death, the Reformation, the Industrial Revolution,

and the two world wars - through the experiences of the house's inhabitants and their neighbours in deepest Devon. The result is a unique and fascinating perspective on English social history.

running time 15 hours 36 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 1 0

History - European

Postwar

by Tony Judt

published by Penguin Random House

read by Ralph Cosham

Tracing the story of post-war Europe and its changing role in the world, Judt's magnificent history of the continent of our times investigates the political, social and cultural history of Europe from the wreckage of post-war Europe to the expansion of the EU into the former Soviet empire. Judt's stress is on the continent as a whole, from Greece to Norway, from Portugal to Russia. This, uniquely, is a history that pays due attention to both Western and Eastern Europe, to cultural and social developments as to political and diplomatic events. Throughout Judt shows how politics, society, culture and popular culture influenced each other. A masterly and definitive history of our continent in a crucial period of its history, Europe in our time.

running time 43 hours 1 minute

catalogue number: 2 3 6 3 8

History - General

The Apothecary's Wife

by Karen Bloom Gevirtz

published by Bloomsbury

read by Rachel Handshaw

The running joke in Europe for centuries was that anyone in a hurry to die should call the doctor. As far back as ancient Greece, physicians were notorious for administering painful and often fatal treatments – and charging for the privilege. For the most effective treatment, the ill and injured went to the women in their lives. This system lasted hundreds of years. Contrary to the familiar story, medication did not improve during the Scientific Revolution. Yet somehow, between 1650 and 1740, the domestic female and the physician switched places in the cultural consciousness: she became the ineffective, potentially dangerous quack, he the knowledgeable, trustworthy expert. The professionals normalized the idea of paying them for what people already got at home without charge, laying the foundation for Big Pharma and today’s global for-profit medication system. A revelatory history of medicine, The Apothecary’s Wife challenges the myths of the triumph of science and instead uncovers the fascinating truth.

running time 8 hours 26 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 9 1

The Butchering Art

by Lindsey Fitzharris

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sam Woolf

In The Butchering Art, historian Lindsey Fitzharris recreates a critical turning point in the history of medicine, when Joseph Lister transformed surgery from a brutal, harrowing practice to the safe, vaunted profession we know today. At a time when surgery couldn't have been more dangerous, an unlikely figure stepped forward: Joseph Lister, a young Quaker surgeon. By making the audacious claim that germs were the source of all infection - and could be treated with antiseptics - he changed the history of medicine forever. With a novelist's eye for detail, Fitzharris brilliantly conjures up the grisly world of Victorian surgery, revealing how one of Britain's greatest medical minds finally brought centuries of savagery, sawing and gangrene to an end.

running time 7 hours 30 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 0 1

Empire

by Niall Ferguson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jonathan Keeble and Niall Ferguson

Once vast swathes of the globe were coloured imperial red and Britannia ruled not just the waves, but the prairies of America, the plains of Asia, the jungles of Africa and the deserts of Arabia. Just how did a small, rainy island in the North Atlantic achieve all this? And why did the empire on which the sun literally never set finally decline and fall? Niall Ferguson's acclaimed Empire brilliantly unfolds the imperial story in all its splendours and its miseries, showing how a gang of buccaneers and gold-diggers planted the seed of the biggest empire in all history - and set the world on the road to modernity.

running time 16 hours 12 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 9 9

Meetings With Remarkable Manuscripts

by Christopher de Hamel

published by Penguin Random House

read by Christopher de Hamel

This is a book about why medieval manuscripts matter. The idea for this book, which is entirely new, is to invite the reader into an intimate conversation with a selection of the most famous manuscripts in existence, and to let each of those manuscripts illuminate the Middle Ages and sometimes the modern world too. Meetings with Remarkable Manuscripts invites the reader to accompany the author on exclusive private visits to a dozen very varied collections, in different parts of the world, to discover twelve great manuscripts and to explore their historical and intellectual significance.

running time 17 hours 41 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 9 7

Poet, Mystic, Widow, Wife

by Hetta Howes

published by Bloomsbury

read by Amy Noble

Few women had the luxury of writing down their thoughts and feelings during medieval times. But remarkably, there are at least four extraordinary women who did. Those women were: Marie de France, a poet; Julian of Norwich, a mystic and anchoress; Christine de Pizan, a widow and court writer; and Margery Kempe, a "no-good wife". In their own ways these four very different writers pushed back against the misogyny of the period. Each of them broke new ground in women’s writing and left us incredible insights into the world of medieval life and politics. Hetta Howes has spent her working life uncovering these women’s stories to give us a valuable and unique historical biography of their lives that challenges what we hold to be common knowledge about medieval women in Europe. Women did earn money, they could live independent lives, and they thought, loved, fought and suffered just as we do today.

running time 10 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 8 4

The Queer Thing About Sin

by Harry Tanner

published by Bloomsbury

read by Harry Tanner

In the early days of ancient Greece, queer love was celebrated. The most famous warrior in antiquity loved another man, the poet whose lyrics were memorised by philosophers and kings sang of her desire for women. Men could swear oaths of undying love and live out the rest of their lives together in peace. What fragments survive of this ancient world all tell us one thing: it was not a sin to be queer. In this extraordinary book, Harry Tanner sets out on a journey to discover the origins of homophobia in the West. From the rise of belligerent tyrants to civil unrest and the birth of radical new philosophies, Tanner follows the traces of this sinister idea as it swept across the ancient Mediterranean. This is a powerful story that draws on the rich world of the ancients to reveal how homophobia infected Western religion and ideology - the consequences of which we are still living with today - and to that end how we can move forward and resist homophobia in the future.

running time 8 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 4 6

History - World

North Korea

by Michael J. Seth

published by Bloomsbury

read by John Sackville

North Korea is perhaps the most intriguing, infamous and enigmatic nation of our modern world. Yet how many of us know its full history, and how it came to be? How can we understand such a strange, isolated state? This new edition seeks to provide some answers to these questions. Starting with its origins in the colonial period, Michael J Seth masterfully traces how North Korea transformed itself from a Soviet-style socialist state to the ultra-nationalist, dynastic dictatorship of the 21st century. Born from 20th century Korea's struggles to regain autonomy and achieve modernization, this book follows the story of how a single Korea with a shared ethnic and cultural heritage, evolved into radically different societies. From the birth of the DPRK, through economic collapse, famine and failed revolution, it illuminates North Korea's journey with an engaging understanding of the political, ideological, economic and social forces at play.

running time 11 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 1 7

Red Dawn Over China

by Frank Dikötter

published by Bloomsbury

read by Daniel York Loh

The history of modern China has long been portrayed as a tale of Communists fighting in the hills for freedom,

gradually gaining popular support by taking land from the rich and giving it to the poor. Drawing on a wealth of archival evidence, Red Dawn Over China reveals how unlikely the Party's victory actually was, had it not been for financial and military support from the Soviet Union. In this riveting tale told with great narrative verve, Frank Dikötter reveals how thirteen delegates gathered in a dusty room in 1921 ended up raising the red flag over the Forbidden City in 1949, forever altering the course of history for a quarter of humanity and shaping the world as we know it today.

running time 12 hours 42 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 8 0

Home

Live Lagom

by Anna Brones

published by Penguin Random House

read by Becky Moult

Live Lagom is a practical lifestyle guide based on the Swedish philosophy of Lagom. Meaning "just the right amount", the concept can be applied to every aspect of your life and promotes balance. At a time when we are all concerned with saving money, feeling less stressed, acting more consciously towards our environment as well as creating our ideal homes and careers, Lagom offers an insight into how one of the happiest and most satisfied

countries and cultures achieves this balance in day to day life. With chapters covering Home, Work and Health, the practice of Lagom is explained in traditional and practical terms, and includes advice and tips on how to find your happy medium.

running time 2 hours 24 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 5 8

A Monk's Guide to a Clean House and Mind

by Shoukei Matsumoto

published by Penguin Random House

read by Adam Sims

We remove dust to sweep away our worldly desires. We scrub dirt to free ourselves of attachments. We live simply and take time to contemplate the self, mindfully living each moment. It's not just monks that need to live this way. Everyone in today's busy world today needs it. The Zen sect of Buddhism is renowned for the cleanliness of its monks, but cleaning is greatly valued in Japanese Buddhism in general as a way to cultivate the mind. In this book, I introduce everyday cleaning methods typically employed in temples, while sharing what it's like to be a monk in training. This book will improve the condition not just of your own mind, but also the people around you. I hope readers will discover that cleanliness is an opportunity to contemplate oneself.

running time 2 hours 4 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 2 3

Where the Hearth Is

by Kate Humble

published by Hachette

read by Kate Humble

Kate Humble has a knack for sharing her own journey towards a more pleasing and purposeful life in a way that inspires listeners, enables them to reassess their own lives and helps them achieve their personal goals. Having encouraged listeners to reconnect with nature in Thinking on My Feet and simplify their lifestyles in A Year of Living Simply, she turns now to reimagining the ideal home - examining her own experiences and expectations, considering all the elements necessary to futureproof her home life, taking advice from others living uniquely, extraordinarily, happily, and gaining insights from some unexpected quarters - including the animal kingdom. Where the Hearth Is will resonate with all those seeking to make the most of their lives during the many hours we all spend at home - whether it's a case of tiny adjustments while staying put, moving out, living differently or dreaming of building something new.

running time 7 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 3 3

Humour

You Can't Spell America Without Me

by Alec Baldwin and Kurt Andersen

published by Penguin Random House

read by Alec Baldwin and Kurt Andersen

Political satire as deeper truth: Donald Trump's presidential memoir, as recorded by two world-renowned Trump scholars and experts on greatness generally. Until Donald Trump publishes the ultimate account of his entire four or eight or one-and-a-half years in the White House, the definitive chronicle will be You Can't Spell America Without Me: The Really Tremendous Inside Story of My Fantastic First Year As President. Trump was elected because he was the most frank presidential candidate in history, a man eager to tell the unvarnished truth about others' flaws and tout his own amazing excellence. Now he levels his refreshingly compulsive, un-PC candour at his landslide election victory as well as his role as commander-in-chief and leader of the free world. You Can't Spell America Without Me is presented by America's foremost Trump scholar Kurt Andersen as well as America's foremost mediocre Trump impersonator, Alec Baldwin.

running time 5 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 4 6

Poetry

Maryville

by Joelle Taylor

published by Bloomsbury

read by Joelle Taylor

With a vividly sketched cast of characters, award-winning poet Joelle Taylor uses the Maryville butch bar as a lens through which to consider the underground histories of queer London. The violence and pain of oppression and the beauty and intimacy of community are rendered in awe-inspiring high definition in a collection as filmic as it is familiar. A hybrid chronicle, magic trick, prayer and insurrection, Maryville conjures ghosts back to their bodies, a community to their feet.

running time 3 hours

catalogue number: 2 3 7 5 4

Politics

Adults in the Room

by Yanis Varoufakis

published by Penguin Random House

read by Leighton Pugh

Varoufakis sparked one of the most spectacular and controversial battles in recent political history when, as

finance minister of Greece, he attempted to re-negotiate his country's relationship with the EU. Despite the mass support of the Greek people and the simple logic of his arguments, he succeeded only in provoking the fury of Europe's political, financial and media elite. But the true story of what happened is almost entirely unknown - not least because so much of the EU's real business takes place behind closed doors. In this fearless account, Varoufakis reveals all: an extraordinary tale of brinkmanship, hypocrisy, collusion and betrayal that will shake the deep establishment to its foundations. As is now clear, the same policies that required the tragic and brutal suppression of Greece's democratic uprising have led directly to authoritarianism, populist revolt and instability throughout the Western world.

running time 20 hours 14 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 0 1 5

Don't Talk About Politics

by Sarah Stein Lubrano

published by Bloomsbury

read by Sarah Stein Lubrano

This provocative debut from a bold voice combines a fascinating range of research to show us the psychological and sociological factors that really shape our politics. Drawing from ancient philosophy to modern neuroscience and social science, Dr Sarah Stein Lubrano reveals the surprising truth about how people think and behave politically. From friendship to community organizing and social infrastructure, she explores the actions that actually

do change minds. In a world where politics keeps getting more irrational, dishonest, violent and chaotic, it's getting much harder to reach people with words alone. So people who really care about democracy must ask: how can we stop arguing and do the deep work to build stronger foundations for political life, and a better world for us all?

running time 7 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 3 9 2

Drums in the Distance

by Joe Mulhall

published by W. F. Howes

read by Finlay Robertson

Joe Mulhall knows what it's like to stare fascism in the face. For a decade, often undercover at significant personal risk, he has investigated hate groups. He infiltrated a US white supremacist militia, set up a fake Ku Klux Klan branch, has been on countless street marches with violent far-right groups across Europe, and got inside some of the most important 'alt-right' meetings ever held. Brazil, India and the US are still in thrall to authoritarian populism, and far-right views have become steadily normalised in mainstream politics. Mulhall's dramatic experiences on the front line of anti-fascist activism, coupled with his academic research, clearly explain the roots of both elected and non-elected far-right movements across the globe. Above all, he concludes, the far right should not be dehumanised – they are normal people, but with dangerous beliefs that can be defeated.

running time 9 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 4 3

How Democracies Die

by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt

published by Penguin Random House

read by Fred Sanders

Democracies can die with a coup d'état - or they can die slowly. This happens most deceptively when in piecemeal fashion, with the election of an authoritarian leader, the abuse of governmental power and the complete repression of opposition. All three steps are being taken around the world - not least with the election of Donald Trump - and we must all understand how we can stop them. In How Democracies Die, Harvard professors Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt draw insightful lessons from across history - from the rule of General Augusto Pinochet in Chile to the quiet undermining of Turkey's constitutional system by President Recip Erdogan - to shine a light on regime breakdown across the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Notably they point to the dangers of an authoritarian leader faced with a major crisis.

running time 8 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 1 8

How to Stop Brexit (and Make Britain Great Again)

by Nick Clegg

published by Penguin Random House

read by Nick Clegg

There is nothing remotely inevitable about Brexit - except that it will be deeply damaging if it happens. Extricating Britain from Europe will be the greatest challenge this country has faced since the Second World War. And as negotiations with the EU expose the promises of the Brexit campaign to have been hollow, even some Brexit-voters now wish to exercise their democratic right to change their mind, seeing that the most pragmatic option is to... stop. It would certainly be the best thing for Britain. But how can it be done? Haven't the people spoken? No. In this indispensable handbook, Nick Clegg categorically debunks the various myths that have been used to force Brexit on Britain, not by 'the people' but by a small, extremely rich, self-serving elite, and explains precisely how this historic mistake can be reversed - and what you can do to make sure that it is.

running time 3 hours 4 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 6 8

If Only They Didn't Speak English

by Jon Sopel

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jon Sopel

As the BBC's North America Editor, Jon Sopel has had a pretty busy time of it lately. In the 18 months it's taken for a reality star to go from laughingstock to leader of the free world, Jon has travelled the length and breadth of the United States, experiencing it from a perspective that most

of us could only dream of: he has flown aboard Air Force One, interviewed President Obama and has even been described as 'a beauty' by none other than Donald Trump. Reflecting on his journey across the continent to cover the most turbulent race in recent history, Jon Sopel lifts a lid on the seething resentments, profound anxieties and sheer rage that found its embodiment in a brash, unpredictable and seemingly unstoppable figure.

running time 9 hours 53 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 1 5

On Tyranny

by Timothy Snyder

published by Penguin Random House

read by Timothy Snyder

In the twentieth century, European democracies collapsed into fascism, Nazism and communism. These were movements in which a leader or a party claimed to give voice to the people, promised to protect them from global existential threats, and rejected reason in favour of myth. European history shows us that societies can break, democracies can fall, ethics can collapse, and ordinary people can find themselves in unimaginable circumstances. History can familiarise, and it can warn. Today, we are no wiser than the Europeans who saw democracy yield to totalitarianism in the twentieth century. But when the political order seems imperilled, our advantage is that we can learn from their experience to resist the advance of tyranny. Now is a good time to do so.

running time 1 hour 46 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 0 2 0

The Road to Somewhere

by David Goodhart

published by Penguin Random House

read by Simon Bubb

Many Remainers reported waking up the day after the Brexit vote feeling as if they were living in a foreign country. In fact, they were merely experiencing the same feeling that many British people have felt every day for years. Fifty years ago, people in leafy North London and people in working-class Northern towns could vote for a Labour party that broadly encompassed all of their interests. Today their priorities are poles apart. In this groundbreaking and timely book, Goodhart shows us how people have come to be divided into two camps: the 'Anywheres', who have 'achieved' identities, derived from their careers and education, and 'Somewheres', who get their identity from a sense of place and from the people around them, and who feel a sense of loss due to mass immigration and rapid social change.

running time 11 hours 11 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 0 3

The Square and the Tower

by Niall Ferguson

published by Penguin Random House

read by John Sackville

Most history is hierarchical: it's about popes, presidents, and prime ministers. But what if that's simply because they create the historical archives? What if we are missing equally powerful but less visible networks - leaving them to the conspiracy theorists, with their dreams of all-powerful Illuminati? The twenty-first century has been hailed as the Networked Age. But in The Square and the Tower Niall Ferguson argues that social networks are nothing new. From the printers and preachers who made the Reformation to the freemasons who led the American Revolution, it was the networkers who disrupted the old order of popes and kings.

running time 16 hours 5 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 9 5

We Were Eight Years in Power

by Ta-Nehisi Coates

published by Penguin Random House

read by Beresford Bennett

From 2008-2016, the leader of the free world was a black man. Obama's presidency reshaped America and transformed the international conversation around politics, race, equality. But it attracted criticism and bred discontent as much as it inspired hope - so much so, that the world now faces an uncertain future under a very different kind of US President. In this essential new book, peerless journalist and thinker Ta-Nehisi Coates takes stock of the Obama era, speaking authoritatively from political, ideological and

cultural perspectives, and drawing a sophisticated and penetrating portrait of America today.

running time 13 hours 39 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 2 6

Why Populists are Winning

by Liam Byrne

published by Bloomsbury

read by Liam Byrne

In 2024, two billion people went to vote – and populism won big. Donald Trump returned to the White House. Marine Le Pen surged in France. Reform UK became Britain's most successful far-right party in modern history. Across the West, authoritarian populists now govern one-quarter of the world's democracies. But is this peak populism – or the populists' tipping point? From the counting halls of inner-city Birmingham to the trading floors of Wall Street, from the Heritage Foundation war room to the algorithmic outrage machines of social media, Liam Byrne exposes the forces propelling the populist surge – and reveals how to stop it. Drawing on original polling of thousands of voters, interviews with leading thinkers, and on-the-ground reporting across Britain, Europe and America, Byrne decodes the populist playbook.

running time 5 hours 23 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 4 4

Psychology & Sociology

12 Rules for Life

by Jordan B. Peterson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jordan B. Peterson

How should we live properly in a world of chaos and uncertainty? Jordan Peterson has helped millions of people, young and old, men and women, aim at a life of responsibility and meaning. Now he can help you. Drawing on his own work as a clinical psychologist and on lessons from humanity's oldest myths and stories, Peterson offers 12 profound and realistic principles to live by. After all, as he reminds us, we each have a vital role to play in the unfolding destiny of the world. Deep, rewarding and enlightening, 12 Rules for Life is a lifeboat built solidly for stormy seas: ancient wisdom applied to our contemporary problems.

running time 15 hours 56 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 0 3

Before You Know It

by John Bargh

published by Penguin Random House

read by George Newbern

For more than three decades, Dr John Bargh has been conducting revolutionary research into the unconscious

mind - not Freud's dark, malevolent unconscious but the new unconscious, a helpful and powerful part of the mind that we can access and understand through experimental science. Now, Dr Bargh presents an engaging and enlightening tour of the influential psychological forces that are at work as we go about our daily lives - checking a dating app, holding a cup of hot coffee, or getting a flu shot. Before You Know It will profoundly change the way you understand yourself by introducing you to a fascinating world only recently discovered, the world that exists below the surface of your awareness and yet is the key to unlocking new ways of thinking, feeling and behaving.

running time 11 hours 17 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 1 6

Braving the Wilderness

by Brené Brown

published by Penguin Random House

read by Brené Brown

Social scientist Brené Brown, PhD, LMSW has sparked a global conversation about the experiences that bring meaning to our lives - experiences of courage, vulnerability, love, belonging, shame and empathy. In Braving the Wilderness, Brown redefines what it means to truly belong in an age of increased polarisation. With her trademark mix of research, storytelling and honesty, Brown will again change the cultural conversation while mapping out a clear path to true belonging.

running time 4 hours 12 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 6 9

Captivate

by Vanessa Van Edwards

published by Penguin Random House

read by Vanessa Van Edwards

As a human behaviour investigator, Vanessa Van Edwards studies the hidden forces that drive our behaviour patterns - and she's cracked the code. In Captivate she shares a wealth of shortcuts, systems and behaviour hacks to help you take charge of your interactions. You'll learn a game plan for navigating any social situation, unique ways to break away from the same old small talk, how to speed-read faces to predict people's emotions, and much more besides. When you understand the laws of human behaviour you can get along with anyone. With Vanessa's help, you will never interact in the same way again.

running time 7 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 2 8

Elastic

by Leonard Mlodinow

published by Penguin Random House

read by Leonard Mlodinow

What do Pokémon Go and Mary Shelley's Frankenstein have in common? Why do some businesses survive, and others fail at the first sign of change? What gives the human brain

the edge over computers? The answer: Elastic Thinking. It's an ability we all possess, and one that we can all learn to hone in order to succeed, at work and in our everyday lives. Here Mlodinow takes us on a revelatory exploration of how elasticity works. He draws on cutting-edge neuroscience to show how, millennia ago, our brains developed an affinity for novelty, idea generation and exploration. He discovers how flexible thinking enabled some of the greatest artists, writers, musicians and innovators to create paradigm shifts. He investigates the organisations that have demonstrated an elastic ability to adapt to new technologies. And he shows you how you can test your brain power.

running time 7 hours 34 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 2 4

The Field Guide to Lies and Statistics

by Daniel J. Levitin

published by Penguin Random House

read by Dan Piraro

We live in a world of information overload. Facts and figures on absolutely everything are at our fingertips, but are too often biased, distorted, or outright lies. From unemployment figures to voting polls, IQ tests to divorce rates, we're bombarded by seemingly plausible statistics on how people live and what they think. In a world where anyone can become an expert at the click of a button, being able to see through the tricks played with statistics is more necessary than ever before. Daniel Levitin teaches us how to effectively ask ourselves: can we really know that? And how

do they know that? In this eye-opening, entertaining and accessible guide filled with fascinating examples and practical takeaways, acclaimed neuroscientist Daniel Levitin shows us how learning to understand statistics will enable you to make quicker, better-informed decisions to simplify your life.

running time 7 hours 5 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 0 7

Focus

by Emma Louth Als

published by Bloomsbury

read by Clementine Medforth

Focus is not just a collection of tips; it's a journey into understanding how the brain engages with the task of concentrating in an environment that constantly competes for our attention. With its blend of scientific insight and practical strategies, it's an ideal starting point for students transitioning to the demands of higher education, where self-directed study and attention management are crucial. This book delves into essential aspects of focus, from understanding the basics of sleep, nutrition, and mental health to navigating the intricacies of attention spans influenced by digital media. It empowers students to create conducive study environments, even in confined spaces, and teaches how to effectively manage distractions, a common hurdle in the digital age.

running time 4 hours 44 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 4 4

Gastrophysics

by Charles Spence

published by Penguin Random House

read by John Sackville

Why do we consume 35% more food when eating with one more person, and 75% more when with three? Why are 27% of drinks bought on aeroplanes tomato juice? How are chefs and companies planning to transform our dining experiences, and what can we learn from their cutting-edge insights to make memorable meals at home? These are just some of the ingredients of Gastrophysics, in which the pioneering Oxford professor Charles Spence shows how our senses link up in the most extraordinary ways, and reveals the importance of all the "off-the-plate" elements of a meal. Whether dining alone or at a dinner party, on a plane or in front of the TV, he reveals how to understand what we're tasting and influence what others experience. Mealtimes will genuinely never be the same again.

running time 10 hours 14 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 1 5

Irresistible

by Adam Alter

published by Penguin Random House

read by Adam Alter

In recent years, media and technology have perfected the lucrative art of gaining and holding our attention. This extraordinary feat has changed the behaviour of billions of people, and especially the young: by current medical standards, we are experiencing an unprecedented, global pandemic of addiction. But what exactly is an addiction? And what, if anything, might we do about it? From cliff-hangers to earworms, from religion to pornography, and from the awesome allure of the 'Kim Kardashian: Hollywood' app to the unexpected benefits of the 'butt-brush effect', Irresistible blends fascinating stories with ingenious science to explain how and why we all got hooked.

running time 8 hours 17 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 0 1 7

It's Not Always Depression

by Hilary Jacobs Hendel

published by Penguin Random House

read by Cassandra Campbell

In It's Not Always Depression, pioneering psychotherapist Hilary Jacobs Hendel reveals the most effective techniques for putting us back in touch with the emotions we too often deny - methods which can be used by anyone, anytime, anywhere. Drawing on stories from her own practice, she sheds light on the core emotions (such as joy, sadness and fear), defences (anything we do to avoid feeling) and inhibitory emotions (anxiety, shame and guilt), and how understanding their interaction can help us return to mental well-being. This is the basis of 'accelerated experiential

dynamic psychotherapy:' it accelerates healing through having an emotional experience in the here and now. It allows you to reacquaint yourself with your feelings, to recover a more authentic self and to be more calm, curious and connected.

running time 8 hours 15 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 2 7

Micromastery

by Robert Twigger

published by Penguin Random House

read by Roy McMillan

We read that we must be passionate about only one thing, that 10,000 hours of hard practice is needed to achieve mastery. But in fact most successful people, including Nobel prize winners, nurture multiple areas of knowledge and activity that feed their central subject. Whether it's making a perfect soufflé, dancing a tango or lighting a fire, when we take the time to cultivate small and quantifiable areas of expertise, we change everything. We become faster and more fearless learners, spot more creative opportunities, improve our brain health and boost our happiness. We see knowledge itself completely differently. The skills acquired in painting a door flawlessly or growing delicious chillies will unexpectedly transform your life.

running time 5 hours 47 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 2 5

Moonwalking With Einstein

by Joshua Foer

published by Penguin Random House

read by Mike Chamberlain

On average, people squander forty days annually trying to remember things they've forgotten. Joshua Foer used to be one of those people. But after a year of training, he found himself in the finals of the U.S. Memory Championship. He also discovered a truth we too often forget: In every way, we are the sum of our memories. In Moonwalking with Einstein Foer draws on cutting-edge research, the cultural history of memory and the techniques of 'mental athletes' to transform our understanding of human remembering. He learns the ancient methods used by Cicero and Medieval scholars. He meets amnesiacs, neuroscientists and savants - including a man who claims to have memorized more than nine thousand books. In doing so, he reveals the hidden impact of memory on our lives, and shows how we can all dramatically improve our memories.

running time 9 hours 33 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 6 9 2

More

by Anonymous, Gillian Anderson

published by Bloomsbury

read by Gillian Anderson and Anonymous

If Want sparked the fire of a quiet revolution, More gives women the fuel to let it roar. In this electrifying sequel to the

landmark bestseller, Gillian Anderson invites us to leave shame and fear at the door as she dials up the heat on women's sexual fantasies and dares us to want more. This collection of intimate letters – submitted by anonymous women across the globe, curated and introduced by Gillian – dives deeper into what women everywhere think, feel and dream about in their most private moments. Spilling out of the bedroom, the letters take us to all spaces where desire resides, from the school gates to office boardrooms, kitchen counters to forest floors. Bolder and more explicit, they come from over fifty nations and women from eighteen to eighty. Nothing is off limits: there are silken ropes and stirrups, metal collars and machines, neighbours, friends, in-laws and strangers, cravings to own and be owned, people to desire and be desired by pleasure and pain in equal measure.

running time 11 hours 48 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 1 6 8

Queer Data

by Kevin Guyan

published by Bloomsbury

read by Kevin Guyan

This important book is the first to look at queer data – defined as data relating to gender, sex, sexual orientation and trans identity/history. The author shows us how current data practices reflect an incomplete account of LGBTQ lives and helps us understand how data biases are used to delegitimise the everyday experiences of queer people.

Guyan demonstrates why it is important to understand, collect and analyse queer data, the benefits and challenges involved in doing so, and how we might better use queer data in our work. Arming us with the tools for action, this book shows how greater knowledge about queer identities is instrumental in informing decisions about resource allocation, changes to legislation, access to services, representation and visibility.

running time 8 hours 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 2 1

Shed Method

by Sara Milne Rowe

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sara Milne Rowe

Wishing to be better at something lies at the heart of modern life: a bad week to a better week, a frustrated parent to a better parent, an anxious speaker to better speaker, a burnt-out colleague to a better colleague. Doing anything new or better might sound simple, but in practice it can be tricky. The SHED Method is a mind-management system that offers practical advice for improving your decision making. Through a series of practices and clear steps, The Shed Method will help you become a happier, healthier and more confident you.

running time 6 hours 7 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 1 6

Silence

by Erling Kagge

published by Penguin Random House

read by Atli Gunnarsson

Behind a cacophony of traffic noise, iPhone alerts and our ever-spinning thoughts, an elusive notion - silence - lies in wait. But what really is silence? Where can it be found? And why is it more important now than ever? Erling Kagge, the Norwegian adventurer and polymath, once spent fifty days walking solo in Antarctica with a broken radio. In this meditative, charming and surprisingly powerful book, he explores the power of silence and the importance of shutting out the world. Whether you're in deep wilderness, taking a shower or on the dance floor, you can experience perfect stillness if you know where to look. And from it grows self-knowledge, gratitude, wonder and much more.

running time 2 hours 5 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 1 7

Stick With It

by Sean Young

published by Penguin Random House

read by Roger Wayne

We all have bad habits - whether it's a weakness for junk food, a smartphone addiction or a lack of exercise. But change is hard. Forty percent of dieters quit within a week. Eighty percent of New Year's resolutions don't last beyond January. How can we kick bad habits - and stick with it?

According to psychologist and behaviour researcher Dr Sean Young, the answer is to stop trying to change the person, and instead change the process. In Stick With It, Dr Young draws on his own research and that of other leading experts to explain how the mind often interferes with breaking bad habits, and how we can outsmart it, increasing the likelihood of lasting change by 300%.

running time 6 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 1 7

Straight Jacket

by Matthew Todd

published by Penguin Random House

read by Matthew Todd

Straight Jacket is a revolutionary clarion call for gay men, the wider LGBT community and their friends and family. Part memoir, part groundbreaking polemic, it looks beneath the shiny facade of contemporary gay culture and asks if gay people are as happy as they could be - and if not, why not? Meticulously researched, courageous and life-affirming, Straight Jacket offers invaluable practical advice on how to overcome a range of difficult issues. It also recognises that this is a watershed moment, a piercing wake-up call to arms for the gay and wider community to acknowledge the importance of supporting all young people - and helping older people to transform their experience and finally get the lives they really want.

running time 11 hours 41 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 6 2

The Ten Types of Human

by Dexter Dias

published by Penguin Random House

read by Tom Clegg

We want to believe that there are some things we would never do. We want to believe that there are others we always would. But how can we be sure? What are our limits? Do we have limits? The answer lies with the Ten Types of Human: the people we become when we are faced with life's most difficult decisions. But who or what are these Types? Where do they come from? How did they get into our heads? The Ten Types of Human is a pioneering examination of human nature. It looks at the best and worst that human beings are capable of, and asks why. It explores the frontiers of the human experience, excavating the forces that shape our thoughts and actions in extreme situations. It begins in a courtroom and journeys across four continents and through the lives of some exceptional people, in search of answers.

running time 26 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 2 6

Thank You for Arguing

by Jay Heinrichs

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jay Heinrichs

Everyone is always trying to persuade us of something: politicians, advertising, the media, and most definitely our families. Thank You for Arguing is your master class in the art of persuasion, taught by professors ranging from Bart Simpson to Winston Churchill. With all the wisdom of the ages, from classical oratory to contemporary politics and pop-culture, Thank You For Arguing shows you how to win more than your fair share of arguments, as well as: How to shine at work, avoid speeding tickets, and outwit argumentative partners Cicero's secrets to moving an audience, Donald Trump's savvy speechmaking, the art of giving a TED talk Tactics like Setting Your Goals, Making Them Like You, Gaining the High Ground Defuse an angry accuser and benefit from your own mistakes The art of rhetoric, from eloquence and friendship to wit and irrefutable logic

running time 14 hours 34 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 0 1

Truth

by Hector Macdonald

published by Penguin Random House

read by Simon Ludders

There is more than one truth about most things. Eating meat is nutritious but it's also damaging to the environment. The Internet disseminates knowledge but it also spreads hatred. As communicators, we select the truths that are most useful to our agenda. We can select truths

constructively to inspire organisations, encourage children, and drive progressive change. Or we can select truths that give a false impression of reality, misleading people without actually lying. Others can do the same, motivating or deceiving us with the truth. Truths are neutral but can also be highly versatile tools that we can use for good or ill. Hector Macdonald here explores how truth is used and abused in politics, business, the media and everyday life.

running time 10 hours

catalogue number: 2 3 6 5 0

We Are Movement

by Wayne McGregor

published by Bloomsbury

read by John Sackville

Internationally celebrated choreographer and director Sir Wayne McGregor is renowned for his trailblazing innovations in performance. His ongoing enquiries into movement and the body have radically defined dance in the modern era. Over the past three decades, he has discovered that our intelligence lies not only in our brains, but in our bodies too. In We Are Movement, McGregor argues that physical intelligence is instinctive, pre-verbal, and continually upgrades itself. Mastering it will allow us all to release the knots in our physical and emotional selves, leaving us free to experience new forms of creativity and connection. Drawing on his research with elite performers, athletes, cognitive neuroscientists, anthropologists and technologists, he shows how we can all become more

physically fluent. Using simple steps, from practicing mindful walking to harnessing our bodies' chemical reaction to stress, he teaches us how to become better communicators and more creative thinkers, so we can ultimately live fuller lives.

running time 8 hours 21 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 3 9 9

The Winner Effect

by Ian Robertson

published by Bloomsbury

read by Ian Robertson

The 'winner effect' is a term used in biology to describe how an animal that has won a few fights against weak opponents is much more likely to win later bouts against stronger contenders. As Ian Robertson reveals, it applies to humans, too. Success changes the chemistry of the brain, making you more focused, smarter, more confident and more aggressive. And the more you win, the more you will go on to win. But the downside is that winning can become physically addictive. By understanding what the mental and physical changes are that take place in the brain of a 'winner', how they happen, and why they affect some people more than others, Robertson explains what makes a winner or a loser – and how we can use the answers to these questions to understand better the behaviour of our business colleagues, employees, family and friends.

running time 10 hours 21 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 4 0 0

Radio & TV Journalism

The Audiobook of the Year

by No Such Thing As A Fish

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

In a year when much of the news was believable but fake, comes an audiobook packed with stories that are unbelievable but true. The Audiobook of the Year is a feature-length edition of the award-winning hit comedy podcast No Such Thing As A Fish. Each week, over a million people tune in to find out what bizarre and astonishing facts Dan, James, Anna and Andy have found out over the previous seven days. Now the gang have turned their attention to the news of the past twelve months. You'll discover the curious details behind the main headlines - how Donald Trump slept on the 66th floor of a 58-storey building, what effect Brexit had on Coco Pops, and why China's president can't stand Winnie the Pooh - as well as hundreds of stories you may have missed entirely.

running time 9 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 7 4

Cosmic Quest: The Complete Radio 4 Series

by Heather Couper

published by Penguin Random House

read by Heather Couper

In this 30-part BBC Radio 4 series, astronomer Heather Couper charts the history of our understanding of the universe. Her journey begins at the beginning as people first gaze in wonder at the life-giving Sun, the wandering planets and the changing phases of the Moon. Along the way we meet the ancient astronomers, as well as many pioneering scientific giants like Galileo, Newton, Halley and Herschel. With the invention of the telescope and the birth of astrophysics the skies were revealed as never before. These and other advances in technology enabled us to land on the Moon, discover distant galaxies, quasars and black holes - and to search for worlds beyond our own.

running time 6 hours 47 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 2 7 8

Dad's Army: Complete Radio Series 1

by Jimmy Perry and David Croft

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Twenty episodes from the first BBC Radio series plus an hour-long Christmas special, starring Arthur Lowe, John Le Mesurier and Clive Dunn. In 1973 the BBC adapted its hit TV series for radio, featuring the original TV cast and characters. Three series were broadcast between 1974 and

1976, with episodes adapted from their TV counterparts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles. Now you can enjoy once again these unique recordings, with a supporting cast including John Laurie, James Beck, Arnold Ridley and Ian Lavender. Among the twenty-one episodes are The Man and the Hour, The Battle of Godfrey's Cottage, Sgt Wilson's Little Secret, Something Nasty in the Vault, The Menace from the Deep and No Spring for Frazer.

running time 10 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 0 9 2

Dad's Army: Complete Radio Series 2

by Jimmy Perry and David Croft

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Twenty episodes from the second BBC Radio series, starring Arthur Lowe, John Le Mesurier and Clive Dunn. In 1973 the BBC adapted its hit TV series for radio, featuring the original TV cast and characters. Three series were broadcast between 1974 and 1976, with episodes adapted from their TV counterparts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles. Now you can enjoy once again these unique recordings, with a supporting cast including John Laurie, Arnold Ridley and Ian Lavender. Among the twenty-one episodes are Don't Forget the Diver, Put That Light Out, Mum's Army, A. Wilson - Manager, and The Day the Balloon Went Up.

running time 9 hours 12 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 7 3 9

Dad's Army: Complete Radio Series 3

by Jimmy Perry and David Croft

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

In 1973 the BBC adapted its hit wartime TV series for radio, featuring the original television cast and characters. Three series were broadcast between 1974 and 1976, with episodes adapted by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles. Now you can enjoy once again these unique recordings, with a supporting cast including John Laurie, Arnold Ridley and Ian Lavender. Among the twenty-six episodes are A Man of Action, Keep Young and Beautiful, Absent Friends, The Deadly Attachment, Things That Go Bump in the Night, My British Buddy, Asleep in the Deep, Time On My Hands and Is There Honey Still for Tea? Also included is the 1981 pilot episode of the radio sequel to Dad's Army, It Sticks Out Half a Mile, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier.

running time 12 hours 43 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 6 5 9

Dad's Army: The Lost Tapes

by David Croft and Jimmy Perry

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Arthur Lowe, John Le Mesurier, Clive Dunn and Ian Lavender star in a collection of rediscovered Dad's Army gems.

Published for the first time, these four instalments of Dad's Army have been brought together from a variety of archive sources and in each case represents something unique. 'A Stripe for Frazer' is the surviving TV soundtrack from an episode whose film recording has long been missing in action; 'Santa on Patrol' and 'The Cornish Floral Dance' are two mini episodes produced in 1968 and 1970 for BBC TV's Christmas Night with the Stars; finally, 'The Boy Who Saved England' is a mini episode written by Jimmy Perry and starring Ian Lavender, recorded as part of BBC Radio 2's Last Night at the Paris programme in 1995.

running time 1 hour 1 minute

catalogue number: 2 4 5 1 3

Only Fools and Horses: 16 Classic BBC TV Soundtracks

by John Sullivan, Miscellaneous

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Sixteen TV soundtracks of the award-winning TV show collected together for the first time, starring David Jason as ambitious market trader Del Boy Trotter, and Nicholas Lyndhurst as his younger brother Rodney Trotter. For 15 years, the brothers of 'Trotters Independent Traders PLC' have entertained us both with Del's extreme optimism and scams and, quite simply, Rodney's reactions upon hearing those scams. Now sixteen classic soundtracks from one of the funniest comedy programmes of all time are brought

together in audio. So don't be a plonker, do yourself a favour and get your hands on this little beauty.

running time 7 hours 20 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 9 0

This Sceptred Isle: The Dynasties 55BC - 1702

by Christopher Lee

published by Penguin Random House

read by Anna Massey

The Sceptred Isle provided the definitive radio account of the British nation, from 55BC to the end of the 20th century. Now its attention turns towards the incredibly powerful families which have wielded power behind the scenes for the past 1,000 years. The Dynasties relates how the loyalties of this privileged elite, many of whom are older than the monarchy itself, were tested and rewarded; it also uncovers a multitude of murderous plots, bloody battles, adulteries, intrigues and shocking executions.

running time 11 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 9 2

Twin Peaks: The Return, Part 8

by Jeff Wood

published by Bloomsbury

read by Todd Kramer

A minute-by-minute analysis of one episode (Part 8) of David Lynch's Twin Peaks: The Return (2017). Much has been written about the work of David Lynch and existential fear in relation to Americana and the American Dream-as-American Nightmare in terms that are circular and artistically self-referential-or Lynchian. But with Part 8 of his most recent work, the 2017 series Twin Peaks: The Return, Lynch locates his singular and unsettling visual vocabulary within an epic historical context: the world's first atomic explosion, the Trinity Test. With David Lynch's Part 8, a cultural circuit is completed, from the idiosyncratic and personal-or Lynchian-to the shared space of what theorist Paul Virilio describes as “cosmic fear”-or an emergency of social media.

running time 3 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 5 9

Radio Comedy and Quiz

I've Never Seen Star Wars: The Complete Series 1-6

by Marcus Brigstocke

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Marcus Brigstocke persuades his reluctant guests to try new experiences: things that they've perhaps always meant to try but haven't had the time, the courage or possibly the inclination. Enjoy hearing some famous names embrace

new challenges, such as Phill Jupitus drinking absinthe, Mark Steel constructing flat-pack furniture, Esther Rantzen finally joining Facebook, Kelly Holmes trying her first deep-fried Mars bar, Giles Coren having a go at being vegan, and Frank Skinner getting a spray tan. The curious guests include: Phill Jupitus, Paul Daniels, Mark Steel, Esther Rantzen, Suggs, Sandi Toksvig, Sanjeev Bhaskar, Jon Culshaw, Jenni Eclair, Ardal O'Hanlon, Kate Adie, Ian Hislop, Frank Skinner, Alan Davies, Kathy Burke, Sarah Millican, Meera Syal, Dave Gorman, Benjamin Zephaniah, Rebecca Front, Reece Shearsmith and Kelly Holmes.

running time 16 hours 37 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 5 1 7

The News Quiz: A Vintage Collection

by BBC

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

The News Quiz made its debut on Radio 4 in 1977, and four decades later it's still playfully making and breaking the headlines of our daily news. Among the vintage gems in this collection are 25 Years of the News Quiz, in which Alan Coren, Andy Hamilton, Jeremy Hardy, John Sergeant, Linda Smith and Francis Wheen take a trip through a quarter of a century of headline news, with Radio 4 newsreaders providing cuttings (and giggles) from 1977 to 2002. Meanwhile The Archive Hour: Headlines, Deadlines and Punchlines, presented by Matthew Parris, features

interviews with chairmen and panellists past and present including Barry Norman.

running time 8 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 8 3

Religion & Philosophy

The Age of Genius

by A. C. Grayling

published by Bloomsbury

read by Gordon Griffin

Between 1605 and 1649, science moved from the alchemy and astrology of John Dee to the painstaking observation and astronomy of Galileo, from the classicism of Aristotle, still favoured by the Church, to the evidence-based, collegiate investigation of Francis Bacon. And if the old ways still lingered and affected the new mind set – Descartes's dualism an attempt to square the new philosophy with religious belief; Newton, the man who understood gravity and the laws of motion, still fascinated to the end of his life by alchemy – by the end of that tumultuous century 'the greatest ever change in the mental outlook of humanity' had irrevocably taken place.

running time 13 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 1 0

Aquinas at Prayer

by Paul Murray OP

published by Bloomsbury

read by Chris Courtenay

Today Aquinas is almost exclusively regarded as an outstanding scholastic philosopher and theologian. But what is little known is that Aquinas was, first and last, a teacher of the Bible - a Master of the Sacred Page. Moreover there is a distinctly mystical character to his theology. And, as a writer, he was not only a poet but, arguably, the greatest Latin poet of the Middle Ages. The primary focus of this most engaging new book is to explore the question of Aquinas's own practice of prayer and his teaching on prayer in his commentaries on the Psalms and St Paul. The book is strengthened by quotations from Aquinas in fresh translations.

running time 10 hours 17 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 2 5

The Challenge of Things

by A. C. Grayling

published by Bloomsbury

read by Gordon Griffin

A. C. Grayling's lucid and stimulating books, based on the idea that philosophy should engage with the world and make itself useful, are immensely popular. The Challenge of Things joins earlier collections like The Reason of Things and Thinking of Answers, but this time to collect Grayling's

recent writings on the world in a time of war and conflict. In describing and exposing the dark side of things, he also explores ways out of the habits and prejudices of mind that would otherwise trap us forever in the deadly impasses of conflicts of all kinds. Whether he is writing about the First World War and its legacy, free speech, the advantages of an atheist prime minister or the role of science in the arts, his essays are always enlightening, enlivening and hopeful.

running time 13 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 1 1

Design Beyond The Human

by Elio Caccavale and Gordon Hush, Miscellaneous Authors

published by Bloomsbury

read by James Rottger

Design Beyond the Human is a collection of essays by international scholars, designers and engaged citizens traversing activism, anthropology, conservation, creative writing, design practice, design theory, economics, education, environmental humanities, ethics, history, indigenous knowledge, law, philosophy, poetry, politics, regenerative agriculture, science, sociology and technology. Divided into three sections - We Are Not Alone, Design Beyond the Human, and Mediating Human–Non-Human Relations Through Design - the text generates conversations capable of thinking about life on planet Earth, challenging the Anglo-European anthropocentric conceptualisation of design that dominates practice, education, and academic discourse. Each section is unique: charting the

transdisciplinary cultural perspective that is required to comprehend our predicament, the critique of human-centred design and its interdependence with capitalism, and the nascent practices and projects that are attempting to reconcile humanity's possible relationship with the planet, its ecosystems and inhabitants.

running time 15 hours 37 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 8 9 5

Difference and Repetition

by Gilles Deleuze

published by Bloomsbury

read by Christopher Ashman

Since its publication in 1968, Difference and Repetition, an exposition of the critique of identity, has come to be considered a contemporary classic in philosophy and one of Gilles Deleuze's most important works. The text follows the development of two central concepts, those of pure difference and complex repetition. It shows how the two concepts are related, difference implying divergence and decentring, repetition being associated with displacement and disguising. The work moves deftly between Hegel, Kierkegaard, Freud, Althusser and Nietzsche to establish a fundamental critique of Western metaphysics, and has been a central text in initiating the shift in French thought - away from Hegel and Marx, towards Nietzsche and Freud.

running time 20 hours 24 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 0 9

Enlightenment Now

by Steven Pinker

published by Penguin Random House

read by Arthur Morey

If you follow the headlines, the world in the 21st century appears to be sinking into chaos, hatred and irrationality. Yet, as Steven Pinker shows, if you follow the trendlines, you discover that our lives have become longer, healthier, safer and more prosperous - not just in the West but worldwide. Such progress is no accident: it's the gift of a coherent value system that many of us embrace without even realising it. These are the values of the Enlightenment: of reason, science, humanism and progress. The challenges we face today are formidable. But the way to deal with them is not to sink into despair or try to lurch back to a mythical idyllic past; it's to treat them as problems we can solve, as we have solved other problems in the past. This is the case for an Enlightenment newly recharged for the 21st century.

running time 19 hours 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 1 9

The Gift

by Arun Gandhi

published by Penguin Random House

read by Arun Gandhi

The moving, often irreverent, story of Arun's years growing up at the iconic Sevagram ashram provides the setting for the treasured moments spent his grandfather, which are an engaging and often surprising read. These memories give a rare insight into Gandhi the man behind the icon, and reveal the motivations behind his ten inspirational lessons. Arun believes that the violence in the world today makes Gandhi's teachings more vital than ever, and The Gift places these lessons in a modern context, shedding new light on how Gandhi's principles can - and must - be applied to today's concerns.

running time 7 hours 3 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 4 8 9

The God Argument

by A. C. Grayling

published by Bloomsbury

read by Gordon Griffin

There has been a bad-tempered quarrel between defenders and critics of religion in recent years. Both sides have expressed themselves acerbically because there is a very great deal at stake in the debate. This book thoroughly and calmly examines all the arguments and associated considerations offered in support of religious belief, and does so in full consciousness of the reasons people have for subscribing to religion, and the needs they seek to satisfy by doing so. And because it takes account of all the issues, its solutions carry great weight. The God Argument is the definitive examination of the issue, and a statement of the

humanist outlook that recommends itself as the ethics of the genuinely reflective person.

running time 8 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 1 2

A History Of The Popes

by John W. O'Malley, SJ

published by Bloomsbury

read by Jeff Harding

A History of the Popes tells the story of the oldest living institution in the Western world - the papacy. From its origins in Saint Peter, Jesus chief disciple, through Pope Benedict XVI today, the popes have been key players in virtually all of the great dramas of the western world in the last two thousand years. Acclaimed church historian John W. O'Malley's engaging narrative examines the 265 individuals who have claimed to be Peters successors. Rather than describe each pope one by one, the book focuses on the popes that shaped pivotal moments in both church and world history. The author does not shy away from controversies in the church, and includes legends like Pope Joan and a comprehensive list of popes and antipopes to help readers get a full picture of the papacy.

running time 12 hours 50 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 8 9 3

Liturgies of the Wild

by Martin Shaw

published by Penguin Random House

read by Martin Shaw

There's an old Irish belief that if you aren't wrapped in a cloak of story you will be unprepared for what the world will hurl at you. You remain adolescent at just the moment a culture worth its salt requires you to become a real, grown, human being. In Liturgies of the Wild, acclaimed mythographer, storyteller and Christian thinker Martin Shaw argues that we live in a myth-impoverished age and that such poverty has left us vulnerable to stories that may not wish us well. Drawing on the "ancient technologies" of myths and initiatory rites, Shaw provides a road to wholeness, maturity and connection. He teaches us to read a myth the way it wants to be read; provides vivid retellings of tales powerful enough to carry you through life's travails; and shows you how to gather and reshape your own thrown-away stories. Most vividly, he shares how these ancient technologies led him-unexpectedly-to Christ, "the True Myth," by way of a thirty-year journey and a 101-night vigil in a Dartmoor forest.

running time 8 hours 31 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 1 3 7

Waiting for Jesus

by Rich Villodas

published by Penguin Random House

read by Rich Villodas

In the busyness of the holiday season, it's easy to neglect what really matters: reflecting on the glory of Jesus. We want to pray more - to spend time with God - but the tyranny of the urgent leaves us distracted and depleted. In this 25-day devotional, pastor and author Rich Villodas guides you through reflections, prayers and prompts to help you slow down, connect with God and rediscover peace this Advent season. Each day offers space for personal reflection, preparing your heart for Jesus's arrival and culminating in a final devotional on Christmas Day. Each day in this devotional features a short reflection from Rich, followed by a four-fold rhythm: Silence and prayer: Pause for a few moments. Take a breath. Rest. Scripture: Read a short passage about the wonder of Jesus. Quotes: Read short, inspiring thoughts from Christians through the ages. Self-reflection: Bring your full self to God and enjoy his presence. As you journey with Rich Villodas through Advent, reclaim joy as you behold the wondrous love of God this Christmas.

running time 2 hours 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 2 2 5

Zero Point

by Slavoj Zizek

published by Bloomsbury

read by Joe Jameson

The essays in Zero Point ask how we distinguish defeat from disaster, and how we confront despair without collapsing into it - questions never more pertinent than the current

moment in the wake of electoral victories for authoritarian populists and unceasing news of violent atrocities.

running time 5 hours 16 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 4 3

Science - Biological

The Inner Clock

by Lynne Peeples

published by Bloomsbury

read by Brittany Pressley

Every cell in your body has a clock, synchronised to the sun and subtle signals in your environment. But what happens when modern living – artificial light, late-night meals – throws these rhythms out of sync? The Inner Clock explores the emerging science of body clocks and its transformative applications – from the best time of day to take medication or go for a walk, to optimising performance at work and in sport.

running time 11 hours 38 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 4 0 2

Science - Earth & Physical

Alien Earths

by Lisa Kaltenegger

published by Penguin Random House

read by Cassandra Campbell and Lisa Kaltenegger

For thousands of years, humans have wondered whether we're alone in the cosmos. Now, for the first time, we have the technology to investigate. The question should have an obvious answer: yes or no. But once you try to find life elsewhere, you realize it is not so simple. How do you find it over cosmic distances? What actually is life? As founding director of Cornell University's Carl Sagan Institute, astrophysicist Lisa Kaltenegger built a team of tenacious scientists from many disciplines to create a uniquely specialized toolkit to find life on faraway worlds. In Alien Earths, she demonstrates how we can use our homeworld as a Rosetta Stone, creatively analyzing Earth's history and its astonishing biosphere to inform this search. With infectious enthusiasm, she takes us on an eye-opening journey to the most unusual exoplanets that have shaken our worldview - planets covered in oceans of lava, lonely wanderers lost in space, and others with more than one sun in their sky!

running time 8 hours 31 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 5 1 9

A City on Mars

by Kelly and Zach Weinersmith

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Earth is not well. The promise of starting life anew somewhere far, far away - no climate change, no war, no Twitter - beckons, and settling the stars finally seems within our grasp. Or is it? Bestselling authors Kelly and Zach Weinersmith set out to write the essential guide to a glorious future of space settlements, but after years of original research, and interviews with leading space scientists, engineers and legal experts, they aren't so sure it's a good idea. Space tech and space business are progressing fast, but we lack the deep knowledge needed to have space-kids, build space-farms and create space nations in a way that doesn't spark conflict back home. In a world hurtling toward human expansion into space, A City on Mars investigates whether the dream of new worlds won't create a nightmare, both for settlers and the people they leave behind.

running time 11 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 9 6 3

Endurance

by Scott Kelly

published by Penguin Random House

read by Scott Kelly

The veteran of four space flights and the American record holder for most consecutive days spent in space, Scott Kelly has experienced things very few of us ever have and very few of us ever will. Kelly's humanity, compassion, humour, and passion shine as he describes navigating the extreme challenge of long-term spaceflight, both existential and banal. He touches on what's happened to his body, the sadness of being isolated from everyone he loves; the pressures of constant close cohabitation; the catastrophic risks of colliding with space junk, and the still more haunting threat of being absent should tragedy strike at home. From a natural storyteller Endurance is one of the finest examples the triumph of the human imagination, the strength of the human will, and the boundless wonder of the galaxy.

running time 13 hours 40 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 6 1

The Future of Humanity

by Michio Kaku

published by Penguin Random House

read by Feodor Chin

Human civilization is on the verge of spreading beyond Earth. More than a possibility, it is becoming a necessity: whether our hand is forced by climate change and resource depletion or whether future catastrophes compel us to abandon Earth, one day we will make our homes among the stars. World-renowned physicist and futurist Michio Kaku explores in rich, accessible detail how humanity might gradually develop a sustainable civilization in outer space.

With his trademark storytelling verve, Kaku shows us how science fiction is becoming reality: mind-boggling developments in robotics, nanotechnology, and biotechnology could enable us to build habitable cities on Mars; nearby stars might be reached by microscopic spaceships sailing through space on laser beams; and technology might one day allow us to transcend our physical bodies entirely.

running time 12 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 2 2

Meet the Neighbors

by Steven A. Benner

published by Penguin Random House

read by Matt Yulish

Mars has always seemed where we were likeliest to find the answer. Yet, since the Viking landers touched down in 1976, no mission has returned to the Martian surface to search directly for life living there now. Instead we're searching the moons of outer planets, or the atmospheres of planets many light years away. In Meet the Neighbors, pioneering astrobiochemist Steven A. Benner argues that this was a historic mistake. That we're looking in the wrong place. Drawing on the Viking archive and explaining how the scientific process failed, he re-examines the mission that first searched for extant Martian life and makes the provocative case that its results were misunderstood. In the decades that have followed, Mars science has focused on water, geology and past habitability, while the most direct

question - is anything alive on Mars today? - has been pushed aside.

running time 10 hours 19 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 0 5 6

The Meteorites

by Helen Gordon

published by Calibre Audio

read by Kay Morrison

From your window you can see the stars and distant planets: light years away, it's easy to think that our existences and theirs will never intersect. Yet meteorites - mysterious, irregular rocks of sometimes immense value - connect us with the vastness of the universe. They may have brought the first life to our planet, and today they still reveal extraordinary scientific insights. Helen Gordon reveals the fascinating stories of fallen meteorites and the lives they've touched - from collectors to kings, scientists to farmers. She meets amateur astronomers and gem dealers, goes meteorite hunting across rooftops and learns what objects moving through space can tell us about the fragility of life on Earth.

running time 9 hours 22 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 9 8

Novacene

by James Lovelock

published by Penguin Random House

read by Roy McMillan

James Lovelock, creator of the Gaia hypothesis and the greatest environmental thinker of our time, has produced an astounding new theory about future of life on Earth. He argues that the anthropocene - the age in which humans acquired planetary-scale technologies - is, after 300 years, coming to an end. A new age - the novacene - has already begun. New beings will emerge from existing artificial intelligence systems. They will think 10,000 times faster than we do and they will regard us as we now regard plants - as desperately slow acting and thinking creatures. But this will not be the cruel, violent machine takeover of the planet imagined by sci-fi writers and filmmakers. These hyper-intelligent beings will be as dependent on the health of the planet as we are. They will need the planetary cooling system of Gaia to defend them from the increasing heat of the sun as much as we do. And Gaia depends on organic life. We will be partners in this project.

running time 3 hours 20 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 2 7 9

Our Universe

by Jo Dunkley

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jo Dunkley

The night sky is an endless source of wonder and mystery. For thousands of years it has been at the heart of scientific

and philosophical inquiry, from the first star catalogues etched into ancient Mesopotamian clay tablets to the metres-wide telescopes constructed in Chile's Atacama Desert today. On a clear night it is hard not to look up and pick out familiar constellations, and to think of the visionary minds who pioneered our understanding of what lies beyond. In this thrilling new guide to our Universe and how it works, Professor of Astrophysics Jo Dunkley reveals how it only becomes more beautiful and exciting the more we discover about it. With warmth and clarity, Dunkley takes us from the very basics - why the Earth orbits the Sun, and how our Moon works - right up to massive, strange phenomena like superclusters, quasars, and the geometry of spacetime. As she does so, Dunkley unfurls the history of humankind's heroic journey to understand the history and structure of the cosmos, revealing the extraordinary, little-known stories of astronomy pioneers including Williamina Fleming, Vera Rubin and Jocelyn Bell Burnell.

running time 7 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 2 7 7

Ripples on the Cosmic Ocean

by Dagomar Degroot

published by Penguin Random House

read by Dagomar Degroot

Our solar system is an extraordinary place where asteroids careen off course and solar winds hurl charged particles across billions of miles of space. Yet we seldom consider how these events, so immense in scale, influence our own

fragile blue planet. In Ripples on the Cosmic Ocean, Dagomar Degroot traces the surprising threads linking humanity to the rest of the solar system. He reveals how the shifting sands of other planets have shaped geopolitics, spurred scientific and cultural innovation, and encouraged new ideas about the emergence and fate of life. Martian dust storms altered the trajectory of the Cold War and inspired fantastical stories about alien civilisations. Comet impacts on Jupiter led to the first planetary defence strategy. And volcanic eruptions spewed sulfuric acid into Venus's atmosphere, exposing the existential risks of global warming.

running time 13 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 1 1 2

Starwatchers

by Joanne Baker

published by Bloomsbury

read by Lucy Price-Lewis

In this unique synthesis of science and culture, former astrophysicist and writer Joanne Baker charts the global history of humanity’s relationship with the cosmos. Starting with the nearby Moon before venturing through the solar system to the stars and beyond, she unveils a rich mosaic of stories and research that illuminate the significance of celestial bodies in our everyday lives. It is a history that transcends borders and cultural traditions, taking us from Mesopotamian moon worship to the science fiction of H. G. Wells and the discovery of black holes. Driven by a personal

quest to understand the universe as more than just an abstract mathematical realm, Baker also includes her own sparkling first-hand experiences – from watching a total solar eclipse in Idaho to visiting an ancient observatory in Samarkand.

running time 9 hours 15 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 8 9

Universe in a Nutshell

by Stephen Hawking

published by Penguin Random House

read by Simon Prebble

Essential listening for all those who want to understand the universe in which we live Stephen Hawking is one of the most influential thinkers of our time, an intellectual icon, known not only for the adventurousness of his ideas but also for the clarity with which he expresses them. Seeking to uncover the holy grail of science: the elusive Theory of Everything that lies at the heart of the cosmos, Professor Hawking takes us the cutting edge of theoretical physics, where truth is often stranger than fiction, and explains in layman's terms the principles that control our universe.

running time 3 hours 28 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 2 0 4

Writing the Universe: A BBC Radio 4 Science Series

by Robin Ince

published by Penguin Random House

read by Robin Ince and Brian Cox

From Shakespeare and Milton to Alan Moore and Douglas Adams, writers have striven to convey the enormity and wonder of our universe. In this enlightening three-part series, Robin Ince, aided by special guests including his fellow Infinite Monkey Cage presenter Brian Cox, appraises the great communicators past and present, who have captured our imagination and advanced our knowledge.

running time 2 hours 5 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 2 8 5

Science - Environmental

Eat the Planet Well

by Dave Goulson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Dave Goulson

Our food system has become toxic: toxic to us, and toxic to our planet. Industrial use of pesticides, vast monocrops, ultra-processed foods and unmitigated waste is built into a system that is destroying the environment and our health. But there are solutions, and lots of them. While governments stall, we all need to take responsibility for what we consume. We all have a part to play in fixing our food system. With insight and humour, Dave Goulson cuts

through the information overload to examine the tricky questions we all face, and offers an optimistic vision of a better, more stable future.

running time 8 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 5 0 0

The Fullness of Time

by Cathy Haynes

published by Bloomsbury

read by Nadia Albina

Past generations would tell time by shadows shrinking, the midday glow over a mountaintop, the crowing of the rooster in the darkness. They noticed the flowers that close at noon, sensed how the quality of light changes at dusk, and marked time at night by the motion of the stars. Today, in our clock-bound, screen-immersed world, most of us rely on machines to mark the hours. But what riches might we gain from reclaiming the forgotten art of sensing time by events in the living world? Roaming from ancient downland to city streets, The Fullness of Time is an adventure in search of those patterns that once shaped the rhythm of our days – and an invitation to discover the simple, sensory joys of truly paying attention.

running time 6 hours 32 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 3 9

Humble by Nature

by Kate Humble

published by Hachette

read by Kate Humble

In 2007, after 20 years of living in London, Kate Humble and her husband Ludo decided it was time to leave city life behind them. Three years later, now the owner of a Welsh smallholding, Kate hears that a nearby farm is to be broken up and sold off. Another farm lost; another opportunity for a young farmless farmer gone. Desperate to stop the sale, Kate contacts the council with an alternative plan - to keep the farm working and to run a rural skills and animal husbandry school alongside it. Against all odds, she succeeds. Here, in Humble by Nature, Kate shares with us a highly personal account of her journey from London town house to Welsh farm. Along the way we meet Bertie and Lawrence the donkeys, Myfanwy and Blackberry the pigs, and goats Biscuit and Honey, not forgetting a dog called Badger and his unladylike sidekick Bella. And we are introduced to the tenant farmers Tim and Sarah, the locals who helped and some who didn't, and a whole host of newborn lambs.

running time 8 hours 6 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 3 4

The Secret World of Twilight

by Sally Coulthard

published by Bloomsbury

read by Sally Coulthard

Every day, just before sunrise and straight after sunset, magic happens. Dawn and dusk – those fleeting, half-lit hours – are when the ordinary becomes extraordinary. Skies flare with colour, landscapes shift in mood and an unseen cast of creatures emerges from the shadows. Welcome to twilight. In The Secret World of Twilight, author and smallholder Sally Coulthard invites us into this magical in-between realm, where seductive night-blooming flowers open, secretive mammals stir, giant moths reign and fantastical sea creatures ride the tide. Twilight profoundly affects human life too – but in our age of electric light and closed doors, we've almost forgotten how to see it. Blending natural history, folklore and memoir, Coulthard reveals twilight as a vital, liminal force: one that has inspired awe for millennia and still has the power to illuminate our daily lives.

running time 6 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 3 1

When the Forest Breathes

by Suzanne Simard

published by Penguin Random House

read by Suzanne Simard

The world-renowned forest ecologist Suzanne Simard has transformed our understanding of the profound intelligence and interconnectedness of trees. In When the Forest Breathes, she uncovers how the deep-rooted cycles of renewal that sustain the forest can also help us to protect our entire global ecosystem. Raised in a family of loggers committed to sustainable stewardship of the land, Simard

has watched as timber companies leave the forests of her native British Columbia vulnerable to wildfires and drought, threatening the crucial biodiversity that they support. But her groundbreaking research for the Mother Tree Project - one of the most ambitious forest ecology experiments of its kind - has the potential to chart a new course. Working closely with local Indigenous communities, whose sustainable practices have been largely ignored, Simard examines how holistic, regenerative forestry that preserves the cycles of the forest can help solve the global climate crisis.

running time 8 hours 52 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 7 2

The Wood

by John Lewis-Stempel

published by Penguin Random House

read by Leighton Pugh

For four years John Lewis-Stempel managed the wood. He coppiced the trees and raised cows and pigs who roamed free there. This is the diary of the last year, by which time he had come to know it from the bottom of its beech roots to the tip of its oaks, and to know all the animals that lived there - the fox, the pheasants, the wood mice, the tawny owl - and where the best bluebells grew. For many fauna and flora, woods like Cockshutt are the last refuge. It proves a sanctuary for John too. To read The Wood is to be amongst its trees as the seasons change, following an easy path until, suddenly the view is broken by a screen of leaves, or your

foot catches on a root, or a bird startles overhead. Lyrical, informative, steeped in poetry and folklore, it is both very real and very magical.

running time 6 hours 33 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 5 5

A Year of Living Simply

by Kate Humble

published by Hachette

read by Kate Humble

If there is one thing that most of us aspire to, it is, simply, to be happy. And yet attaining happiness has become, it appears, anything but simple. Having stuff - The Latest, The Newest, The Best Yet - is all too often peddled as the sure fire route to happiness. So why then, in our consumer-driven society, is depression, stress and anxiety ever more common, affecting every strata of society and every age, even, worryingly, the very young? So what is the route to real, deep, long-lasting happiness? Could it be that our lives have just become overly crowded, that we've lost sight of the things - the simple things - that give a sense of achievement, a feeling of joy or excitement? That make us happy. Do we need to take a step back, re-prioritise? Do we need to make our lives more simple? Kate Humble's fresh and frank exploration of a stripped-back approach to life is uplifting, engaging and inspiring - and will help us all find balance and happiness every day.

running time 8 hours 3 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 3 2

Science - General

Concussion

by Jeanne Marie Laskas

published by Penguin Random House

read by Hillary Huber

The brilliant young forensic pathologist had no idea that the body on the slab in front of him would change his life, and ultimately change the world. The body belonged to legendary American Footballer Mike Webster, whose mental health had rapidly declined after he had stopped playing - he had ended up Tasering himself to relieve his chronic back pain and fixing his rotting teeth with Superglue. Dr Bennet Omalu found that the psychosis suffered by "Iron Mike" was no accident. His autopsy unearthed evidence of a trauma-related disease - the direct result of years of blows to the head in games. He knew it would keep killing scores of other sportsmen unless something was done. He believed that the NFL (National Football League), one of the most powerful corporations in America, would welcome the discovery. But it was the one truth they wanted to ignore. Omalu himself became a target...

running time 9 hours 51 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 1 9

Dangerous Miracle

by Liam Shaw

published by Penguin Random House

read by Liam Shaw

Since their advent, antibiotics have saved millions of lives, marking one of the greatest medical advances in our history. Dangerous Miracle weaves together the grand arc of the evolution of antibiotics over millions of years with a history of the past century: first as we mined the earth for naturally occurring antibiotic molecules, then as we learned to synthesise our own. But like fossil fuels, antibiotics are a finite resource which we've regarded as a cheap, everlasting fuel. They are unlike other drugs: every time we use them we increase the possibility of antibiotic resistance emerging, risking their future effectiveness. If we want antibiotics to have a future, we need to prepare to adapt. And fast. Rich with pioneering characters, great breakthroughs and grave risks, Dangerous Miracle is a grand drama of science, history and politics. It is a revelatory account of the miraculous history and uncertain future of antibiotics from a gifted writer.

running time 9 hours 33 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 9 2 2

A Map of the Invisible

by Jon Butterworth

published by Penguin Random House

read by Wayne Forester

Over the last sixty years, scientists around the world have worked together to explore the fundamental constituents of matter, and the forces that govern their behaviour. The result, so far, is the 'Standard Model' of elementary particles: a theoretical map of the basic building blocks of the universe. With the discovery of the Higgs boson in 2012, the map as we know it was completed, but also extended into strange new territory. A Map of the Invisible is an explorer's guide to the Standard Model and the extraordinary realms of particle physics. After shrinking us down to the size of a sub-atomic particle, pioneering physicist Jon Butterworth takes us on board his research vessel for a journey in search of atoms and quarks, electrons and neutrinos, and the forces that shape the universe. Step by step, discovery by discovery, we journey into the world of the unseen, from the atom to black holes and dark matter, and beyond, to the outer reaches of the cosmos and the frontiers of human knowledge.

running time 6 hours 35 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 1 7

P53

by Sue Armstrong

published by Bloomsbury

read by Stephanie Beattie

All of us have lurking in our DNA a most remarkable gene, which has a crucial job – it protects us from cancer. Known simply as p53, this gene constantly scans our cells to ensure

that they grow and divide without mishap. If a cell makes a mistake in copying its DNA during the process of division, p53 stops it in its tracks, summoning a repair team before allowing the cell to carry on dividing. If the mistake is irreparable and the rogue cell threatens to grow out of control, p53 commands the cell to commit suicide. Cancer cannot develop unless p53 itself is damaged or prevented from functioning normally. This book tells the story of medical science's mission to unravel the mysteries of this crucial gene, and to get to the heart of what happens in our cells when they turn cancerous, highlighting the tremendous recent advances made in our understanding of cancer.

running time 9 hours 31 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 2 9

Science in the Soul

by Richard Dawkins

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Richard Dawkins is one of science's greatest communicators. This anthology of more than forty pieces is a kaleidoscopic argument for the power and the glory of science. Breathtaking, brilliant and passionate, these essays, journalism, lectures and letters make an unanswerable case for the wonder of scientific discovery and its power to stir the imagination; for the practical necessity of scientific endeavour to society; and for the importance of the scientific way of thinking - particularly in today's 'post-truth' world. With an introduction and new commentary by the

author, subjects range from evolution and Darwinian natural selection to the role of scientist as prophet, whether science is itself a religion, the probability of alien life in other worlds, and the beauties, cruelties and oddities of earthly life in this one.

running time 14 hours 41 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 4 8

Spinosaur Tales

by David Hone and Mark P. Witton

published by Bloomsbury

read by Gavin Osborn

The giant sail-backed carnivorous dinosaur Spinosaurus is one of the most famous of all dinosaurs; a staple of documentaries, books and video games, and the beast that bested the mighty Tyrannosaurus rex in Jurassic Park III. But what do we actually know about this crocodile-headed monster and its relatives, the spinosaurs? The spinosaurs were some of the strangest predatory dinosaurs, combining a long low skull with powerfully clawed hands. Some species had huge sails over their backs, as well as fin-like tails. A great deal of scientific mystery surrounds them. Their fossil remains are highly fragmentary, many aspects of their appearance uncertain, their evolutionary relationships elusive, and interpretations of their ecology and behaviour are hotly contested. Spinosaur Tales explores the exciting, sometimes controversial world of spinosaur science.

running time 7 hours 33 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 4 5

Science - Technology

Deep Thinking

by Garry Kasparov

published by Hachette

read by Garry Kasparov and Bob Brown

In May 1997, the world watched as Garry Kasparov, the greatest chess player in the world, was defeated for the first time by the IBM supercomputer Deep Blue. It was a watershed moment in the history of technology: machine intelligence had arrived at the point where it could best human intellect. It wasn't a coincidence that Kasparov became the symbol of man's fight against the machines. Chess has long been the fulcrum in development of machine intelligence. As the pre-eminent chess master of the 80s and 90s, it was Kasparov's blessing and his curse to play against each generation's strongest computer champions, contributing to their development and advancing the field. In this breakthrough book, Kasparov tells his side of the story of Deep Blue for the first time, the

mistakes he made and the reasons the odds were against him. But more than that, he tells his story of AI more generally, and how he's evolved to embrace it, taking part in an urgent debate with philosophers worried about human values, programmers creating self-learning neural networks, and engineers of cutting edge robotics.

running time 9 hours 56 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 5 3

Into the Black

by Rowland White

published by Penguin Random House

read by Eric Meyers

On 12th April 1981 a revolutionary new spacecraft blasted off from Florida on her maiden flight. NASA's Space Shuttle Columbia was the most advanced flying machine ever built. Columbia was a winged rocket plane, the size of an airliner, capable of flying to space and back before being made ready to fly again. She was the world's first real spaceship. Yet less than an hour after departure it was clear that all was not well. Tiles designed to protect Columbia from the blowtorch burn of re-entry were missing from the heatshield. If the damage to their ship was too great the astronauts would be unable to return safely to earth. But neither they nor mission control possessed any way of knowing. Instead, NASA turned to the National Reconnaissance Office, a spy agency hidden deep inside the Pentagon whose very existence was classified. To help, the NRO would attempt something that had never been done

before. Drawing on brand new interviews with astronauts and engineers, archive material and newly declassified documents, Rowland White has pieced together the dramatic untold story of the mission for the first time.

running time 15 hours 51 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 4 9 7

Listening In

by Miscellaneous Authors

published by Bloomsbury

read by Angus King

In 1945, W. Averell Harriman, US Ambassador to the Soviet Union, was presented with a carved wooden plaque of the Great Seal of the United States as a 'gesture of friendship' by a delegation from the Soviet's Young Pioneer Organization. Unbeknownst to him, one of the first covert listening devices, invented by Leon Theremin was hidden within it and was subsequently used to listen in on the ambassador's conversations for six years before being discovered. This book uses remarkable tales like this to tell the story of how modern audio surveillance developed and its important role in the evolution of today's artificial intelligence.

running time 14 hours 15 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 8 9 7

Soonish

by Kelly and Zach Weinersmith

published by Penguin Random House

read by Kelly Weinersmith and Joseph May

What will the world of tomorrow be like? How does progress happen? And why don't we have a lunar colony already? In this witty and entertaining book, Kelly and Zach Weinersmith give us a snapshot of the transformative technologies that are coming next - from robot swarms to nuclear fusion powered-toasters - and explain how they will change our world in astonishing ways. By weaving together their own research, interviews with pioneering scientists and Zach's trademark comics, the Weinersmiths investigate why these innovations are needed, how they would work, and what is standing in their way.

running time 8 hours 53 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 0 4

Talk to Me

by James Vlahos

published by Penguin Random House

read by James Vlahos

The next great technological disruption is coming. The titans of Silicon Valley are racing to build a single, world-changing piece of software. They know that whoever gets there first will revolutionise our relationship with technology - and make billions of dollars in the process. They call it voice computing. Computers that can speak and think just as clearly as humans may seem like the stuff of science fiction, but they are mere years away from becoming a reality. In

Talk to Me, veteran tech journalist James Vlahos meets the researchers at Google, Amazon and Apple who are leading the way to a voice computing revolution. He explores how voice tech will transform every sector of society, handing untold new powers to businesses, and fundamentally altering the way we understand human consciousness. And he even tries to understand the significance of the AI revolution first hand - by building a robotic version of his terminally ill father. Vlahos's research leads him to one fundamental question: what happens when our computers become as articulate, as compassionate and as creative as we are?

running time 10 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 2 2 5 5

Who Can You Trust?

by Rachel Botsman

published by Penguin Random House

read by Caroline Baum

In this revolutionary book, world-renowned trust expert Rachel Botsman reveals that we are at the tipping point of one of the biggest social transformations in human history. A new world order is emerging: we have lost faith in brands, leaders and systems, but millions of people every day rent their home to total strangers on AirBnB, exchange cryptocurrency online, or get in the car of an unknown Uber driver. This is the age of distributed trust; a paradigm shift driven by new technologies that are rewriting the rules of an all-too-human relationship. If we are to benefit from this

radical transformation, it is vital that we understand the new mechanics of how trust is built, managed, lost and repaired. In Who Can You Trust?, Botsman provides a detailed map of this uncharted landscape - and explores what's next for humanity.

running time 10 hours 33 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 1 2

Self Help

The Anna Karenina Fix

by Viv Groskop

published by Penguin Random House

read by Viv Groskop

Viv Groskop has discovered the meaning of life in Russian literature. As she knows from personal experience, everything that has ever happened in life has already happened in these novels: from not being sure what to do with your life (Anna Karenina) to being in love with someone who doesn't love you back enough (The Master and Margarita),or being socially anxious about your appearance (all of Chekhov's work). This is a literary self-help memoir, with examples from the author's own life that reflect the lessons of literature, only in a much less poetic way than Tolstoy probably intended, and with an emphasis on being excessively paranoid about having an emerging moustache on your upper lip, just like Natasha in War and Peace.

running time 7 hours 35 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 1 8

The Book of Hygge

by Louisa Thomsen Brits

published by Penguin Random House

read by Louisa Thomsen Brits

Hygge is a feeling of belonging and warmth, a moment of comfort and contentment. This beautiful little book will help you to find hygge and embrace it every day. Make a pot of coffee, relax in your favourite chair and discover for yourself how life is better with hygge.

running time 2 hours 47 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 4 0

Chicken Soup for the Prisoner's Soul

by Miscellaneous Authors

published by Echo Point Books & Media, LLC

read by William DeMeritt and Kristi Burns

Prisoners and their families will appreciate these heartfelt and supportive stories and will feel part of a wider community of people striving to improve and reach their personal best. Hope, healing, forgiveness, and even a few laughs are delivered in the form of these personal and revealing stories.

running time 6 hours 20 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 7 1

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Believe in Angels

by Amy Newmark

published by Echo Point Books & Media, LLC

read by Kristi Burns and William DeMeritt

Angels are all around if we are open to seeing them and accepting their help. They make miracles happen every day for people from all walks of life. You'll be inspired, comforted and awed by these 101 stories from ordinary people who've had extraordinary experiences, including: Joshua, who can't explain why his wife's four favorite Bruce Springsteen songs played all in a row shortly after her death, even though he was listening to a completely different CD Hosanna, whose family was out of food but shared their last dinner with a homeless stranger who then showed up the next day with bags full of the exact groceries on her mother's list MaryAnn, who was driving home from her daughters' night game on the wrong side of the road and avoided a collision when her car was...

running time 8 hours 24 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 7 2

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Too Funny!

by Amy Newmark

published by Echo Point Books & Media, LLC

read by William DeMeritt and Yinka Ladeinde

Chicken Soup for the Soul has gathered some great storytellers to document the mishaps and misadventures of everyday life and celebrate humanity's ability to laugh at itself. There's no holding back in these pages, so prepare for lots of good, clean (and not so clean) fun. This is storytelling at its funniest! No one is safe in these true stories- from spouses to parents to children to colleagues to friends. And the funniest stories are the ones about the writers' own mishaps and most embarrassing moments.

running time 8 hours 20 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 7 3

Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul

by Miscellaneous Authors

published by Echo Point Books & Media, LLC

read by Yinka Ladeinde and William DeMeritt

This shining collection brings you inspiration and comfort in special chapters on marriage, motherhood, aging, bridging the generations, attitude, self-esteem and higher wisdom. Stories honor the strength and reveal the beauty of the feminine spirit. Included are incredible stories from Oprah Winfrey, Leo Buscaglia, Linda Ellerbee, Robert Fulghum, Kathie Lee Gifford and many others.

running time 7 hours 46 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 6 7 0

Coming Alive

by Phil Stutz and Barry Michels

published by Penguin Random House

read by Phil Stutz and Barry Michels

Just as we are all motivated and driven by a positive desire to be our best, live by our values and to follow our dreams, so too are we all held back by a negative, destructive and fear-driven side of ourselves. It is this part of us that compromises our ability to realise our potential and be truly happy - the side of us that the authors called our Part X. We all have a Part X and we cannot get rid of it, but we can learn to manage it with the help of the four simple tools in this book. When we do this we free ourselves from whatever is holding us back to create a fulfilled life and anything we want or need to achieve becomes truly possible. Coming Alive is an inspiring, practical book to help us wake up to how we are being held back in life and to energise us to finally achieve our full potential.

running time 8 hours 44 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 3 9

Eight Million Ways To Happiness

by Hiroko Yoda

published by Bloomsbury

read by Hiroko Yoda

In Eight Million Ways to Happiness, Hiroko Yoda invites readers on a transformative journey into the traditions that shape Japanese life. While millions have found inspiration in ideas like ikigai or The Courage to Be Disliked, Hiroko reveals

the deeper traditions that quietly infuse Japan's culture, drawn from Shinto, Buddhism, and the mountain mysticism of Shugendo. These aren't abstract philosophies. They are living practices that integrate so seamlessly with modern secular life, even natives can forget they are there. Reconnecting with them helped Hiroko find light after profound loss – and realise that they offer powerful tools for anyone seeking meaning, connection or peace in their own life. Through vivid storytelling and immersive experiences – dancing at Shinto shrines, climbing sacred peaks, and meeting mystics – Hiroko shows how Japan's flexible approach to spirituality helps kindle gratitude, connection and kinship with nature. What emerges are practical insights and gentle guidance to spark joy, find balance, and discover what truly matters.

running time 16 hours 15 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 4 0 1

How to Be Hopeful

by Caitlin Moran

published by Penguin Random House

read by Caitlin Moran

Not getting enough sleep, doomscrolling on your phone, and feeling acid anxiety every time you watch the news? You're not alone. One morning, Caitlin Moran lay in bed and realised: she had finally reached Peak Despair. The point where, in books and movies, the heroine decides to move to a remote farmhouse, walk an ancient, 600-mile pathway, or adopt a baby hare. The moment where someone goes on a

quest to find... hope. But this, this is not that kind of book. Caitlin tried - but it turns out remote Welsh farmhouses are really expensive. No-one with a job can walk 600 miles. And it's incredibly hard to get access to baby hares in Crouch End. And so, Caitlin decides instead to go on a domestic quest. To see if you can stay in the same house, in the same neighbourhood, but feel better about the frantic modern world by trying to make better days. Leaving social media, eschewing 24/7 news for local newspapers, sitting on buses without headphones, and listening to what people are really saying. Picking litter, donating blood, rewilding a garden and, the hardest thing of all - learning to fall back in love with the world again. Over the course of a year, Caitlin finds that life can be radically transformed when you rebel against the news cycle and algorithms that want to keep us angry, adrenalised, and anxious. You can't change the world - but you can change your days.

running time 8 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 0 1

Hunch

by Bernadette Jiwa

published by Penguin Random House

read by Bernadette Jiwa

In Hunch, bestselling author and business advisor Bernadette Jiwa shows how anyone can uncover the kind of insights that become breakthrough ideas. Combining hands-on exercises with inspiring stories of the killer hunches that brought us ideas like the first reusable coffee cup and the

beloved Spanx brand, Hunch is a guide to cultivating your intuitive powers, a roadmap to getting from insights to ideas that fly. Every breakthrough idea starts not with knowing for sure, but by understanding why it's safe to try. Intuition alone doesn't tell you exactly where 'x' marks the spot, but it can give powerful clues as to where you might begin to dig. This is the book you need if you're ready to begin finding them.

running time 3 hours 53 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 0 9

I Decided to Live As Me

by Anton Hur, Kim Suhyun

published by Penguin Random House

read by Da Eun Yoon

As soon as Kim Suhyun graduated into the adult world, she faced a harsh reality. Everywhere she looked people stepped on each other to get ahead, obsessed over money, and judged others based on the unrealistic standards they saw on social media. It seemed impossible not to compare herself to others and feel that she was ever good enough. With words of comfort and charming illustrations throughout, Kim Suhyun will inspire you on your own journey of self-love, self-acceptance and self-compassion. Blending self-help and memoir, I Decided to Live as Me will help you free yourself from the pressures of living up to other people's expectations and focus on what truly matters: living not for anyone else, but for yourself.

running time 3 hours 10 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 3 7 2

I Don't Believe in Astrology

by Debra Silverman

published by Penguin Random House

read by Debra Silverman

In a chaotic, confusing and divisive world, it is easy to feel lost and hopeless. With every scroll, like and tweet, we drift further from understanding who we really are. In I Don't Believe in Astrology, celebrity astrologer Debra Silverman confidently introduces astrology as the ultimate path to inner peace and to living your best life. Through an application of both therapy and astrology, this breakthrough guide equips readers with tools that release self-judgment, inner criticism and anxiety. With Debra, you learn how to step away from the struggle of your ego and see yourself with the calm objectivity of your soul. She shows you how to aim for the high road of your personality. Most of all, you will cultivate compassion for all the other signs in the zodiac and learn the meaning of the sun, moon, rising sign, Mercury, and Saturn. Using Debra's method of combining the wisdom of astrology and psychology, you will remember the truth of your soul's expression, as seen through the eyes of self-love.

running time 8 hours 40 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 8 8 0

Intentional Living

by Jayne Wallace

published by Bloomsbury

read by Deryn Edwards

A passionate believer in soulful connection and the power of tapping into our spiritual selves, Jayne Wallace shares her grab-bag of tools to help us find inner peace and feel more grounded every day. She guides us through 8 intentions that we can apply to day-to-day life to help us move away from stress and anxiety, encouraging us to unlock our inner confidence and step into our power. Celebrating key daily practices and rituals, this soothing book is full of practical tools and journaling prompts to help us improve our self-esteem, effectively harness our intuition, gain better self-knowledge and live an authentic, content life.

running time 6 hours 52 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 8 7

Little Wins

by Paul Lindley

published by Penguin Random House

read by Genevieve Ashcroft-Helal and Paul Lindley

In Little Wins: The Huge Power of Thinking Like a Toddler, Ella's Kitchen founder Paul Lindley reveals the nine characteristics and behaviours that we can all learn from recalling our toddler selves. From attention-grabbing tactics that would humble most marketing experts to the art of thinking divergently, Lindley shows how much we've lost in

getting old - and how we can get it back. Never mind growing up; it's time we grew down.

running time 7 hours

catalogue number: 2 3 9 2 1

Make Your Bed

by William H. McRaven

published by Penguin Random House

read by William H. McRaven

Here McRaven shares the 10 life-changing principles he learned during his 37 years as a Navy SEAL. These 10 philosophies helped him to overcome challenges not only in his career, but also throughout his life. What's more anyone can use these basic lessons to change themselves, and the world, for the better... Told with great humility and optimism, this timeless book provides simple and universal wisdom, practical advice, and words of encouragement that will inspire readers to achieve more even in life's darkest moments.

running time 1 hour 44 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 5 8

Opening Up by Writing It Down

by James W. Pennebaker and Joshua M. Smyth

published by Echo Point Books & Media, LLC

read by Douglas James

Expressing painful emotions is hard - yet it can actually improve our mental and physical health. This lucid, compassionate audiobook has introduced tens of thousands of listeners to expressive writing, a simple yet powerful self-help technique grounded in scientific research. Leading experts James W. Pennebaker and Joshua M. Smyth describe how taking just a few minutes to write about deeply felt personal experiences or problems may help you: Heal old emotional wounds Feel a greater sense of well-being Decrease stress Improve relationships Boost your immune system Vivid stories and examples yield compelling insights into secrets, self-disclosure, and the hidden price of silence. The third edition incorporates findings from hundreds of recent studies and includes practical exercises to help you try expressive writing for yourself.

running time unknown

catalogue number: 2 8 1 5 6

Perfect Confidence/ Perfect Relaxation

by Jan Ferguson and Elaine Van Der Zeil

published by Penguin Random House

read by Nicholas Bell

Perfect Confidence is the ideal companion for anyone who wants to boost their self-esteem. Covering everything from communicating clearly to handling conflict, it explains exactly why confidence matters and equips you with the skills you need to become more assertive. Whether you need to get ahead in the workplace or learn how to balance the demands of friends and family, Perfect Confidence has

all you need to meet challenges head on. Perfect Relaxation is an invaluable guide for anyone who wants to learn how to remain calm and powerful in challenging situations. Covering everything from how to stop obsessing to how to start thinking positively, it gives step-by-step guidance on beating stress and shows you how to make relaxation a part of your everyday life. With helpful suggestions for instant calming techniques and daily exercises to help combat tension, Perfect Relaxation has everything you need to bring your stress levels under control.

running time 8 hours

catalogue number: 2 7 6 8 1

Psyched Up

by Daniel McGinn

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jonathan McClain

In Psyched Up, acclaimed journalist Daniel McGinn explains why mental preparation is the key to mastering any challenge. Examining the latest scientific research into the smartest ways to deal with a flood of adrenaline, increase focus, minimize negative thoughts, and optimize emotions, Psyched Up teaches you what do in the last few minutes before a major event. Drawing on interviews with high-performing professionals such as retired General Stanley McChrystal, NASCAR champion driver Jimmie Johnson and legendary tennis coach Nick Bollettieri, McGinn illustrates how to develop a personal psyching up routine and reveals

why introverts and extroverts might employ different methods.

running time 5 hours 44 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 3 1

A Theory of Happiness

by Hyung-Seok Kim

published by Bloomsbury

read by Arthur Lee

105-year-old Professor Kim reveals key aspects of ancient Korean philosophy and shares stories from over a century of living to help us live better. Showing us how to lean into the world with more softness, gratitude, openness and sincerity – especially when confronted with life's challenges – he invites us to discover the everyday lessons we can take from Korean values.

running time 3 hours 56 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 9 4

Sport & Games

Breathe Smarter, Run Stronger

by David 'Jacko' Jackson

published by Bloomsbury

read by David 'Jacko' Jackson

Your breath is fundamental to physical and mental performance. How you breathe affects your efficiency, your perception of effort, your nervous system and more. Yet you've probably never trained your breathing. David 'Jacko' Jackson simplifies the science of respiration and gives you the practical tools for smarter breathing and stronger running. He takes you through the limitations of how we currently breathe and shows you how to train your respiratory system. Through breathwork exercises integrated into your training – including mobility hacks to unlock your ribcage and tools to develop your diaphragm – you'll learn how to ventilate more efficiently like an elite runner. No matter your running experience, this book will unlock the key to running further and faster.

running time 9 hours 11 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 5 0

Grand Prix

by Will Buxton

published by Penguin Random House

read by Will Buxton

With just twenty drivers competing at speeds of over 220 miles per hour on the world's most challenging racetracks, Formula 1 is the ultimate test for any driver. To become a champion is to be counted among the world's greatest athletes. In Grand Prix, Will Buxton pulls back the curtain on the cars, teams, tracks, records, and rivalries that have defined F1 since its very first world champion in 1950,

Giuseppe Farina, to modern-day icons like Lewis Hamilton and Max Verstappen. Join the teams revolutionising car design on the factory floor, become a fly on the pit wall and learn the art of the pitstop, and discover what it really takes to compete in the fast lane with this definitive introduction to the world's most exhilarating sport.

running time 7 hours 58 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 2 7 7

It Takes a Tribe

by Will Dean

published by Penguin Random House

read by Eliot Hill

Unlike other endurance events, Tough Mudder encourages team spirit. The course's design forces you to seek help from others and with twenty obstacles, forty tons of ice and five hundred thousand litres of Grade-A mud set over ten to twelve miles, you're going to need it. This revival of community is the key to the company's success. In It Takes a Tribe, co-founder and CEO Will Dean explores the mental, physical and social principles behind the experience and reveals how he built a global tribe. Arguing for clear principles, bravery and persistence, Dean shows a new generation of entrepreneurs why it's important to create a brand that people identify with and love.

running time 7 hours 34 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 0 5

The Mechanic

by Marc 'Elvis' Priestley

published by Penguin Random House

read by Marc 'Elvis' Priestley

In the high octane atmosphere of the Formula One pit lane, the spotlight is most often on the superstar drivers. And yet, without the technical knowledge, competitive determination and outright obsession from his garage of mechanics, no driver could possibly hope to claim a spot on the podium. That's not to say the F1 crew is just a group of highly skilled technical engineers, tweaking machinery in wind tunnels and crunching data through high spec computers. These boys can seriously let their hair down. Whether it be parties on luxury yachts in Monaco or elaborate photo opportunities in gravity-defying aeroplanes, this is a world which thrills on and off the track. Join McLaren's former Number One mechanic, Marc 'Elvis' Priestley as he tours the world, revealing some of Formula One's most outrageous secrets and the fiercest rivalries, all fuelled by the determination to win.

running time 7 hours 16 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 3 0

My Sporting Life

by Michael Parkinson

published by Hachette

read by Simon Slater

For Michael Parkinson it was never really in doubt that he would spend his life in sport. His father, a fearsome fast bowler himself, indoctrinated young Michael from an early age into the Yorkshire cricket tradition and supporting Barnsley FC. All he ever wanted was to play cricket for Yorkshire and England. He rose through the ranks of Barnsley cricket along with his friends Dickie Bird and Geoffrey Boycott. But while they went on to find fame on the field, he spent the next few decades watching, writing and talking about sport. My Sporting Life is Sir Michael's love letter to sport, to the heroes and legends of his Yorkshire youth, to the characters of the international games he watched and wrote about, and to the very idea of sport itself. With warm humorous anecdotes about many icons of sport, from Shane Warne to George Best and Muhammad Ali to Fred Trueman, Sir Michael Parkinson reflects on his life writing about his one great passion.

running time 7 hours 3 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 7 8 9

The Secret Race

by Tyler Hamilton and Daniel Coyle

published by Penguin Random House

read by Sean Runnette and Tyler Hamilton

On a fateful night in 2009, Tyler Hamilton and Daniel Coyle met for dinner at a restaurant in Boulder, Colorado. The two had met five years before while Coyle was writing his bestselling book, Lance Armstrong: Tour de Force. But this time, Tyler had something else on his mind. He finally

wanted to come clean, about everything: the doping, the lying, his years as Lance Armstrong's teammate on U.S. Postal, his decade spent running from the truth. Over the next eighteen months, Hamilton would tell his story - and his sport's story - in explosive detail, never sparing himself in the process. In a way, he became as obsessed with telling the truth as he had been with winning the Tour de France just a few years before. The result of this determination is The Secret Race, a book that pulls back the curtain and takes us into the secret world of professional cycling like never before.

running time 11 hours 23 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 6 8 6

Start Where You Are

by Sabrina Pace-Humphreys

published by Bloomsbury

read by Sabrina Pace-Humphreys

Start Where You Are is a guide for women who are looking to run up to 5k distance. Whether you are at the start of your running journey, or resuming running after a break, Sabrina Pace-Humphreys has all the advice you need to get going. In 2009 a GP recommended Sabrina try running to manage her post-natal depression. It transformed her life and she hasn’t stopped since. She is now a UK Athletics qualified Leader in Running Fitness, a Coach in Running Fitness and a qualified personal trainer with a passion for helping other women, wherever they are in their running journeys. Sabrina offers motivational support, technique

guidance, practical advice and strength and conditioning exercises to help complement your training. You can also find real-life runner testimonies and valuable tips about how to run during menopause, fuelling and hydration, menstrual cycles, common injuries, how to run safely at night, finding the running community for you – and so much more.

running time 7 hours 57 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 4 0 4

To the Limit

by Michael Crawley

published by Bloomsbury

read by Raj Ghatak

In a world where we are having to work harder than ever before, where talk of 'burnout' is everywhere and where pressures increase in many areas of our lives, some of us are turning to endurance sport and extreme challenges. Pushing human limits has even become enmeshed with pushing technological limits, a cultural obsession fed by a multibillion-dollar technology industry led by the likes of Fitbit and Apple. To the Limit asks why this might be and what kind of meaning we attach to our ability to endure. Michael Crawley immerses himself in various endurance cultures and asks what makes enduring together meaningful to people. He learns how Nepalese runners face different challenges depending on their location up a mountain, from those in the lowlands and 'middle hills' to Sherpas from the Solu Khumbu, and observes Tarahumara ultrarunners' ability to cover extreme distances on highly

technical terrain. But he also delves into the history of Dance Marathons, six-day pedestrianism races in Madison Square Gardens and the unique Enhanced Games.

running time 7 hours 58 minutes

catalogue number: 2 5 8 9 6

Warming Up

by Madeleine Orr

published by Bloomsbury

read by Deborah McBride

The world of sport has a new opponent: climate change. In recent years, a world championship marathon was held at midnight to avoid the blistering sun. Professional athletes needed oxygen tanks to play during wildfire season in California. Players collapsed and play was suspended amid the heat and bushfire smoke at the Australian Tennis open. Ski resorts in the Alps have turned into ghost towns. Golf courses are sinking into the sea. And then there's the Qatar World Cup, among the greatest follies in sporting history, one that saw hundreds (perhaps thousands) of heat-induced deaths before a ball was even kicked. A world-leading sport ecologist, Madeleine interviews athletes, coaches, politicians and thought-leaders to learn more about the inevitable consequences for this trillion-dollar industry.

running time 9 hours 49 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 8 9 1

Travel - British Isles

Lost in the Lakes

by Tom Chesshyre

published by Calibre Audio

read by John Hobday

From Penrith and back, via Keswick, Cockermouth, Coniston, Grasmere and Windermere, plus many places in between, Tom Chesshyre puts on his walking boots and sets forth in a "big wobbly circle" around the Lakes, drawn onwards by the dramatic scenery that attracts more than 19 million visitors each year. Across landscape that so inspired the Romantic poets, he takes in remote parts of the parkland that many tourists miss - enjoying encounters aplenty with farmers, fell runners and fellow hikers, while staying in shepherds' huts, bothies and old climbers' hotels along the way, and even going for a (chilly) dip in Derwentwater. This is the Lake District seen from its walking paths - with just a backpack, an open mind... and a spring in the step.

running time 11 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 9 8 7

Steel River

by Steve Nicholls

published by Bloomsbury

read by John Telfer

Steve Nicholls makes an epic journey along the River Tees in north-east England, from the industrial complexes near its estuary to its source high in the Pennine Hills. The Tees estuary was where Steve's life-long passion for nature was born, launching a long career as a documentary maker. As he travels the length of the eighty-mile river, he uses his years of travelling the world and his work on nature films to place the fauna and flora he encounters along the Tees in a wider context. He weaves together strands of personal experience, nature writing, botany, geology and history with an account of the impact of human industry and agriculture on the Tees and its valley. Steel River is thus a natural and social history of a remarkable river, but also presents the Tees as a universal exemplar of environmental degradation, allowing the author to reflect on – and offer prescriptions for – the broken state of the natural world after 10,000 years of human activity.

running time 12 hours 59 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 4 7

Stone Lands

by Fiona Robertson

published by Hachette

read by Mary Woodvine

Journeying across Britain, from West Penwith and Avebury to the Lake District and Orkney, Stone Lands uncovers the magic and rich history of our incredible prehistoric standing stones. It conveys the delight that lies in tracking them down, as well as the solace these ancient places offer in

times of darkness. A few months after discovering that her beloved husband, Stephen, had incurable cancer, Fiona Robertson began to write this book. A long-time megalith enthusiast, she found the ancient stones resonated with her more profoundly than ever as she faced the prospect of losing him. Set upright thousands of years ago, the megaliths are symbols of endurance and survival, standing in contrast to our ephemeral human lives. Infused with folklore, legend and mystery, they enchant the landscape and bring magic to our modern world. This enthralling memoir is woven delicately around great grief but is ultimately about embracing life, joy and ancient wonder - a luminous reminder of what it means to exist on this earth.

running time 10 hours 7 minutes

catalogue number: 2 9 0 8 6

Upon A White Horse

by Peter Ross

published by Hachette

read by Peter Ross

Author of the bestseller Steeple Chasing and prize-winning A Tomb With A View, Peter Ross journeys from midwinter at Stonehenge to midsummer at Sycamore Gap. Along the way he encounters bog bodies in Dublin, a wooden goddess in Edinburgh and a chalk giant in Dorset. He asks what it is like to live within the great stone circle at Avebury, what rituals occurred in an Anglesey tomb and what draws volunteers to care for the Uffington White Horse. These objects and structures speak of the long human story. They offer the

comfort of recognition and the pleasure of mystery. There is something about ancient places that fills a hollow in our souls.

running time 11 hours 2 minutes

catalogue number: 2 4 1 5 9

Travel - European

The Cyclist Who Went Out in the Cold

by Tim Moore

published by Penguin Random House

read by Tim Moore

Scaling a new peak of rash over-ambition, Tim Moore tackles the 9,000km route of the old Iron Curtain on a tiny-wheeled, two-geared East German shopping bike. Asking for trouble and getting it, he sets off from the northernmost Norwegian-Russian border at the Arctic winter's brutal height, bullying his plucky MIFA 900 through the endless and massively sub-zero desolation of snowbound Finland. Sleeping in bank vaults, imperial palaces and unreconstructed Soviet youth hostels, battling vodka-breathed Russian hostility, Romanian landslides and a diet of dumplings, Moore and his 'so-small bicycle' are sustained by the kindness of reindeer farmers and Serbian rock gods, plus a shameful addiction to Magic Man energy drink.

running time 9 hours 48 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 3 2

Travel - World

Hooked on the Horizon

by Tom Dymond

published by Calibre Audio

read by Peter Hargreaves

When a sailboat barely bigger than a bathtub pottered into the English Channel, James and Tom began the adventure of a lifetime. In their little boat Blue Eye they set sail, ladened with the notion that happiness and freedom loitered just over the horizon. And yet as they journeyed between continents and across oceans, they found they were still anchored to their old unsatisfied selves. Hampered not only by the storms of the Atlantic Ocean and the pirates of the Red Sea, the craving nature of the human mind also threatens their bid to circumnavigate the world. From the Caribbean to the Suez Canal, James and Tom chase one sunset after the next, convinced a treasure trove of fulfilment lies waiting beyond the horizon. What will it take for them to discover that the sea is not always bluer on the other side? Hooked on the Horizon is Tom Dymond’s travel memoir of sailing Blue Eye around the world. If you like being transported across oceans, escaping to far-flung paradises, and finding humour and philosophy in between, then you’ll love the story of Blue Eye’s adventure.

running time 10 hours 36 minutes

catalogue number: 2 7 1 6 1

River Dog

by Mark Shand

published by Calibre Audio

read by Richard Worland

The Brahmaputra is one of the world's great rivers. Beginning as a tiny glacial stream in Western Tibet it flows through India and Bangladesh before gushing out into the Bay of Bengal. Unable to reach the northern part of the river due to Chinese intransigence, Mark Shand nonetheless set out to attempt what no foreigner had ever done: complete the huge journey from the unexplored jungles of the Indo-Tibet border to the largest river delta in the world. River Dog is a chronicle of that journey, a remarkable story encompassing sublime landscapes and rather odd encounters. But it is also a celebration - of a river that flows with mystery and legend, the men who have set out to discover it and a rather charming canine travelling companion called Bhaiti.

running time 11 hours 2 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 2 7 7

Travels on My Elephant

by Mark Shand

published by Calibre Audio

read by Simon Edginton

With the help of a Maratha nobleman, Mark Shand buys an elephant named Tara and rides her over six hundred miles across India to the Sonepur Mela, the world's oldest elephant market. From Bhim, a drink-racked mahout, Shand learned to ride and care for her. From his friend Aditya Patankar he learned Indian ways. And with Tara, his new companion, he fell in love. Travels on my Elephant is the story of their epic journey across India, from packed highways to dusty back roads where communities were unchanged for millennia. It is also a memorable, touching account of Tara's transformation from scrawny beggar elephant to star attraction, and of the romance that developed between her and her owner Mark Shand. For what began as an adventurous whim has developed, decades later, into a life of campaigning to provide vital migratory corridors for these magnificent creatures whose habitat is under constant assault from man.

running time 8 hours 7 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 9 1

Unexplained Phenomena

Take Me to Your Leader

by Neil deGrasse Tyson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Neil deGrasse Tyson

Ever since childhood, astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson has wanted to be abducted by aliens. Here, he draws upon a lifetime's fascination to explore the science of alien life - and to offer a practical guide to your first alien encounter. Would an alien really be a humanoid with a pointy head, or might it look more like a worm, a roving cloud of gas, or perhaps a 'testicle monster'? How should you communicate with an alien who didn't speak English, and what does it have to do with the Pythagorean Theorem? Why has no alien (apparently) ever contacted us, and what does that say about our species' likeability? And if an alien did demand 'Take me to your leader!', who are you actually meant to take it to? Touching on Star Wars and Spielberg, UFOs and Area 51, Take Me to Your Leader is both a romping work of popular science and a love letter to our as-yet-uncontacted extraterrestrial friends. It is the most entertaining book ever written by one of the best-loved scientists in the world, and perhaps in the galaxy.

running time 5 hours 5 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 9 6 4

War - General

Redwood

by Ben Macintyre

published by Penguin Random House

read by Ben Macintyre

The year is 1981. Tehran is in violent turmoil in the wake of the Iranian Revolution. The Soviets are planning to overthrow the Ayatollah's fledgling Islamist regime. If they do so, one response from America - unknown to the public - would be to use nuclear weapons. This is the story of how at the height of the Cold War, one mysterious double agent, known to MI6 as 'Redwood', revealed the Kremlin's secret plot and prevented Armageddon. This unsung, hitherto unknown hero of the Cold War, a six-foot-four Russian intelligence officer, had a problem, a sexual secret, one that if revealed, would turn his life upside-down. So he reached out to MI6, believing it to have the only solution - in return for the KGB's deepest secrets. And then, facing exposure, he demanded that the British try to smuggle him out of Iran in a high-stakes escape plan. This is the gripping tale of one man's courage; about friendship, marriage, betrayal and sexual dysfunction; and about how decisions made in secret can have huge, long-term ramifications.

running time 17 hours 31 minutes

catalogue number: 2 8 8 7 3

Sniper One

by Dan Mills

published by Penguin Random House

read by Josh Dylan

April 2004: Dan Mills and his platoon of snipers fly into southern Iraq, part of an infantry battalion sent to win hearts and minds. They were soon fighting for their lives. Back home we were told they were peacekeeping. But there

was no peace to keep. Because within days of arriving in theatre, Mills and his men were caught up in the longest, most sustained fire fight British troops had faced for over fifty years. This awe-inspiring account tells of total war in throat-burning winds and fifty-degree heat, blasted by mortars and surrounded by heavily armed militias. For six months, they fought alone: isolated, besieged and under constant enemy fire. Their heroic stand a modern-day Rorke's Drift.

running time 10 hours 25 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 5 1

Vulcan 607

by Rowland White

published by Penguin Random House

read by Roy McMillan

When Argentine forces invaded the Falklands, Britain's military chiefs were faced with a real-life Mission Impossible. Its opening shot, they decided, would be Operation Black Buck: to strike a body blow at the occupying army. The idea was simple: to destroy the vital landing strip at Port Stanley. The reality was more complicated. Yet less than a month later, a formation of elderly British jets was launched from a remote island airbase to carry out the longest-range air attack in history. At the tip of the spear was a single aircraft, six men, and twenty-one thousand-pound bombs. Drawing on extensive interviews with the combatants, Falklands residents and British High Command, and with unprecedented access to contemporary military records,

Rowland White takes us, for the first time, to the beating heart of the legendary raid.

running time 13 hours 30 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 6 3

The War of the World

by Niall Ferguson

published by Penguin Random House

read by Saul Reichlin

The world at the beginning of the 20th century seemed for most of its inhabitants stable and relatively benign. Globalizing, booming economies married to technological breakthroughs seemed to promise a better world for most people. Instead, the 20th century proved to be overwhelmingly the most violent, frightening and brutalized in history with fanatical, often genocidal warfare engulfing most societies between the outbreak of the First World War and the end of the Cold War. What went wrong? How did we do this to ourselves? The War of the World comes up with compelling, fascinating answers. It is Niall Ferguson's masterpiece.

running time 34 hours 27 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 9 8

War - WW1

The Birth of the RAF, 1918

by Richard Overy

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jonathan Keeble

The dizzying pace of technological change in the early 20th century meant that it took only a little over ten years from the first flight by the Wright Brothers to the clash of fighter planes in the Great War. A period of terrible, rapid experiment followed to gain a brief technological edge. By the end of the war the British had lost an extraordinary 36,000 aircraft and 16,600 airmen. The RAF was created in 1918 as a revolutionary response to this new form of warfare - a highly contentious decision (resisted fiercely by both the army and navy, who had until then controlled all aircraft) but one which had the most profound impact, for good and ill, on the future of warfare. Richard Overy's superb new book shows how this happened, against the backdrop of the first bombing raids against London and the constant emergency of the Western Front.

running time 4 hours 9 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 1 4

War - WW2

Bloody Skies

by Thomas McKelvey Cleaver

published by Bloomsbury

read by Christopher Ragland

Formed in the fall of 1943, the Fifteenth Air Force was popularly known as the “The Forgotten Fifteenth,” as its achievements were overshadowed by more glamorous exploits of the Eighth Air Force in the air war over Germany. Nevertheless, the Fifteenth’s contribution to Allied victory was crucial, and a vital part of that was the role played by the escorting fighter groups from the XV Fighter Command who protected the B-17s and B-24s from the Luftwaffe in the skies over Romania. In this new history of the campaign, renowned aviation historian Tom Cleaver tells the story of the Fifteenth’s air war through first-person accounts of the fighter pilots of the Fifteenth Fighter Command, including such famous units as the Red Tails – the Tuskegee Airmen – the 82nd Fighter Group and the 325th’s “Checkertail Clan,” and with his ability to place wartime events in their greater context.

running time 15 hours 29 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 2 6

Case Red

by Robert Forczyk

published by Bloomsbury

read by Christopher Ragland

Even after the legendary evacuation from Dunkirk in June 1940 there were still large British formations fighting the Germans alongside their French allies. After mounting a vigorous counterattack at Abbeville and then conducting a tough defence along the Somme, the British were forced to conduct a second evacuation from the ports of Le Havre, Cherbourg, Brest and St Nazaire. While France was in its death throes, politicians and soldiers debated what to do – flee to England or North Africa, or seek an armistice. Case Red captures the drama of the final three weeks of military operations in France in June 1940, and explains the great impact it had on the course of relations between Britain and France during the remainder of the Second World War. It also addresses the military, political and human drama of France's collapse in June 1940, and how the windfall of captured military equipment, fuel and industrial resources enhanced the Third Reich's ability to attack its next foe – the Soviet Union.

running time 18 hours 43 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 2 7

Defenders of the Reich

by Robert Forsyth

published by Bloomsbury

read by Laurence Dobiesz

The Reichsverteidigung (Defence of the Reich) was a do or die campaign that saw the very best fighter pilots in the Luftwaffe attempt to defend German skies from increasingly large formations of RAF and USAAF medium and heavy bombers. Flying both piston-engined and, eventually, the first jet-engined fighters to see operational service, the Jagdflieger employed a wide range of weapons and tactics in an effort to blunt the Allied air offensive across Nazi Germany and Occupied Europe. Defenders of the Reich focusses on the story of the pilot, his aircraft, his weaponry, his draining, dangerous missions and Luftwaffe tactics against the USAAF and the RAF bombers from the summer of 1942 through to VE Day.

running time 23 hours 2 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 4 7

The Holocaust

by Laurence Rees

published by Penguin Random House

read by Jonathan Keeble

This landmark work answers two of the most fundamental questions in history - how, and why, did the Holocaust happen? Laurence Rees has spent twenty-five years meeting survivors and perpetrators of the Holocaust. Now, in his magnum opus, he combines their enthralling eyewitness testimony, a large amount of which has never been published before, with the latest academic research to create the first accessible and authoritative account of the Holocaust in more than three decades.

running time 19 hours 34 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 9 1 3

Pearl Harbor

by Mark Stille

published by Bloomsbury

read by Christopher Ragland

In this the first comprehensive treatment of Pearl Harbor since the early 1990s. respected Pacific War naval historian Mark E. Stille traces the road to war and the Japanese attack itself. He examines the role of the man behind the operation, Japanese Admiral Yamamoto, as well as the strengths and weaknesses of the plan. The American preparations for an attack are also carefully reviewed. The heart of the book is a comprehensive narrative of Pearl Harbor along with an appreciation of its results placed in proper perspective. In common with many of the major campaigns of the Pacific War, many myths surround the Battle of Pearl Harbor, and, amongst others, Mark explores and dismantle the myth of Yamamoto as a military genius, as well as the myth that the attack was brilliantly planned. Long regarded as brilliant strike, Mark argues in Pearl Harbor that the attack was instead a tactical disappointment, an operational failure and a strategic disaster.

running time 17 hours 54 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 7 4 8

The Sisters of Battle Road

by J. M. Maloney

published by Penguin Random House

read by Annie Aldington

In 1939 Annie Jarman and her six young daughters were evacuated from their south London home and sent to the Sussex countryside to wait out the war. Little did they know what was in store for them or how their lives would change. From the trials and tribulations of leaving London, the destructive horror of the Blitz and terrible family tragedy to tea dances, romance and the triumphs of making a new life in the country, The Sisters of Battle Road is the compelling true story of six ordinary girls who carved out a life in extraordinary wartime circumstances. Today, the six young girls - Mary, Anne, Sheila, Pat, Joan and Kath - are six remarkable women who have lived to tell their tale of sisterhood and its unbreakable bonds in the shadow of World War Two.

running time 7 hours 12 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 6 5 2

Turning the Tide

by Thomas McKelvey Cleaver

published by Bloomsbury

read by Christopher Ragland

In 1942, the Western Allies needed to take the offensive against the Axis to relieve pressure on the Soviet Union. With planning for a cross-Channel invasion beset by

logistical and operational difficulties, in May 1942 President Roosevelt ordered his military leaders to prepare to support the British in the Mediterranean. This led to the first USAAF units arriving in the Middle East in July, firstly as reinforcements for the British and later as part of the Operation Torch landings in French Morocco and Algeria in November. In little over ten months from the summer of 1942, the USAAF in North Africa grew from nothing to a senior partner, providing aircraft and crews the other Allies were unable to match. Using first-hand accounts from pilots and other aircrew, Tom Cleaver describes how the USAAF units that landed in Morocco were forced to learn their own lessons in combat with veteran Luftwaffe units, and how the experience gained in the skies over North Africa and Sicily was invaluable in developing the air forces that would dominate the skies over Europe in the latter years of the war.

running time 14 hours 59 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 0 8

The Unwomanly Face of War

by Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky, Svetlana Aleksievich

published by Penguin Random House

read by Miscellaneous

Bringing together dozens of voices in her distinctive style, The Unwomanly Face of War is Svetlana Alexievich's collection of stories from Soviet women who lived through the Second World War: on the front lines, on the home front

and in occupied territories. As Alexievich gives voice to women who are absent from official narratives - captains, sergeants, nurses, snipers and pilots - she shows us a new version of the war we're so familiar with, creating an extraordinary alternative history from their private stories. Published in 1985 in Russia and now available in English for the first time, The Unwomanly Face of War was Alexievich's first book and a huge bestseller in the Soviet Union, establishing her as a brilliantly revolutionary writer.

running time 14 hours 18 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 5 2 5

The War in the West: A New History. Volume 2

by James Holland

published by Penguin Random House

read by Leighton Pugh

In the second volume of his acclaimed new history of the Second World War, James Holland examines the momentous turning points of 1941-1943: Hitler's invasion of Russia; America's entry into the conflict; the devastating Thousand Bomber Raids over Germany; the long struggle in the deserts of North Africa; and the defeat of the U-boats in the crucial Battle of the Atlantic.

running time 24 hours 55 minutes

catalogue number: 2 3 8 2 3

We March Against England

by Robert Forczyk

published by Bloomsbury

read by Paul Boehmer

In May 1940, Nazi Germany was master of continental Europe. The only European power still standing was Great Britain - and the all-conquering German armed forces stood poised to cross the Channel. Following the destruction of the RAF fighter forces, the sweeping of the Channel of mines, and the wearing down of the Royal Naval defenders, two German army groups were set to storm the beaches of southern England. Despite near-constant British fears from August to October, the invasion never took place after first being postponed to spring 1941 before finally being abandoned entirely. Robert Forczyk looks beyond the traditional British account of Operation Sea Lion, complete with plucky Home Guards and courageous Spitfire pilots, at the real scale of German ambition, plans, and capabilities. He examines, in depth, how Operation Sea Lion fitted in with German air-sea actions around the British Isles as he shows exactly what stopped Hitler from invading Britain.

running time 11 hours 58 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 3 6

Where the Iron Crosses Grow

by Robert Forczyk

published by Bloomsbury

read by Michael Prichard

The Crimea was one of the crucibles of the war on the Eastern Front, where first a Soviet and then a German army were surrounded, fought desperate battles, and were eventually destroyed. The fighting in the region was unusual for the Eastern Front in many ways, in that naval supply, amphibious landings, and naval evacuation played major roles, while both sides were also conducting ethnic cleansing as part of their strategy - the Germans eliminating the Jews and the Soviets purging the region of Tartars. From 1941, when the Soviets first created the Sevastopol fortified region, the Crimea was a focal point of the war in the East. German forces under the noted commander Manstein conquered the area in 1941-42, which was followed by two years of brutal colonization and occupation before the Soviet counteroffensive in 1944 destroyed the German 17th Army.

running time 15 hours 2 minutes

catalogue number: 2 6 3 3 7