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General Fiction

Jeffrey Archer

Cat O'Nine Tales

Some of these thirteen stories were inspired by the two years Jeffrey Archer spent in prison, including the story of a company chairman who tries to poison his wife while on a trip to St Petersburg – with unexpected consequences. "The Red King" is a tale about a con man who discovers that an English Lord requires one more chess piece to complete a set that would be worth a fortune. In another tale of deception, "The Commissioner", a Bombay con artist ends up in the morgue, after he uses the police chief as bait in his latest scam. "The Perfect Murder" reveals how a convict manages to remove an old enemy while he's locked up in jail, and then set up two prison officers as his alibi. In "Charity Begins at Home", an accountant realises he has achieved nothing in his life, and sets out to make a fortune before he retires. "In the Eye of the Beholder" tells the story of a handsome star athlete who falls in love with a three-hundred-pound woman... who happens to be the ninth richest woman in Italy.

6CD \$39.95 Narrated by Anton Lesser

Kate Grenville

The Secret River

Crime is a way of life for Thornhill growing up in the slums of London at the turn of the 19th century – until he's caught stealing lumber. Luckily for him, a life sentence in the penal colony of New South Wales saves him from the gallows. With his wife, Sal, and a growing flock of children, Thornhill journeys to the colony and a convict's life of servitude. Gradually working his way through the system, Thornhill becomes a free man with his own claim to the savage land. But as he transforms himself into a trader on the river, Thornhill realises that the British are not the first to make New South Wales their home. A delicate coexistence with the native population dissolves into violence.

9CD UA \$45.00 Narrated by Paul Blackwell

Chinua Achebe

Things Fall Apart

"Okonkwo ruled his household with a heavy hand. His wives, especially the youngest, lived in perpetual fear of his fiery temper, and so did his little children. Perhaps down in his heart Okonkwo was not a cruel man. But his whole life was dominated by fear, the fear of failure and of weakness. It was deeper and more intimate than the fear of evil and capricious gods and of magic, the fear of the forest, and of the forces of nature, malevolent, red in tooth and claw. Okonkwo's fear was greater than these. It was not external but lay deep within himself. It was the fear of himself, lest he should be found to resemble his father."

Achebe manages to make this cruel man deeply sympathetic. He is fond of his eldest daughter, and also of Ikemefuna, a young boy sent from another village as compensation for the wrongful death of a young woman from Umuofia. He even begins to feel pride in his eldest son, in whom he has too often seen his own father. Unfortunately, a series of tragic events tests the mettle of this strong man, and it is his fear of weakness that ultimately undoes him.

6CD UA \$49.95 Narrated by Peter Francis James

Isabel Allende

Ines of my soul

Ines Suarez was born in golden-age Spain; she travelled to that glittering country's South American empire in search of her husband, who previously had pulled up stakes and booked passage there in search of riches. In the novel's real time, Ines is 70 years old in the year 1580, and she puts stiffly-held pen to paper to compose her memoirs, recording for posterity the events of quite an extraordinary life. Once in the New World, after learning her husband had died, Ines, with her innate smarts and fortitude, takes up with a man (one of Francisco Pizarro's former officers) who not only impassions her but who joins her in building the city of Santiago and forge the nation of Chile. Allende's novel broadens and deepens into a richly drawn depiction of the harshness of New World colonial life. She is an exquisite handler of historical detail, always conscious of keeping her story line above sinking beneath the particulars.

10CD UA \$79.95 Narrated by Blair Brown

John Berger

To the Wedding

With the sensuous eye and profound sense of history that have made him one of the most acclaimed living novelists, John Berger, author of *G.*, tells the story of a wedding that takes place in a Europe that is approaching the end of the century, a place where everything has changed - and not even the certainties of love are exempt. This is Berger's *fin de siecle*, a transcendent celebration of passion at the end of our millennium.

4CD UA \$39.95 Narrated by Alexandra Fuller

Margaret Atwood

Moral Disorder And Other Stories

A young writer, like a young woman, has a narrow strip of experience from which to contemplate an unknown future, empty and waiting for its form. An older writer, reminded of mortality by aging knees and dying parents, has the consolation of seeing everything in rich detail, meaningful and apparently pointless together. *Moral Disorder* is about a whole life, the life of Nell, married to Tig, or Gilbert. It is told in segments, stories concentrating on particular gritty or glittering episodes or problems. It covers every decade from the 1930s to the present. Margaret Atwood balances the apparently random – disorderly – events and memories against the sense we all have that a life as a whole has its own shape, possibly a destiny.

6CD UA \$69.95 Narrated by Susan Denaker

William Boyd

Restless

Boyd's ninth novel, an absorbing historical thriller, is loosely based on the history of a covert branch of British intelligence created to coax America into the Second World War. The story unfolds on parallel tracks as Sally Gilmartin, born Eva Delectorskaya, a Russian emigrée recruited into the British Secret Service in 1939, reveals her clandestine past in an autobiography that she gives to her daughter, Ruth, a graduate student and single mother living a dull civilian life in Oxford in 1976. These instalments give the narrative momentum as Eva describes the taciturn spy who recruited and trained her before becoming her lover; her secret propagandist work in New York; and the act of duplicity, almost deadly, that forced her to flee to England and live under an assumed identity. Ruth barely has time to process the shock of her mother's secret before she is swept into a dangerous game: finding her mother's betrayer before it's too late.

8CD UA \$120.00 Narrated by Rosamund Pike

Paulo Coelho

The Devil And Miss Prym

Internationally acclaimed author and contemporary fabulist Coelho concludes his excellent *And on the Seventh Day* trilogy with another provocative morality tale centred on a "week in the life of ordinary people, all of whom find themselves suddenly confronted by love, death, and power." The characters who populate the author's fictional village, a moribund community struggling to maintain its ever-elusive spiritual identity, are immediately thrust into the centre of the timeless conflict between right and wrong when a stranger bearing 11 bars of gold and accompanied by the devil arrives in Viscos prepared to challenge the citizens of the town with an intriguing moral dilemma. Will the townsfolk succumb to temptation, confirming that man is inherently evil; or will goodness triumph over evil, proving that every human being has the capacity to make his own choices and decide his or her own destiny?

4CD UA \$59.95 Narrated by Linda Emond

Will Elliott

The Pilo Family Circus

Winner of the inaugural ABC Fiction Award, chosen from over 900 entries, *The Pilo Family Circus* is the darkly comic tale of a young man who is press-ganged into working for the Pilo Circus as a clown with supernatural powers, and who subsequently has to face up to the dark side of his own human nature.

1mp3-CD UA \$29.95 Narrated by Cameron Goodall

J. M. Ledgard

Giraffe

Based on the true story of the slaughter, in Czechoslovakia, in 1975, of the largest captive herd of giraffes, Ledgard's meditative novel creates a textured allegory for the country's oppression by its Communist regime. The story follows a hemodynamicist who has studied the giraffes, and a factory worker whose somnambulism is alleviated in their presence. Both are entranced by the creatures' stately aloofness, and when the order comes to kill the giraffes, which are infected with a contagious disease, they attempt to bring a measure of humanity to the workings of the state. Ledgard combines fine research with lyrical style; his description of a giraffe's astonishingly complex circulatory system is particularly memorable. The use of recurring images – mermaids, a rusalka (a Slavic water nymph) – conjures a world of fantasy and menace, balanced between dream and nightmare.

6CD UA \$69.95 Narrated by Jamie Heinlein, Pablo Schreiber

Ernest Hemingway

A Moveable Feast

This slim memoir of Paris in the 1920s is as enchanting as anything made up and has become the stuff of legend. Hemingway and his first wife, Hadley, lived happily on \$5 a day and still had money for drinks at the Closerie des Lilas, skiing in the Alps, and fishing trips to Spain. On every corner and at every café table, there were the most extraordinary people living wonderful lives and telling fantastic stories. Gertrude Stein invited Hemingway to come every afternoon and sip "fragrant, colourless alcohols" and chat amid her great pictures. He taught Ezra Pound how to box, gossiped with James Joyce, caroused with the fatally insecure Scott Fitzgerald (the acid portraits of him and his wife, Zelda, are notorious). Meanwhile, Hemingway invented a new way of writing based on this simple premise: "All you have to do is write one true sentence. Write the truest sentence you know." Hemingway beautifully captures the fragile magic of a special time and place, and he manages to be nostalgic without hitting any false notes of sentimentality. "This is how Paris was in the early days when we were very poor and very happy."

5CD UA \$59.95 Narrated by James Naughton

Hemingway, Ernest

Islands in the Stream

Beginning in the 1930s, *Islands in the Stream* follows the fortunes of Thomas Hudson from his experiences as a painter on the Gulf Stream island of Bimini, where his loneliness is broken by the vacation visit of his three young sons, to his antisubmarine activities off the coast of Cuba during World War II. The greater part of the story takes place in a Havana bar, where a wildly diverse cast of characters – including an aging prostitute who stands out as one of Hemingway's most vivid creations – engages in incomparably rich dialogue. A brilliant portrait of the inner life of a complex and endlessly intriguing man, *Islands in the Stream* is Hemingway at his mature best.

12CD UA \$99.95 Narrated by Bruce Greenwood

Maggie O'Farrell

The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox

Set between the 1930s, and the present, this is the story of Esme, a woman edited out of her family's history, and of the secrets that come to light when, sixty years later, she is released from care, and a young woman, Iris, discovers the great aunt she never knew she had. The mystery that unfolds is the heartbreaking tale of two sisters in colonial India and 1930s Edinburgh - of the loneliness that binds them together and the rivalries that drive them apart, and lead one of them to a shocking betrayal.

6CD UA \$49.95 Narrated by Daniela Nardini

William Somerset Maugham

The Painted Veil

Shallow, poorly educated Kitty marries the passionate and intellectual Walter Fane and has an affair with a career politician, Charles Townsend, assistant colonial secretary of Hong Kong. When her bacteriologist husband discovers the adulterous relationship, he compels Kitty to accompany him to a remote area of China ravaged by a cholera epidemic, where their propinquity and peril in battling the health crisis leads to her spiritual awakening.

6CD UA \$49.95 Narrated by Kate Reading

John Steinbeck

Of Mice and Men

Two itinerant farm workers, one simple and naïve (a “gentle giant”), the other sharp and aware, dream of living the simple life, living “off the fat of the land”. Their friendship and the brusque yet protective attitude of George towards his child-like friend Lenny make the tragedy to come a powerful and astonishingly inevitable thing. Steinbeck’s deceptively simple prose is beautifully narrated by Gary Sinise, who brings both to each character and to the evocatively written setting of the land a unique voice.

3CD UA \$49.95 Narrated by Gary Sinise

Dennis Lehane

Coronado: Stories

In this collection of five short stories and a brief play, Lehane (*Mystic River*) assembles a disparate cast, yet each individual takes part in a similar search for something elusive. In ICU, Daniel is hunted down by assailants and must hide in a hospital waiting room to survive. Until Gwen reunites a young man just released from prison with the father who corrupted him. Several of the pieces are set in the South, and their pacing is infused with the slowness of a Southern drawl. Lehane populates his stories with people who are ordinary and reveals the extraordinary complexity of their lives. The decisions they face are unenviable and their choices somehow unavoidable. The author invents nuanced relationships in which murder and betrayal become acts of loyalty and friendship. Each story introduces a touch of the unlikely or unfortunate into otherwise mundane circumstances, then relays the consequences as events unfold. Haunting imagery lingers long after the last word is spoken.

3CD UA \$39.95 Narrated by Stanley Tucci

Jan Karon

At Home in Mitford

Father Tim, a cherished small-town rector, is the steadfast soldier in this beloved slice-of-life story set in an American village where the grass is still green, the pickets are still white, and the air still smells sweet. The rector’s forthright secretary, Emma Garret, worries about her employer, as she sees past his cheerfulness into his well-hidden loneliness. But that loneliness is gradually melted – first with a gangly stray dog, later with a seemingly stray boy, and finally with Father Tim’s realisation that his neighbour is a charming lady indeed. Much more than a gentle love story, this is a homespun tale about a town of endearing characters – including a mysterious jewel thief – who are as quirky and popular as those of *Mayberry, R.F.D.*

16CD UA \$79.95 Narrated by John McDonough

Andrew McGahan

The White Earth / Last Drinks

White Earth: McIvor, a hard and driven man, is organising a rally against the Act, whilst at the same time, testing William as a potential heir of Kuran House. His mother is desperate for the security and wealth she has never had, and the pressures on Will from his mother and uncle are unrelenting. However, as the past and present of Kuran Station unravel and merge, the price of that inheritance may prove to be the downfall of them all. **Last Drinks:** It’s a decade since the infamous inquiry into corruption tore the state of Queensland apart. But for George Verney, disgraced journalist and bit-player in the great scandals of his day, the inquiry has never quite finished. After ten years of self-imposed exile, drawn by the terrible death of a man who was his friend, he reluctantly returns to Brisbane, the city of his downfall.

4mp3-CD UA \$49.95 Narrated by Edwin Hodgeman

Setterfield, Diane

The Thirteenth Tale

There are two heroines here: Vida Winter, a famous author, whose life story is coming to an end, and Margaret Lea, a young, unworldly, bookish girl who is a bookseller in her father's shop. Vida has been confounding her biographers and fans for years by giving everybody a different version of her life, each time swearing it's the truth. Vida chooses Margaret to tell her story, all of it, for the first time. The game is afoot and Margaret must spend some time sorting out whether or not Vida is actually ready to tell the whole truth. There is more here of Margaret discovering than of Vida cooperating wholeheartedly, but that is part of Vida's plan. Margaret has a story of her own: she was one of conjoined twins and her sister died so that Margaret could live. She feels an otherworldly aura sometimes or a yearning for a part of her that is forever missing. Vida's story involves two wild girls – feral twins – who would have been better off being suckled by wolves. Instead, their mother and uncle, involved in things too unsavoury to contemplate, combine to neglect them woefully. There's also a governess, a Doctor, a kindly housekeeper, a gardener, and another presence – a very strange presence – which Margaret perceives as a ghost at first. Making obeisance to other great ghost stories, there is a deadly fire, a beautiful old house gone to ruin, and always that presence...

5CD \$45.00 Narrated by Juliet Stevenson

Alexander McCall Smith

The Girl Who Married A Lion

Smith tells 40 traditional African folk tales with his by now signature humour, simplicity and reverence for African culture. With an introductory letter from *No. 1 Lady Detective* Mma Ramotswe as a preface, he sets the literary stage for a nostalgic stroll down his own personal memory lane. Born and raised in what is now Zimbabwe, Smith began collecting these stories as a child and combines them with several he gleaned from a friend who interviewed natives of Botswana. Many of the stories parallel classic Western tales, from Aesop to Mother Goose. The ubiquitous wolf-in-sheep's-clothing fable becomes a parable about a girl who unwittingly marries a lion. Other stories deal with familiar themes ranging from ingratitude (in "Head Tree", a man cured of a tree growing out of his head does not pay the charm woman her due) to vanity (in "Greater Than Lion", a hare outwits a conceited and boastful lion). However, many are uniquely African, such as the stories that explain why the elephant and hyena live far from people or how baboons became so lazy. These are pithy, engaging tales, as habit-forming as peanuts.

3CD \$39.95 Narrated by Adjoa Andoh

Sandi Toksvig

Melted into Air

Frances Angel, drunk and disgruntled, arrives in Italy to attend the *I Zingari Art School*, leaving behind her dazzling career as a successful theatrical impresario and returning to a distant and painful past. She falls into an eclectic group of performance artists, ex-soldiers and a housewife who really just wants to paint something to match her settee. In the village a scale replica of the La Scala opera house becomes the setting for the great drama of Frances' past to be played out on the world's smallest stage. Frances expected to find some answers but what she didn't expect was romance and quite so much farce.

3CD \$39.95 Narrated by Author

Elie Wiesel

Dawn

Elisha is a young Jewish man, a Holocaust survivor, and an Israeli freedom fighter in British-controlled Palestine; John Dawson is the captured English officer he will murder at dawn in retribution for the British execution of a fellow freedom fighter. The night-long wait for morning and death provides *Dawn*, Elie Wiesel's ever more timely novel, with its harrowingly taut, hour-by-hour narrative. Caught between the manifold horrors of the past and the troubling dilemmas of the present, Elisha wrestles with guilt, ghosts, and ultimately God as he waits for the appointed hour and his act of assassination. *Dawn* is an eloquent meditation on the compromises, justifications, and sacrifices that human beings make when they murder other human beings.

3CD UA \$39.95 Narrated by George Guidall

Carlos Ruiz Zafón

The Shadow Of The Wind

Ruiz Zafón's novel, a bestseller in his native Spain, takes the satanic touches from *Angel Heart* and stirs them into a bookish intrigue à la *Foucault's Pendulum*. The time is the 1950s; the place, Barcelona. Daniel Sempere, the son of a widowed bookstore owner, is 10 when he discovers a novel, *The Shadow of the Wind*, by Julián Carax. The novel is rare, the author obscure, and rumours tell of a horribly disfigured man who has been burning every copy he can find of Carax's novels. The man calls himself Lain Coubert – the name of the devil in one of Carax's novels. As he grows up, Daniel's fascination with the mysterious Carax links him to a blind femme fatale with a "porcelain gaze", Clara Barceló; another fan, a leftist jack-of-all-trades, Fermín Romero de Torres; his best friend's sister, the delectable Beatriz Aguilar; and, as he begins investigating the life and death of Carax, a cast of characters with secrets to hide. Officially, Carax's dead body was dumped in an alley in 1936. But discrepancies in this story surface. Meanwhile, Daniel and Fermín are being harried by a sadistic policeman, Carax's childhood friend. As Daniel's quest continues, frightening parallels between his own life and Carax's begin to emerge.

16CD UA \$69.95 Narrated by Jonathan Davis

Marcus Zusack

The Book Thief

Death, it turns out, is not proud. The narrator of *The Book Thief* is many things – sardonic, wry, darkly humorous, compassionate – but not especially proud. As author Marcus Zusack channels him, Death – who doesn't carry a scythe but gets a kick out of the idea – is as afraid of humans as humans are of him.

Death meets the book thief, a 9-year-old girl named Liesel Meminger, when he comes to take her little brother, and she becomes an enduring force in his life, despite his efforts to resist her. As Death lingers at the burial, he watches the girl, who can't yet read, steal a gravedigger's instruction manual. Hardships come a-plenty... Liesel's father has already been carted off for being a communist and soon her mother disappears, too, leaving her in the care of foster parents: the accordion-playing, silver-eyed Hans Hubermann and his wife, Rosa, who has a face like "creased-up cardboard". Liesel's new family lives in a small town on the outskirts of Munich populated by vivid characters: from the blond-haired boy who relates to Jesse Owens to the mayor's wife who hides from despair in her library. They are, for the most part, foul-spoken but good-hearted folks, some of whom have the strength to stand up to the Nazis in small but telling ways. Stolen books form the spine of the story. Liesel's foster father uses "The Grave Digger's Handbook" to teach her to read. "If I die anytime soon, you make sure they bury me right", he tells her, and she solemnly agrees. Reading opens new worlds to her; soon she is looking for other books for distraction. After a Jewish fist-fighter hides behind a copy of *Mein Kampf* as he makes his way to the relative safety of the Hubermanns' basement, he then literally whitewashes the pages to create his own book for Liesel, which sustains her through her darkest times. And it is the book she is writing herself that, ultimately, will save Liesel's life.

8CD UA \$89.95 Narrated by Allan Corduner

Anne Tyler

Digging To America

When Bitsy and Brad Donaldson and Sami and Ziba Yazdan both adopt Korean infant girls, their chance encounter at the Baltimore airport the day their daughters arrive marks the start of a long, intense if sometimes awkward friendship. Sami's mother, Maryam Yazdan, who carefully preserves her exotic "outsiderness" despite having emigrated from Iran almost 40 years earlier, is frequently perplexed by her son and daughter-in-law's ongoing relationship with the loud, opinionated, unapologetically American Donaldsons. When Bitsy's recently widowed father, Dave, endearingly falls in love with Maryam, she must come to terms with what it means to be part of a culture and a country.

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Eudora Welty

Essential Welty (includes "Why I Live At The P.O.", "Powerhouse", "Petrified Man")

In 1956, Caedmon had the great fortune to record Eudora Welty reading some of her finest stories. In her sweetly vibrant Mississippi drawl, Ms Welty deftly draws the listener in to the uproariously multilayered "Why I Live at the P.O.," the spontaneous "Powerhouse" and the insightful voice of women's truths in "Petrified Man." Ms Welty's reading brings immediacy and resonance to these wonderful tales.

1CD UA \$29.95 Narrated by the poet

John Cheever

Essential Cheever (includes “The Enormous Radio”, “The Swimmer”)

Here are two magnificent stories in which John Cheever celebrates with unequalled grace and tenderness the deepest feelings of the human heart.

As Cheever wrote, “These stories seem at times to be stories of a long-lost world when the city of New York was still filled with a river light, when you heard the Benny Goodman quartets from a radio in the corner stationery store, and when almost everybody wore a hat.”

1CD UA \$29.95 Narrated by the poet & Meryl Streep

Adventure

Jack London

The Sea Wolf

“The danger lay in the heavy fog which blanketed the bay, and of which, as a landsman, I had little apprehension.”

This is the first line that the listener hears in this tale of a man uprooted and thrust into the unfamiliar and dangerous world of the sealing sailor. Humphrey Van Weyden, a San Francisco sophisticate and an intellectual finds himself the captive voyager aboard the Ghost, captained by the brutal and barbaric Wolf Larsen. The desperate character of Van Weyden’s voyage is defined by the fact that he is out of his element, in unimaginable peril, and the slave of this cynical and wild soul, Larsen. The rights of man vanish as the coast of California vanishes over the horizon.

Almost immediately, the slave plots his freedom – and must confront the weakness in his soul, mind and body.

Generations have been spellbound by this harrowing story of danger on the sea, psychological confrontation, and the dual nature of humankind.

9CD UA \$89.95 Narrated by Dick Hill

Percival Wren

Beau Geste

This classic tale of grand excitement and mystery sweeps the listener away upon a tide of quixotic adventure, into the unknown depths of human courage. A column of Legionnaires finds one of their fortresses manned by dead men. It looks as though one of his own troops killed the sergeant. Who could have done it? A flashback then unravels the mystery of the three English Geste brothers. After confessing to jewel theft, they enlist in the French Foreign Legion and are sent to North Africa. There the brothers encounter a tyrannical sergeant, and the tale unfolds...

12CD UA \$69.95 Narrated by David Case

Biography, Travel Memoirs

John Wukovits

Eisenhower

In his highly readable and concise style, John Wukovits has once again succeeded in packing a wealth of information into a single volume on the life of one of the greatest soldier-statesmen in American history. He conveys the strength of character and innate leadership of Dwight Eisenhower in a manner which will captivate the listener. Wukovits’ book is excellently researched, but his greatest merit as an historian is a rare ability to make the past a real living thing. This book is a special pleasure to read, for it is peopled by real figures the reader can understand and care about. Eisenhower is not cast as the Olympian figure he is too often made out to be. Above all, this is a biography of an intensely human man.

6CD UA \$59.95 Narrated by Brian Emerson

Sam & Jenny Bailey

Head Over Heels

At the age of nineteen, a young farmer, Sam Bailey, miscalculated a bend in the road, overturned his ute and became a quadriplegic. After months of struggle, he learned how to resume his life as a farmer, running a sheep and cattle property in northwest New South Wales. Then he met and fell in love with Jenny Black, an ABC Rural journalist, proposed to her on air, and the rest is history. Jenny tells Sam’s story in his own laconic, wry style. By turns romantic, funny and moving, it affirms the strength of iron-willed determination and the power of love.

3CD \$34.95 Narrated by William McInnes

Sandra Lee

18 Hours: The True Story Of An SAS War Hero

Jock Wallace was pumped. It was the start of Operation Anaconda, the US-led military offensive to flush out al Qaeda and Taliban from their last stronghold in the Shahi Kot Valley in Afghanistan. If intelligence reports were correct, there were between 100 and 250 enemy fighters holed up in the extensive cave systems in the mountain ridges around the beautiful valley. But reports can be wrong. Minutes after the combat-ready troops stormed down the back ramps of the Chinook helicopters, Jock's company was under fire. Eighteen hours of hell was just beginning. With machine-gun bullets dancing about the soldiers' feet, and mortars and rocket-propelled grenades raining down on them, it seemed the al Qaeda terrorists and Taliban fighters had them trapped. But there was no way Jock was going down without a fight. Nor were the men he was with. Holding off the enemy, rescuing the injured, reporting to base, calling in air support – Jock gave it all that he had. He was not going to die on foreign soil, not at the hands of al Qaeda.

9CD UA \$34.95 Narrated by Michael Carmen

Madeleine Albright

Madam Secretary

As one might expect from someone with Albright's resume, the former Secretary of State speaks clearly, makes her points succinctly and doesn't stray into speculation, fancy or whimsy. She begins with her childhood in an intellectual Czechoslovakian family and moves fairly quickly through her education, courtship, marriage and motherhood before arriving at what can be considered the guts of the story-her impressive period of service as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and, eventually, as Secretary of State. Her no-nonsense tone is a perfect match for the material, her voice at once serious and warmly maternal. There are a few times when emotion seeps into her voice: when discussing her heated run-ins with Colin Powell or when relating details of the Kenyan embassy bombings and mass graves in Bosnia. An early passage in which she tells of the poor health of her twin babies and how she didn't want to name them until she knew they would survive is particularly moving. Such moments are necessarily rare in a memoir of this nature, but they help paint a well-rounded picture of this remarkable lady.

5CD \$49.95 Narrated by Author

Robert M. Pirsig

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance

At its heart, the story is all too simple: a man and his son take a lengthy motorcycle trip through America. But this is not a simple trip at all, for around every corner, through mountain and desert, wind and rain, and searing heat and biting cold, their pilgrimage leads them to new vistas of self-discovery and renewal. "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" is an elemental work that has helped to shape and define the past twenty-five years of American culture. This special audio edition presents this adventure in a compelling way – for the millions who have already taken this journey and want to travel these roads again, and for the many more who will discover for the first time the wonders and challenges of a journey that will change the way they think and feel about their lives.

13CD UA \$99.95 Narrated by Michael Kramer

Anthony Everitt

Augustus: The Life Of Rome's First Emperor

British author Everitt begins his biography of Augustus (63 B.C.– A.D. 14) with a novelistic reconstruction of the Roman emperor's last days, offering a new spin on his murder at the hands of his wife, Livia. He presents the death as an assisted suicide intended to speed and secure the transition of imperial power to his stepson Tiberius, with a careful historical argument for this theory – and, save for a few other shadowy incidents such as the banishment of the poet Ovid, he keeps guesswork to a minimum. Augustus's rapid rise through Roman society becomes comprehensible to contemporary readers, deftly shifting through the major phases of his life, from childhood through his adoption by his great-uncle Julius Caesar to the power struggle with Mark Antony that ended with Augustus's recognition as both *imperator* and *princeps*, or "first citizen". Everitt also neatly presents his subject's complex personality, revealing how Augustus secured a political infrastructure that would last for centuries while reportedly keeping up a highly active sex life, all the while fighting off longstanding rumours of cowardice in battle. This familiar story is fresh again in this lively and crisp retelling.

13CD UA \$79.95 Narrated by John Curless

Bill Bryson

The Life And Times Of The Thunderbolt Kid

Bryson recounts the world of his younger self, buried in comic books in the Kiddie Corral at the local supermarket, resisting civil defence drills at school, and fruitlessly trying to unravel the mysteries of sex. His alter ego, the Thunderbolt Kid, born of his love for comic-book superheroes and the need to vaporize irritating people, serves as an astute outside observer of life around him. His family's foibles are humorously presented, from his mother's burnt, bland cooking to his father's epic cheapness. The larger world of 1950s America emerges through the lens of 'Billy's' world, including the dark underbelly of racism, the fight against communism, and the advent of the nuclear age.

5CD \$49.95 Narrated by Author

David Quammen

The Reluctant Mr Darwin

Narrator Grover Gardner uses inflection, stress, rhythm and his rich vocal range to create an easy and often amusing conversational style. This makes Quammen's book lively and readable – such as Darwin's "vast amount of scholarly nibbling and scribbling". An agnostic, a vacillator, a scientist, a writer and a workaholic, Darwin spent eight years studying barnacles and twenty-one years after *The Beagle* before he published his theory.

6CD UA \$59.95 Narrated by Grover Gardner

Clifford Irving

The Hoax

The ultimate caper story, novelist Clifford Irving's no-holds-barred account of the literary hoax of our time – his "autobiography" of Howard Hughes – was published in Great Britain in 1997, where it became a bestseller. But no American publisher would touch "The Hoax" until now. One major publisher offered a \$500,000 advance when the book was nearing completion, drew up the contract... then abruptly bowed out. Why? The answer is implicit in this classic tale of daring, treachery, and corruption. As fast-paced and exciting as any spy novel, it involves the listener at every devilish twist and turn. It's revealed how the hoax developed, like a Chinese puzzle, from its madcap beginning to the final startling confession – a witty and nail-biting story of international intrigue and beautiful women, of powerful corporate executives and jet-set rogues, of cover-ups and headlines.

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Antonia Fraser

Love and Louis XIV: The Women in the Life of the Sun King

The self-proclaimed Sun King, Louis XIV ruled over the most glorious and extravagant court in seventeenth-century Europe. The king's mother, Anne of Austria, had been in a childless marriage for 22 years before she gave birth to Louis XIV. In 1660, Louis married his first cousin, Marie-Therese, in a political arrangement. After a flirtation with his sister-in-law, his first important mistress was Louise de La Valliere, who bore him several children before being replaced by the tempestuous and brilliant Athenais, Marquise de Montespan. Later, when Athenais's reputation was tarnished, the King continued to support her publicly as Athenais left court for a life of repentance. Meanwhile her children's governess, the intelligent and seemingly puritanical Françoise de Maintenon, had already won the King's affections; Louis XIV lived happily with Madame de Maintenon for the rest of his life, very probably marrying her in secret. When his grandson's child bride, the enchanting Adelaide of Savoy, came to Versaille she lightened the King's last years – until tragedy struck.

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Boyd Hilton

Inside Little Britain

Written together with friend and journalist Boyd Hilton, the audiobook follows a year in the lives of Matt Lucas and David Walliams in every unfiltered detail - the good, the bad, the mundane and the meaningful. It is a year that includes writing, rehearsing, filming, Live8, going to America, and undertaking a mammoth 100-date, seven-month tour where 'Little Britain' goes in search of Great Britain. They visit the places that have inspired their best-loved characters and also formed each of them personally - from where they grew up to university and drama school. Reflecting on how they got from there to here, they look back a journey from cult comedy success to rock-star levels of celebrity; a new world where magazines are constantly fighting for access to them and the tabloids obsess about every detail of their private lives.

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Allan M. Nixon

Stories From The Bushies: True Stories of Australian Country Characters

The Bushies offers a rare glimpse of country Australia through stories of real Australians - both ordinary and extraordinary. 'The Uteman', Allan M. Nixon, travelled far and wide to find this dinkum cross-section of bush identities. One of them, a missing person for nearly three decades, was reunited with his family as a result and in 2004 was featured on the ABC's television program *Australian Story*. A banjo maker, a modern gold miner, a legendary artist and treehouse-dweller. And many more... Individual, irrepressible and usually irreverent, they are *The Bushies*.

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Andrew Motion

In The Blood

"For most people childhood ends slowly, so nobody can see where one part of life finishes and the next bit starts. But my childhood has ended suddenly. In a day."

In the Blood is Andrew Motion's beautifully delivered memoir of growing-up in post-war England – an unforgettable evocation of family life, school life, and country life. It also tells the story of how these worlds were shattered, when Motion's mother suffered a terrible riding accident. The tragedy shadows the book, feeding its mood of elegy as well as its celebratory vigilance. Told from a teenage child's point of view, without the benefit of hindsight, Motion captures the pathos and puzzlement of childhood with great clarity of expression and freshness of memory. We encounter a strange but beguiling extended family, a profound love of the natural world, and a growing passion for books and writing.

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Richard Benson

The Farm

After two hundred years of farming in Yorkshire, the Benson family were forced to sell up. They found – like so many other farmers – that big business was wiping out a way of life they had known for generations. Farming had not come naturally to Richard Benson – he had fled to London long ago. But when he returned to help, he found himself caught up in memories of his childhood in the countryside. Recalling a lost world of pigs digging up the neighbour's lawn, love affairs among haystacks and men who wrestled bulls to prove a point, he tells of the changing English landscape, of the people affected – and how his family adapt to a new life after being forced to give up their birthright.

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Jonathan Franzen

The Discomfort Zone

National Book Award-winner Franzen's first foray into memoir begins and ends with his mother's death in Franzen's adulthood. In between, he takes a sarcastic, humorous and intimate look at the painful awkwardness of adolescence. As a young observer rather than a participant, Franzen offers a fresh take on the sometimes tumultuous, sometimes uneventful America of the 1960s and '70s. Franzen traces back to his teenage years the roots of his enduring trouble with women, his pursuit of a precarious career as a writer and his recent life-affirming obsession with bird-watching. While Franzen's family was unmarked by significant tragedy, the common yet painful contradictions of growing up are at the heart of this book: "You're miserable and ashamed if you don't believe your adolescent troubles matter, but you're stupid if you do."

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Eric Hansen / Christopher Kremmer

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Eric Hansen returns to the perilous island jungles of Borneo to help the native people establish an orchid nursery. Along the way Hansen came across an even rarer breed thriving in the steamy jungle – the orchidophiles – whose obsession has turned them to smuggling, violence, betrayal and machine gun raids on secret hothouses filled with illicit blooms.

In the early 1990s, award-winning journalist Christopher Kremmer arrived in Afghanistan to meet the communist-backed president, Mohammed Najibullah. On the outskirts of the capital, Kabul, Mujahideen rebels were massing, yet the carpet dealers of the old city continued to ply their timeless trade.

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Dave Pelzer

My Story (includes *A Child Called "It"*, *The Lost Boy* and *A Man Named Dave*)

A Child Called It is Dave Pelzer's story of a child beaten and starved by his emotionally unstable, alcoholic mother: a mother who played tortuous, unpredictable games that left one of her three sons nearly dead. No longer considered a son, or a boy, but an 'it', Dave had to learn how to play these games in order to survive. His bed was an old army cot in the basement and when he was allowed food it was scraps from the dogs' bowl. Throughout, Dave kept alive the dream of finding a family who would love and care for him. This is an inspirational look at the horrors of child abuse and the steadfast determination of one child to survive despite the odds. *The Lost Boy* - The harrowing but ultimately uplifting true story of Dave's journey through the foster-care system in search of a family who will love him. *A Man Named Dave* - The gripping conclusion to this inspirational trilogy.

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Classics

Jane Austen

Emma

Arrogant, self-willed and egotistical, Emma is Jane Austen's most unusual heroine. Her interfering ways and inveterate matchmaking are at once shocking and comic. She is 'handsome, clever and rich' and has 'a disposition to think too well of herself'. When she decides to introduce the humble Harriet Smith to the delights of genteel society and to find her a suitable husband, she precipitates herself and her immediate circle into a web of misunderstanding and intrigue, from which no-one emerges unchanged.

Juliet Stevenson, an incomparable reader, is for many the voice of Jane Austen.

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Jane Austen

Northanger Abbey

When Catherine Morland, a country clergyman's daughter, is invited to spend a season in Bath with the fashionable high society, little does she imagine the delights and perils that await her. Captivated and disconcerted by what she finds, and introduced to the joys of 'Gothic novels' by her new friend, Isabella, Catherine longs for mystery and romance.

When she is invited to stay with the beguiling Henry Tilney and his family at Northanger Abbey, she expects mystery and intrigue at every turn. However, the truth turns out to be even stranger than fiction...

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Boccaccio

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Here are sixteen tales from one of the great works of the Middle Ages.

Ten young people have fled for a while the terrible effects of the Black Death in Florence and, in an idyllic setting, tell a series of brilliant stories, by turns humorous, bawdy, tragic and provocative.

This celebration of physical and sexual vitality is Boccaccio's answer to the sublime other-worldliness of Dante's Divine Comedy...

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Emily Brontë

Wuthering Heights

When Mr Earnshaw brings a black-haired foundling child into his home on the Yorkshire moors, he little imagines the dramatic events which will follow.

The passionate relationship between Cathy Earnshaw and the foundling, Heathcliff, is a story of love, hate, pity, and retribution: the effects of which reverberate throughout the succeeding generations.

The splendid narration by Janet McTeer brings these timeless characters of the wild moors to life, and David Timson's contribution as Mr Lockwood is beautifully realised.

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Daniel Defoe

Moll Flanders

Moll Flanders, Defoe's 18th Century classic novel, was "marketed" in its day in much the same way that a modern commercial novel might be - its title page promised the racy details of a woman's life spent in thievery and whoredom. The book is much more than this; it is a Puritan tale of sin, repentance, conversion, and redemption. It is also seen by many critics as a satirical and ironic picaresque novel with a twist (that being its female protagonist). On yet another level, it is a playful and beguiling social commentary set between the Puritan age (which saw humankind as fallen) and the Age of Reason in which humankind was seen as born innocent and good and corrupted by society. Taking centre stage in this whorl of irony, humour, pathos, and religious faith is one Moll Flanders - both the most plausible sinner and the most pious repentant in English literature; arguably the most notorious heroine in the canon of fiction in the English language. She is as controversial today as when she first appeared in 1722.

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Homer

The Iliad

Perhaps the greatest poem of the Western world, The Iliad tells the story of fifty critical days towards the end of the Trojan war. Achilles has quarrelled with Agamemnon and sulks in his tent, while Hector brings his Trojans to the brink of victory; but fate will have the last word. Ian Johnston's translation is extremely faithful to Homer's Greek text, and yet at the same time is characterized by a very readable English style, so much so that the clarity and fluency of this translation immediately set it apart from many other alternatives.

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Charles Dickens

Great Expectations

When the orphaned Pip comes into a mysterious fortune, he's able to realize his dream of becoming a gentleman. Newly rich, and with the manners to prove it, he snubs his old friends and hopes to marry the haughty Estella. One stormy night Pip learns the truth about his benefactor, and while his physical struggles have ended, Pip's moral challenges are just beginning. Comical yet deeply moving, "Great Expectations" features some of Dickens' s most memorable characters, including the convict Magwitch and the jilted Miss Havisham.

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George Eliot

Silas Marner

Embittered by a false accusation, disappointed in friendship and love, the weaver Silas Marner retreats into a long twilight life alone with his loom. . . and his gold.

Silas hoards a treasure that destroys his spirit until fate steals it from him and replaces it with a golden-haired child. Where she came from, who her parents were, and who really stole the gold are the secrets that fill this moving tale of guilt and innocence. A moral allegory of the redemptive power of love, it is also a finely drawn portrait of early nineteenth-century England in the days when spinning wheels hummed busily in the farmhouses, and of a simple way of life that was soon to disappear.

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Hawthorne, Nathaniel

The House of the Seven Gables

When it was first erected, the House of Seven Gables typified the mechanical Colonel Pyncheon; but it developed through the years until, by Hepzibah's time, it has become humanized and almost organic. The history of the house is thus a record of continuity and change. Hawthorne's The House of the Seven Gables is a study of guilt and renewal from generation to generation. At the time of the Salem witch trials, the patriarch of the Pyncheons covets the property of a tradesman and manipulates public opinion so as to get Matthew Maule hanged for witchcraft and acquire the land. The dying man's curse on the Pyncheon family comes true generation upon generation and relationships between the families are coloured forever by this "original sin." That is, until six generations later when the long-hidden truth is revealed.

The House of the Seven Gables is Hawthorne's most humorous novel; it is also the work in which he is most serious in his devotion to the powers of beauty and imagination and his hatred of economic materialism and Philistinism.

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Herman Melville

Bartleby And Other Stories

Melville's 'Bartleby' is a classic American short story, a strange tale of an assiduous copyist whose catch-phrase is 'I would prefer not to.' It is joined here by two other stories from The Piazza Tales, Melville's idiosyncratic collection: 'The Lightning-Rod Man' and 'The Bell Tower'.

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John Milton

Paradise Lost

'Of Man's First Disobedience, and the Fruit of that Forbidden Tree, whose mortal taste Brought Death into the World, and all our woe.'

So begins the greatest epic poem in the English language. In words remarkable for their richness of rhythm and imagery, Milton tells the story of man's creation, fall and redemption – 'to justify the ways of God to men.' Here, unabridged, and told with exceptional sensitivity and power by Anton Lesser, is the plight of Adam and Eve, the ambition and vengefulness of Satan and his cohorts.

The full text is contained on a CD-ROM feature on the final CD.

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James, Henry

The Portrait Of A Lady

The heroine of this powerful novel is the spirited young American Isabel Archer. Blessed by nature and fortune, she journeys to Europe to seek her future, but what she finds may prove to be her undoing. She is courted by three men: an English aristocrat, an American gentleman, and a sensitive expatriate. Her invalid cousin becomes her benefactor and adviser.

But it is after the ingenuous Isabel falls prey to the schemes of an infinitely more sophisticated older woman that her life takes shape. Rich in character and the interplay of tensions, *The Portrait of a Lady* is a brilliant, timeless, and essential American novel.

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William Shakespeare

Hamlet

This outstanding historical recording made in 1941 for radio is widely regarded as one of the finest Hamlet performances ever, and one of John Gielgud's greatest moments. Though he went on to record it for commercial release, nothing matched this recording in the BBC studios, made before the days of editing.

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Virgil (translated Robert Fagles)

The Aeneid

Fagles's translations of "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey" have sold hundreds of thousands of copies. Now, the much-anticipated new translation of Virgil's epic poem from the award-winning translator reintroduces "The Aeneid" to a whole new generation who will be enthralled as they follow the epic tale of Aeneas and the very foundation of Rome herself...

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Leo Tolstoy

War and Peace Part 1

War and Peace is one of the greatest monuments in world literature. Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Napoleonic Wars, it examines the relationship between the individual and the relentless march of history. Here are the universal themes of love and hate, ambition and despair, youth and age, expressed with a swirling vitality which makes the book as accessible today as it was when it was first published in 1869. In addition it is, famously, one of the longest books in Western literature and therefore a remarkable challenge for any reader. Neville Jason read the abridged version of *War and Peace* and proved his marathon powers with his outstanding performance of Proust's *Remembrance of Things Past*. These alone make him the ideal person to essay Tolstoy's epic.

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Leo Tolstoy

War and Peace Part 2

Volume 2 of the complete and unabridged classic, *War and Peace*, magnificently read by Neville Jason. Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Napoleonic Wars, it examines the relationship between the individual and the relentless march of history. Here are the universal themes of love and hate, ambition and despair, youth and age, expressed with a swirling vitality which makes the book as accessible today as it was when it was first published in 1869.

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Romance, Domestic Fiction

Di Morrissey

The Valley

The valley is nestled between rugged peaks, divided by a magnificent river. Within its peaceful green contours are held the secrets of generations of tribes, families and loners who have come under its spell. But some secrets are never shared, never told. Until one woman returns and begins asking questions ... and discovers the story of a forgotten valley pioneer whose life becomes entwined with hers. But in looking into her own family's history she uncovers more than she ever expected - and what her mother hoped would always remain a secret.

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Anthony Capella

The Food Of Love

"She had never eaten food like this before. No: she had never eaten before." And that's just the first of 22-year-old Laura Patterson's gustatory epiphanies in Rome, where she has come to study art history. Handsome Tomasso seduces her with succulent baby artichokes and frothy zabagliones, but what the reader knows and Laura doesn't is that Tomasso is a waiter. The creator of the rapturous meals is his best friend, Bruno, who has a big nose, a poet's soul and a mad passion for Laura. Capella's spin on Cyrano is his debut novel, but his sentences are as expert as Bruno's sauces, and he serves up a brilliant meal of soothing predictabilities punctuated by surprises. Secondary characters are fully realised, especially earthy Benedetta, Bruno's truffle country consolation until she urges him to follow his heart back to Laura.

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Maeve Binchy

Whitethorn Woods

The town of Rossmore is a special place, full of character charm. Nestled beside the Whitethorn Woods, the town has grown since the days when it was small and friendly and everyone knew everyone else; now it has chain stories and traffic problems and housing estates. But still, there are the woods, full of spiky bushes and criss-crossed with paths; and there's St Ann's Well, where generations have come to pray or make wishes or just to look back at the pretty little town. Which is why there is going to be such a fuss about the plans for the new motorway. It's going to bypass Rossmore, cutting through Whitethorn Woods and endangering the well itself. The new road will bring jobs and relieve traffic in the town; for others, it will destroy businesses and leave the town a backwater. The people of Rossmore are divided. There is a lot of land standing in the way of the great road of progress. Quite by accident the decision rests on Neddy Nolan - the most honest man in Rossmore. A man determined to do the right thing ...

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Rosamunde Pilcher

The End Of Summer

Sitting on a California beach at summer's end, Jane Marsh thinks back to her childhood at the estate called Elvie in a remote corner of Scotland. She remembers not only the heather-covered hills and the lonesome loch, but her grandmother... and, of course, Sinclair. She has secretly dreamed of marrying rakishly handsome Sinclair and settling at Elvie forever. Then an urgent visit from her grandmother's lawyer becomes the catalyst for her return to Scotland... where what is waiting for her is passion, not gentle love, and the chilling realisation that she may be ready to wed the wrong man.

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Erica James

Love And Devotion

At the age of thirty two, Harriet Swift thinks she has the perfect life - a satisfying career, her own flat and a new boyfriend who respects her need for her own space. But when tragedy strikes and her only sister is killed in a car crash, Harriet is forced to give up her well ordered life and to help parents look after her orphaned niece and nephew. Moving back to her childhood home, Maple Drive, and sacrificing so much doesn't come easy and before long Harriet discovers things about her family she never believed possible. As she uncovers a web of secrets and lies, while rekindling old friendships with the McKendrick boys, she learns that the sister to whom she was devoted was not all she seemed. Meanwhile, the shabbiest house in Maple Drive has a new occupant. In his mid-forties, Will Hart also thinks he has the perfect life. Having dispensed with an early mid-life crisis and swapped his successful career as a lawyer for that of an antiques dealer, he believes in living for the moment and is entirely happy with his lot. He has everything he needs; two fantastic daughters to whom he is devoted and a comfortable home, but when he discovers he's about to become a grandfather, things start to unravel for him. Then from nowhere tragedy strikes and he faces the biggest challenge of his life. Harriet and Will have no choice but to piece together a new future for themselves, but can they see it through?

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Nora Roberts

Carolina Moon

Tory Bodeen grew up in a small, rundown house where her father ruled with an iron fist and a leather belt - and where her dreams and talents had no room to flourish. But she had Hope - who lived in the big house, just a short skip away, and whose friendship allowed Tory to be something she wasn't allowed to be at home: a child. After young Hope's brutal murder, unsolved to this day, Tory's life began to fall apart. And now, as she returns to the tiny town of Progress, South Carolina, with plans to settle in and open a stylish home-design shop, she is determined to find a measure of peace and free herself from the haunting visions of that terrible night. As she forges a new bond with Cade Lavelle - Hope's older brother and the heir to the Lavelle fortune - she isn't sure whether the tragic loss they share will unite them or drive them apart. But she is willing to open her heart, just a little, and try. But living so close to unhappy memories will be more difficult and frightening than she ever expected. Because the killer of Hope is nearby as well.

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Fern Michaels

Listen To Your Heart

With her parents gone, her twin sister, Kitty, about to be married, and no hint of Mr. Right on the horizon, Josie Dupre is lonesome. Luckily, she has her booming New Orleans catering business, and her fluffy white dog, Rosie, to keep her company. Then, with all the subtlety of Bourbon Street at Mardi Gras, a jumbo-sized Boxer destroys Josie's flowering windowboxes, and in the process, brazenly captures petite Rosie's undying devotion. Josie finds herself an unwilling chaperone - and doing her best to avoid Zip's owner, the irritatingly appealing Paul Brouillette. Anyone can see that the wealthy, sexy Paul is little more than a love 'em and leave 'em Cajun playboy. He's all for l'amour, but Josie has no intention of falling for him. Still, ever since Paul came into her life, strange things have been happening. She hears music that isn't there. Then she smells her mother's favourite cologne in an empty room. Maybe her mom's trying to send her a message...

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Romantic Suspense

Suzanne Brockmann

Breaking Point

Ever since FBI hostage negotiator Max Bhagat helped Gina Vitagliano survive a brutal terrorist hijacking, Max's life has been turned upside down by his feelings for this courageous and determined young woman. When Gina is again abducted, her kidnapper offers to release her in exchange for a man called Jones. Max must hunt down this elusive and dangerous former U.S. Special Warfare operative, then use Jones as bait in a desperate gamble to save the life of the woman he loves.

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Perri O'Shaughnessy

Case Of Lies

For Nina Reilly, the mountain town of Lake Tahoe is home. It's where she forged a successful career as a tough, resourceful attorney - and raised her teenage son, Bob, alone. Back from a stint in Monterey, where her love life took a tumble, Nina has returned to her Tahoe law office with her old friends Sandy Whitefeather and Sandy's son, Wish. It isn't long before she has a new client whose wife was shot and killed during a casino-district robbery two years before. The police have no suspects, and the robbery victims, three students, lied about their identities and are hiding outside California and the reach of the court.

Two of the witnesses have fled to a village not far from the home of Bob's father, Kurt Scott, in Germany. As Nina tries to unravel the mystery of one violent Tahoe night, a harrowing journey begins - one that takes her from the dark underworld of Tahoe's casinos to the halls of a prestigious East Coast university to Europe and an emotional reunion with Kurt. As old feelings are rekindled, Nina's case turns violent. Everyone has something to hide - the brilliant but unstable mathematics student who has made an astonishing discovery, the owner of a motel where the shooting took place, and the shooter, who has turned the whole case into a gigantic lie.

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Nora Roberts

Born in Death

Technology has advanced in 2060 New York City, but childbirth has been the same since the beginning of time. And despite the brutal double homicide on Lieutenant Eve Dallas's caseload, she has to be there for her pregnant friend Mavis, even if it means throwing the dreaded baby shower. . .

But Mavis needs an even bigger favour now. Tandy Willowby, one of the moms-to-be in her class, has gone missing, just days before her due date not even showing up at the shower at Eve and Roarke's place that she'd been looking forward to so much. A recent emigrant from London, Tandy has few friends in New York, and no family. When Eve enters Tandy's apartment and finds Mavis's shower gift wrapped and ready on the table - and Tandy's packed hospital bag still on the floor - her spine starts tingling.

Normally, this would be turned over to Missing Persons. Eve has more than enough on her plate trying to find out who murdered Natalie Copperfield and her fiancé, both employed at a highly prestigious accounting firm. But Mavis wants no one but Eve on the case - and Eve can't say no. She'll have to track Tandy down while tracing the deals and double-crosses hidden in the files of some of the city's richest and most secretive citizens, in a race against a particularly vicious killer. Luckily, she has her multimillionaire husband Roarke's expertise to help with the numbers-crunching. But as he mines for the crucial data that will break the case wide open, Eve faces an all-too-real danger in the flesh-and-blood world.

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Marcia Muller

Vanishing Point

For a Nevada wedding, the nuptials between Sharon McCone and sexy fellow investigator Hy Ripinsky are downright tasteful: no Elvis impersonators, no plastic flowers, no embarrassing last-minute bailout by a bride well known for her phobia to commitment. This time, McCone has displayed the smarts she uses in her successful detective firm and chosen a guy who respects her as a professional and shares her passions. But living together in her beloved little house on Church Street may be another matter entirely, especially when Hy suggests they need a bigger place.

The looming crisis of who will compromise first is delayed when Hy heads out of town on business and McCone dives into one of her most baffling cases yet - the disappearance of Laurel Greenwood, who vanished twenty-two years before without a trace. Laurel's grown-up daughter is desperately seeking closure and wants McCone to find out the fate of the young mother and artist who never returned from a day of landscape painting in a Central California coastal town.

The case is cold, and the evidence McCone begins uncovering is chilling. Secrets kept for two decades now emerge to create a portrait of a woman who's perfect on the surface and anything but a paragon beneath it. And when someone takes potshots at McCone to scare her into dropping her inquiries, the detective's resolve hardens. She intends to uncover the truth - the whole truth - even when it awakens her suspicions that the bonds of marriage can easily become chains, and that escaping them may lead to desperate acts... or murderous ones.

6CD UA \$69.95 Narrated by Susan Ericksen

Romantic Fantasy

Diana Gabaldon

Dragonfly in Amber

With her now-classic novel *Outlander*, Diana Gabaldon introduced two unforgettable characters – Claire Randall and Jamie Fraser – delighting readers with a story of adventure and love that spanned two centuries. Now Gabaldon returns to that extraordinary time and place in this vivid, powerful follow-up to *Outlander*...

For twenty years Claire Randall has kept her secrets. But now she is returning with her grown daughter to Scotland's majestic mist-shrouded hills. Here Claire plans to reveal a truth as stunning as the events that gave it birth: about the mystery of an ancient circle of standing stones ... about a love that transcends the boundaries of time ... and about James Fraser, a Scottish warrior whose gallantry once drew a young Claire from the security of her century to the dangers of his....

Now a legacy of blood and desire will test her beautiful copper-haired daughter, Brianna, as Claire's spellbinding journey of self-discovery continues in the intrigue-ridden Paris court of Charles Stuart ... in a race to thwart a doomed Highlands uprising ... and in a desperate fight to save both the child and the man she loves....

33CD UA \$119.95 Narrated by Davina Porter

Fantasy

Stephen Donaldson

The Runes of the Earth. Book 1, The Last Chronicles of Thomas Covenant

Thomas Chronicle's lover, Linden Avery, dies at the outset of this novel in a violent confrontation with Joan and Roger Covenant as they kidnap her son, Jeremiah. Linden awakens once again in the Land, where she finds Lord Foul scheming to escape the Arch of Time with the help of Joan and Roger while using Jeremiah as a pawn. The 10 years since Linden's last visit have been centuries by Land time, and in that interval Anele, with whom she teams, has lost the Staff of Law, plunging the world into chaos. Linden's only hope for saving the Land and reclaiming Jeremiah is to gather a crew from the Land's numerous races and surf a caesure, or time rift, to retrieve the Staff. Nevertheless, she can't shake her fear that all this has been plotted by Foul as part of his malignant design...

18CD UA \$59.95 Narrated by Scott Brick

Anne McCaffrey

Dragon's Fire

Pellar, a mute Apprentice Harper; Halla, a homeless girl; and Cristov, a miner's son, learn invaluable life lessons as the planet Pern prepares for the return of the deadly Red Star and its annihilating "Thread," which can only be destroyed by firestone-fueled dragonfire. But mining firestone is dangerous work, often carried out by children of disenfranchised criminals called the Shunned. Accompanied by his new fire-lizard Chitter, Pellar joins Masterharper Zist in a search for Moran, a missing Journeyman Harper who's involved with the Shunned. Pellar finds his fate intertwined with Halla, but his tangle with Tenim, a ruthless thief, almost keeps them apart. Their friend Cristov learns about the Shunned firsthand after a terrible mine explosion. Fortunately, events lead to dragon-riding wish fulfillment and a remarkable discovery.

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John Connolly

The Book Of Lost Things

High in his attic bedroom, twelve-year-old David mourns the death of his mother. He is angry and alone, with only the books on his shelf for company. But those books have begun to whisper to him in the darkness, and as he takes refuge in his imagination, he finds that reality and fantasy have begun to meld. While his family falls apart around him, David is violently propelled into a land that is a strange reflection of his own world, populated by heroes and monsters, and ruled over by a faded king who keeps his secrets in a mysterious book... *The Book of Lost Things*. An imaginative tribute to the journey we must all make through the loss of innocence into adulthood, John Connolly's latest novel is a book for every adult who can recall the moment when childhood began to fade, and for every adult about to face that moment. *The Book of Lost Things* is a story of hope for all who have lost, and for all who have yet to lose. It is an exhilarating tale that reminds us of the enduring power of stories in our lives.

10CD UA \$79.95 Narrated by Steven Crossley

Terry Pratchett

Wintersmith

Despite a stern warning from Miss Treason, the eccentric witch from whom 13-year-old Tiffany Aching is learning her craft, the girl has gone and danced with the wrong men. Having inserted herself into a dark reverse Morris dance in which summer and winter achieve their seasonal balance, Tiffany has attracted the amorous attentions of the Wintersmith. To express his ardour, he brings his chilly powers to bear, replete with Tiffany-shaped snowflakes burying the world in the rising drifts of his infatuation. While Granny Weatherwax, Miss Perspicacia Tick, and sundry veteran witches work with Tiffany to restrain the Wintersmith's zeal, the Wee Free Men set off to fetch a Hero to assist Tiffany, along the way adopting a cantankerous blue cheese. Add an assortment of junior witches-in-training, and yet another rollicking, clever, and quite charming adventure is brought to readers, who will find themselves delighted again--or for the first time--by Pratchett's exuberant storytelling.

7CD UA \$59.95 Narrated by Stephen Briggs

Terry Pratchett

Wintersmith

Abridged version of *Wintersmith*, read by the ever-delightful Tony Robinson.

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Lian Hearn

Across the Nightingale Floor / Grass For His Pillow / Brilliance Of The Moon

Set in a fantasy world of ancient Japan, Takeo, an exceptional boy from a remote mountain village, is thrust into war between the ruling clans of the country. Forsaking his bride and only possessing the supernatural powers of the Tribe, Takeo is determined to avenge his master's death and claim his rightful inheritance. This sweeping saga spans three instalments with over 30 hours of spell-binding listening.

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Historical Fiction

Sena Jeter Naslund

Abundance: A Novel Of Marie Antoinette

"Like everyone, I am born naked."

With this opening line of Naslund's compelling new novel, a very human Marie Antoinette invites readers to live her story as she herself experiences it. Marie Antoinette was a child of fourteen when her mother, the Empress of Austria, arranged for her to become the wife of the fifteen-year-old Dauphin, the future King of France. The young queen embraces her new family and the French people, and she is embraced in return. She shows her new husband nothing but love and encouragement, though he fails to give her a child and an heir to the throne.

Deeply disappointed and isolated, the queen allows herself to remain ignorant of the country's growing economic and political crises, and the people turn against her. Poor harvests, bitter winters, war debts, and poverty precipitate rebellion and revenge known as "the Terror."

10CD \$69.95 Narrated by Susanna Burney

Margaret George

Helen of Troy

The author depicts with bravado, grace and eloquence the grand spectacle surrounding Helen of Troy. The author's research into Mycenaean culture, coupled with Trojan War mythology's larger-than-life heroes, enliven a bold story pulsing with romance and sacrifice, omens and battles. Helen's noble Spartan parents try to defy the fates when a seer foretells the tragedy Helen and her legendary beauty will cause, but, as the myth of Helen demonstrates, destiny cannot be altered. Helen's years of seclusion in Sparta lead to a frigid marriage to Menelaus before she connects with Paris, the Trojan prince with whom she forges an inextricable bond. Barely into her 20s, Helen escapes with Paris to Troy, but finds the Trojan royals welcome her with less than open arms. The mythic war, which, in less capable hands, might be over-romanticised, is portrayed with an enthusiasm that rings true to the period without verging on stagy – no small feat when dealing with such a sweeping conflict. George's extraordinary storytelling abilities shine in her portrayal of Helen as both a conflicted woman who abandoned her homeland and child for true love, and as a legendary figure whose beauty and personal choices had epic consequences.

25CD UA \$109.95 Narrated by Justine Eyre

Robert Harris

Imperium: A Novel Of Ancient Rome

Of all the great figures of the Roman world, none was more fascinating or charismatic than Marcus Cicero, the greatest orator of all time, who at the age of twenty-seven was determined to attain imperium – supreme power in the state. At his side was the ever-present Tiro, the confidential secretary and slave, whose celebrated biography of his master was lost in the Dark Ages. “Imperium” is the re-creation of Tiro’s vanished masterpiece, recounting in vivid detail the story of Cicero’s extraordinary quest for glory.

Tiro’s cautionary tale begins on a cold November morning, when he opens the door to a terrified stranger, a victim of Sicily’s corrupt Roman governor, Verres. The stranger’s arrival sets in motion a chain of events that will eventually propel Tiro’s master into one of the most suspenseful courtroom dramas in history, pitting Cicero against some of the most powerful and intimidating figures of his – or any other – age: Pompey, Caesar, Crassus, and the many other powerful Romans who changed history.

Robert Harris, the world’s master of innovative historical fiction, lures us into a violent, treacherous world of Roman politics at once exotically different from and yet startlingly similar to our own – a world of Senate intrigue and electoral corruption, special prosecutors and political adventurism – to describe how one clever, compassionate, devious, vulnerable man fought to reach the top.

12CD UA \$99.95 Narrated by Simon Jones

C.J. Sansom

Sovereign

Autumn 1541. A plot against the throne has been uncovered, and Henry VIII has set off on a spectacular progress from London to York, along with a thousand soldiers, the cream of the nobility, and his fifth wife, Catherine Howard, to quell his rebellious northern subjects. Awaiting his arrival are lawyer Matthew Shardlake and his loyal assistant, Jack Barak. In addition to processing petitions to the king, Shardlake’s task is to protect a dangerous conspirator until he is transported back to London for interrogation.

But when a local glazier is murdered, things get a little more complicated as the murder seems to be not only connected to Shardlake’s prisoner but also to the royal family itself. Then Shardlake stumbles upon a cache of secret papers that throws into doubt the legitimacy of the entire royal line, and a chain of events unfolds that threatens Shardlake with the most terrifying fate of the age: imprisonment in the Tower of London.

6CD \$45.00 Narrated by Anton Lesser

Philippa Gregory

The Boleyn Inheritance

The Last Boleyn is Jane, Lady Rochford – widow of the disgraced George Boleyn. Caught in the intrigues of the Tudor court, she manoeuvres for personal position as her family in turn tries to manipulate her.

The king has married again; his bride is the deceptively astute Anne of Cleves. Her wits are tested as she senses a trap closing around her, with the Howards ready to take advantage of her fall. Central to their plot is the pretty, flirtatious Catherine, ready to take the place once held by her cousin Anne Boleyn.

Jane briefly believes that she will escape the fate of all who attempt to betray the royal trust but she reckons without Henry’s growing maliciousness. Her fate is sealed; she will be the last Boleyn.

5CD \$39.99 Narrated by Emilia Fox

Michael Cox

The Meaning Of Night

A cold October night, 1854. In a dark passageway, an innocent man is stabbed to death. So begins the extraordinary story of Edward Glyver, booklover, scholar and murderer. As a young boy, Glyver always believed he was destined for greatness. This seems the stuff of dreams, until a chance discovery convinces Glyver that he was right: greatness does await him, along with immense wealth and influence. And he will stop at nothing to win back a prize that he now knows is rightfully his. Glyver’s path leads him from the depths of Victorian London, with its foggy streets, brothels and opium dens, to Evenwood, one of England’s most enchanting country houses. His is a story of betrayal and treachery, of death and delusion, of ruthless obsession and ambition. And at every turn, driving Glyver irresistibly onwards, is his deadly rival: the poet-criminal Phoebus Rainsford Daunt. Thirty years in the writing, THE MEANING OF NIGHT Is a stunning achievement.

5CD \$39.95 Narrated by Peter Eyre

Ellis Peters

The Raven In The Foregate

In mid-December 1141, a callous new priest arrives at Brother Cadfael's Benedictine Abbey, along with his housekeeper and her nephew. When the priest is murdered, suspicion falls on Benet, who has begun working in Brother Cadfael's herb garden. Brother Cadfael's search to find the real killer showcases Ellis Peters' well-known intricacy of detail, plot, and characterisation. The mediaeval is magnificently brought to life by the writing and historical detail, and the characters seem so real that one is astonished to think of them merely as literary inventions. Cadfael himself has, for many listeners, become an old and dear friend...

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Horror

Dean Koontz

Intensity

Chyna Shepherd is a twenty-six-year-old woman whose deeply troubled childhood taught her the hard rules of survival, and whose adult life has been an unrelenting struggle for self-respect and safety. Now rare trust has blossomed for Chyna into friendship with the woman whose family home she is visiting for the weekend: a farm in the Napa Valley surrounded by vineyards and hills, which Chyna can see from the guest-room window where she sits at one o'clock in the morning, fully dressed, unable to sleep. Suspicions she learned in childhood still make her uneasy in unfamiliar houses--even this one, where her closest friend is sound asleep down the hall. And in this case her most disturbing instincts prove reliable. A man has entered the house, a man who lives for one purpose: to satisfy all appetites as they arise, to immerse himself in sensation, to live without fear, remorse, or limits--to live with intensity. Trapped in Vess's deadly orbit, Chyna thinks only of getting out alive. But when she inadvertently learns the identity of Vess's intended next victim, waiting for him far from Napa Valley, Chyna is gripped with concern for this other person, who is as innocent as Chyna, and as endangered. Driven now by a sense of responsibility for another, by a purpose and meaning beyond mere self-preservation, Chyna rises to unexpected heights of courage and daring--her only hope as the threat of Edgler Foreman Vess closes in and grows more horrifying moment by moment. Intensity unfolds over the course of just twenty-four hours, but within that brief time frame, Dean Koontz gives us what is perhaps his most inventive, emotionally intricate, and terrifyingly suspenseful novel yet.

12CD UA \$59.95 Narrated by Kate Burton

Dean Koontz

Sole Survivor

Joe Carpenter is a man nearly paralysed by grief. One year earlier, his wife and two children had been among the 230 victims of a plane crash that left no survivors. So when Joe encounters a woman who claims to have been aboard that plane and survived the catastrophe, and then she almost immediately disappears, he is understandably riled up. In the course of trying to track this woman down, Joe finds himself entangled in a web of shadowy conspiracy and perilous secrets. It's an expert mix of cover ups, cults, bizarre suicides, and a shocking twist at the end that keeps *Sole Survivor* racing along from one improbable but undeniably thrilling event to the next.

12CD UA \$59.95 Narrated by David Birney

Dean Koontz

Tick Tock

Tommy Phan is a successful detective novelist, living the American Dream in southern California. One evening he comes home to find a small rag doll on his doorstep. It's a simple doll, covered entirely in white cloth, with crossed black stitches for the eyes and mouth, and another pair forming an X over the heart. Curious, he brings it inside. That night, Tommy hears an odd popping sound and looks up to see the stitches breaking over the doll's heart. And in minutes the fabric of Tommy Phan's reality will be torn apart. Something terrifying emerges from the pristine white cloth, something that will follow Tommy wherever he goes. Something that he can't destroy. It wants Tommy's life and he doesn't know why. He has only one ally, a beautiful, strangely intuitive waitress he meets by chance--or by a design far beyond his comprehension. He has too many questions, no answers, and very little time. Because the vicious and demonically clever doll has left this warning on Tommy's computer screen: The deadline is dawn.

Ticktock

Time is running out.

8CD UA \$59.95 Narrated by Paul Michael

Dean Koontz

Fear Nothing

Christopher Snow understands the night. He, like the owl, is nocturnal, living on the mysterious darker edge of society. Snow is afflicted with xeroderma pigmentosum, a rare and often-fatal genetic disease that makes ultraviolet rays-even those from lamps and televisions-deadly. His condition makes him a pariah in the isolated small town of Moonlight Bay where the ignorant and insensitive fear what they do not know. As the action begins, Snow's father dies, leaving him with only a handful of offbeat but fiercely loyal friends to turn to for understanding. At the morgue, Snow accidentally witnesses his father's body being replaced with the mutilated corpse of a vagrant. Before he can find out what is behind this scandal, he receives a frantic summons from a friend who is brutally murdered before she can finish explaining a strange story about monkeys and a secret project at the government compound at the edge of town. What begins as a disturbing puzzle quickly becomes a sinister conspiracy as Snow uncovers evidence of uncanny intelligence in many of the local animals and inhumanely vicious tendencies in some of the human residents of the Bay. They are "becoming" he learns, but becoming what? Chilling chase scenes steadily increase the breakneck pace as Snow, assisted by his remarkable dog, is pursued through the night by unseen forces.

10CD UA \$59.95 Narrated by Keith Szarabajka

Stephen King

Hearts in Atlantis

With his idiosyncratic blend of patrician airs and boyish charm, narrator William Hurt provides a wonderful complement to this wildly imaginative collection of short stories by author Stephen King. Hurt carefully weaves the disparate elements into a cohesive whole, embracing the subtle complexities of each character; one moment a wizened sadness leaks into his voice as a haunted old man, pursued by demons, asks his 11-year-old lookout, "You know everyone on this street, on this block of this street anyway? And you'd know strangers? Sojourners? Faces of those unknown?" Then, in a profound yet almost imperceptible switch, he exposes the boy's naive enthusiasm, "I think so." Right about here your neck hairs will stand at attention. Hurt's peculiar vocal style is in perfect pitch to King's dark, surreal vision of growing up amid the monsters of post-Vietnam America.

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Humour & Comedy

Pam Ayres

Ancient And Modern

Pam Ayres is one of the world's most popular living poets with a superb mastery of comedy, and her many fans consider her a national treasure. Here she takes a wry look at life and all its peculiarities in her own inimitable style, in this live recording of her hilarious, thought-provoking one-woman stage show.

2CD \$38.95 Performed by Author

Ray Galton & Alan Simpson

Hancock's Half Hour: The Lost Episodes

Long absent from the BBC archives, the classic Hancock's Half Hour radio episodes "The New Secretary" (original version) and "The Blackboard Jungle" were recently rediscovered as "off-air" recordings. They have now been digitally re-mastered, and are presented here for the very first time, along with two bonus archive features: "In Conversation With...Galton & Simpson", in which the writers talk about Hancock and their other comedy hits, and "Six Characters in Search of an Answer" which looks at the character of Hancock in detail.

2CD UA \$39.95 Performed by Tony Hancock

Linda Smith

Wrap Up Warm: Linda Smith Live

Linda Smith was one of Britain's best-loved comics, famous for her wry observations and her razor-sharp take on modern life. Now fans old and new can enjoy her one-woman show recorded live -a unique collection of jokes, stories and monologues from one of our funniest, most perceptive and most missed comediennes. WRAP UP WARM is a must-have for anyone who enjoyed Linda's television appearances, and for anyone who wants to hear British comedy at its best.

2CD \$38.95 Performed by Author

Linda Smith

I Think The Nurses Are Stealing My Clothes: The Very Best Of Linda Smith

'One of the smartest, funniest and most sweet-natured people I ever encountered ... Her voice lit up Radio 4's News Quiz, she was brilliant on QI and she tirelessly travelled the UK as one of the most respected and loved comics on the circuit.' – Stephen Fry

Stephen Fry spoke for much of middle England when he responded to the news of Linda Smith's tragic death of cancer, aged 48, earlier this year. Linda was the brilliant mainstay of Radio 4s The News Quiz, Just a Minute, and I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue for many years. She was just establishing her career on TV through blistering performances on Have I Got News for You, QI and Room 101, when she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Linda was one of the few women to conquer the male dominated world of comedy and she had the wit and the charm to win over millions of male and female fans in equal measure. She had an eye for the absurdities of modern life and loved to prick the egos of the pompous and the vain. This is her story.

2CD \$38.95 Performed by Author

Beyond The Fringe

The wickedly biting humour of these comedy masters makes for a superb show. Included are: Bollard; The Sadder and Wiser Beaver; Deutscher Chansons; Take a Pew; Aftermyth of War; Sitting on the Bench; And the Same to You/Colonel Bogey; Portrait from Memory; So That's the Way You Like It; The End of the World.

1CD \$29.95 Performed by Peter Cook, Alan Bennett, Dudley Moore, Jonathan Miller

Bob Newhart

I Shouldn't Even Be Doing This! And Other Things That Strike Me As Funny

Newhart's deadpan delivery, slight stammer and expert comedic pauses make this audiobook memoir an indispensable purchase for fans. Newhart's persona was always the everyman ("Men usually think I was in the army with them. And the women think I was their first husband and usually say, 'Hey, stupid, I haven't had a check...' and then catch themselves."). He modestly explains his comedy origins, which led to a recording career (his first two comedy albums won him three 1960 Grammy Awards, including Album of the Year). Nightclub appearances segued to movies (he hilariously explains how he tried to get fired from *Hell Is for Heroes*) and TV sitcom success (*The Bob Newhart Show* from 1972–1978 and *Newhart* from 1982–1990). Newhart peppers his breezy memoir with a sampling of some of his classic comedy routines (including "The Driving Instructor", "Grace L. Ferguson Airline and Storm Door Co." and "King Kong and the Night Watchman"), and his timing remains impeccable.

3CD \$49.95 Performed by Author

Jasper Fforde

The Fourth Bear

Fforde offers a second entry in his wildly inventive Nursery Crime series (*The Big Over Easy*). The sadistic and powerful Gingerbreadman, nemesis of Jack Spratt, has escaped from St. Cerebellum's secure hospital for the criminally insane. Unfortunately, Spratt has been suspended pending psychological evaluation for his role in the Red Riding Hood fiasco. Though at first he resists doing "a plot device number twenty-six" and hunting for the Gingerbreadman on his own, eventually Spratt has no choice but to follow the rules of detective convention. All he and his mismatched team have to do is find the links between exploding extreme-cucumber-growers, a missing reporter nicknamed Goldilocks, a theme park called SommeWorld, and porridge dealers. Chockablock with puns, literary allusions, groan-worthy asides, and playful dismantling of the police procedural - wearing its love for an almost-extinct form of children's literature like a tattoo - *The Fourth Bear* will appeal to fans of whimsy, silliness, or plain old nonsense.

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P.G. Wodehouse

The Code Of The Woosters: Jeeves To The Rescue

Things get off to a rollicking start when Aunt Dahlia demands Bertie Wooster help her dupe an antiques dealer into selling her an 18th-century cow-creamer. As usual, butler Jeeves becomes a focal point for all the plots and ploys of these characters, and in the end only his cleverness can rescue Bertie from being arrested, lynched, and engaged by mistake. The sharp-witted yet gently ironic humour of Wodehouse is beautifully encapsulated by Jonathan Cecil's narration of further adventures of the far-from-mentally-acute Bertie and the manservant who runs rings around him.

6CD UA \$79.95 Narrated by Jonathan Cecil

P.G. Wodehouse

The Inimitable Jeeves

There's young Bingo Little, who's in love for the umpteenth time and needs Bertie to put in a good word for him with his uncle; Aunt Agatha, who forces Bertie to get engaged to the formidable Honoria Glossop; and the troublesome twins, Claude and Eustace, whose antics when let loose in London know no bounds. Add to that some friction in the Wooster home over a red cummerbund, purple socks and some snazzy old Etonian spats, and poor Bertie's really in the soup...

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Mystery, Thrillers

Henning Mankell

The Man Who Smiled

A disillusioned Inspector Kurt Wallander is thrown back into the fray when he becomes both hunter and hunted in this adventure from the pen of Sweden's master of crime and mystery. Crestfallen, dejected, spiralling into an alcohol-fuelled depression after killing a man in the line of duty, Inspector Wallander had made up his mind to quit the police force for good. When an old acquaintance, a solicitor, seeks Wallander's help and later turns up dead, Wallander realises that he was wrong not to listen...

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Rennie Airth

The Blood-Dimmed Tide

It is 1932 and John Madden, former Scotland Yard Inspector, is now a farmer in the peaceful Surrey countryside. Peaceful, that is, until he discovers the mutilated body of a small girl hidden in a wood. Uneasy about the police enquiries he quietly begins his own investigation. And it is an investigation that will involve not only Scotland Yard but also the world of secret agents – and the German police. The investigation leads to Germany – where the Nazi's are on the brink of power. And the mutilated bodies the killer has left in his wake are just a shocking foretaste of the horrors to come...

3CD \$35.00 Narrated by Nathaniel Parker

Rennie Airth

River Of Darkness

It is 1921 and a terrible discovery has been made at a manor house in Surrey – the bloodied bodies of Colonel Fletcher, his wife and two of their staff. The victims have all been stabbed – and the lack of disturbance in the house suggests that the attack was once of terrifying speed.

The Surrey police force seem ready to put the murders down to robbery with violence, but Detective Inspector Madden, from Scotland Yard, sees things slightly differently. For he has experienced the horrors of World War I and has seen madness at first hand. And this crime, he is sure, has been perpetrated by a psychopath who will strike again... And soon.

3CD \$35.00 Narrated by Nathaniel Parker

Joseph Finder

Killer Instinct

Jason Steadman is a thirty-year-old sales executive living in Boston and working for an electronics giant, a competitor to Sony and Panasonic. He's a witty, charismatic guy who's well liked at the office, but he lacks the "killer instinct" necessary to move up the corporate ladder. To the chagrin of his ambitious wife, it looks as if his career has hit a ceiling. Jason's been sidelined.

But all that will change one evening when Jason meets Kurt Semko, a former Special Forces officer just back from Iraq. Looking for a decent pitcher for the company softball team, Jason gets Kurt, who was once drafted by the majors, a job in Corporate Security. Soon, good things start to happen for Jason – and bad things start to happen to Jason's rivals. His career suddenly takes off. He's an overnight success. Only too late does Jason discover that his friend Kurt has been secretly paving his path to the top by the most "efficient" – and ruthless – means available. After all, as Kurt says, "Business is war, right?"

But when Jason tries to put a stop to it, he finds that his new best friend has become the most dangerous enemy imaginable. And now it's far more than just his career that lies in the balance.

10CD UA \$69.95 Narrated by Scott Brick

Elizabeth George

A Traitor To Memory

“To listen is to be, but to play is to live....”

So believes Gideon Davies, 28-year-old musical wunderkind, a virtuoso violinist whose talents are internationally celebrated. When Gideon finds himself center-stage, unable to play, his tortured search for his music-and for the truth behind the appalling event that shaped his life-will lead him to the very heart of love’s darkest manifestations.

6CD \$35.00 Narrated by Simon Jones

Henning Mankell

Faceless Killers

Since his wife walked out on him, Kurt Wallender, a middle-aged cop in the small Swedish town of Lenarp, has drowned his sorrows in opera and far too much liquor. Such consolations can’t help him absorb the scene at the Lovgren farm, where elderly Johannes Lovgren has been brutally beaten and stabbed to death and where his wife, Maria, is found barely alive with a noose around her neck. Rydberg, a police force old-timer, says the noose’s unusual knot and the word foreigner, which Maria uttered before she died, are important. Wallender puts those clues on the back burner when he learns that Johannes, ostensibly a simple farmer, had a secret life involving wealth and connections unknown to his wife...

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Lee Child

The Hard Way

Jack Reacher was alone, the way he liked it, soaking up the hot, electric New York City night, watching a man cross the street to a parked Mercedes and drive it away. The car contained one million dollars in ransom money. And Edward Lane, the man who paid it, will pay even more to get his family back. Lane runs a highly illegal soldiers-for-hire operation. He will use any amount of money and any tool to find his beautiful wife and child. And then he’ll turn Jack Reacher loose with a vengeance - because Reacher is the best man hunter in the world. On the trail of a vicious kidnapper, Reacher is learning the chilling secrets of his employer’s past... and of a horrific drama in the heart of a nasty little war. He’s beginning to realise that Edward Lane is hiding something. Something dirty. Something big. But Reacher also knows this: he’s already in way too deep to stop now.

4CD \$45.00 Narrated by Kerry Shale

Dale Brown

Edge Of Battle

Violence and tensions along the U.S.-Mexican border have never been higher, sparked by battles between rival drug lords and an increased flow of illegal migrants. To combat the threat, the United States has executed Operation Rampart: a controversial test base in southern California run by Major Jason Richter and TALON, his high-tech special operations unit.

Their success is threatened by a drug kingpin and migrant smuggler named Ernesto Fuerza. In the guise of Mexican nationalist “Commander Veracruz,” he causes a storm of controversy on both sides of the border, calling for a revolution to take back the northernmost “Mexican states” – the Southwest United States. His real intention is to make it easier to import illegal drugs across the border. Soon Richter and his force are reassigned to the FBI to take on a deadly mission that will bring him face-to-face with Fuerza and set off a wave of bloodshed that threatens to become an all-out guerrilla war. Lurking behind Fuerza is Richter’s nemesis, former Soviet nuclear forces commander turned terror mastermind Yegor Zakharov, who is set on revenge to the very end.

12CD UA \$89.95 Narrated by Michael McShane

Michael Robotham

Suspect

Joseph O’Loughlin seems to have the perfect life. He has a beautiful wife, a clever young daughter and a successful career--but even the most flawless existence is only a loose thread away from unravelling. In Joseph’s case, it takes a murdered girl, a troubled young patient and the biggest lie of his life. One mistake--a missing night--sees Joseph drawn into a complex web of deceit and danger, where he can trust nothing and no one ... not even himself. Haunted by images of a slain girl, he embarks upon a search that will take him into the darkest recesses of the human mind. Ultimately, he will have to risk everything to unmask the killer and save his family.

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Rex Stout

Where there's a Will

Meet Nero Wolfe, an orchid-growing, gourmandizing, eccentric genius, and his assistant Archie. Eavesdrop on Nero and Archie as they unravel murder after murder in this popular series of detective novels.

The wealthy Noel Hawthorne dies, but an investigator discovers that it was not an accident. Nero and Archie stumble into a legacy, of murder.

5CD UA \$59.95 Narrated by Michael Prichard

Jacqueline Winspear

Pardonable Lies

A deathbed plea from his wife leads Sir Cecil Lawton to seek the aid of Maisie Dobbs, psychologist and investigator. As Maisie soon learns, Agnes Lawton never accepted that her aviator son was killed in the Great War, a torment that led her not only to the edge of madness but to the doors of those who practice the dark arts and commune with the spirit world. In accepting the assignment, Maisie finds her spiritual strength tested, as well as her regard for her mentor, Maurice Blanche. The mission also brings her together once again with her college friend Priscilla Evernden, who served in France and who lost three brothers to the war--one of whom, it turns out, had an intriguing connection to the missing Ralph Lawton.

9CD UA \$79.95 Narrated by Orlagn Cassidy

Jacqueline Winspear

Messenger of Truth

London, 1931.

The night before an exhibition of his artwork opens at a famed Mayfair gallery, the controversial artist Nick Bassington-Hope falls to his death. The police rule it an accident, but Nick's twin sister, Georgina, a wartime journalist and a controversial figure in her own right, isn't so sure.

When the authorities refuse to consider her theory that Nick was murdered, Georgina seeks out an old classmate from Girton College, Maisie Dobbs, psychologist and investigator, for help. Nick was a veteran of World War I, and before long the case leads Maisie to the desolate beaches of Dungeness in Kent, and into the sinister underbelly of the city's art world.

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James Rollins

Black Order

A sinister fire in a Copenhagen bookstore ignites a relentless hunt across four continents. Arson and murder reveal an insidious plot to steal a Bible that once belonged to Charles Darwin. And Commander Gray Pierce dives headlong into a mystery that dates back to Nazi Germany...and to horrific experiments performed in a now-abandoned laboratory in Poland.

A continent away, madness ravages a remote monastery in Nepal, as Buddhist monks turn to cannibalism and torture. Lisa Cummings, an American doctor investigating the atrocity, is suddenly a target of a brutal assassin. And Lisa's only ally is Painter Crowe, director of SIGMA Force, who already shows signs of the baffling malady. Now it is up to Gray Pierce to save them both as SIGMA Force races to expose a century-old plot that threatens to destroy the current world order . . . and alter the destiny of humankind forever.

12CD UA \$79.95 Narrated by Grover Gardner

James Lee Burke

Pegasus Descending

A troubled young woman breezes into Detective Robicheaux's hometown of New Iberia, Louisiana. She happens to be the daughter of his friend – a friend he witnessed gunned down in a bank robbery, a tragedy that forever changed Robicheaux's life.

The twists begin when Trish Klein – the only offspring of Robicheaux's Vietnam-era buddy – starts passing marked hundred-dollar bills in local casinos. Is she a good kid gone bad? A victim's child seeking revenge? A promiscuous beauty seducing everyone good within her grasp? And can Robicheaux make peace with his friend's murder in time to figure out how a local mobster fits into all the schemes and death? Will his life be whole again when it has been shattered by so much tragedy?

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Agatha Christie

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It is Egypt, 2000 BC, where death gives meaning to life. At the foot of a cliff lies the broken, twisted body of Nofret, concubine to a Ka-priest. Young, beautiful and venomous, most agree that she deserved to die like a snake.

Yet Renisenb, the priest's daughter, believes that the woman's death was not fate, but murder. Increasingly, she becomes convinced that the source of evil lurks within her own father's household.

As the wife of an eminent archaeologist, Agatha Christie took part in several expeditions to the Middle East. Drawing upon this experience and exhaustive research, she wrote this serial killer mystery laid in Egypt 4000 years ago.

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This collection of short stories from the Queen of Crime perfectly illustrates the incredible breadth of the author's talent; from sinister murder mysteries to light-hearted romances. All great crime writers have their favourite creations. Similarly, every great sleuth has his, or her, own preferred method of deduction. Take the charming Parker Pyne, who relies upon an intuitive knowledge of human nature to solve the Problem at Pollensa Bay. Or Mr Satterthwaite, who seeks inspiration through his collaboration with the enigmatic Mr Quin in 'The Harlequin Tea Set' mystery. Then, of course, there's Poirot, whose measured analysis of motive and opportunity is tested to the full in 'Yellow Iris', when he receives an anonymous call about a matter of life and death.

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Miss Jane Marple has gathered together an intimate group of friends and family for an evening of fun, games, mystery, and suspicion. What results is a baker's dozen of fiendishly told tales of malicious misdeeds and delightful deductions – and twice as many suspects, airtight alibis, and tantalizing clues. Thirteen stories in which the indomitable sleuth plays host to some of the most clever crimes – and criminals....

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Crisis

When Dr. Craig Bowman is served with a summons for medical malpractice, he's shocked, enraged, and more than a little humiliated. A devoted physician who works continuously in the service of others, he endured gruelling years of training and is now a partner in an exclusive concierge medical practice. But this idyllic practice comes to a grinding halt one sunny afternoon-and gets much, much worse. Enter Dr. Jack Stapleton, a medical examiner in New York City and Bowman's brother-in-law: Jack's sister Alexis-now Craig's estranged wife-tearfully begs for his help as her husband's trial drags on. Jack agrees to travel to Boston to offer his forensic services and expert witness experience to Craig's beleaguered defence attorney. But when Jack's irreverent suggestion to exhume the corpse to disprove the alleged malpractice is taken seriously, he opens a Pandora's box of trouble. As Craig Bowman's life and career are put on the line, Jack is on the verge of making a most unwelcome discovery of tremendous legal and medical significance-and there are people who will do anything to keep him from learning the truth.

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The Black Echo

The first in the Harry Bosch crime novels. For LAPD homicide cop Harry Bosch – hero, maverick, nighthawk – the body in the drainpipe at Mulholland Dam is more than another anonymous statistic. This one is personal.

The dead man, Billy Meadows, was a fellow Vietnam “tunnel rat” who fought side by side with him in a nightmare underground war that brought them to the depths of hell. Now, Bosch is about to relive the horror of Nam. From a dangerous maze of blind alleys to a daring criminal heist beneath the city to the torturous link that must be uncovered, his survival instincts will once again be tested to their limit.

Joining with an enigmatic and seductive female FBI agent, pitted against enemies inside his own department, Bosch must make the agonizing choice between justice and vengeance, as he tracks down a killer whose true face will shock him.

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Michael Connelly

The Black Ice

LAPD detective Hieronymous “Harry” Bosch returns in a procedural thriller set in and around the drug-trafficking underworlds of inner-city Los Angeles and the wastelands of Mexico. When Bosch arrives at a sleazy hotel room where a fellow officer has committed suicide, he senses that something is awry. Noncommittal superior officers, a diffident widow and tales linking the dead man to a newly created street drug called “black ice” (heroin, crack and PCP rolled into one) send Bosch down a winding trail of forensic impossibilities, brutally violent drug traffickers and an ultimately shocking case of mistaken identity.

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Michael Connelly

Echo Park

The 12th Harry Bosch novel offers some new wrinkles on a familiar theme – the aging detective haunted by the one who got away. In Bosch’s case, the elusive quarry is the man who abducted a 22-year-old equestrian, Marie Gesto, in 1993. Having returned to active duty as a member of the LAPD Open-Unsolved Unit, Bosch repeatedly pulls the file to see if he can discover something new and give some small solace to the victim’s parents. When a chance police stop of a suspicious vehicle nets serial killer Raynard Waits, who’s carrying body parts in his van, Bosch assesses the murderer’s claim that he was responsible for killing Gesto, too. The weary and cynical detective soon suspects that Waits is trying to barter information for a reduced sentence of life imprisonment. Political motivations connected with the upcoming DA election also cloud the investigation. Smooth prose and plausible characters – even the secondary figures – elevate this several notches above the standard cop vs. serial-killer thriller.

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Dick Francis

Under Orders

Beloved series character Sid Halley, a champion jockey, makes a welcome return in the latest fast-paced crime novel from bestseller Dick Francis. When a crippling injury forces Halley into retirement, he begins a second career as a PI. Thanks to his doggedness and integrity, he attracts many clients, including a mysterious government figure who asks him to assess the unintended consequences of Britain’s legalization of Internet gambling, and others who wish him to unravel the nest of puzzles surrounding the murder of a jockey, Huw Walker, suspected of throwing races. This time, the sinister forces arrayed against him have an unexpected weapon – threats of violence against Halley’s new significant other.

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Stephen Frey

The Power Broker

In this tense thriller, Christian Gillette, hero of *The Protégé*, is approached by a shadowy group representing vast wealth (but vague motives). It’s a politically conservative alliance interested in a partnership with Gillette’s company, Everest Capital. Then he is contacted by a charismatic liberal politician named Jesse Wood, who is about to announce his candidacy for President; Wood and his advisors want Gillette to run for vice President. Sceptical of both offers, Gillette tries to discern who can be trusted. But he soon realizes a colleague has ties to one party... and ultimately, he can’t trust anybody at all.

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Elizabeth George

What Came Before He Shot Her

The brutal, inexplicable death of Inspector Thomas Lynley’s wife has left Scotland Yard shocked and searching for answers. Even more horrifying is that the trigger was apparently pulled by a twelve-year-old boy. What were the circumstances that led to his final act of desperation? That story begins on the other side of London in rough North Kensington, where the virtually orphaned Campbell children are bounced from home to home. Fifteen-year-old Ness is headed for trouble as fast as her high-heeled boots will take her. Middle child Joel cares for the youngest, Toby, but something clearly isn’t right with Toby. Before long, a local gang starts harassing Joel and threatening his brother. To protect his family, Joel ends up making a pact with the devil – a move that leads straight to the front doorstep of Thomas Lynley.

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Kerry Greenwood

Death Before Wicket

Phryne Fisher has plans for her Sydney sojourn, but they begin to go awry when Phryne's maid discovers her thoroughly respectable sister Joan has left her family for the murky nightlife on the Cross, and then postponed again because Phryne is definitely not the woman to say 'no' when two delightful young men are on their knees, begging for her help in finding their friend innocent of theft. It all sounds simple enough as Phryne sets investigations into motion. But when greed and fear are the motivating factors, people become ruthless and Phryne quickly finds herself enmeshed in blackmail, secrets, lies and the dangerous influences of deep magic.

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John Grisham

The Chamber

In the corridors of Chicago's top law firm:

Twenty-six-year-old Adam Hall stands on the brink of a brilliant legal career. Now he is risking it all for a death-row killer and an impossible case.

Maximum Security Unit, Mississippi State Prison:

Sam Cayhall is a former Klansman and unrepentant racist now facing the death penalty for a fatal bombing in 1967.

He has run out of chances – except for one: the young, liberal Chicago lawyer who just happens to be his grandson.

While the executioners prepare the gas chamber, while the protesters gather and the TV cameras wait, Adam has only days, hours, minutes to save his client. For between the two men is a chasm of shame, family lies, and secrets – including the one secret that could save Sam Cayhall's life...or cost Adam his.

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John Grisham

The Runaway Jury

Every jury has a leader, and the verdict belongs to him. In Biloxi, Mississippi, a landmark tobacco trial with hundreds of millions of dollars at stake begins routinely, then swerves mysteriously off course. The jury is behaving strangely, and at least one juror is convinced he's being watched. Soon they have to be sequestered. Then a tip from an anonymous young woman suggests she is able to predict the jurors' increasingly odd behaviour. Is the jury somehow being manipulated, or even controlled? If so, by whom? And, more important, why?

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John Grisham

The Innocent Man (non-fiction)

When Ron Williamson signed with the Oakland A's in 1971, he said goodbye to his hometown of Ada and left to pursue his dreams of big-league glory. Six years later he was back, his dreams broken by a bad arm and bad habits. He moved in with his mother and slept twenty hours a day on her sofa.

In 1982, a twenty-one-year-old cocktail waitress in Ada named Debra Sue Carter was raped and murdered, and for reasons that were never clear, they suspected Ron Williamson and his friend Dennis Fritz. The two were arrested and charged with capital murder.

The prosecution's case was built on junk science and the testimony of jailhouse snitches and convicts. Dennis Fritz was found guilty and given a life sentence. Ron Williamson was sent to death row.

If you believe that in America one is innocent until proven guilty, this audiobook will shock you. If you believe in the death penalty, this book will disturb you. If you believe the criminal justice system is fair, this book will infuriate you.

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John Le Carré

A Murder Of Quality

George Smiley was simply doing a favour for an old friend, Miss Ailsa Brimley, who edited a small religious newspaper. Miss Brimley had received a letter from a worried woman reader: 'I'm not mad. And I know my husband is trying to kill me.' The writer of the letter was one Stella Rode, wife to an assistant master at Carne School, Dorset, and by the time it arrived, she was dead. Carne was an ancient, self-regarding Church foundation, proud of its proper standards of social distinctions. George Smiley went there to listen, take sherry, ask questions and think. And thus uncover, layer upon layer, the complexities, skeletons and hatreds that comprised this little English institution.

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John Le Carré

The Spy Who Came In From The Cold

On its publication in 1964, John le Carre's "The Spy Who Came in From the Cold" forever changed the landscape of spy fiction. Le Carre combined the inside knowledge of his years in British intelligence with the skills of the best novelists to produce a story as taut as it is twisting, unlike any previously experienced, which transports anyone who reads it back to the shadowy years in the early 1960s, when the Berlin Wall went up and the Cold War came to life.

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John Le Carré

The Russia House

A mysterious manuscript purporting to prove the Soviet defence system is unworkable is smuggled out of Moscow. It was intended for a flaky English publisher, a womanizing saxophone-playing boozier, but the smuggler has turned it over to British intelligence. In order to prove its authenticity, they recruit the publisher as an amateur spy and send him to Moscow to re-establish contact with the author. But the "truth" Barley Blair finds there is love and a purpose for his shambles of a life. As always with le Carre, this is a compelling spy story, a marvellous entertainment that is also as intelligent, witty, and brooding as many more self-consciously and less satisfying literary novels.

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John Le Carré

The Mission Song

Abandoned by both his Irish father and Congolese mother, Bruno Salvador (alias Salvo) has long looked for someone to guide his life. Enter Mr. Anderson of British Intelligence. Bruno's African upbringing and fluency in numerous African languages have made him a top interpreter in London, useful to businesses, hospitals, diplomats-- and spies. Working for Anderson in a clandestine facility known as the "Chat Room," Salvo translates intercepted phone calls, bugged recordings, and snatched voice mail messages. When Anderson sends him to a mysterious island to interpret a secret conference between Central African warlords, Bruno thinks he is helping Britain bring peace to a bloody corner of the world. But then he begins to hear things not intended for his ears...

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Jeffery Deaver

The Cold Moon

On a freezing December night, with a full moon hovering in the black sky over New York City, two people are brutally murdered – the death scenes marked by eerie, matching calling cards: moon-faced clocks investigators fear ticked away the victims' last moments on earth. Renowned criminologist Lincoln Rhyme immediately identifies the clock distributor and has the chilling realization that the killer – who has dubbed himself the Watchmaker – has more murders planned in the hours to come.

Rhyme, a quadriplegic long confined to his wheelchair, immediately taps his trusted partner and long-time love, Amelia Sachs, to walk the grid and be his eyes and ears on the street. But Sachs has other commitments now – namely, her first assignment as lead detective on a homicide of her own. As she struggles to balance her pursuit of the infuriatingly elusive Watchmaker with her own case, Sachs unearths shocking revelations about the police force that threaten to undermine her career, her sense of self and her relationship with Rhyme. As the Rhyme-Sachs team shows evidence of fissures, the Watchmaker is methodically stalking his victims and planning a diabolical criminal masterwork...

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Peter Robinson

Innocent Graves

One foggy night, Deborah Harrison is found lying in the churchyard behind St Mary's, Eastvale. She has been strangled with the strap of her own school satchel.

But Deborah was no typical sixteen-year old. Her father was a powerful financier who moved in the highest echelons of industry, defence and classified information. And Deborah, it seemed, enjoyed keeping secrets of her own...

With his colleague Detective Constable Susan Gay, Inspector Alan Banks moves along the many suspects, guilty of crimes large and small. And as he does so, plenty of sordid secrets and some deadly lies begin to emerge...

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Peter Robinson

Dry Bones That Dream

It was 2.47 am when Chief Inspector Alan Banks arrived at the barn and saw the body of Keith Rothwell for the first time. Only hours earlier two masked men had walked the mild-mannered accountant out of his farmhouse and clinically blasted him with a shotgun.

Clearly this is a professional hit – but Keith was hardly the sort of person to make deadly enemies. Or was he? For the police investigation soon raises more questions than answers. And who, exactly, is Robert Clavert?

The more Banks scratches the surface, the more he wonders what lies beneath the veneer of the apparently happy Rothwell family. And when his old sparring partner Detective Superintendent Richard Burgess arrives from Scotland Yard, the case take yet another unexpected twist...

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Peter Robinson

A Necessary End

In the usually peaceful town of Eastvale, a simmering tension has now reached breaking point. An anti-nuclear demonstration has ended in violence, leaving one policeman stabbed to death. Fired by professional outrage, Superintendent “Dirty Dick” Burgess descends with vengeful fury on the inhabitants of “Maggie’s Farm”, an isolated house high on the daleside. Inspector Alan Banks is uneasy about Burgess’ handling of the investigation. But he has been warned off the case. Soon Banks realises that the only way he can salvage his career is by beating Burgess to the killer...

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Sara Paretsky

Fire Sale

V. I. Warshawski may have left her old South Chicago neighborhood, but she learns that she cannot escape it. When she takes over coaching duties of the girls’ basketball team at her former high school, she faces an ill-equipped, ragtag group of gangbangers, fundamentalists, and teenage moms. Through young Josie Dorrado, V. I. meets the girl’s mother, who voices her worries about sabotage in the little flag manufacturing plant where she works. The biggest employer on the South Side, discount-store behemoth By-Smart, pays even less, and Ms. Dorrado doesn’t know how she’ll support her four children if the flag plant shuts down.

The elder Dorrado’s fears are realized when the plant explodes; V. I. is injured and the owner is killed. As V. I. begins to investigate, she finds herself squeezed between the needs of two very different families. As she tries to find the errant teenagers, and to track down a particularly cruel murderer, her own life is almost forfeit in the swamps that lie under the city of Chicago.

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Ruth Rendell

The Water’s Lovely

Weeks went by when Ismay never thought of it at all. Then something would bring it back or it would return in a dream. The dream began in the same way.

She and her mother would be climbing the stairs, following Heather’s lead through the bedroom to what was on the other side, not a bathroom in the dream but a chamber floored and walled in marble. In the middle of it was a glassy lake. The white thing in the water floated towards her, its face submerged, and her mother said, absurdly, “Don’t look!”

The dead man was Ismay’s stepfather, Guy. Now, nine years on, she and her sister, Heather, still lived in the same house in Clapham. But it had been divided into two self-contained flats. Their mother lived upstairs with her sister, Pamela. And the bathroom, where Guy had drowned, had disappeared.

Ismay worked in public relations, and Heather in catering. They got on well. They always had. They never discussed the changes to the house, still less what had happened that August day...

But even lives as private as these, where secrets hang in the air like dust, intertwine with other worlds and other individuals. And, with painful inevitability, the truth will emerge.

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John Saul

In the Dark of the Night

It has waited seven years for someone to come back to the rambling lakeside house called Pinecrest, which has stood empty since its last owner went missing. For upscale Chicago couple Dan and Merrill Brewster, the old mid-western manse is an ideal retreat, and for their kids, Eric and Marci, it's the perfect place to spend a lazy summer exploring. Which is how Eric and his teenage friends discover the curious cache of discarded objects stowed in a hidden room of Pinecrest's carriage house. The bladeless hacksaws, shadeless lamps, tables with missing legs, headless axe handle, and other unremarkable items add up to a pile of junk. Yet someone took the trouble to inventory each worthless relic in a cryptic ledger. It has all the makings of a great mystery - whispering, coaxing, demanding to be solved.

But the more the boys devote themselves to restoring the forgotten possessions and piecing together the puzzle behind them, the more their fascination deepens into obsession. Soon their days are consumed with tending the strange, secret collection - while their nights become plagued by ever more ghastly dreams, nightmares that soon seep into reality. And when a horrifying discovery surfaces, so does the chilling truth about the terrifying events that rocked the town seven years before, the mysterious disappearance of Pinecrest's last resident, and a twisted legacy with a malevolent life of its own . . . and a bottomless hunger for new victims.

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Dorothy L. Sayers

Whose Body?

A naked body is found lying in the tub, a gold pince-nez perched before the sightless eyes. Telltale signs indicate that the face was shaved after death. Despite evidence to the contrary, the police are certain that the victim was a prominent financier. Lord Peter Wimsey knows better, but can he prove it?

First published in 1923, "Whose Body?" established the disarmingly debonair, and somewhat foppish, Wimsey as one of the most enduring characters in English literature. It remains one of the most significant -- and most charming -- of the Golden Age mysteries.

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Frederick Forsyth

The Afghan

The threat of a catastrophic assault on the West, discovered on a senior al-Qaeda member's computer, compels the leaders of the U.S. and the U.K. to attempt a desperate gambit -- to substitute a seasoned British operative, Col. Mike Martin, for an Afghan Taliban commander being held prisoner at Guantánamo Bay and then arrange Martin's release into Afghan custody. Martin must maintain his cover under the closest scrutiny, even as the details of the planned outrage are kept beyond his reach.

One of the masters of the political thriller, Forsyth writes with a bare-bones, reportorial style that makes his stories feel as realistic as anything one might read in the daily newspaper. He set the standard for political thrillers with 1971's *Day of the Jackal*, and, although he has myriad competitors today, no one else has managed to make the very flatness of the documentary style an effective instrument for generating tension.

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Ken Follett

Whiteout

This biological terrorism thriller takes place over a wintry Christmas holiday in northern Scotland and well larded with family drama. Toni Gallo is the driven head of security for Oxenford Medical (aka the Kremlin), a research facility working on a cure for Madoba-2, an especially virulent strain of Ebola. She also has a running feud with her ex, a local cop, and is pestered by the attentions of newsman Carl. But she really wants to be with her widower boss, Stanley, whose daughter Olga's husband, Hugo, is paying unwelcome attention to his sister-in-law, Miranda, herself in uneasy love with a milquetoast boyfriend, Ned, whose daughter, Sophie, is the object of young Craig's budding affections. But at midnight on Christmas Eve a band of desperate, violent thieves, led by Stanley's wastrel son, Kit, lay siege to the well-defended Kremlin in the midst of a terrible blizzard. Predictably, things go suddenly, frightfully wrong. From here on out, Follett's sure hand at the controls of a high-octane plot delivers the expected thrills in expected ways.

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Laurie R. King

The Art of Deception

A troubled Mary Ann Walker takes a nosedive off a bridge. Seattle's police department macho man John LaMoia takes the call, along with the beautiful cop psychologist Daphne Matthews. They suspect her boyfriend, known to beat Mary Ann. Her seething brother, Ferrell, is convinced the boyfriend did the deed. But the case somehow becomes too slippery to close.

Lou Boldt, the supervising officer, is entangled in a conundrum of his own: two women have disappeared and a road crew worker's death may have a connection to the missing women. A peeper who's photographing undressed women at tourist hotels becomes Boldt's best suspect, along with a man who is stalking and terrifying Daphne. As both cases heat up, so does the sexual tension between Matthews and LaMoia leading them both into unknown emotional territory. A hair-raising chase through Seattle's Underground, a little-known network of hundred-year-old streets that were paved over by the city decades ago, brings the story to its white-knuckle climax.

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James Rollins

Black Order

A sinister fire in a Copenhagen bookstore ignites a relentless hunt across four continents. Arson and murder reveal an insidious plot to steal a Bible that once belonged to Charles Darwin. And Commander Gray Pierce dives headlong into a mystery that dates back to Nazi Germany...and to horrific experiments performed in a now-abandoned laboratory in Poland.

A continent away, madness ravages a remote monastery in Nepal, as Buddhist monks turn to cannibalism and torture. Lisa Cummings, an American doctor investigating the atrocity, is suddenly a target of a brutal assassin. And Lisa's only ally is Painter Crowe, director of SIGMA Force, who already shows signs of the baffling malady.

Now it is up to Gray Pierce to save them both as SIGMA Force races to expose a century-old plot that threatens to destroy the current world order . . . and alter the destiny of humankind forever.

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Non-Fiction

Thomas Keneally

A Commonwealth Of Thieves: The Improbable Birth Of Australia

Australia is the only modern society to have begun as a dedicated penal settlement. It was an experiment that should have ended like others of its kind in a stew of murder, rebellion and starvation. In this compelling, vivid and moving recreation of the first four years of 'the Sydney experiment', Tom Keneally examines how a motley 'thief colony' exiled by England as incapable of civilised development, not only survived, but flourished into a sophisticated modern society. History at its surprising and gripping best.

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Noam Chomsky

Failed States: The Abuse of Power & Assault on Democracy

In this much anticipated sequel to his international bestseller "Hegemony or Survival," the author offers a comprehensive analysis of a global superpower that has long claimed the right to reshape other nations while its own democratic institutions are in severe crisis, and its policies and practices have recklessly placed the world on the brink of disaster.

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Alan Bennett

Untold Stories Part 2 : The Diaries

Alan Bennett's diaries from 1997-2004 are an erudite collection of witty yet poignant recollections told in his own unique voice. Whether appreciating the simple pleasures of nature, or commenting on religion, politics or the arts, his observations are incisive, funny, and yet always meaningful.

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Maggie Hamilton

What Men Don't Talk about

Surprising, illuminating and at times shocking, *What Men Don't Talk About* reveals how real men and boys view their world. What do men and boys long for, agonise over, aspire to? Why are men often silent in dark and difficult situations? Why do so many find it hard to express how much they care? What do they look for in women? What do they want from committed relationships, from friendships? How do they feel about kids? What motivates them? What do they worry about? How do they see their bodies? What is life like for them as they age? Why do so many resort to suicide? Everyday we read articles about men - men at home, men at work, men in bed but still the confusion and frustration between the sexes remain. Can we put the differences between men and women down to the influence of Venus and Mars, or are there more intricate dynamics at play?

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Gore Vidal

Point to Point Navigation

From his desks in Ravello and the Hollywood Hills, Gore Vidal travels in memory through the arenas of literature, television, film, theatre, politics and international society where he has cut a broad swath, recounting achievements and defeats, friends and enemies made (and on a number of occasions lost). Among the gathering of notables to be found in these pages, sketched with a draftsman's ease and evoked with the panache of a born raconteur, are Jack and Jacqueline Kennedy, Tennessee Williams (the "Glorious Bird"), Eleanor Roosevelt, Orson Welles, Johnny Carson, Greta Garbo, Federico Fellini, Rudolph Nureyev, Elia Kazan, and Francis Ford Coppola. Some of the book's most moving pages are devoted to the illness and death of his partner of five decades, Howard Austen.

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John Grogan

Marley & Me

Labrador retrievers are generally considered even-tempered, calm and reliable; and then there's Marley, the subject of this delightful tribute to one Lab who doesn't fit the mould. Grogan, a columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and his wife, Jenny, were newly married and living in West Palm Beach when they decided that owning a dog would give them a foretaste of the parenthood they anticipated. Marley was a sweet, affectionate puppy who grew into a lovably naughty, hyperactive dog. With a light touch, the author details how Marley was kicked out of obedience school after humiliating his instructor (whom Grogan calls Miss Dominatrix) and swallowed an 18-karat solid gold necklace (Grogan describes his gross but hilarious "recovery operation"). With the arrival of children in the family, Marley became so incorrigible that Jenny, stressed out by a new baby, ordered her husband to get rid of him; she eventually recovered her equilibrium and relented. Grogan's chronicle of the adventures parents and children (eventually three) enjoyed with the overly energetic but endearing dog is delivered with great humour. Dog lovers will love this account of Grogan's much loved canine. 5CD \$49.95 Narrated by Author

Charles Darwin

The Origin Of Species

One of the most famous and influential books of its (or any) time, this is the first comprehensive statement of the theory of natural selection and provides the basic argument of what we think of as Darwinism.

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Niall Ferguson

The War Of The World: History's Age Of Hatred

From the conflicts that presaged the First World War to the aftershocks of the Cold War, the twentieth century was the bloodiest in human history. This was an age when multicultural communities were torn apart by the irregularities of economic boom and bust. It was also an age poisoned by an idea: the idea of irrevocable racial differences. Above all it was an age of struggle between decaying old empires and predatory new 'empire-states'. Who won the war of the world? We tend to assume it was 'the West'. Some even talk of 'the American century'. But for Niall Ferguson the biggest upheaval of the twentieth century was the decline of Western dominance over Asia. Drawing on history, economics and evolutionary theory, *The War of the World* is a revolutionary new interpretation of the modern era.

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Sonia Neale

The Bad Mother's Revenge

'Hello, you have reached the Bad Mothers Crisis Helpline. Your call is important to you. Your call may be monitored for Staff Entertainment purposes. Please choose an option from our options menu, or hold the line until one of our overpaid, single and childless staff members can be bothered to take your call.' It's not easy being a mother. In *Bad Mother's Revenge* Sonia Neale explains how most parenting books are really Weapons of Mass Deception, how the Dalai Lama would be a whole lot more impressive if he had to remain serene with three children in tow, and answers the eternal question, how many happy teenagers does it take to change a light bulb? (Answer: There's no such thing as a happy teenager.) A witty, original and frequently poignant look at motherhood, that isn't afraid to look at the dark side, as well as the joys, of being a mum.

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Michael Pollan

The Omnivore's Dilemma

Pollan examines the current eating disorder (the Atkins craze, the precipitous rise in obesity) in this fascinating journey up and down the food chain, one that might change the way you read the label on a frozen dinner, dig into a steak or decide whether to buy organic eggs. You'll certainly never look at a Chicken McNugget the same way again. Pollan approaches his mission not as an activist but as a naturalist: "The way we eat represents our most profound engagement with the natural world." All food, he points out, originates with plants, animals and fungi. "[E]ven the deathless Twinkie is constructed out of... well, precisely *what* I don't know offhand, but ultimately some sort of formerly living creature, i.e., a *species*. We haven't yet begun to synthesize our foods from petroleum, at least not directly." Pollan's narrative strategy is simple: he traces four meals back to their ur-species. He starts with a McDonald's lunch, which he and his family gobble up in their car. Surprise: the origin of this meal is a cornfield in Iowa. Corn feeds the steer that turns into the burgers, becomes the oil that cooks the fries and the syrup that sweetens the shakes and the sodas, and makes up 13 of the 38 ingredients in the Chicken McNuggets. Indeed, one of the many eye-openers in the book is the prevalence of corn in the American diet; of the 45,000 items in a supermarket, more than a quarter contain corn. Pollan meditates on the freakishly protean nature of the corn plant and looks at how the food industry has exploited it, to the detriment of everyone from farmers to fat-and-getting-fatter Americans. Besides Stephen King, few other writers have made a corn field seem so sinister...

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The 150 Psalms contain some of the most inspiring lines in the Old Testament: Psalm 23 'The Lord is My Shepherd' and Psalm 121 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills'. Yet few know them as a set, and this recording, in Alex Jennings's clear performance, allows us to consider them as a whole. They are not all uplifting and comfortable. Many involve darker sentiments of revenge or punishment; many appear to be by David or about David; others are To the chief Musician upon Gittith. Their variety is part of their strength and their power, especially in the magisterial language of the King James Bible used here. They are presented with English choral music from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

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Science Fiction

Douglas Adams

Life, The Universe And Everything (mostly unabridged)

The unhappy inhabitants of planet Krikkit are sick of looking at the night sky above their heads--so they plan to destroy it. The universe, that is. Now only five individuals stand between the white killer robots of Krikkit and their goal of total annihilation.

Arthur Dent, Ford Prefect, Zaphod Beeblebrox, Trillian and Slartibartfast have no choice but to work together in an attempt to stop the gate that holds the planet Krikkit in a prison of time and space from being reformed by the relentless white robots. Only with Doug Adams could this task entail bumping into the universe's longest party, a sudden appearance with a Chesterfield sofa on the playing fields of Lords, discovering the motives of a mighty computer of the past, fully realising the bad taste of humans... all served up with Adams' trademark wit and delight in the most improbable of improbables.

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Douglas Adams

So Long, And Thanks For All The Fish (mostly unabridged)

Back on Earth with nothing more to show for his long, strange trip through time and space than a ratty towel and a plastic shopping bag, Arthur Dent is ready to believe that the past eight years were all just a figment of his stressed-out imagination. But a gift-wrapped fishbowl with a cryptic inscription, the mysterious disappearance of Earth's dolphins, and the discovery of his battered copy of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* all conspire to give Arthur the sneaking suspicion that something otherworldly is indeed going on...

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Iain M. Banks

The Algebraist

It is 4034 AD. Humanity has made it to the stars. Fassin Taak, a Slow Seer at the Court of the Nasqueron Dwellers, will be fortunate if he makes it to the end of the year. The Nasqueron Dwellers inhabit a gas giant on the outskirts of the galaxy, in a system awaiting its wormhole connection to the rest of civilization. In the meantime, they are dismissed as decadents living in a state of highly developed barbarism, hoarding data without order, hunting their own young and fighting pointless formal wars. Seconded to a military-religious order he's barely heard of - part of the baroque hierarchy of the Mercatoria, the latest galactic hegemony - Fassin Taak has to travel again amongst the Dwellers. He is in search of a secret hidden for half a billion years. But with each day that passes a war draws closer - a war that threatens to overwhelm everything and everyone he's ever known.

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Brian Herbert & Kevin J. Anderson

Hunters Of Dune

Based directly on Frank Herbert's final outline, which lay hidden in a safe-deposit box for a decade, "Hunters of Dune" will finally answer the urgent questions Dune fans have been debating for two decades.

At the end of Frank Herbert's final novel, "Chapterhouse: Dune," a ship carrying a crew of refugees escapes into the uncharted galaxy, fleeing from a terrifying, mysterious Enemy. "Hunters of Dune" is the exotic odyssey of the crew as it is forced to elude the diabolical traps set by the ferocious, unknown Enemy. To strengthen their forces, the fugitives have used genetic technology to revive key figures from Dune's past--including Paul Muad'Dib and Lady Jessica--so their special talents will challenge those thrown at them. Failure is unthinkable--not only is their survival at stake, but they hold the fate of the entire human race in their hands.

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Orson Scott Card

Children Of The Mind

The planet Lusitania is home to three sentient species: the Pequeninos, a large colony of humans, and the Hive Queen, who was brought there by Ender Wiggin. But now, once again, the human race has grown fearful; the Starways Congress has gathered a fleet to destroy Lusitania. Ender's oldest friend, Jane, an evolved computer intelligence, can save the three sentient species of Lusitania. She has learned how to move ships outside the universe, and then instantly back to a different world, abolishing the light-speed limit. But it takes all the processing power available to her, and the Starways Congress is shutting down the network of computers in which she lives, world by world. Soon Jane will not be able to move the ships. Ender's children must save her if they are to save themselves.

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The Crystal City

Using the lore and the folk magic of the men and women who settled a continent, and the beliefs of the tribes who were here before them, Card has created an alternate frontier America. Charms, beseechings, hexes, and potions all have a place in the lives of the people of this world.

Alvin Miller is the seventh son of a seventh son, born while his six brothers all still lived. Such a birth is a powerful magic; such a boy is destined to perhaps become a Maker. Rejoin the tale of Alvin and his wife Peggy as they work to create the Crystal City of Alvin's vision, where all people can live together in peace.

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Orson Scott Card

Shadow of the Giant

Bean, once the smallest student at the Battle School, and Ender Wiggins' right hand, has grown to be a power on Earth. He served the Hegemon as strategist and general in the terrible wars that followed Ender's defeat of the alien empire attacking Earth. Now he wishes for a safe place to build a family--something he has never known--but there is nowhere on Earth that does not harbour his enemies--old enemies from the days in Ender's Jeesh, new enemies from the wars on Earth. To find security, Bean and Petra must once again follow in Ender's footsteps. They must leave Earth behind, in the control of the Hegemon, and look to the stars.

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Orson Scott Card

Shadow of the Hegemon

Ender was not the only child in the Battle School; he was just the best of the best. In "Ender's Shadow," Card told the story of another of those precocious generals, the one they called Bean--the one who became Ender's right hand, his strategist, and his friend.

And now Card continues Bean's story, and finally tells a tale long-awaited by his millions of fans. At last we learn what happened on Earth after the destruction of the Hive Queen's worlds; after humanity no longer had a single enemy to unify the warring nations. This is the story of how Bean turned away from his first friend, Ender, and became the tactical genius who won the Earth for Ender's brother, Peter, who became the Hegemon.

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Carol Ann Duffy

Rapture

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Rapture is a map of real love, in all its churning complexity; simultaneously direct and subtle, with poems that will find deep resonance in the experience of most readers, it is a collection that can and does speak for us all.

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Stephen Fry

The Ode Less Travelled: Unlocking the poet within

"I have a dark and dreadful secret. I write poetry... I believe poetry is a primal impulse within all of us. I believe we are all capable of it and furthermore that a small, often ignored corner of us positively yearns to try it."

Stephen Fry believes that if one can speak and read English, one can write poetry. Many of us have never been taught to read or write poetry and think of it as a mysterious and intimidating form. Or, if we have been taught, we remember uncomfortable silence when an English teacher invited the class to "respond" to a poem. In "The Ode Less Travelled," Fry sets out to correct this problem by giving aspiring poets the tools and confidence they need to write poetry for pleasure.

Fry is a wonderfully engaging teacher and writer of poetry himself, and he explains the various elements of poetry in simple terms, without condescension. His enjoyable exercises and witty insights introduce the concepts of Metre, Rhyme, Form, Diction, and Poetics. Aspiring poets will learn to write a sonnet, an ode, a villanelle, a ballad, and a haiku, among others.

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