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Adult Fiction

Adventure

Somewhere in the Deep

DB119307 12 hours 36 minutes

by Tanvi Berwah

read by Deepa Samuel

"Krescent Dune is buried under the weight of her dead parents' debt and the ruinous legacy they left behind. The only way she can earn enough money to escape her unforgiving island is by fighting monstrous amphibians in underground fighting pits. She's never lost a match, until now. Desperate, Krescent is offered a deal. Her debts will be erased if she joins a hunting party for a dangerous rescue mission deep beneath the island. With no other choice, Krescent is forced to play nice as the group's bodyguard, even though every step that brings them deeper underground means she must face the terrifying truth that she is trapped with her childhood enemy and people who would gladly kill her if they knew who her parents were. As the group journeys down beyond where their maps end with creatures never seen before, Krescent begins to suspect there's more to their rescue mission than first meets the eye. Soon enough, they are

abandoned in the deep dark underground, with only monsters seen and unseen for company.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Fantasy

Gods of the Wyrwood

DB119147 22 hours 23 minutes

by R.J. Barker

read by Jude Owusu

“Cahan du Nahare is known as the forester a man who can navigate the dangerous Deepforest like no one else. But once he was more. Once he belonged to the god of fire. Udinny serves the goddess of the lost, a goddess of small things; when she ventures into the Deepforest to find a lost child, Cahan will be her guide. But in a land where territory is won and lost for uncaring gods, where temples of warrior monks pit one prophet against another Cahan will need to choose the forest or the fire—and his choice will have consequences for his entire world.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. 2023.

The Dangerous Ones

DB120226 11 hours 8 minutes

by Lauren Blackwood

read by Angel Pean

“Eighteen-year-old Jerusalem, a fearless Saint with demigod powers, joins the Union Army seeking revenge against the vampire who enslaved her family, but in order to find success, she finds herself reluctantly teaming up with Alexei, a handsome Union vampire she can’t help but fall for.” — Provided by publisher.

Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

The Fox Wife: A Novel

DB119298 14 hours 41 minutes

by Yangsze Choo

read by Yangsze Choo

“Manchuria, 1908. A young woman is found frozen in the snow. Her death is clouded by rumors of foxes involved, which are believed to lure people by transforming themselves into beautiful women and men. Bao, a detective with a reputation for sniffing out the truth, is hired to uncover the dead woman’s identity. Since childhood, Bao has been intrigued by the fox gods, yet they’ve remained tantalizingly out of reach.

Until, perhaps, now. Meanwhile, a family that owns a famous Chinese medicine shop can cure ailments, but not the curse that afflicts them—their eldest sons die before their twenty-fourth birthdays. Now the only grandson of the family is twenty-three. When a mysterious woman enters their household, their luck seems to change. Or does it? Is their new servant a simple young woman from the north or a fox spirit bent on her own revenge?” — Provided by publisher.

Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Beasts of War

DB119185 13 hours 20 minutes

by Ayana Gray

read by Alexander Cantrell

“Once a prisoner to Fedu, the vengeful god of death, Koffi has regained her freedom, but she is far from safe. Fedu will stop at nothing to hunt her down and use her power to decimate the mortal world. Koffi knows when Fedu will strike: during the next Bonding, a once-in-a-lifetime celestial event. To survive, Koffi will have to find powerful new

allies quickly, and convince them to help her in the terrible battle to come.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Compass and Blade

DB120127 9 hours 54 minutes

by Rachel Greenlaw

read by Lizzie Waterworth

“On the remote isle of Rosevear, Mira, like her mother before her, is a wrecker, one of the seven on the rope who swim out to shipwrecks to plunder them. Mira’s job is to rescue survivors, if there are any. After all, she never feels the cold of the frigid ocean waters and the waves seem to sing to her soul. But the people of Rosevear never admit the truth: that they set the beacons themselves to lure ships into the rocks. When the Council watch lays a trap to put an end to the wrecking, they arrest Mira’s father. Desperate to save him from the noose, Mira strikes a deal with an enigmatic wreck survivor guarding layers of secrets behind his captivating eyes, and sets off to find something her mother has left her, a family secret buried deep in the sea. With just nine days to find what she needs to rescue her father, all Mira knows for certain is this: The sea gives. The sea takes. And it’s up to her to do what she must to save the ones she loves.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Evergreen

DB119563 8 hours 44 minutes

by Devin Greenlee

read by Michael Crouch

“All seventeen-year-old Quill wants is a break from the family business. Flowers,

plants, the generations-old garden. What he wouldn’t give for a taste of the outside world. Normalcy. But his mom won’t let him out of the house, telling him he’s just not ready . . . All because he’s a dryad. Well, not just any dryad, but a male dryad—the first ever. And unlike everyone else in his family, he hasn’t a lick of magic. Just a shock of green hair, matching green eyes, and a growing frustration that there’s an entire world out there waiting to be discovered. Until the night when the outside world—specifically his new neighbor—discovers him. Liam Watson lives in a culture filled with electronics, mobile devices, and social media—where there is no magic or even the belief in it. And as much as Quill finds Liam irritating (he’s so cute it’s annoying), he can’t help himself. Now Quill’s getting a taste of the outside world and of Liam . . . and he wants more. But all is not well in this magical, urban garden, and someone-or something—is changing the very essence of it. And wherever Quill goes, the danger grows . . .” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

King of Dead Things

DB120938 11 hours 1 minutes

by Nevin Holness

read by Troy Glasgow

“Eli, who possesses unique magical abilities, and Malcolm, desperate to escape his past and save his mother, join forces to retrieve a dangerous magical artifact in the mystical underbelly of London.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

King Bullet: A Sandman Slim Novel

DB121219 8 hours 3 minutes

by Richard Kadrey

read by MacLeod Andrews

“It’s been three months since Stark stopped a death cult and a potential ghost apocalypse, and he’s at loose ends. L.A. is gripped by a viral epidemic that has everyone wearing masks and keeping their distance from each other. But what’s even more frightening is the Shoggot gang and their leader, King Bullet, who revels in the city’s collapse. Who is King Bullet? No one knows. He seemingly came from nowhere with nothing but a taste for mayhem and an army of crazed killers who follow his every command. What king wants seems simple on it face: Chaos. Destruction. A city in flames. But there’s more to the king and his plans for L.A. and what Stark discovers will change Heaven, Earth, and Stark himself forever.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

Paladin’s Faith

DB118306 17 hours 44 minutes

by T. Kingfisher

read by MacKenzie Beyer

“Marguerite Florian is a spy with two problems. A former employer wants her dead, and one of her new bodyguards is a far too good-looking paladin with a martyr complex. Shane is a paladin with three problems. His god is dead, his client is much too attractive for his peace of mind, and a powerful organization is trying to have them both killed. Add in a brilliant artificer with a device that may change the world, a glittering and dangerous court, and a demon-led cult, and

Shane and Marguerite will be lucky to escape with their souls intact, never mind their hearts . . .” — Provided by publisher. Strong language, some violence and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2023.

Empire of the Damned

DB120813 31 hours 38 minutes

by Jay Kristoff

read by Damian Lynch

“From holy cup comes holy light; The faithful hands sets world aright. And in the Seven Martyrs’ sight, Mere man shall end this endless night. Gabriel de León has saved the Holy Grail from death, but his chance to end the endless night is lost. Drawn into an uneasy alliance with the mysterious vampire Liathe, Gabriel must now deliver the Grail to ancients of the Blood Esani, and learn the truth of how Daysdeath might be finally undone. But the Last Silversaint faces peril, within and without. Pursued by terrors of the Blood Voss, drawn into warfare between the Blood Dyvok and dusk-dancers of the frozen Highlands, and ravaged by his own rising bloodlust, Gabriel may not survive to see the Grail learn her truth. And that truth may be too awful for any to imagine.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Valdemar

DB121001 17 hours 1 minutes

by Mercedes Lackey

read by Paul Woodson

“The refugees from the Empire have established a thriving city called Haven with the help of the Tayledras and their allies. But the Tayledras have begun a slow withdrawal to the dangerous

lands known as the Pelagirs, leaving the humans of Haven to find their own way. But even with Haven settled, the lands around Haven are not without danger. Most of the danger comes in the form of magicians: magicians taking advantage of the abundant magical energy in the lands the Tayledras have cleansed; magicians who have no compunction about allying themselves with dark powers and enslaving magical beasts and the Elementals themselves. Kordas, his family, and his people will need all the help they can get. But when a prayer to every god he has ever heard of brings Kordas a very specific and unexpected form of help, the new kingdom of Valdemar is set on a path like nothing else the world has ever seen.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. 2024.

The Book That Broke the World

DB120776 15 hours 32 minutes

by Mark Lawrence

read by Jessica Whittaker

“The Library of Alexandria died in fire. Others fade away with less drama, ignored, forgotten, left to dust. To the athenaeum though, the great library of which all others are echoes, fires are merely a temporary inconvenience. The only true threat to the library’s existence is a book—the one Livira wrote. Livira’s book also brought her together with Evar, a young man who was raised in the library itself, and they discovered secrets that no one else had uncovered. But now they are separated—and something hunts them both.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

All This Twisted Glory

DB119684 11 hours 33 minutes

by Tahereh Mafi

read by Kate Reading

“Determined to escape Cyrus, the mercurial ruler of Tulan, Alizeh, heir to the Jinn throne, realizes Cyrus may be the key to fulfilling her own destiny, while in Arduania, Kamran finds a magical way to finally get to Tulan and rescue Alizeh.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Ballad & Dagger

DB113688 11 hours 33 minutes

by Daniel José Older

read by Lee Osorio

“When sixteen-year-old Mateo and Chela discover each other and their powers during a political battle between neighborhood factions, they set aside their differences to unravel the mystery behind their sunken homeland and to stop a dangerous political operative who is trying to harness their gifts to unleash terror on the world.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2022.

The Absinthe Underground

DB119420 8 hours 28 minutes

by Jamie Paction

read by Jeremy Carlisle Parker

“In the Belle Époque city of Severon, Sybil Clarion and Esme Rimbaud, best friends with a secret crush on each other, find themselves drawn into a risky heist proposition from a mysterious Green Faerie named Maeve, which could offer financial security but may endanger their carefully constructed lives.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Historical Fiction

Within These Walls of Sorrow: A Novel of World War II Poland

DB119667 14 hours 15 minutes

by Amanda Barratt

read by Romy Nordlinger

“Within weeks of Germany’s invasion of Poland, the brutal realities of occupation rob Zosia Lewandowska of the man she loves. As ghetto walls rise and the occupiers tighten their grip on the city of Kraków, Zosia meets Tadeusz Pankiewicz, a pharmacist who dares to operate a pharmacy in the heart of Kraków’s ghetto. Determined to help, no matter the cost, Zosia joins Tadeusz and his staff as they risk their lives to aid the Jewish people trapped by Nazi oppression. Hania Silberman’s carefree girlhood is shattered as her family is forced into the ghetto. Struggling to survive in a world hemmed in by walls and rife with cruelty and despair, she reunites with her former neighbor, Zosia, who now passes through the ghetto gates each day to work at the Pharmacy Under the Eagle. But as deportations winnow the ghetto’s population and snatch those she holds dear, Hania’s resiliency is tested in impossible ways. Zosia and Hania’s lives intertwine as they face the griefs and fears thrust upon them by war. Until one day, they are forced to make a desperate choice . . . one that will inexorably bind them together, even as they are torn apart. A testament to the durability of friendship and the courage that calls the ordinary to resist, *Within These Walls of Sorrow* illuminates the powerful true story of a group of unsung heroes who fought for hope and humanity in the

most harrowing of times.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

The Divorcées

DB120989 9 hours 53 minutes

by Rowan Beard

read by Bailey Carr

“For fans of *Beautiful Ruins* and *Lessons in Chemistry*, a novel set at a 1950s Reno ‘divorce ranch,’ about the complex friendship between two women who dare to imagine a different future. ‘A delicious literary page-turner from a fierce new voice.’ —Rebecca Makkai Lois Saunders thought that marrying the right man would finally cure her loneliness. But as picture-perfect as her husband is, she is suffocating in their loveless marriage. In 1951, though, unhappiness is hardly grounds for divorce—except in Reno, Nevada. At the Golden Yarrow, the most respectable of Reno’s famous ‘divorce ranches,’ Lois finds herself living with half a dozen other would-be divorcees, all in Reno for the six weeks’ residency that is the state’s only divorce requirement. They spend their days riding horses and their nights flirting with cowboys, and it’s as wild and fun as Lake Forest, Illinois, is prim and stifling. But it isn’t until Greer Lang arrives that Lois’s world truly cracks open. Gorgeous, beguiling, and completely indifferent to societal convention, Greer is unlike anyone Lois has ever met—and she sees something in Lois that no one else ever has. Under her influence, Lois begins to push against the limits that have always restrained her. But how much can she really trust her mysterious new friend? And how far will she go to forge her

independence, on her own terms? Set in the glamorous, dizzying world of 1950s Reno, where housewives and movie stars rubbed shoulders at gin-soaked casinos, *The Divorcees* is a riveting page-turner and a dazzling exploration of female friendship, desire, and freedom.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

The House Is on Fire

DB120593 12 hours 32 minutes

by Rachel Beanland

read by Andi Arndt

“Richmond, Virginia 1811. It’s the height of the winter social season, the General Assembly is in session, and many of Virginia’s gentleman planters, along with their wives and children, have made the long and arduous journey to the capital in hopes of whiling away the darkest days of the year. At the city’s only theater, the Charleston-based Placide & Green Company puts on two plays a night to meet the demand of a populace that’s done looking for enlightenment at the front of a church. On the night after Christmas, the theater is packed with more than six hundred holiday revelers. In the third-floor boxes, sits newly-widowed Sally Henry Campbell, who is glad for any opportunity to relive the happy times she shared with her husband. One floor away, in the colored gallery, Cecily Patterson doesn’t give a whit about the play but is grateful for a four-hour reprieve from a life that has recently gone from bad to worse. Backstage, young stagehand Jack Gibson hopes that, if he can impress the theater’s managers, he’ll be offered a permanent job with the company. And on the other side of town,

blacksmith Gilbert Hunt dreams of one day being able to bring his wife to the theater, but he’ll have to buy her freedom first. When the theater goes up in flames in the middle of the performance, Sally, Cecily, Jack, and Gilbert make a series of split-second decisions that will not only affect their own lives but those of countless others. And in the days following the fire, as news of the disaster spreads across the United States, the paths of these four people will become forever intertwined. Based on the true story of Richmond’s theater fire, *The House Is on Fire* offers proof that sometimes, in the midst of great tragedy, we are offered our most precious—and fleeting—chances at redemption.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

The Sweet Blue Distance

DB121002 28 hours 45 minutes

by Sara Donati

read by Kate Reading

“In 1857 a young midwife braves the perilous journey west from New York City to Santa Fe, New Mexico Territory in this captivating epic from Sara Donati, the international bestselling author of *Where the Light Enters*. Carrie Ballentyne’s life was upended in 1845 when she had to leave the only home she’d ever known in the mountains of upstate New York. With her are her widowed mother and younger brother Nathan, but the separation from Bonner, Ballentyne, and Savard relatives weighs heavily. In time Carrie finds footing as a midwife and nurse, but she never feels at ease in the city. So when, a decade later, she receives an invitation from a doctor in Santa Fe to join him at his practice,

she readily accepts. The trip across the country is long and often dangerous, but she travels the last leg on horseback with men who have been hired to see her safely through the Native nations fighting the westward flood of colonizers. On that journey she makes friends who will be with her for all her life: Eva, a young widow; and Eli, an experienced surveyor. Once Carrie is established in Santa Fe, it becomes clear that her employer is not everything she was led to believe, and she is forced to face far more challenges and responsibilities than she anticipated. But she dedicates herself to the work and the women, providing health care, delivering babies, and earning the trust of her patients. In the course of that first summer in New Mexico, determined to make a life for herself in a new kind of wilderness far beyond her imagination, Carrie finds friendship, support, and even love where she least expected.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Becoming Madam Secretary

DB119947 17 hours 22 minutes

by Stephanie Dray

read by Cassandra Campbell

“Raised on tales of her revolutionary ancestors, Frances Perkins arrives in New York City at the turn of the century, armed with her trusty parasol and an unyielding determination to make a difference. When she’s not working with children in the crowded tenements in Hell’s Kitchen, Frances throws herself into the social scene in Greenwich Village, befriending an eclectic group of politicians, artists, and activists, including the millionaire socialite Mary Harriman Rumsey, the flirtatious

budding author Sinclair Lewis, and the brilliant but troubled reformer Paul Wilson, with whom she falls deeply in love. But when Frances meets a young lawyer named Franklin Delano Roosevelt at a tea dance, sparks fly in all the wrong directions. She thinks he’s a rich, arrogant dilettante who gets by on a handsome face and a famous name. He thinks she’s a priggish bluestocking and insufferable do-gooder. Neither knows it yet, but over the next twenty years, they will form a historic partnership that will carry them both to the White House. Frances is destined to rise in a political world dominated by men, facing down the Great Depression as FDR’s most trusted lieutenant—even as she struggles to balance the demands of a public career with marriage and motherhood. And when vicious political attacks mount and personal tragedies threaten to derail her ambitions, she must decide what she’s willing to do—and what she’s willing to sacrifice—to save a nation.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

It All Comes Back to You

DB119543 9 hours 27 minutes

by Beth Duke

read by Amy McFadden

“Alabama, 1947. War’s over, cherry-print dresses, parking above the city lights, swing dancing. Beautiful, seventeen-year-old Violet lives in a perfect world. Everybody loves her. In 2012, she’s still beautiful, charming, and surrounded by admirers. Veronica “Ronni” Johnson, licensed practical nurse and aspiring writer, meets the captivating Violet in the assisted living facility where Violet requires no assistance, just

lots of male attention. When she dies, she leaves Ronni a very generous bequest—only if Ronni completes a book about her life within one year. As she’s drawn into the world of young Violet, Ronni is mesmerized by life in a simpler time. It’s an irresistible journey filled with revelations, some of them about men Ronni knew as octogenarians at Fairfield Springs. Struggling, insecure, flailing at the keyboard, Ronni juggles her patients, a new boyfriend, and a Samsonite factory of emotional baggage as she tries to craft a manuscript before her deadline. But then the secrets start to emerge, some of them in person. And they don’t stop. Everything changes.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

Cheneyville: A Novel of Murder, Loss, and Vengeance

DB119430 11 hours 52 minutes

by Paulette Jiles

read by Grover Gardner

“Consumed with grief, driven by vengeance, a man undertakes an unrelenting odyssey across the lawless post–Civil War frontier seeking redemption in this fearless novel from the award-winning and New York Times bestselling author of *News of the World*. Union soldier John Cheneyville suffered a traumatic head wound in battle. His recovery took the better part of a year as he struggled to regain his senses and mobility. By the time he returned home, the Civil War was over, but tragedy awaited. John’s beloved sister and her family had been brutally murdered. Their killer goes by many names. He fought for the North in the late unpleasantness, and wore a

badge in the name of the law. But the man John knows as A. J. Dodd is little more than a rabid animal, slaughtering without reason or remorse, needing to be put down. Traveling through the unforgiving landscape of a shattered nation in the midst of Reconstruction, John braves winter storms and confronts desperate people in pursuit of his quarry. Untethered, single-minded in purpose, he will not be deterred. Not by the U.S. Marshal who threatens to arrest him for murder should he succeed. And not by Victoria Reavis, the telegraphist aiding him in his death-driven quest, yet hoping he’ll choose to embrace a life with her instead. And as he trails Dodd deep into Texas, John accepts that this final reckoning between them may cost him more than all he’s already lost. . . .” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

A Dictator Calls

DB118388 3 hours 39 minutes

by Ismail Kadare

read by Mark Ashby

“Using a sophisticated and literary version of the ever-popular game of telephone to examine the relationship of writers with tyranny, Ismail Kadare reflects on three particular minutes in a long moment of time when the dark shadow of Joseph Stalin passed over the world. In June 1934, Stalin allegedly called Boris Pasternak and they spoke about the arrest of Osip Mandelstam. A telephone call from the dictator was not something necessarily relished, and in the complicated world of literary politics it would have provided opportunities for potential misunderstanding and profound trouble. But this was a call one

could not ignore. Stalin wanted to know what Pasternak thought of the idea that Mandelstam had been arrested. Ismail Kadare explores the afterlife of this phone call using accounts of witnesses, reporters, writers such as Isaiah Berlin and Anna Akhmatova, wives, mistresses, biographers, and even archivists of the KGB. The results offer a meditation on power and political structure, and how literature and authoritarianism construct themselves in plain sight of one another. Kadare's reconstruction becomes a gripping mystery, as if true crime is being presented in mosaic. A little time ago the poet Mandelstam was arrested. What have you to say to that, Comrade Pasternak?" — Provided by publisher. 2023.

Finding Margaret Fuller: A Novel

DB120066 13 hours 26 minutes

by Allison Pataki

read by Barrie Kreinik

"An epic reimagining of the life of Margaret Fuller—America's first feminist and the pioneering journalist who inspired a generation of writers and activists. Young, brazen, beautiful, and unapologetically brilliant, Margaret Fuller accepts an invitation from Ralph Waldo Emerson, the celebrated Sage of Concord, to meet his coterie of enlightened friends. There she becomes 'the radiant genius and fiery heart' of the Transcendentalists, a role model to a young Louisa May Alcott, an inspiration for Nathaniel Hawthorne's *Hester Prynne* and the scandalous *Scarlet Letter*, a friend to Henry David Thoreau as he ventures out to Walden Pond . . . and a muse to Emerson. But Margaret craves more than poetry and interpersonal

drama, and her restless soul needs new challenges and adventures. And so she charts a singular course against a backdrop of dizzying historical drama: From Boston, where she hosts a salon for students like Elizabeth Cady Stanton; to the editorial meetings of *The Dial* magazine, where she hones her pen as its co-founder; to Harvard's library, where she is the first woman permitted entry; to the gritty New York streets where she spars with Edgar Allan Poe and reports on Frederick Douglass. Margaret defies conventions time and again as an activist for women and an advocate for humanity, earning admirers and critics alike. When the legendary editor Horace Greeley offers her an assignment in Europe, Margaret again makes history as the first female foreign news correspondent, mingling with luminaries like Frédéric Chopin, William Wordsworth, George Sand and more. But it is in Rome that she finds a world of passion, romance, and revolution, taking a Roman count as a lover—and sparking an international scandal. Evolving yet again into the roles of mother and countess, Margaret enters the fight for Italy's unification." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Coronation Year: A Novel

DB120160 10 hours 20 minutes

by Jennifer Robson

read by Karen Cass

"It is Coronation Year, 1953, and a new queen is about to be crowned. The people of London are in a mood to celebrate, none more so than the residents of the Blue Lion hotel. Edie Howard, owner and operator of the floundering Blue Lion, has found the miracle she needs:

on Coronation Day, Queen Elizabeth in her gold coach will pass by the hotel's front door, allowing Edie to charge a fortune for rooms and, barring disaster, save her beloved home from financial ruin. Edie's luck might just be turning, all thanks to a young queen about her own age. Stella Donati, a young Italian photographer and Holocaust survivor, has come to live at the Blue Lion while she takes up a coveted position at Picture Weekly magazine. London in celebration mode feels like a different world to her. As she learns the ins and outs of her new profession, Stella discovers a purpose and direction that honor her past and bring hope for her future. James Geddes, a war hero and gifted artist, has struggled to make his mark in a world that disdains his Indian ancestry. At the Blue Lion, though, he is made to feel welcome and worthy. Yet even as his friendship with Edie deepens, he begins to suspect that something is badly amiss at his new home. When anonymous threats focused on Coronation Day, the Blue Lion, and even the queen herself disrupt their mood of happy optimism, Edie and her friends must race to uncover the truth, save their home, and expose those who seek to erase the joy and promise of Coronation Year." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Human Relationships

The Notes

DB120928 8 hours 46 minutes
by Catherine Con Morse
read by Alice Wen
"A reserved Chinese American teen at a Southern performing arts boarding school comes into her own under the

tutelage of a glamorous new piano teacher while grappling with her first love, adolescent and academic pressures, and mysterious, personal notes." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

LGBT Themes

Ponyboy: A Novel

DB117300 5 hours 18 minutes
by Eliot Duncan
read by Mare Trevathan
"Ponyboy unravels in his Paris apartment. Cut to the bar. Cut to the back room. Ponyboy is strung out and struggling. He is falling into the widening chasm between who he is—trans, electrically so—and the blank canvas his girlfriend, Baby, wants him to be. Cut to Berlin. Ponyboy sinks deeper into drugs and falls for Gabriel, all the while pursued by a photographer hungry for the next hot thing. As his relationships crumble, he overdoses. Cut to open sky. In a rehab back home in Iowa, Ponyboy is his mother's son. In precise, atmospheric prose, Eliot Duncan's debut novel lays bare the innate splendor, joy, and ache of becoming one's self." — Provided by publisher. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2023.

Swimming in the Dark: A Novel

DB117895 6 hours 33 minutes
by Tomasz Jedrowski
read by Will M. Watt
"When university student Ludwik meets Janusz at a summer agricultural camp, he is fascinated yet wary of this handsome, carefree stranger. But a chance meeting by the river soon becomes an intense,

exhilarating, and all-consuming affair. After their camp duties are fulfilled, the pair spend a dreamlike few weeks in the countryside, bonding over an illicit copy of James Baldwin's *Giovanni's Room*. Inhabiting a beautiful, natural world removed from society and its constraints, Ludwik and Janusz fall deeply in love. But in their repressive Communist and Catholic society, the passion they share is utterly unthinkable. Once they return to Warsaw, the charismatic Janusz quickly rises in the political ranks of the party and is rewarded with a highly coveted government position. Ludwik is drawn toward impulsive acts of protest, unable to ignore rising food prices and the stark economic disparity around them. Their secret love and personal and political differences slowly begin to tear them apart as both men struggle to survive in a regime on the brink of collapse." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

Mystery and Detective

Days of Wine and Roquefort

DB117003 11 hours 2 minutes

by Avery Aames

read by Laura Hatch

"Cheese Shop owner Charlotte Bessette's life seems quieter than ever with her fiancé out of town and her cousin Matthew and his children out of the house. But before she can put up her feet and enjoy a glass of chardonnay, Matthew asks her to play host to Noelle Adams, a bright sommelier visiting to help grow business for the local winery. An affable wine aficionado, Noelle is paired well with the cheese expert Charlotte—but something seems to

be troubling the secretive houseguest, and Charlotte's life is upended when she finds the sparkling woman dead. Between Noelle's hotheaded ex, the cagey owners of the winery, its jaded manager, and a wily reporter, Charlotte has her pick of suspects, but she needs to act fast—this is a mystery that only gets more dangerous with age." — Provided by publisher. Some violence. 2014.

A Detective's Complaint: A Novel

DB117004 11 hours 14 minutes

by Shimon Adaf

read by Doug Tisdale

"In *A Detective's Complaint*, the sequel to *One Mile and Two Days Before Sunset*, Elish Ben Zaken has traded working as a private investigator for writing detective novels based on unsolved cases from the past. He appears to live an ordinary writer's life: meeting with his agent, attending literary conferences. But all is not quite right with Elish, who cannot escape his past so easily, especially when his sister's daughter, Tahel, a teenager and an aspiring sleuth herself, calls on him for help. Tahel has uncovered a mystery: a young woman boarded a bus in Beersheva on a Thursday evening and stepped off in Sderot, close to the Gaza border, on Sunday evening. A bus ride that should have lasted an hour instead took three days, and the young woman remembers none of it. To assist Tahel—and, he tells himself, to conduct research for his next novel—Elish moves back to Sderot, where he grew up. His sister, Yaffa, has moved her family from Tel Aviv to a new lakeside development there; the property came cheap, despite the attractive setting, and

there are murmurs that the developer fled the country before it was completed. Some of the houses still stand empty, and Tahel keeps waking up at night to find her mother staring out at the lake, convinced she is being watched. Now, in the summer of 2014, Sderot lies near the center of the Gaza–Israel conflict, and sirens and missile strikes are part of the town’s daily reality—as are violent clashes between anti-war protestors and those who oppose them. In this pressurized environment, Elish must grapple with the deep wounds of history, both personal and political, and the human need for answers in a world that offers few.” — Provided by publisher. Translated from the 2015 Hebrew edition. Strong language and some violence. 2022.

Disturbing the Dead: A Rip through Time
Novel

DB120961 14 hours 26 minutes

by Kelley Armstrong
read by Kate Handford

“Victorian Scotland is becoming less strange to modern-day homicide detective Mallory Atkinson. Though inhabiting someone else’s body will always be unsettling, even if her employers know that she’s not actually housemaid Catriona Mitchell, ever since the night both of them were attacked in the same dark alley 150 years apart. Mallory likes her job as assistant to undertaker/medical examiner Dr. Duncan Gray, and is developing true friends—and feelings—in this century. So, understanding the Victorian fascination with death, Mallory isn’t that surprised when she and her friends are invited to a mummy unwrapping at the home of Sir Alastair Christie. When

their host is missing when it comes time to unwrap the mummy, Gray and Mallory are asked to step in. And upon closer inspection, it’s not a mummy they’ve unwrapped, but a much more modern body.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

The Mill House Murders

DB120637 7 hours 16 minutes

by Yukito Ayatsuji
read by David Shih

“As they do every year, a small group of acquaintances pay a visit to the remote, castle-like Water Mill House, home to the reclusive Fujinuma Kiichi, son of a famous artist, who has lived his life behind a rubber mask ever since a disfiguring car accident. This year, however, the visit is disrupted by an impossible disappearance, the theft of a painting, and a series of baffling murders. The brilliant Kiyoshi Shimada arrives to investigate. But will he get to the truth, and will you too be able to solve the mystery of the Mill House Murders?” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

All Day and a Night: A Novel of Suspense

DB120247 10 hours 34 minutes

by Alafair Burke
read by Andi Arndt

“When psychotherapist Helen Brunswick is murdered in her Park Slope office, the entire city suspects her estranged husband—until the District Attorney’s office receives an anonymous letter. The letter’s author knows a chilling detail that police have kept secret: the victim’s bones were broken after she was killed. Her injuries were eerily similar to the signature used twenty years earlier by Anthony Amaro, a serial killer serving a life sentence for

his crimes. Now, Amaro is asking to be released from prison, arguing that he was wrongly convicted, and the true killer is still on the loose. NYPD Detectives Ellie Hatcher and JJ Rogan are tapped as the ‘fresh look’ team to reassess the original investigation that led to Amaro’s conviction. The case pits them against both their fellow officers and a hard-charging celebrity defense lawyer with a young associate named Carrie Blank, whose older sister was one of Amaro’s victims. As the NYPD and Amaro’s lawyers search for certainty among conflicting evidence, their investigations take them back to Carrie’s hometown, where secrets buried long ago lead to a brutal attack—one that makes it terrifyingly clear that someone has gotten too close to the truth.” — Provided by publisher. Strong language and some violence. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

The Fate of a Flapper

DB120964 8 hours 18 minutes

by Susanna Calkins

read by Sarah Naughton

“A 1920s Chicago speakeasy . . . Gina Ricci takes on a job as a cigarette girl to earn money for her ailing father—and to prove to herself that she can hold her own at Chicago’s most notorious speakeasy, the Third Door. She’s enchanted by the harsh, glamorous world she discovers: the sleek socialites sipping bootlegged cocktails, the rowdy ex-servicemen playing poker in a curtained back room, the flirtatious jazz pianist and the brooding photographer—all overseen by the club’s imposing owner, Signora Castalazzo. But the staff buzzes with whispers about Gina’s predecessor, who

died under mysterious circumstances, and the photographer, Marty, warns her to be careful. When Marty is brutally murdered, with Gina as the only witness, she’s determined to track down his killer. What secrets did Marty capture on his camera—and who would do anything to destroy it? As Gina searches for answers, she’s pulled deeper into the shadowy truths hiding behind the Third Door.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. 2020.

Finlay Donovan Rolls the Dice: A Novel **DB119645** 9 hours 9 minutes

by Elle Cosimano

read by Angela Dawe

“Finlay Donovan and her nanny/partner-in-crime Vero are in sore need of a girls’ weekend away. They plan a trip to Atlantic City, but odds are—seeing as it’s actually a cover story to negotiate a deal with a dangerous loan shark, save Vero’s childhood crush Javi, and hunt down a stolen car—it won’t be all fun and games. When Finlay’s ex-husband Steven and her mother insist on tagging along too, Finlay and Vero suddenly have a few too many meddlesome passengers along for the ride. Within hours of arriving in their seedy casino hotel, it becomes clear their rescue mission is going to be a bust. Javi’s kidnapper, Marco, refuses to negotiate, demanding payment in full in exchange for Javi’s life. But that’s not all—he insists on knowing the whereabouts of his missing nephew, Ike, who mysteriously disappeared. Unable to confess what really happened to Ike, Finlay and Vero are forced to come up with a new plan: sleuth out the location of Javi and the

Aston Martin, then steal them both back. But when they sneak into the loan shark's suite to search for clues, they find more than they bargained for—Marco's already dead. They don't have a clue who murdered him, only that they themselves have a very convincing motive. Then four members of the police department unexpectedly show up in town, also looking for Ike—and after Finlay's night with hot cop Nick at the police academy, he's a little too eager to keep her close to his side. If Finlay can juggle a jealous ex-husband, two precocious kids, her mother's marital issues, a decomposing loan shark, and find Vero's missing boyfriend, she might get out of Atlantic City in one piece. But will she fold under the pressure and come clean about the things she's done, or be forced to double down?" — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Don't Know Tough

DB119399 8 hours 17 minutes

by Eli Cranor

read by Eli Cranor

"In Denton, Arkansas, the fate of the high school football team rests on the shoulders of Billy Lowe, a volatile but talented running back. Billy comes from an extremely troubled home: a trailer park where he is terrorized by his unstable mother's abusive boyfriend. Billy takes out his anger on the field, but when his savagery crosses a line, he faces suspension. Without Billy Lowe, the Denton Pirates can kiss their playoff bid goodbye. But the head coach, Trent Powers, who just moved from California with his wife and two children for this job, has more than just his paycheck

riding on Billy's bad behavior. As a born-again Christian, Trent feels a divine calling to save Billy—save him from his circumstances, and save his soul. Then Billy's abuser is found murdered in the Lowe family trailer, and all evidence points toward Billy. Now nothing can stop an explosive chain of violence that could tear the whole town apart on the eve of the playoffs." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Edgar Award. 2022.

The Diva Delivers on a Promise

DB120963 8 hours 30 minutes

by Krista Davis

read by Hillary Huber

"Sophie is busy handling the first ever convention of the Association of Ghost Kitchens—restaurants that do delivery only—but she's taking a little time out for a lunch meeting organized by A Healthy Meal. The group is dedicated to providing meals for children in need, and as a bonus, it'll give Sophie the perfect opportunity to ogle the lavish Old Town home of socialite Geraldine Stansfield. Gerrie's dining room is impeccably furnished, the table laden with gleaming crystal and prized china. If it weren't for the dead man lying on the floor, everything would be perfect . . ." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Last Orders

DB119097 11 hours 59 minutes

by Caimh McDonnell

read by Morgan C. Jones

"As a wise man once said, just because you're done with the past, doesn't mean the past is done with you. Paul can't let an incident from his past go. When

he finds out a rival detective agency played a key role in it, he drags MCM Investigations into a blood feud that they can't hope to win. Soon they're faced with the prospect of the company going out of business and Brigit going out of her damn mind. When long-buried bodies are discovered in the Wicklow Mountains, Bunny's past starts closing in on him too. Who can he trust when he can't even trust himself? When he finds himself with nowhere left to run and nobody he can turn to, will the big fella make the ultimate sacrifice to protect the ones he loves? When all that's left is the fall, the fall is everything. And even the mighty fall." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

The Night Guest

DB119012 8 hours 24 minutes

by Fiona McFarlane

read by Jill Fox

"Ruth is widowed, her sons are grown, and she lives in an isolated beach house outside of town. Her routines are few and small. One day a stranger arrives at her door, looking as if she has been blown in from the sea. This woman—Frida—claims to be a care worker sent by the government. Ruth lets her in. Now that Frida is in her house, is Ruth right to fear the tiger she hears on the prowl at night, far from its jungle habitat? Why do memories of childhood in Fiji press upon her with increasing urgency? How far can she trust this mysterious woman, Frida, who seems to carry with her her own troubled past? And how far can Ruth trust herself?" — Provided by publisher. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2013.

The Rumor Game: A Novel

DB119404 12 hours 49 minutes

by Thomas Mullen

read by Megan Tusing

"Reporter Anne Lemire writes the Rumor Clinic, a newspaper column that disproves the many harmful rumors floating around town, some of them spread by Axis spies and others just gossip mixed with fear and ignorance. Tired of chasing silly rumors about Rosie Riveters' safety on the job, she wants to write about something bigger. Special Agent Devon Mulvey, one of the few Catholics at the FBI, spends his weekdays preventing industrial sabotage and his Sundays spying on clerics with suspect loyalties—and he spends his evenings wooing the many lonely women whose husbands are off at war. When Anne's story about Nazi propaganda intersects with Devon's investigation into the death of a factory worker, the two are led down a dangerous trail of espionage, organized crime, and domestic fascism—one that implicates their own tangled pasts and threatens to engulf the city in violence." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Circle in the Water

DB120858 4 hours 47 minutes

by Marcia Muller

read by Tanis Parenteau

"San Francisco is home to more than 200 privately owned streets. Most are alleyways, but a select few look torn straight from the pages of a magazine. Lined with mansions and elaborate gardens, the properties are luxurious and perfectly maintained; security guards patrol the grounds to keep the curious

at bay. Few know of these exclusive enclaves, but those who do prowl for availability, ready to make a grab for the precious real estate if opportunity strikes. When several such streets are targeted in a series of so-called pranks, Sharon is hired by a coalition of concerned owners to investigate. But as things escalate—an attempt on Sharon’s life, an explosion at a meth lab, and a shocking murder—Sharon realizes far more is at play than a few misdemeanors gone wrong. The case takes a sudden turn when one of McCone & Ripinsky’s most trusted employees is implicated, and Sharon will have to dig deep to save her agency—and her life.”—Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Rival’s Break

DB119286 9 hours 21 minutes

by Carla Neggers

read by Susan Boyce

“Emma Sharpe is recovering from a shattering loss while her husband, Colin Donovan, is deep into his latest undercover mission. The couple are grateful for a respite a chance to enjoy a peaceful autumn weekend together on the southern Maine coast to celebrate Colin’s brother Andy’s wedding. But the peace is short-lived when Kevin Donovan, a marine patrol officer, receives a call to check on suspected food poisoning at a party aboard a yacht. Colin decides to tag along. He is surprised to recognize one of the victims as an undercover British intelligence officer, and it quickly becomes evident they’re dealing with something very sinister. At the same time a valuable painting by Irish artist Aoife O’Byrne a friend of Emma and Colin’s

goes missing from the yacht, and the connections make the investigation international and extremely personal. Emma and Colin discover they are up against a deadly foe who plans to strike again. With the help of their small, elite Boston-based FBI team, they must foil an attack that will have devastating effects. It’s a case that will alter their lives beyond anything they’ve ever imagined . . .” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

The Witch in the Well

DB118562 11 hours 44 minutes

by Sharan Newman

read by Gabriella Cavallero

“Catherine LeVendeur is a creature of 12th century France whose life is a mirror of her times—but she is armed with a keen mind and lively curiosity. When Catherine’s grandfather sends for his family to tell them their well is going dry, Catherine is alarmed. The family’s wealth depends on its status, and if the well goes dry, their castle will fall. Her grandfather seems wracked with a fear deeper than that, though—and there’s a mysterious woman who is either old or young, dead or alive—depending on whom you ask. Catherine doesn’t believe the magical legends her family has handed down, that they are the descendants of a knight of Charlemagne’s and a faerie—she puts her faith and distrust in the human condition. When bodies begin appearing—not ghostly specters, but freshly-dead humans—Catherine knows she’s right, and must uncover the secrets of the witch in the well . . .” — Provided by publisher. Some violence and some strong language. 2004.

Granite Harbor: A Novel

DB120884 11 hours 22 minutes

by Peter Nichols

read by Peter Ganim

“Set in small-town Maine, an English novelist-turned-detective investigates a serial killer preying on the historic town.” — Provided by publisher.

Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Ordinary Human Failings

DB119104 5 hours 44 minutes

by Megan Nolan

read by Jessica Regan

“It’s 1990 in London and Tom

Hargreaves has it all: a burgeoning career as a reporter, fierce ambition and a brisk disregard for the ‘peasants’—ordinary people, his readers, easy tabloid fodder. His star seems set to rise when he stumbles across a sensational scoop: a dead child on a London estate, grieving parents beloved across the neighborhood, and the finger of suspicion pointing at one reclusive family of Irish immigrants and “bad apples”: the Greens. At their heart sits Carmel: beautiful, otherworldly, broken, and once destined for a future beyond her circumstances until life – and love – got in her way. Crushed by failure and surrounded by disappointment, there’s nowhere for her to go and no chance of escape. Now, with the police closing in on a suspect and the tabloids hunting their monster, she must confront the secrets and silences that have trapped her family for so many generations.” — Provided by publisher.

Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Fish Swimming in Dappled Sunlight

DB117884 5 hours 9 minutes

by Riku Onda

read by Kristin Allison

“This gripping psychological thriller takes place in a desolate apartment in a Japanese city. The protagonists, Aki and Hiro, fell in love at university before becoming convinced that they were brother and sister, separated when young after Aki was adopted. After living together platonically for some years they went on a trek in the mountains, where their guide—their estranged natural father—died inexplicably. Each believes the other to be the murderer and are determined to extract a confession. The suspicion has destroyed their relationship and so they have decided to go their separate ways. But first, they feel compelled to discuss what happened that day. In the ensuing psychological battle of wills during their last night together, they retrace events and come to a stunning conclusion. The thriller—buried in a literary whodunit—explores the mysteries of romantic love, memory and attaining self-knowledge. Like the best Japanese crime writing it is an unflinching foray into the darker recesses of the soul, quietly suspenseful and elegantly constructed. A psychological thriller by the Japanese author of the highly acclaimed *The Aosawa Murders*, selected by NYT as one of the most notable books of 2020. A desolate apartment, a man and a woman about to spend their last night together. Each believes the other to be a killer, and is determined to extract a confession. Two people desperate to unlock the truth. The pair’s relationship and chain of events leading up to this night are revealed in chapters that alternate between the two voices, giving different versions of the same events.” — Provided by publisher.

Translated from the Japanese edition.
Some strong language. 2022.

The Body in the Web

DB119476 8 hours 38 minutes

by Katherine Hall Page

read by Tanya Eby

“Faith Fairchild joins the rest of the world in lockdown mode when reality flips in March 2020. As the pandemic spreads, Faith and her family readjust to life together in Aleford, Massachusetts. Her husband, Tom, continues his sermons from Zoom; their children, Ben, who’s in college, and Amy, a high school senior, are doing remote learning at home. Faith is happy to have her family under the same roof and grateful for her resilient community, friends, and neighbors in Aleford. Town halls remain lively and well-attended, despite residents joining from their living rooms. It is at one of these town halls that scandal breaks out. In the midst of a Zoom meeting, damaging images suddenly flash upon everyone’s screens. Claudia, local art teacher and Faith’s dear friend, is immediately recognized as the woman who has been targeted. When Claudia is later discovered dead, Faith, with the help of her friends, journeys deep into the dark web to unravel the threads of Claudia’s mysterious history and shocking passing.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. 2023.

A Midnight Puzzle: A Secret Staircase Mystery

DB119883 10 hours 42 minutes

by Gigi Pandian

read by Soneela Nankani

“Secret Staircase Construction is under attack, and Tempest Raj feels helpless.

After former client Julian Rhodes tried to kill his wife, he blamed her ‘accident’ on the home renovation company’s craftsmanship. Now the family business—known for bringing magic into homes through hidden doors, floating staircases, and architectural puzzle walls—is at a breaking point. No amount of Scottish and Indian meals from her grandfather can distract Tempest from the truth: they’re being framed. When Tempest receives an urgent midnight phone call from Julian, she decides to meet him at the historic Whispering Creek Theater—only to find his dead body, a sword through his chest. After a blade appears from thin air to claim another victim, Tempest is certain they’re dealing with a booby trap . . . something Secret Staircase Construction could easily build. Tempest refuses to wait for the investigation to turn to her or her loved ones. She knows the pieces of the puzzle are right in front of her, she just has to put them together correctly before more disaster strikes. Multiple award-winning author Gigi Pandian and her sleuth Tempest Raj return in *A Midnight Puzzle*, where an old theater reveals a deadly booby trap, secrets, and one puzzle of a mystery.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated.
Commercial audiobook. 2024.

One in the Chamber

DB120095 12 hours 32 minutes

by Robin Peguero

read by Zion Jang

“On Capitol Hill, they work you to death. Cameron Leann is new to Washington, D.C. An Iowa farm boy without a penny to his name, Cam has

joined a group of affluent junior staffers working for a powerful cohort of U.S. Senators known as The Gang of Six. Liz Frost, the group's charismatic leader, teases and strings Cam along as he grows increasingly infatuated with her. Heir to a political dynasty, Randy Lancaster pushes Cam to his limits with his penchant for booze, drugs, and meaningless flings. Charlie James, Liz's linebacker boyfriend, keeps Cam at a distance, eyeing the newcomer with suspicion. All of them have one thing in common. They hate their bosses. As the Gang of Six takes up the rushed nomination of the first Black chief justice to the Supreme Court, Cam and his friends are plotting against them. But in the game of politics, one's motivations are never as they seem—especially true for Cam, the enigmatic figure at the center of it all. When a bombshell revelation threatens to sink the President's Supreme Court pick, the Gang of Six fractures, pitting senator against senator in a confirmation battle for the ages. Alliances shift with the wind. Everyone is lying to everyone. And on Election Night, one senator will end up dead.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Murder at Half Moon Gate

DB120672 12 hours 39 minutes

by Andrea Penrose

read by Cameron Stewart

“When Lord Wrexford discovers the body of a gifted inventor in a dark London alley, he promptly alerts the watchman and lets the authorities handle the matter. But Wrexford soon finds himself drawn into the murder investigation when the inventor's widow begs for his

assistance, claiming the crime was not a random robbery. It seems her husband's designs for a revolutionary steam-powered engine went missing the night of his death. The plans could be worth a fortune . . . and very dangerous in the wrong hands.” — Amazon.com. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

A Puzzling Amish Murder: Amish Cozy Mystery

DB120887 5 hours 58 minutes

by Samantha Price

read by Sara Morsey

“When Ettie stumbled over a dead body, she was surprised to see it was an Amish woman, Deena Brown. Ettie soon learned Deena had not always been Amish. It was one reason the woman never fitted in—that and the fact that no one saw her for days when she was working on her jigsaw puzzles. Ettie knew if she recreated Deena's last days the murderer would be revealed. It wasn't as easy as it seemed because the information didn't form a proper picture. Was the killer covering his tracks by hiding missing pieces?” — Provide by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

A Grave Robbery

DB119877 12 hours 29 minutes

by Deanna Raybourn

read by Angèle Masters

“Lord Rosemorran has purchased a wax figure of a beautiful reclining woman and asks Stoker to incorporate a clock-work mechanism to give the Rosemorran Collection its own Sleeping Beauty in the style of Madame Tussaud's. But when Stoker goes to cut the mannequin open to insert the mechanism, he makes

a gruesome discovery: this is no wax figure. The mannequin is the beautifully preserved body of a young woman who was once very much alive. But who would do such a dreadful thing, and why? Sleuthing out the answer to this question sets Veronica and Stoker on their wildest adventure yet. From the underground laboratories of scientists experimenting with electricity to resurrect the dead in the vein of Frankenstein to the traveling show where Stoker once toured as an attraction, the gaslit atmosphere of London in October is the perfect setting for this investigation into the unknown. Through it all, the intrepid pair is always one step behind the latest villain—a man who has killed once and will stop at nothing to recover the body of the woman he loved. Will they unmask him in time to save his next victim? Or will they become the latest figures to be immortalized in his collection of horrors?” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

One Across, Two Down

DB118174 7 hours 1 minutes

by Ruth Rendell

read by Andrew Randall

“Two things interest Stanley Manning: crossword puzzles, and the substantial sum his wife Vera stands to inherit when his mother-in-law dies. Otherwise, life at 61 Lanchester Road is a living hell. For Mrs. Kinaway lives with them now—and she will stop at nothing to tear their marriage apart. One afternoon, Stanley sets aside his crossword puzzles and changes all their lives forever . . .” — Provided by publisher. 1999.

Bless Your Heart

DB120250 10 hours 54 minutes

by Lindy Ryan

read by Stephanie Németh-Parker

“A crackling mystery-horror novel with big-hearted characters and Southern charm with a bite, *Bless Your Heart* is a gasp-worthy delight from start to finish from debut author Lindy Ryan. Rise and shine. The Evans women have some undead to kill. It’s 1999 in Southeast Texas and the Evans women, owners of the only funeral parlor in town, are keeping steady with . . . normal business. The dead die, you bury them. End of story. That’s how Ducey Evans has done it for the last eighty years, and her progeny—Lenore the experimenter and Grace, Lenore’s soft-hearted daughter, have run Evans Funeral Parlor for the last fifteen years without drama. Ever since That Godawful Mess that left two bodies in the ground and Grace raising her infant daughter Luna, alone. But when town gossip Mina Jean Murphy’s body is brought in for a regular burial and she rises from the dead instead, it’s clear that the Strigoi—the original vampire—are back. And the Evans women are the ones who need to fight back to protect their town. As more folks in town turn up dead and Deputy Roger Taylor begins asking way too many questions, Ducey, Lenore, Grace, and now Luna, must take up their blades and figure out who is behind the Strigoi’s return. As the saying goes, what rises up, must go back down. But as unspoken secrets and revelations spill from the past into the present, the Evans family must face that sometimes, the dead aren’t the only things you want

to keep buried. ‘A gloriously gruesome, compulsively readable debut that is as grizzly as it is clever and heartfelt.’”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Tender Beasts

DB120129 12 hours 33 minutes

by Liselle Sambury

read by Kimberly Woods

“Sunny Behre has four siblings, but only one is a murderer. With the death of Sunny’s mother, matriarch of the wealthy Behre family, Sunny’s once picture-perfect life is thrown into turmoil. Her mother had groomed her to be the family’s next leader, so Sunny is confused when the only instructions her mother leaves is a mysterious note: ‘Take care of Dom.’ The problem is, her youngest brother, Dom, has always been a near-stranger to Sunny . . . and seemingly a dangerous one, if found guilty of his second-degree murder charge. Still, Sunny is determined to fulfill her mother’s dying wish. But when a classmate is gruesomely murdered, and Sunny finds her brother with blood on his hands, her mother’s simple request becomes a lot more complicated. Dom swears he’s innocent, and although Sunny isn’t sure she believes him, she takes it upon herself to look into the murder—made all the more urgent by the discovery of another body. And another. As Sunny and Dom work together to track down the culprit, Sunny realizes her other siblings have their own dark secrets. Soon she may have to choose: preserve the family she’s always loved or protect the brother she barely knows—and risk

losing everything her mother worked so hard to build.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

The “Canary” Murder Case: A Philo Vance Story

DB116023 11 hours 10 minutes

by S.S. Van Dine

read by Michael Kramer

“At the height of his popularity, S.S. Vane Dine pens a locked-room mystery with a lethal dose of sex and sin where infamous actress, The Canary, is murdered in her cage after a passionate night with her lover. Margaret Odell, the famous Broadway beauty and ex-Follies girl known as The Canary, is found murdered in her ransacked apartment, her jewelry stolen. It appears to be a robbery gone wrong, but the police can find no physical evidence to pinpoint a culprit. No one witnessed anyone entering or leaving, and the only unwatched entrance to the apartment building was bolted from the inside. Who could have killed the Canary in her locked cage? Margaret was seeing a number of men, ranging from high society gentlemen to ruthless gangsters, and more than one man visited her apartment on the night she died.” — Provided by publisher. Some strong language. 1927.

Playing It Safe

DB120260 8 hours 12 minutes

by Ashley Weaver

read by Alison Larkin

“As the Blitz continues to ravage London, Ellie McDonnell—formerly a safecracking thief, but currently determined to stay on the straight and narrow to help her country—is approached

by British Intelligence officer Major Ramsey with a new assignment. She is to travel under an assumed identity to the port city of Sunderland and there await further instructions. In his usual infuriating way, the Major has left her task as vague and mysterious as possible. Ellie, ever-ready to aid her country, heads north, her safecracking tools in tow. But before she can rendezvous with the major, she witnesses an unnatural death. A man falls dead in the street in front of her, with a note clutched in his hand. Ellie's instincts tell her that the man's death is connected in some way to her mission. Soon, Ellie and the major are locked in a battle of wits and a race against time with an unknown and deadly adversary, and a case that leads them to a possible Nazi counterfeiting operation. With bombs dropping on the city and a would-be assassin shadowing their every move, it will take all of Ellie's resourcefulness and Major Ramsey's fortitude to unmask the spymaster and avert disastrous consequences—for England and for their own lives.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Second Skin

DB118688 10 hours 39 minutes

by Michael Wiley

read by Franklin Pearson

“When one of her students is found dead, English teacher Lillian Turner and her husband, Navy war veteran Johnny Bellefleur, are drawn into the investigation. Having made a macabre discovery which throws a disturbing new light on the case, Johnny and Lillian find themselves involved in something darker and

more dangerous than they could have imagined. With their marriage cracking under the strain and Johnny's sanity under threat, the pair is warned to stay out of the case by Lillian's brother, homicide detective Daniel Turner. Just what is Daniel's connection to the dead girl? Does he know more than he's letting on? Can Lillian trust her own brother?” — Provided by publisher. Violence, strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2015.

Murder in Postscript

DB119102 9 hours 19 minutes

by Mary Winters

read by Ella Lynch

“Amelia Amesbury widow, mother, and countess has a secret. Amelia writes for a London penny paper, doling out advice on fashion, relationships, and manners under the pen name Lady Agony. But when a lady's maid writes Amelia to ask for advice when she believes her mistress has been murdered and then ends up a victim herself Amelia is determined to solve the case. With the help of her best friend and a handsome marquis, Amelia begins to piece together the puzzle, but as each new thread of inquiry ends with a different suspect, the investigation grows ever more daunting. From London's docks and ballrooms to grand country houses, Amelia tracks a killer, putting her reputation and her life on the line.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Occult and Horror

The Bad Ones

DB119622 11 hours 28 minutes

by Melissa Albert

read by Emma Galvin

“In the course of a single winter’s night, four people vanish without a trace across a small town. Nora’s estranged best friend, Becca, is one of the lost. As Nora tries to untangle the truth of Becca’s disappearance, she discovers a darkness in her town’s past, as well as a string of coded messages Becca left for her to unravel. These clues lead Nora to a piece of local lore: a legendary goddess of forgotten origins who played a role in Nora and Becca’s own childhood games.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2023.

Primal Waters

DB120936 13 hours 0 minutes

by Steve Alten

read by Keith Szarabajka

“Hollywood television producer wants Jonah to join his new survival series: Daredevils. For the next six weeks, two teams of crazy daredevils on a South Pacific Ocean voyage on-board a replica of a Spanish Galleon will try to outperform one another in front of the cameras. Jonas needs the money but behind the scenes, someone else is pulling the strings. And before it’s over, Jonas, Terry, and Mac will again come face to face with the most dangerous creatures ever to stalk the Earth.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

Religious Themes

The Rose and the Thistle

DB119163 13 hours 58 minutes

by Laura Frantz

read by Amy Scanlon

“In 1715, Lady Blythe Hedley’s father is declared an enemy of the British crown because of his Jacobite sympathies,

forcing her to flee her home in northern England. Secreted to the tower of Wedderburn Castle in Scotland, Lady Blythe awaits who will ultimately be crowned king. But in a house with seven sons and numerous servants, her presence soon becomes known. No sooner has Everard Hume lost his father, Lord Wedderburn, than Lady Hedley arrives with the clothes on her back and her mistress in tow. He has his own problems—a volatile brother with dangerous political leanings, an estate to manage, and a very young brother in need of comfort and direction in the wake of losing his father. It would be best for everyone if he could send this misfit heiress on her way as soon as possible. Drawn into a whirlwind of intrigue, shifting alliances, and ambitions, Lady Blythe must be careful whom she trusts. Her fortune, her future, and her very life are at stake. Those who appear to be adversaries may turn out to be allies—and those who pretend friendship may be enemies.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

The Amish Marriage Arrangement

DB117342 6 hours 46 minutes

by Patricia Johns

read by Gabriella Cavallero

“After leaving the community years ago, Amish bad boy Arden Stoltzfus is back to convince his grandfather to move to Ohio. But neighbor Sarai Peachy stands in his way—her grandmother is sweet on the older gentleman. When a sudden windstorm damages her grandmother’s home, Sarai and Arden are forced to work together on the repairs. Will spending time with the former heart-breaker prove to her Arden is a changed man?” — Provided by publisher. 2023.

Romance

The Rule Book: A Novel

DB120231 10 hours 54 minutes

by Sarah Adams

read by Hathaway Lee

“College exes break all the rules when they reunite years later in this enemies to lovers, second chance romance, the highly anticipated companion novel to the TikTok sensation *The Cheat Sheet* from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Practice Makes Perfect*. Nora Mackenzie’s entire career lies in the hands of famous NFL tight end Derek Pender who also happens to be her extremely hot college ex-boyfriend. Nora didn’t end things as gracefully as she could have back then, and now it’s come back to haunt her. Derek is her first client as an official full-time sports agent and he’s holding a grudge. Derek has set his sights on a little friendly revenge. If Nora Mackenzie, the first girl to ever break his heart, wants to be his agent, oh he’ll let her be his agent. The plan is simple: make Nora’s life absolutely miserable. But if Derek knows anything about the woman he once loved—she won’t quit easily. Instead of giving in, Nora starts a scheme of her own. But then a wild night in Vegas leads to Nora and Derek in bed the next morning married. With their rule book out the window, could this new relationship be the thing to save their careers or the thing to spark the romance of a lifetime?” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Canto Contigo

DB120832 10 hours 7 minutes

by Jonny Garza Villa

read by Alejandro Ruiz

“In a twenty-four-hour span, Rafael Alvarez led North Amistad High School’s Mariachi Alma de la Frontera to their eleventh consecutive first-place win in the Mariachi Extravaganza de Nacional; and met, made out with, and almost hooked up with one of the cutest guys he’s ever met. Now eight months later, Rafie’s ready for one final win. What he didn’t plan for is his family moving to San Antonio before his senior year, forcing him to leave behind his group while dealing with the loss of the most important person in his life—his beloved abuelo. Another hitch in his plan: The Selena Quintanilla-Perez Academy’s Mariachi Todos Colores already has a lead vocalist, Rey Chavez—the boy Rafie made out with—who now stands between him winning and being the great Mariachi Rafie’s abuelo always believed him to be. Despite their newfound rivalry for center stage, Rafie can’t squash his feelings for Rey. Now he must decide between the people he’s known his entire life or the one just starting to get to know the real him.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Brutal Vows

DB120705 10 hours 31 minutes

by J.T. Geissinger

read by Brooke Daniels

“Dark, sexy mafia romance where the fast-paced tension of John Wick meets the high stakes love of Romeo and Juliet. An Irish mobster with a brutal grudge. An Italian mafia princess with a dark secret. Two enemy empires joined in

sacred marriage vows. Let the hating games begin. Reyna: If this arrogant Irish mobster my brother sold my niece to thinks I'm going to play nice over this arranged marriage BS, he should think again. I don't care if this match with the Mob will make my brother capo of the Five Families. I don't care how much money, territory, or power it will gain us. I especially don't care that the Irishman is the sexiest man I've ever seen. I won't allow my innocent niece to suffer the same way I did. Even if I have to kill him. Spider: I'm supposed to marry sweet, beautiful Lili. So why can't I stop thinking about her swamp witch of an aunt? Reyna who hates me. Reyna who challenges me. Reyna with the guts of a Viking, the body of a fertility goddess, and the attitude of a feral cat. Nothing good can come of what I'm feeling for a woman who's not the one in the wedding contract I signed. A woman I want so much, I'll have to burn the whole world down to get. If she doesn't kill me first." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2022.

The Perfect Guy Doesn't Exist

DB120299 9 hours 49 minutes

by Sophie Gonzales

read by Jeremy Carlisle Parker

"Ivy Winslow has the house to herself for a week and her only plans are to binge-watch her favorite fantasy TV show, H-MAD, hang out with her best friend, Henry, and avoid her former best friend-turned enemy (and neighbor), Mack. But things go awry when Ivy wakes up one morning to find Weston, the gorgeous and very fictional main character

of H-MAD, in her bedroom, claiming to be her soul mate. Ivy's fanfic writing has somehow brought Weston as she's imagined him to life, but living out her fan-fiction dreams isn't all it's cracked up to be. Her not-so-fictional crush is causing some major real-world problems and Ivy is desperate for help. To figure out why Weston is suddenly three-dimensional, she ropes Henry and a reluctant Mack into the chaos. As they spend more time together, Ivy and Mack are forced to deal with the fallout of their broken friendship and might just realize that they both want something more." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Bending the Rules

DB119162 7 hours 0 minutes

by Christina C. Jones

read by Adenrele Ojo

"Justin and Toni were friends. Besties, with a whole list of life rules developed over a friendship that started when they were kids. As long as they stuck to the rules, even when they blended a business relationship into the friendship, things went off without a hitch. But then one of them broke the rules—It was Justin. Justin broke the rules—and Toni has been mad about it ever since. She's spent the last several years traveling the globe to cultivate her business, but now she's back in town. Her only goals? Help her parents with 'Mr. Bestseller's' signing at the store, help them pack up their house to sell, and get out of town without too much interaction with her former best friend. Mr. Bestseller has different goals. He broke the rules—no getting around

that, and he's not trying to. His main goal now that Toni is finally home is to get her to hear him out. . . and get his friend back. Neither of them anticipated that the rift in their relationship would be the catalyst for seeing each other in a whole different light. But now that they do, they're wondering if it may be time to make some amendments to those rules. Or at the very least. . . bend a few." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

The Virgin and the Rogue: The Rogue Files

DB119290 7 hours 38 minutes

by Sophie Jordan

read by Carolyn Morris

"Charlotte Langley has always been the prudent middle sister, so her family is not surprised when she makes the safe choice and agrees to wed her childhood sweetheart. But when she finds herself under the weather and drinks a 'healing' tonic, the potion provokes the most maddening desire . . . for someone other than her betrothed. Kingston's rakehell ways are going to destroy him, and he's vowed to change. His stepbrother's remote estate is just the place for a reformed rogue to hide. The last thing he wants is to be surrounded by society, but when he gets stuck alone with a wallflower who is already betrothed . . . and she astonishes him with a fiery kiss, he forgets all about hiding. Although Charlotte appears meek, Kingston soon discovers there's a vixen inside, yearning to break free. Unable to forget their illicit moment of passion, Kingston vows to relive the encounter, but Charlotte has sworn it

will never happen again no matter how earth-shattering it was. But will a devilish rogue tempt her to risk everything for a chance at true love?" — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

The Breakup Lists

DB120297 8 hours 35 minutes

by Adib Khorram

read by Amin El Gamal

"A high school stage manager has to face his complicated feelings about love when he catches himself falling for the same guy as his sister." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Pride and Prejudice and Pittsburgh

DB119186 8 hours 15 minutes

by Rachael Lippincott

read by Natalie Naudus

"When disheartened Pittsburgh teen Audrey transports back to 1812 England, she expects to find love as a Regency romance heroine, but surprisingly sparks fly when she meets Lucy Sinclair." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2023.

The Getaway List

DB119146 9 hours 54 minutes

by Emma Lord

read by Norma Butikofer

"The day of her high school graduation, Riley realizes two things: One, that she has spent the last four years trying so hard to be a Good Kid for her mom that she has no idea who she really is anymore, and two, she has no idea what she wants because of it. The solution? Pack her bags and move

to New York for the summer, where her childhood best friend Tom and co-creator of *The Getaway List*—a list of all the adventures they’ve wanted to do together since he moved away—will hopefully help her get in touch with her old adventurous self, and pave the road to a new future. Riley isn’t sure what to expect from Tom, who has been distant since his famous mom’s scriptwriting career pulled him away. But when Riley arrives in the city, their reconnection is as effortless as it was when they were young—except with one, unexpected complication that will pull Riley’s feelings in a direction she didn’t know they could take. As she, Tom, and their newfound friends work their way through the delightfully chaotic items on *The Getaway List*, Riley learns that sometimes the biggest adventure is not one you take, but one you feel in your heart.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Brighter Than the Sun

DB117899 10 hours 24 minutes

by Julia Quinn

read by Andrew Randall

“When Charles Wycombe, the dashing and incorrigible Earl of Billington, toppled out of a tree and landed at Ellie Lyndon’s feet, neither suspected that such an inauspicious meeting would lead to marriage. But Charles must find a bride before his thirtieth birthday or he’ll lose his fortune. And Ellie needs a husband or her father’s odious fiancée will choose one for her. And so they agree to wed, even though their match appears to have been made somewhere hotter

than heaven. . . Ellie never dreamed she’d marry a stranger, especially one with such a devastating combination of rakish charm and debonair wit. She tries to keep him at arm’s length, at least until she discovers the man beneath the handsome surface. But Charles can be quite persuasive—even tender—when he puts his mind to it, and Ellie finds herself slipping under his seductive spell. And as one kiss leads to another, this unlikely pair discovers that their marriage is not so inconvenient after all. . . and just might lead to love.” — Provided by publisher. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Wrong Kind of Weird

DB119689 8 hours 46 minutes

by James Ramos

read by André Santana

“Secretly hooking up with popular cheerleader Karla Ortega, who repeatedly snubs him in public, multicultural geek and nerd club member Cameron Carson meets Mackenzie Briggs, who isn’t afraid to be herself, and unexpectedly bonds with this girl who accepts him for who he is.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2023.

The No-Girlfriend Rule

DB120188 9 hours 53 minutes

by Christen Randall

read by Natalie Naudus

“When her boyfriend excludes her from participating in a roleplaying game, high school senior Hollie joins an all-girls group where an in-game romance has the potential to be more than just pretend.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Death's Country**DB120931** 4 hours 21 minutes

by R.M. Romero

read by Giordan Diaz

“After drowning and making a deal with Death for a new life, Andres Santos starts over in Miami where he forms a polyamorous triad with Renee and Liora, but when Liora ends up in a coma, Andres and Renee embark on a journey into the underworld to retrieve her spirit and reunite it with her body before it is too late.” — WorldCat. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

A Fragile Enchantment**DB118747** 14 hours 8 minutes

by Allison Saft

read by Fran Burgoyne

“When eighteen-year-old magical dress-maker Niamh is commissioned for a royal wedding, she finds herself embroiled in scandal when a gossip columnist draws attention to her undeniable chemistry with the groom.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Swift and Saddled: A Rebel Blue Ranch Novel**DB120597** 7 hours 24 minutes

by Lyla Sage

read by Teddy Hamilton

“The last thing Ada Hart needs is a man to take care of her. Not anymore. After failing out of her interior design program and the disaster that was her short-lived marriage, Ada clawed her way up from her rock bottom. Now, the only person she trusts is herself, and that has gotten her further than ever before. She has her own business, and one of the largest ranches in Wyoming just hired her for

the most important project of her career. When Ada arrives in Meadowlark, she finds herself in a dive bar where she can't seem to shake the eyes of a handsome cowboy. When she leads him to the back of the bar, he leaves her with a kiss that most people can only fantasize about. She almost regrets that she'll never see him again . . . except it turns out he's her new boss. Weston Ryder is a happy guy. Even happier now that the mystery woman from the bar is the interior designer for his dream project on his family's ranch. He feels like he hit the jackpot. Too bad she wants absolutely nothing to do with him outside of work. Ada is convinced the pull she feels toward Wes will go away, but Wes can't stop thinking about her. Even though walls are coming down around Rebel Blue, Ada's walls are firmly in place.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Ellie Haycock Is Totally Normal**DB120165** 8 hours 59 minutes

by Gretchen Schreiber

read by Natalie Naudus

“Ellie, a high schooler with a rare genetic condition, navigates the divide between her ‘hospital-life’ and ‘home-life,’ as a hospital stay brings her closer to Ryan, who challenges her perspective and makes her consider the extraordinary possibilities of her life.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Rules for Rule Breaking**DB120104** 7 hours 23 minutes

by Talia Tucker

read by Nick Martineau

“Winter Park and Bobby Bae are Korean American high school juniors whose families have been friends since the kids

were making crayon art. They, however, are repulsed by each other. Winter is MIT-bound, comfortable keeping people at arm's length, and known by others as responsible, though she has a desire to let loose. This probably comes from her rebel grandmother, who is constantly pushing boundaries and encouraging Winter to do so as well. Winter's best friend is moving abroad and won't be attending college at all, and Winter's wrestling with what it means to be left behind. Bobby is as Type-A, anxious, and risk-averse as you can get. He's also been recently dumped, which has him feeling disoriented and untethered. That's why, when Winter's and Bobby's parents insist that they go on a northeast college campus tour together, both teens find reasons to accept even though the idea of being stuck in a car together for 700 miles sounds unbearable. What awaits them is a journey of self-discovery, and the only rule on their road trip is to break all the rules. At first, this happens in hilariously calculated ways (using lists and reason and logic!), but they soon abandon that, challenging each other to dares in Virginia, getting high and wandering around Philly for food—and battling the subsequent digestive distress—and crashing a party in Cambridge. And, of course, realizing that they're perfect together.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Her Good Side

DB120294 7 hours 15 minutes

by Rebekah Weatherspoon

read by Daniel K. Isaac

“Told in alternating voices, awkward teenagers Bethany and Jacob must

navigate blossoming feelings after agreeing to date each other as practice for the real deal.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2023.

A Beautiful Disguise

DB119427 10 hours 59 minutes

by Roseanna M. White

read by Susan Lyons

“Left with an estate on the brink of bankruptcy after their father's death, Lady Marigold Fairfax and her brother open a private investigation firm marketed to the elite . . . to spy on the elite. Dubbed The Imposters, Ltd., their anonymous group soon becomes the go-to for the crème of society when they want answers delivered surreptitiously. But the many secrets Marigold learns about her peers pale in comparison to her shock when she and her brother are hired to investigate her best friend's father as a potential traitor. Sir Merritt Livingstone has spent a decade serving the monarch in the most elite guard, but when pneumonia lands him behind a desk in the War Office Intelligence Division just as they're creating a new secret intelligence branch, he's intent on showing his worth. He suspects a man of leaking information to Germany as tensions mount between the two countries, but needs someone to help him prove it, so he turns to The Imposters, Ltd. No one knows who they are, but their results are beyond compare. Lady Marigold is determined to discover the truth for her friend's sake, and she's more determined still to keep her heart from getting involved with this enigmatic new client . . . who can't possibly be as noble as he seems.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

The Drifter**DB120161** 11 hours 37 minutes

by Susan Wiggs

read by Joyce Bean

“She seeks a home. He seeks redemption. What they find is each other. Leah Mundy has spent her life dashing from town to town, one step ahead of her father’s dreadful reputation. Now, she wants to create a home for herself and build a medical practice in Coupeville, a cozy village nestled amid the majestic isles and mountains of Washington Territory. But her neighbors are loath to trust a newcomer, especially a woman doing a man’s work. On the run for a crime he didn’t commit but can’t deny, Jackson Underhill is desperate when he holds Leah at gunpoint. He needs her doctoring to mend his wounds, but he soon realizes that she is also capable of healing his soul. But Jackson has been hardened by life as an outlaw, and Leah knows that a future together is impossible . . . unless they confront his past and learn to trust the redeeming power of love.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

The Secret to a Southern Wedding**DB120912** 13 hours 2 minutes

by Synithia Williams

read by Adenrele Ojo

“When her mom announces she’s marrying a man she only just met on a dating app, OB-GYN Dr. Imani Kemp is determined to stop the wedding but met with resistance from her potential stepfather’s handsome son to whom she is irresistibly drawn, changing everything.” — WorldCat. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Role Playing**DB119813** 10 hours 6 minutes

by Cathy Yardley

read by Chris Brinkley

“Maggie is an unapologetically grumpy forty-eight-year-old hermit. But when her college-aged son makes her a deal—he’ll be more social if she does the same—she can’t refuse. She joins a new online gaming guild led by a friendly healer named Otter. So that nobody gets the wrong idea, she calls herself Bogwitch. Otter is Aiden, a fifty-year-old optimist using the guild as an emotional outlet from his family drama caring for his aging mother while his brother plays house with Aiden’s ex-fiancée. Bogwitch and Otter become fast virtual friends, but there’s a catch. Bogwitch thinks Otter is a college student. Otter assumes Bogwitch is an octogenarian. When they finally meet face to face — after a rocky, shocking start—the unlikely pair of sunshine and stormy personalities grow tentatively closer. But Maggie’s previous relationships have left her bitter, and Aiden’s got a complicated past of his own. Everything’s easier online. Can they make it work in real life?” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

The Last Letter**DB119677** 13 hours 26 minutes

by Rebecca Yarros

read by Jennifer Stark

“When Ryan dies in Afghanistan, he leaves a letter asking that his friend Beckett watch over his sister, Ella. Beckett has already been corresponding with her under his nickname, Chaos, and after leaving the service he goes to visit

Ella, who is the mother of twins. One of the twins has been diagnosed with leukemia, and Ella is dealing with the illness while running a business—singlehandedly. When Beckett becomes part of Ella’s life, will his promise to watch over her bloom into something more?” Provided by NLS. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

Science Fiction

War Bodies

DB118305 18 hours 5 minutes
by Neal Asher
read by Seth Garcia
“Rebellion could be their salvation—or their doom. Long ago, the Cyberat left Earth to co-evolve with machines. Now, led by the powerful dictator Castron, their Old Guard believe that machines should replace the physical body. But these beliefs are upended with the arrival of the human Polity—and their presence ignites rebellion. Piper was raised as a weapon against the Cyberat, implanted with secretive hardware. When his parents are captured by the Old Guard, the Polity offer him unexpected aid. Piper knows the Polity want more from him, but at what cost? The rebellion also attracts the deadly prador, placing an entire world in peril. As war rages across the planet, Piper must battle with the unknown technology implanted in his bones. It may be the Polity’s answer to their relentless fight against the prador. It could also be civilization-ending Jain tech—or something far more extraordinary. *War Bodies* by Neal Asher is a gripping, high-octane standalone set in his expansive Polity world.” — Provided by publisher.

Violence, strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2023.

The Traitor

DB119179 7 hours 2 minutes
by Richard Paul Evans
read by Fred Berman
“With Tara still in the clutches of the Elite Elgen Guard Unit the Chasqui and their malevolent leader, the Sovereign Amash, Michael Vey and the Electroclan have no choice but to continue the fierce battle that has been waging since their arrival in Peru. But saving one of their own means battling a onetime teammate, as Jack has turned traitor and joined forces with Amash and his men. At the same time, the clan must work with the Alpha Team to act before the Chasqui can put their plan to destroy the city of Arequipa into motion. And when Taylor makes a bold yet dangerous move to save her sister, the urgency climbs even higher. With so many lives at stake, the Electroclan has no time to waste, and no room for error as they take on this latest growing threat.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For junior and senior high and older readers. 2023.

Forkpoints: Stories of Decisions Made and Roads Not Taken

DB115576 10 hours 59 minutes
by Sheila Finch
read by Dawn Ursula
“One of our imperatives as humans is to communicate—with others, with animals, and eventually with aliens. Here, in Forkpoints, you will find stories of unlikely people—scientists and street people, athletes and musicians, the very old and the arrogant teen—meeting and

connecting with others not like them at all. Another major interest of Finch's is what Robert Frost called "the road not taken," that haunting sense we all have from time to time that maybe there were other paths we should have explored, other doorways we should have passed through, forkpoints where our choices changed our lives forever. Science Fiction shows us many fantastic inventions that may come in the future, other worlds, other beings. But, even then, people will still be people, loving, making families, worrying about trifles, dealing with crises, making life-changing decisions as best they can." — Provided by publisher. Strong language. 2022.

Five Years After: A John Matherson Novel

DB119246 9 hours 4 minutes
by William R. Forstchen
read by Bronson Pinchot
"Five years after *The Final Day*, the Republic of New America has all but collapsed into regional powers and the world at large is struggling to remain stable as regional conflicts ravage the post EMP landscape. After several years attempting to lead a quiet life, John Matherson receives the news that the President is dying from a possible assassination attempt, and is asked to step in to negotiate with what appears to be a new military power hidden in the wreckage of the world. Pulled back into the fray, John struggles to hold the tottering Republic together. Facing threats on multiple fronts, he races against time to stop another EMP attack on the former United States and China, putting years of progress at risk. With so much

of his work under threat, John must find the strength within to start over, so that he can save the country and the people that he holds dear from even greater calamity." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Stargate

DB118088 17 hours 33 minutes
by Pauline Gedge
read by Joe Avellar
"In the earliest years of the history of the universe, the Worldmaker has turned against his creations with unaccountable malice. One by one the ruling sun lords of each solar system have fallen, succumbing to the lure of forbidden knowledge. The terrible punishment for their crime is isolation—the Gates connecting their worlds to the rest of the cosmos are sealed off. Their innocence lost, their civilizations hopelessly corrupted, the immortal sun people are condemned to languish with their subjects in an eternity of solitude. With courageous and often desperate measures, the remaining sun lords now prepare themselves and their subjects for a battle unlike any they have ever imagined. The final struggle has begun. Unfolding with epic power, *Stargate* is conceived with a richness, subtlety, and depth that set it apart from most fantasy fiction. And like Pauline Gedge's critically acclaimed historical novels, it is written with a vividness that is unforgettable. First published in 1982 but long out of print, *Stargate* is destined to be rediscovered and treasured as a major classic of fantasy literature." — Provided by publisher. Some violence and some strong language. 1982.

Annie Bot: A Novel

DB120777 9 hours 35 minutes

by Sierra Greer

read by Jennifer Jill Araya

“Annie Bot was created to be the perfect girlfriend for her human owner Doug. Designed to satisfy his emotional and physical needs, she has dinner ready for him every night, wears the pert outfits he orders for her, and adjusts her libido to suit his moods. True, she’s not the greatest at keeping Doug’s place spotless, but she’s trying to please him. She’s trying hard. She’s learning, too. Doug says he loves that Annie’s AI makes her seem more like a real woman, so Annie explores human traits such as curiosity, secrecy, and longing. But becoming more human also means becoming less perfect, and as Annie’s relationship with Doug grows more intricate and difficult, she starts to wonder: Does Doug really desire what he says he wants? And in such an impossible paradox, what does Annie owe herself?” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Dinosaur Lake V: Survivors

DB115883 9 hours 0 minutes

by Kathryn Meyer Griffith

read by Guy Williams

“The predatory dinosaurs, amphibious, land-crawlers, air flyers, small and large, were dead; dead in all the forests, mountains, deserts, towns and cities of America and across the planet. They were still hunted, sought and exterminated when found, and these rogue beasts were becoming rarer every day. The humans’ dinosaur killing serum and extermination practices had worked far better than anyone had prayed and

they had eventually freed the planet of its primordial scourge. The earth belonged to the humans once more and all its lands were safe—or so the world, Henry Shore, former Chief Park Ranger at Crater Lake National Park, and his wife, Ann, had believed . . . until one day years later two new dinosaurs, craftier than any the earth had ever seen, appeared. One of them was benevolent, a friend to mankind, and the other was not. It was blood-thirsty, eerily intelligent and unbelievably vengeful. This dinosaur wouldn’t be so easy to kill.” — Provided by publisher. Violence and strong language. 2019.

A Night without Stars

DB120916 26 hours 35 minutes

by Peter F. Hamilton

read by John Lee

“The planet Bienvenido is in crisis. It has finally escaped the Void, emerging into regular space. But it’s millions of light-years from Commonwealth assistance, and humans are battling the Fallers for control of their world. This rapacious adversary, evolved to destroy all sentient life, has infiltrated every level of human society—hijacking unwilling bodies so its citizens fear their leaders, friends and family. A mysterious figure known as the Warrior Angel leads a desperate resistance. She’s helped by forbidden Commonwealth technology, which gives her a crucial edge. But the government obstructs the Angel’s efforts at every turn, blinded by prejudice and technophobia. As Fallers also prepare to attack from the skies, she might need to incite rebellion to fight this invasion. But the odds seem impossible. Then

astronaut Ry Evine uncovers one last hope. On a mission against the enemy, his spacecraft damages an unidentified vessel. This crash-lands on the planet carrying unexpected cargo: a baby. This extraordinary Commonwealth child possesses knowledge that could save them all. But if the Fallers catch her, the people of Bienvenido will not survive.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. 2016.

Orbital

DB119203 5 hours 11 minutes

by Samantha Harvey

read by Sarah Naudi

“A slender novel of epic power, *Orbital* deftly snapshots one day in the lives of six women and men hurtling through space—not towards the moon or the vast unknown, but around our planet. Selected for one of the last space station missions of its kind before the program is dismantled, these astronauts and cosmonauts—from America, Russia, Italy, Britain, and Japan—have left their lives behind to travel at a speed of over seventeen thousand miles an hour as the earth reels below. We glimpse moments of their earthly lives through brief communications with family, their photos and talismans; we watch them whip up dehydrated meals, float in gravity-free sleep, and exercise in regimented routines to prevent atrophying muscles; we witness them form bonds that will stand between them and utter solitude. Most of all, we are with them as they behold and record their silent blue planet. Their experiences of sixteen sunrises and sunsets and the bright, blinking constellations of the galaxy are at once breathtakingly

awesome and surprisingly intimate. So are the marks of civilization far below, encrusted on the planet on which we live.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

The Curious Case of the Clockwork Man

DB117767 14 hours 52 minutes

by Mark Hodder

read by Doug Tisdale Jr.

“Mark Hodder’s second Burton & Swinburne steampunk adventure, following the acclaimed *The Strange Affair of Spring Heeled Jack*, is filled with eccentric steam-driven technology, grotesque characters, and a deepening mystery. When a clockwork-powered man of brass is found abandoned in Trafalgar Square, Burton and his assistant, the wayward poet Algernon Swinburne, find themselves on the trail of the stolen Garnier Collection—black diamonds rumored to be fragments of the Lemurian Eye of Naga, a meteorite that fell to Earth in prehistoric times. From a haunted mansion to the Bedlam madhouse, from South America to Australia, from séances to a secret labyrinth, Burton struggles with shadowy opponents and his own inner demons. Can the king’s agent expose a plot that threatens to rip the British Empire apart, leading to an international conflict the like of which the world has never seen? And what part does the clockwork man have to play?” — Provided by publisher. Some violence and some strong language. 2011.

Spies and Espionage

Wolf Trap: A Thriller

DB120807 15 hours 53 minutes

by Connor Sullivan

read by Will Damron

“A former Ground Branch paramilitary officer, Brian Rhome, thinking his time with this elite group of shadow operatives was over, instead finds himself in the midst of a deadly conspiracy that threatens the highest levels of American democracy.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

The Excitements: A Novel

DB119517 11 hours 36 minutes

by CJ Wray

read by Karen Cass

“Meet the Williamson sisters, Britain’s most treasured World War II veterans. Now in their late nineties, Josephine and Penny are in huge demand, popping up at commemorative events and history festivals all over the country. Despite their age, they’re still in great form perfectly put together, sprightly and sparky, and always in search of their next ‘excitement.’ This time it’s a trip to Paris to receive the Légion d’honneur for their part in the liberation of France. And as always, they will be accompanied by their devoted great-nephew, Archie. Keen historian Archie has always been given to understand that his great aunts had relatively minor roles in the Women’s Royal Navy and the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, but that’s only half the story. Both sisters are hiding far more than the usual ‘official secrets.’ There’s a reason sweet Auntie Penny can dispatch a would-be mugger with an umbrella. This trip to Paris is not what it seems either. Scandal and crime have always quietly trailed the Williamson sisters, even in the decades after the war. Now armed with new information about an old adversary, these much decorated

(but admittedly ancient) veterans variously intend to settle scores, avenge lost friends, and pull off one last, daring heist before the curtain finally comes down on their illustrious careers.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Sports Stories

The Misdirection of Fault Lines

DB120715 8 hours 19 minutes

by Anna Gracia

read by Jen Zhao

“Three Asian American teen girls look for direction in their lives as they compete against each other at an elite tennis tournament.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Dangerous Play

DB120293 9 hours 43 minutes

by Emma Kress

read by Rachel Jacobs

“Zoe Alamandar has one goal: win the State Field Hockey Championships and earn a scholarship that will get her the hell out of Central New York. She and her co-captain Ava Cervantes have assembled a fierce team of dedicated girls who will work hard and play by the rules. But after Zoe is sexually assaulted at a party, she finds a new goal: make sure no girl feels unsafe again. Zoe and her teammates decide to stop playing by the rules and take justice into their own hands. Soon, their suburban town has a team of superheroes meting out punishments, but one night of vigilantism may cost Zoe her team, the championship, her scholarship, and her future.” — Amazon. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

Suspense and Thrillers

It Ends with Knight

DB119880 13 hours 2 minutes

by Yasmin Angoe

read by Tamika Katon-Donegal

“Until his untimely death, Nena’s mentor was the backbone of the Tribe. With his leadership position unfilled and despite the Tribe’s newfound misgivings about her, Nena has stepped into a new role she never wanted. Politics is an entirely new venture for her, and now one of the Tribe’s own has been kidnapped, forcing her back to her origins as an assassin. But the only person qualified for such a rescue mission is Nena Knight—and a new team whose trust in her continues to waver. Determined to harness the power of her former role to succeed in her new one, Nena must also face what she left behind. Old fears, resentments, and anger threaten the precarious hold Nena has on her new life as she realizes that the past—and the people from it—are never far behind.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

A Calamity of Souls

DB120798 14 hours 32 minutes

by David Baldacci

read by Cary Hite

“Set in the tumultuous year of 1968 in southern Virginia, a racially-charged murder case sets a duo of white and Black lawyers against a deeply unfair system as they work to defend their wrongfully-accused Black defendants in this courtroom drama from #1 New York Times bestselling author David Baldacci. Jack Lee is a white lawyer from Freeman County, Virginia, who has never done anything to push back

against racism, until he decides to represent Jerome Washington, a Black man charged with brutally killing an elderly and wealthy white couple. Doubting his decision, Lee fears that his legal skills may not be enough to prevail in a case where the odds are already stacked against both him and his client. And he quickly finds himself out of his depth when he realizes that what is at stake is far greater than the outcome of a murder trial. Desiree DuBose is a Black lawyer from Chicago who has devoted her life to furthering the causes of justice and equality for everyone. She comes to Freeman County and enters a fractious and unwieldy partnership with Lee in a legal battle against the best prosecutor in the Commonwealth. Yet DuBose is also aware that powerful outside forces are at work to blunt the victories achieved by the Civil Rights era. Lee and DuBose could not be more dissimilar. On their own, neither one can stop the prosecutions deliberate march towards a guilty verdict and the electric chair. But together, the pair fight for what once seemed impossible: a chance for a fair trial and true justice. Over a decade in the writing, *A Calamity of Souls* breathes richly imagined and detailed life into a bygone era, taking the reader through a world that will seem both foreign and familiar.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2024.

Anna O: A Novel

DB120089 12 hours 11 minutes

by Matthew Blake

read by Christine Rendel

“Anna Ogilvy was a budding twenty-five-year-old writer with a bright future.

Then, one night, she stabbed two people to death with no apparent motive—and hasn't woken up since. Dubbed 'Sleeping Beauty' by the tabloids, Anna's condition is a rare psychosomatic disorder known to neurologists as 'resignation syndrome.' Dr. Benedict Prince is a forensic psychologist and an expert in the field of sleep-related homicides. His methods are the last hope of solving the infamous 'Anna O' case and waking Anna up so she can stand trial. But he must be careful treating such a high-profile suspect—he's got career secrets and a complicated personal life of his own. As Anna shows the first signs of stirring, Benedict must determine what really happened and whether Anna should be held responsible for her crimes. Only Anna knows the truth about that night, but only Benedict knows how to discover it. And they're both in danger from what they find out." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

The Princess of Las Vegas: A Novel

DB120142 11 hours 35 minutes

by Chris Bohjalian

read by Grace Blewer

"The book revolves around Crissy, the star of a beloved Princess Diana tribute show in Las Vegas, and her estranged sister Betsy, a therapist who works with children and adolescents in Vermont. Betsy's boyfriend Frankie works in a mysterious branch of cryptocurrency and, seemingly out of nowhere, proposes that they move to Las Vegas together. Betsy and Crissy must navigate how to go about their newfound physical proximity to one another and their respective relationships with Betsy's foster child

Marisa, who moves with Betsy and Frankie to Vegas. When Crissy meets a handsome, secretive Russian man named Yevgeny, Crissy and Betsy soon find themselves in a dangerous web of greed, crypto-mafia schemes, and murder."

— Provided by publisher. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. 2024.

The Best Way to Bury Your Husband: A Novel

DB120136 12 hours 24 minutes

by Alexia Casale

read by Ambreen Razia

"When Sally kills her husband with a cast-iron skillet, she's more fearful of losing her kids than of disposing of a fresh corpse. That just wouldn't be fair—not after twenty years of marriage to a truly terrible man. But Sally isn't the only woman in town reaching the brink. Soon, Sally finds herself leading an extremely unusual self-help group, and among them there are four bodies to hide. Can they all figure out the perfect way to bury their husbands . . . and get away with it?" — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Pet

DB118303 10 hours 8 minutes

by Catherine Chidgey

read by Lindsey Pierce

"Like every other girl in her class, twelve-year-old Justine is drawn to her glamorous, charismatic new teacher and longs to be her pet. However, when a thief begins to target the school, Justine's sense that something isn't quite right grows ever stronger. With each twist of the plot, this gripping story of deception and the corrosive power of guilt takes a yet darker turn. Justine must decide where her loyalties lie." — Provided

by publisher. Some violence and some strong language. 2023.

My Husband's Wife: A Novel

DB119884 13 hours 53 minutes

by Jane Corry

read by Rosalyn Landor

“When young lawyer Lily marries Ed, she’s determined to make a fresh start. To leave the secrets of the past behind. But then she takes on her first murder case and meets Joe. A convicted murderer whom Lily is strangely drawn to. For whom she will soon be willing to risk almost anything. But Lily is not the only one with secrets. Her next-door neighbor Carla may be only nine, but she has already learned that secrets are powerful things. That they can get her whatever she wants. When Lily finds Carla on her doorstep years later, a chain of events is set in motion that can end only one way.”

— Adapted from dust jacket. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

Out of Body

DB119686 8 hours 46 minutes

by N.E. Davenport

read by Karen Malina White

“When 17-year-old Megan Allen is betrayed by her best friend, LC, and targeted by LC’s enemies, she is plunged into a waking nightmare and must claim what makes her uniquely herself to get her life back— or die trying.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Clive Cussler The Heist

DB120952 11 hours 23 minutes

by Jack Du Brul

read by Scott Brick

“Detective Isaac Bell faces an attack on the Federal Reserve in this all-new

adventure in the #1 *New York Times* bestselling series from Clive Cussler.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Made Glorious

DB120725 10 hours 20 minutes

by Lindsay Eagar

read by Morgan Dalla Betta

“Rory is an antihero for the ages. Like Shakespeare’s Richard III, she confides in her audience, telling us exactly the lengths she’ll go to to secure the leading role in Bosworth Academy’s senior musical, confessing without shame that she is charming and conniving and brutally ambitious, that we will watch and root for her even as she manipulates and endangers those around her. And we do. Perhaps it’s because we don’t want to believe that she’s as relentless as she claims. Rory is an underdog, after all, a scholarship kid teased for her weight. Surely there will be redemption? Surely our dread and patience will be rewarded? Intricately plotted with an ingenious narrative that blends multiple viewpoints with script excerpts and an original musical score, Lindsay Eagar’s whip-smart, precision-crafted, and gleefully compulsive page-turner taps into the dark side of high-school theater production. A diabolically good listen, it forces our complicity as we wince and cheer for an arresting drama queen who just can’t help going full-tilt nasty in the pursuit of her dream.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Good Half Gone

DB120333 10 hours 39 minutes

by Tarryn Fisher

read by Tara Sands

“Iris Walsh narrowly escaped her pretty, popular twin sister’s fate as a teen: kid-napped, trafficked and long gone before the cops agreed to investigate. With no evidence to go on but a few scattered memories, the case quickly goes cold. Now an adult, Iris wants one thing—proof. And if the police won’t help, she’ll just have to find it her own way; by interning at the isolated Shoal Island Hospital for the criminally insane, where secrets lurk in the shadows and are kept under lock and key. But Iris soon realizes that something even more sinister is simmering beneath the surface of the Shoal, and that the patients aren’t the only ones being observed.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Tag, You’re Dead

DB119688 8 hours 43 minutes

by Kathryn Foxfield

read by Elliot Fitzpatrick

“Seventeen-year-old social media influencer Anton starts a livestreamed and high-stakes game of Tag to find a new assistant, but four contestants have ulterior motives.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

The Hunter: A Novel

DB119649 16 hours 27 minutes

by Tana French

read by Roger Clark

“It’s a blazing summer when two men arrive in a small village in the West of Ireland. One of them is coming home. Both of them are coming to get rich. One of them is coming to die. Cal Hooper took early retirement from Chicago PD and moved to rural Ireland looking for

peace. He’s found it, more or less: he’s built a relationship with a local woman, Lena, and he’s gradually turning Trey Reddy from a half-feral teenager into a good kid going good places. But then Trey’s long-absent father reappears, bringing along an English millionaire and a scheme to find gold in the townland, and suddenly everything the three of them have been building is under threat. Cal and Lena are both ready to do whatever it takes to protect Trey, but Trey doesn’t want protecting. What she wants is revenge. From the writer who is ‘in a class by herself,’ (*The New York Times*), a nuanced, atmospheric tale that explores what we’ll do for our loved ones, what we’ll do for revenge, and what we sacrifice when the two collide.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2024.

The Reunion

DB120522 7 hours 34 minutes

by Kit Frick

read by Andre Bellido

“In Cancún, Mexico, the Mayweather family gathers for a family reunion to bring them all together, but each brings their own agenda, old grudges, and dangerous secrets that ultimately lead to murder.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2023.

Still See You Everywhere

DB119891 11 hours 38 minutes

by Lisa Gardner

read by Hillary Huber

“No man truly fears a woman. Not even one who is her father’s daughter. The case was sensational. Kaylee Pierson had confessed from the very beginning,

waived all appeals. She had called herself ‘death,’ but people called her the devil. Despite the media’s chronicling of her tragic circumstances—the childhood spent with a violent father—no one could find sympathy for ‘the Beautiful Butcher’ who had led eighteen men home from bars before viciously slitting their throats. Now, with only twenty-one days left to live, Pierson has finally received a lead on the whereabouts of the sister who was kidnapped over a decade ago, and she needs Frankie’s help to find her. The Beautiful Butcher’s offer: When was the last time your search ended with finding the living? Unable to resist the chance for a rescue, Frankie takes on Pierson’s request. Twelve years ago, five-year old Leilani went missing in Hawaii. The main suspect? Pierson’s tech mogul ex-boyfriend, Sanders MacManus. Now, on a remote island in the middle of the Pacific—the site of MacManus’s latest vanity project—fresh evidence has appeared. In order to learn the truth and possibly save a young woman’s life, Frankie must go undercover at the isolated base camp. Her challenge: A dozen strangers. Countless dangerous secrets. Zero means of calling for help. And then the storm rolls in . . .” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Missing White Woman

DB121012 12 hours 3 minutes

by Kellye Garrett

read by Ariel Blake

“The truth is never skin deep. It was supposed to be a romantic getaway weekend in New York City. Breanna’s new boyfriend, Ty, took care of everything the

train tickets, the dinner reservations, the rented four-story luxury rowhouse in Jersey City with a beautiful view of the Manhattan skyline. But when Bree comes downstairs their final morning, she’s shocked. There’s a stranger laying dead in the foyer, and Ty is nowhere to be found. A Black woman alone in a new city, Bree is stranded and out of her depth especially when it becomes clear the dead woman is none other than Janelle Beckett, the missing woman the entire Internet has become obsessed with. There’s only one person Bree can turn to: her ex-best friend, a lawyer with whom she shares a very complicated past. As the police and a social media mob close in, all looking for #JusticeForJanelle, Bree realizes that the only way she can help Ty or herself is to figure out what really happened that last night. But when people only see what they want to see, can she uncover the truth hiding in plain sight?” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Gangster Nation

DB120800 11 hours 30 minutes

by Tod Goldberg

read by Johnny Heller

“*Gangster Nation* is a razor. It will slice you open and reveal your insides. And like the best of Tod Goldberg’s work, it’ll show you everything you are at your core.”—Brad Meltzer, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The President’s Shadow*. It’s been two years since the events of *Gangsterland*, when legendary Chicago hitman Sal Cupertine disappeared into the guise of Vegas Rabbi David Cohen. It’s September of 2001

and for David, everything is coming up gold: Temple membership is on the rise, the new private school is raking it in, and the mortuary and cemetery—where Cohen has been laundering bodies for the mob—is minting cash. But Sal wants out. He’s got money stashed in safe-deposit boxes all over the city. He’s looking at places to escape to, Mexico or maybe Argentina. He only needs to make it through the High Holidays, and he’ll have enough money to slip away, grab his wife and kid, and start fresh. Across the country, former FBI agent Matthew Drew is now running security for an Indian Casino outside of Milwaukee, spending his off-time stalking members of The Family, looking for vengeance for the murder of his former partner. So when Sal’s cousin stumbles into the casino one night, Matthew takes the law into his own hands—again—touching off a series of events that will have Rabbi Cohen running for his life, trapped in Las Vegas, with the law, society, and the post-9/11 world closing in around him. *Gangster Nation* is a thrilling follow-up to *Gangsterland*, an unexpected, page-turning examination of the seedy foundations of American life. With the wit and gritty glamor that defines his writing, Goldberg traces how the things we most value in our lives—home, health, even our spiritual lives—have been built on the enterprises of criminals.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

Everyone Who Can Forgive Me Is Dead:
A Novel

DB119090 8 hours 35 minutes
by Jenny Hollander
read by Marisa Calin

“What if everything you know about the worst night of your life turns out not to be true? Nine years ago, with the world’s eyes on her, Charlie Colbert fled. The press and the police called Charlie a ‘witness’ to the nightmarish events at her elite graduate school on Christmas Eve events known to the public as ‘Scarlet Christmas’ though Charlie knows she was much more than that. Now, Charlie has meticulously rebuilt her life: She’s the editor-in-chief of a major magazine, engaged to the golden child of the publishing industry, and hell-bent on never, ever letting her guard down again. But when a buzzy film made by one of Charlie’s former classmates threatens to shatter everything she’s worked for, Charlie realizes how much she’s changed in nine years. Now, she’s not going to let anything—not even the people she once loved most get in her way.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

The Bullet Garden

DB118779 13 hours 8 minutes
by Stephen Hunter
read by Eric G. Dove

“July, 1944: The lush, rolling hills of Normandy are dotted with a new feature German snipers. From their vantage points, they pick off hundreds of Allied soldiers every day, bringing the D-Day invasion to its knees. It’s clear that someone is tipping off these snipers with the locations of American GIs, but who? And how? General Eisenhower demands his intelligence service to find the best shot in the Allied military to counter this deadly SS operation. Enter Pacific hero Earl Swagger, assigned this

crucial and bloody mission. With cross-hairs on his back, Swagger can't trust anyone as he infiltrates the shadowy corners of London and France for answers.”
— Provided by publisher. Unrated.
Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Catchpenny: A Novel

DB120254 12 hours 37 minutes

by Charlie Huston

read by Pete Cross

“A thief who can travel through mirrors, a video game that threatens to spill out of the virtual world, a doomsday cult on a collision course with destiny, and a missing teenager at the center of it all. With the world on the brink of every kind of apocalypse, humanity needs a hero. What it gets is Sid Catchpenny. Sidney Catchpenny has had a bad run. Laid low by a years-long bout of debilitating depression, he's all but squandered his reputation as one of the most uniquely talented thieves in LA. There aren't many who can do what Sid does. He's a sly, a special kind of crook with the uncanny ability to move through mirrors. And the spoils he's after are equally unusual. Forget jewels and cold cash—Sid steals curiosities—items imbued with powerful mojo, a magical essence gleaned from the accumulated emotion that seeps into interesting, though often banal objects. That spot on the carpet where your old dog used to lay at your feet? The passed-down family heirloom nobody wants but everybody refuses to throw away? These curiosities are full of mojo, which is both the currency of the criminal underground and the secret source of magic in the world. When a friend from Sid's past comes looking for

his help with an important client, and the chance to pay off old debts presents itself, Sid seizes the opportunity . . . as best he can. But the case he stumbles into is more complicated than it seems, and it portends a seismic shift in the world, one that will leave no one untouched. As the fog of his depression begins to lift, Sid sees connections everywhere he looks, and the once disparate threads of the case—a missing teenage girl, an entire bedroom saturated with mojo, and Sid's own long-dead wife—begin to coalesce.”
— Provided by publisher. Unrated.
Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Dead Girls Can't Tell Secrets

DB120717 7 hours 56 minutes

by Chelsea Ichaso

read by Caroline Hewitt

“Piper Sullivan was in a strange hiking accident last month and has been in a coma ever since. Her older sister, Savannah, can't pretend to be optimistic about it—things look bad. Piper will likely never wake up, and Savannah will never get any answers about what exactly happened. But then Savannah finds a note in Piper's locker inviting Piper to a meeting of their school's wilderness club . . . at the very place and on the very day she fell. Which means there was a chance that Piper wasn't alone. Someone might have seen something. Worse, someone might have done something. But who would have wanted to hurt the perfect Piper Sullivan—and why? To discover the truth, Savannah joins the club on their weekend-long camping trip on the same mountain where her sister fell. But she'd better be careful. Everyone in the club is a suspect, and everyone seems

to be keeping secrets about that tragic day. And Savannah? She's been keeping secrets too . . ." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2022.

The Reappearance of Rachel Price

DB120240 16 hours 36 minutes

by Holly Jackson

read by Sophie Amoss

"When her mother, who disappeared 16 years before, reappears while a true crime documentary about her case is being filmed, 18-year-old Bel, not buying her mom's unbelievable story about what happened to her, must uncover the real reason Rachel Price is back from the dead." — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

What Happened on Hicks Road

DB120521 7 hours 52 minutes

by Hannah Jayne

read by Renée Chambliss

"Lennox Oliver is loving her new life in California. For the first time, she feels normal. She has friends, and a maybe boyfriend and best of all no one knows the truth about her past and what happened to her mom. But everything changes the night after a party when a drive on the supposedly haunted Hicks Road turns deadly and Lennox hits something . . . or someone. Her friends say it was nothing, at worst, a deer in the road. But Lennox can't shake the vision of the girl in the headlights: bloody hair, wide, terrified eyes, lips parted in a scream. When she goes out to investigate, there's a slight dent in the car, but that's it: no body, no blood. Lennox wants to go to the police-but how can

she? She shouldn't have been driving, and as her friends remind her, there's no evidence that she actually hit anything. All Lennox wants to do is go back to her boring, normal life. But when a note saying FIND ME is slipped through her window, she fears that there was a girl she hit on Hicks Road that night . . . or she's slipping deeper into the illness that took her mother." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2023.

All That Is Mine I Carry with Me

DB118301 11 hours 14 minutes

by William Landay

read by Vaan Solis

"One afternoon in November 1975, ten-year-old Miranda Larkin comes home from school to find her house eerily quiet. Her mother is missing. Nothing else is out of place. There is no sign of struggle. Her mom's pocketbook remains in the front hall, in its usual spot. So begins a mystery that will span a lifetime. What happened to Jane Larkin? Investigators suspect Jane's husband. A criminal defense attorney, Dan Larkin would surely be an expert in outfoxing the police. But no evidence is found linking him to a crime, and the case fades from the public's memory, a simmering, unresolved riddle. Jane's three children—Alex, Jeff, and Miranda—are left to be raised by the man who may have murdered their mother. Two decades later, the remains of Jane Larkin are found. The investigation is awakened. The children, now grown, are forced to choose sides. With their father or against him? Guilty or innocent? And what happens if they are wrong?"

— Provided by publisher. Strong language, some violence and some descriptions of sex. 2023.

Bye, Baby: A Novel

DB119642 11 hours 28 minutes

by Carola Lovering

read by Helen Laser

“Best friends don’t always have the best intentions. On a brisk fall night in a New York apartment, 35-year-old Billie West hears terrified screams. It’s her lifelong best friend Cassie Barnwell, one floor above, and she’s just realized her infant daughter has gone missing. Billie is shaken as she looks down into her own arms to see the baby, remembering—with a jolt of fear—that she is responsible for the kidnapping that has instantly shattered Cassie’s world. Once fiercely bonded by their secrets, Cassie and Billie have drifted apart in adulthood, no longer the inseparable pair they used to be in their small Hudson Valley hometown. Cassie is married to a wealthy man, has recently become a mother, and is building a following as a lifestyle influencer. She is desperate to leave her past behind—including Billie, who is single and childless, and no longer fits into her world. But Billie knows the worst thing Cassie has ever done, and she will do anything to restore their friendship . . . Told in alternating perspectives in Lovering’s signature suspenseful style, *Bye, Baby* confronts the myriad ways friendships change and evolve over time, the lingering echoes of childhood trauma, and the impact of women’s choices on their lifelong relationships.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Icon and Inferno

DB120613 10 hours 49 minutes

by Marie Lu

read by Becca Q. Co

“A year after surviving a mission in London, and unmistakable chemistry, Winter and Syndey team up again for a perilous assignment involving old flames, new jealousies, and yet another sinister plot.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Finding Sophie: A Novel

DB119876 11 hours 19 minutes

by Imran Mahmood

read by Lydia Bakelmun

“Two parents, desperate to find their missing daughter, stand accused of murder. How far will they go to find the truth? Someone is guilty. For the last seventeen years, everything Harry and Zara King have done has been for their crown jewel, Sophie, their one and only daughter. When she goes missing, Harry and Zara will stop at nothing to find her. Someone knows what happened. The police have no leads, and as the weeks pass there’s little news. Harry and Zara’s suspicion of a neighbor and his involvement in Sophie’s disappearance quickly becomes an obsession—and they’ll do anything to get the answers to their questions. Someone will pay. When the neighbor is found dead in his apartment, Harry and Zara are arrested and charged with murder. They deny everything. Meanwhile, their precious daughter is still missing.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Nothing without Me: A Novel

DB120537 11 hours 36 minutes

by Helen Monks Takhar

read by Kristin Atherton

“April Eden is about to have the night of her life. After years struggling uphill as a female director, her debut movie *The Vanished Woman* is up for a major British film award, placing her firmly on Hollywood’s radar. Her leading lady, Essie Lay a fragile but magnetic former TV host is on the cusp of a stunning comeback after being canceled for a disturbing scandal.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

You Know What You Did: A Novel

DB120643 13 hours 19 minutes

by K.T. Nguyen

read by Kim Mai Guest

“In this heart-pounding debut thriller for fans of Lisa Jewell and Celeste Ng, a first-generation Vietnamese American artist must confront nightmares past and present. . . . Annie ‘Anh Le’ Shaw grew up poor, but seems to have it all now: a dream career, a stunning home, and a devoted husband and daughter. When Annie’s mother, a Vietnam War refugee, dies suddenly one night, Annie’s carefully curated life begins to unravel. Her obsessive-compulsive disorder, which she thought she’d vanquished years ago, comes roaring back—but this time, the disturbing fixations swirling around in Annie’s brain might actually be coming true. A prominent art patron disappears, and the investigation zeroes in on Annie. Spiraling with self-doubt, she distances herself from her family and friends, only to wake up in a hotel room—naked, next to a lifeless body. The police have more

questions, but with her mind increasingly fractured, Annie doesn’t have answers. All she knows is this: She will do anything to protect her daughter—even if it means losing herself. With dizzying twists, *You Know What You Did* is both a harrowing thriller and a heartfelt exploration of the refugee experience, the legacies we leave for our children, and the unbreakable bonds between mothers and daughters.” —Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

The Resemblance

DB119191 10 hours 2 minutes

by Lauren Nossett

read by Saskia Maarleveld

“On a chilly November morning at the University of Georgia, a fraternity brother steps off a busy crosswalk and is struck dead by an oncoming car. More than a dozen witnesses all agree on two things: the driver looked identical to the victim, and he was smiling. Detective Marlitt Kaplan is first on the scene. An Athens native and the daughter of a UGA professor, she knows all its shameful histories, from the skull discovered under the foundations of Baldwin Hall to the hushed-up murder-suicide in Waddel. But in the course of investigating this hit-and-run, she will uncover more chilling secrets as she explores the sprawling, interconnected Greek system that entertains and delights the university’s most elite and connected students. The lines between Marlitt’s police work and her own past increasingly blur as Marlitt seeks to bring to justice an institution that took something precious from her many years ago. When threats against her escalate, and some long-buried secrets threaten to come to

the surface, she can't help questioning whether the corruption in Athens has run off campus and into the force and how far these brotherhoods will go to protect their own." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2022.

Lies, Lies, Lies

DB119985 12 hours 15 minutes

by Adele Parks

read by Rachel Bavidge

"After years together, the arrival of longed-for daughter Millie sealed everything in place. A happy little family of three. And so what if Simon drinks a bit too much sometimes—Daisy's used to it, she knows he's letting off steam. Until one night at a party things spiral horribly out of control. And that happy little family of three will never be the same again. In *Lies Lies Lies*, *Sunday Times* bestseller Adele Parks explores the darkest corners of a relationship in freefall in a mesmerising tale of marriage and secrets." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

Owning Up

DB119105 5 hours 42 minutes

by George Pelecanos

read by Dion Graham

"Four blistering novellas, drawn together by themes of strife, violence, and humanity, from esteemed crime fiction writer George Pelecanos. 'Like his hero Elmore Leonard, Pelecanos finds the humanity in the lowest of lowlives.' (*Chicago Tribune*). When the son of the Carusos is involved in a hold up, the family home comes under siege in the form of a no-knock warrant. Months after the cops destroyed their home, the Carusos struggle to return to normal. Elsewhere, two former inmates reunite

by chance on the set of a TV production. Both have found their way on the straight and narrow path, that is, until one sees the potential for an easy grift. A teenage boy must step into the man he'd like to be as a hostage crisis grips his hometown. A woman adrift meets a man tied to her grandmother's past, an encounter that awakens her to a bloody history that undergirds the place she grew up. Pelecanos' portraits are characterized by shades of grey, resisting the mold of heroes and villains, victims and perpetrators, good and evil. At once streetwise and full of heart, *Owning Up* grapples with random chance, the bind of consequence, and the forked paths a life can take." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Hero

DB120529 8 hours 48 minutes

by Thomas Perry

read by Christina Delaine

"Justine Poole takes her job seriously providing security for wealthy and high-profile Hollywood stars. When she prevents a brazen robbery at the Beverly Hills home of two of her clients, killing two of the five armed robbers in the process, she is initially lauded in the media as a local hero. But the spotlight soon puts her in the crosshairs of the crime kingpin behind the thefts." — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

The Ascent

DB120524 10 hours 47 minutes

by Adam Plantinga

read by Charles Halford

"Kurt Argento, an ex-Detroit street cop who can't let injustice go—and who has the fighting skills to back up his idealism. If he sees a young girl

being dragged into an alley, he's going to rescue her and cause some damage. When he does just that in a small corrupt Missouri town, he's brutally beaten and thrown into a maximum-security prison. Julie Wakefield, a grad student who happens to be the governor's daughter, is about to take a tour of the prison. But when a malfunction in the security system releases a horde of prisoners, a fierce struggle for survival ensues. Argento must help a small band of staff and civilians, including Julie and her two state trooper handlers, make their way from the bottom floor to the roof to safety. All that stands in their way are six floors of the most dangerous convicts in Missouri." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Nowhere like Home: A Novel

DB119285 11 hours 20 minutes

by Sara Shepard

read by Brittany Pressley

"When Lenna gets a call from her old friend Rhiannon, she is startled; Rhiannon disappeared years ago without a trace. But Lenna is even more startled to learn that Rhiannon has a son and that she lives off the grid with a group of women in a community called Halcyon. Rhiannon invites Lenna, a new mother herself, to join them. Why suffer the sleepless nights by yourself? It takes a village, after all. Lenna decides to go and hopefully repair her relationship with Rhiannon, but as she drives into the desert and her cell service gets weaker, she becomes suspicious. Who are these women and why did Rhiannon invite her here? And that is before she learns about the community's rules (no outside phone

calls, no questions about people's pasts) and the padlock on the gate that leads out to the main road. But Lenna has other concerns, secrets from her past she is terrified will come out. When a newcomer arrives in the community, Lenna's worst fears are confirmed—she was brought here for a reason." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Six Truths and a Lie

DB120101 10 hours 53 minutes

by Ream Shukairy

read by Ali Nasser

"Told in their separate voices, six Muslim teens are falsely accused of an alleged attack on a Los Angeles beach and must trust or turn their backs on each other to prove their innocence. As fireworks pop off at a rowdy Fourth of July bonfire party, an explosion off the California coast levels an oil rig—resulting in chaos and worse, murder. At the center are six Muslim teens—six patriots, six strangers, and six suspects. An old soul caught in the wrong place. An aspiring doctor. An influencer with a reputation to protect. A perfect daughter with secrets to hide. A soccer star headed for Stanford. An immigrant in love. Each with something to hide and everything to lose. Faced with accusations of terrorism, The Six are caught in a political game that will pit them against each other in exchange for exoneration. They must choose: frame each other to guarantee their own independence or expose their secrets to earn back freedom for them all." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Listen for the Lie: A Novel

DB119654 9 hours 20 minutes

by Amy Tintera

read by January LaVoy

“What would you do if you thought you murdered your best friend? And if everyone else thinks so too? What if the truth doesn’t matter? As Lucy Chase’s Texas hometown begins to tell versions of what happened and who Lucy is to a nationwide, true crime obsessed audience, at the bequest of her grandmother, she returns to the place she vowed never to set foot in again to solve her friend’s murder, even if she is the one that did it.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Adult Nonfiction

Adventure

The Lost Boys of Montauk: The True Story of the Wind Blown, Four Men Who Vanished at Sea, and the Survivors They Left Behind

DB120532 9 hours 59 minutes

by Amanda M. Fairbanks

read by Cynthia Farrell

“In the tradition of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller (and Academy-Award nominated film) *The Perfect Storm*, and with a nod to Steven Gaines’ dishy tell-all, *Philistines at the Hedgerow*, a riveting account of a fishing boat and its four young crewman lost at sea in 1984 off the coast of Montauk in eastern Long Island — a ‘fishing town with a drinking problem,’ as the locals have it — and the stunning repercussions of that loss for the families and friends of the four missing men and, indeed, the entire storied summer community of the Hamptons.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

Animals and Wildlife

Eight Bears: Mythic Past and Imperiled Future

DB119616 8 hours 43 minutes

by Gloria Dickie

read by Cassidy Brown

“Bears have always held a central place in our collective memory, from Indigenous folklore and Greek mythology to nineteenth-century fairytales and the modern toy shop. But as humans and bears come into ever-closer contact, our relationship nears a tipping point. Today, most of the eight remaining bear species are threatened

with extinction. Some, such as the panda bear and the polar bear, are icons of the natural world; others, such as the spectacled bear and the sloth bear, are far less known.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Big Miracle

DB119865 12 hours 37 minutes

by Tom Rose

read by Peter Berkrot

“Recounts the true story of three California Gray whales imprisoned in Arctic ice in 1988 and the network of activists, businesses, and governments that worked together to rescue the whales.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

Many Things under a Rock: The Mysteries of Octopuses

DB119863 8 hours 51 minutes

by David Scheel

read by David Stifel

“A behavioral ecologist’s account of his decades-long obsession with octopuses: his discoveries, adventures, and his scientific understanding of their behaviors. Of all the creatures of the deep blue, none is as captivating as the octopus. In this book, a marine biologist investigates four major mysteries about these elusive beings. How can we study an animal with perfect camouflage and secretive habitats? How does a soft and boneless creature defeat sharks and eels, while thriving as a predator of the most heavily armored animals in the sea? How do octopus bodies work? And how does a solitary animal form friendships, entice mates, and outwit rivals? Over the course of his twenty-five years studying octopuses, the author has witnessed a sea change in what we know and are able

to discover about octopus physiology and behavior—even an octopus’s inner life. Here, he explores amazing scientific developments, weaving accounts of his own research and surprising encounters with stories and legends of Indigenous peoples—tales that illuminate our relationship with these creatures across centuries. In doing so, the author reveals a deep affinity between humans and even the most unusual and unique undersea dwellers. Octopuses are complex, emotional, and cognitive beings; even as the author unearths explanations for the key mysteries that have driven his work, he turns up many more things of wonder that lurk underneath. This is the story of what we have learned—and what we are still learning—about the natural history and wondrous lives of these animals with whom we share our blue planet.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Arts

Get the Picture: A Mind-Bending Journey among the Inspired Artists and Obsessive Art Fiends Who Taught Me How to See

DB119366 10 hours 17 minutes

by Bianca Bosker

read by Bianca Bosker

“An award-winning journalist obsessed with obsession, Bianca Bosker’s existence was upended when she wandered into the art world and couldn’t look away. Intrigued by artists who hyperventilate around their favorite colors and art fiends who max out credit cards to show hunks of metal they think can change the world, Bosker grew fixated on understanding why art matters and how she or any of us could engage

with it more deeply. In *Get the Picture*, Bosker throws herself into the nerve center of art and the people who live for it: gallerists, collectors, curators, and, of course, artists themselves the kind who work multiple jobs to afford their studios while scrabbling to get eyes on their art. As she stretches canvases until her fingers blister, talks her way into A-list parties full of billionaire collectors, has her face sat on by a nearly-naked performance artist, and forces herself to stare at a single sculpture for hours on end while working as a museum security guard, she discovers not only the inner workings of the art-canonization machine but also a more expansive way of living. Probing everything from cave paintings to Instagram, and from the science of sight to the importance of beauty as it examines art’s role in our culture, our economy, and our hearts, *Get the Picture* is a rollicking adventure that will change the way you see forever.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Thunderclap: A Memoir of Art and Life and Sudden Death

DB119249 7 hours 43 minutes

by Laura Cumming

read by Laura Cumming

“In 1654, the Thunderclap—an enormous explosion at a gunpowder store—devasted the city of Delft, killing hundreds of people, including the extraordinary painter Carel Fabritius, and injuring thousands more. Framing the story around the life of Fabritius, Cumming illuminates this extraordinary moment in art history while also writing about her own father, a painter. Like Dutch art, the story gradually links

country, city, town, street, house, interior all the way to the bird on its perch, the blue and white tile, the smallest seed in a loaf of bread. The impact of a painting and how it can enter our thoughts, influence our view and understanding of the world is the heart of this book. Cumming has brought her unique eye to her most compelling subject yet.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Radiant: The Life and Line of Keith Haring

DB120468 18 hours 38 minutes

by Brad Gooch

read by Graham Halstead

“A stunning life of the iconic American artist, Keith Haring, by the acclaimed biographer Brad Gooch. In the 1980s, the subways of New York City were covered with art. In the stations, black matte sheets were pasted over outdated ads, and unsigned chalk drawings often popped up on these blank spaces. These temporary chalk drawings numbered in the thousands and became synonymous with a city as diverse as it was at war with itself, ravaged by poverty and oppression but alive with art and creative energy. And every single one of these drawings was done by Keith Haring. Keith Haring was one of the most emblematic artists of the 1980s, a figure described by his contemporaries as “a prophet in his life, his person, and his work.” Part of an iconic cultural crowd that included Andy Warhol, Madonna, and Basquiat, Haring broke down the barriers between high art and popular culture, creating work that was accessible for all and using it as a means to provoke and inspire radical social

change. Haring died of AIDS in 1990. To this day, his influence on our culture remains incontrovertible, and his glamorous, tragically short life has a unique aura of mystery and power. Brad Gooch, noted biographer of Flannery O’Connor and Frank O’Hara, was granted access to Haring’s extensive archive. He has written a biography that will become the authoritative work on the artist. Based on interviews with those who knew Haring best and drawing from the rich archival history, Brad Gooch sets out to capture the magic of Keith Haring: a visionary and timeless icon.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Nureyev: The Life

DB109557 33 hours 17 minutes

by Julie Kavanagh

read by Stephen Van Doren

“Rudolf Nureyev had it all: beauty, genius, charm, passion, and sex appeal. No other dancer of our time has generated the same excitement, for both men and women, on or off the stage. With *Nureyev: The Life*, Julie Kavanagh shows how his intense drive and passion for dance propelled him from a poor, Tatar-peasant background to the most sophisticated circles of London, Paris, and New York. His dramatic defection to the West in 1961 created a Cold War crisis and made him an instant celebrity, but this was just the beginning. Nureyev spent the rest of his life breaking barriers: reinventing male technique, ‘crashing the gates’ of modern dance, iconoclastically updating the most hallowed classics, and making dance history by partnering England’s prima ballerina assoluta, Margot Fonteyn—a woman twice his age.

He danced for almost all the major choreographers—Frederick Ashton, George Balanchine, Kenneth MacMillan, Jerome Robbins, Maurice Béjart, Roland Petit—his main motive, he claimed, for having left the Kirov. But Nureyev also made it his mission to stage Russia’s full-length masterpieces in the West. His highly personal productions of *Swan Lake*, *The Nutcracker*, *Raymonda*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *La Bayadère* are the mainstays of the Paris Opéra Ballet repertory to this day. An inspirational director and teacher, Nureyev was a Diaghilev-like mentor to young protégés across the globe—from Karen Kain and Monica Mason (now directors themselves), to Sylvie Guillem, Elisabeth Platel, Laurent Hilaire and Kenneth Greve. Sex, as much as dance, was a driving force for Nureyev. From his first secret liaison in Russia to his tempestuous relationship with the great Danish dancer Erik Bruhn, we see not only Nureyev’s notorious homosexual history unfold, but also learn of his profound effect on women—whether a Sixties wild child or Jackie Kennedy and Lee Radziwill or the aging Marlene Dietrich. Among the first victims of AIDS, Nureyev was diagnosed HIV positive in 1984 but defied the disease for nearly a decade, dancing, directing the Paris Opéra Ballet, choreographing, and even beginning a new career as a conductor. Still making plans for the future, Nureyev finally succumbed and died in January 1993. Drawing on previously undisclosed letters, diaries, home-movie footage, interviews with Nureyev’s inner circle, and her own dance background, Julie Kavanagh gives the most intimate, revealing, and dramatic picture we

have ever had of this dazzling, complex figure.” — Provided by publisher. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2007.

Astronomy

Things That Go Bump in the Universe: How Astronomers Decode Cosmic Chaos

DB120131 12 hours 6 minutes

by C. Renée James

read by Wendy Tremont King

“This new book explores the pioneering field of transient — or time-domain — astronomy, the incredible discoveries being made, the tools that we use to detect these cosmic events, and the aspects that continue to puzzle observers and theorists. In an engaging style accessible to the layperson, the astronomer and popular science author gives us an up-to-date overview of the ‘transient universe,’ and explains how astronomers came to see the cosmos as a dynamic place, rather than a static one.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

The Number of the Heavens: A History of the Multiverse and the Quest to Understand the Cosmos

DB118178 10 hours 18 minutes

by Tom Siegfried

read by Mark Ashby

“One of the most controversial, cutting-edge ideas in cosmology—the possibility that there exist multiple parallel universes—in fact has a long history. Tom Siegfried reminds us that the size and number of the heavens have been contested since ancient times. His story offers deep lessons about the nature of science and the quest for understanding.” — Provided by publisher. 2019.

Biography

But You Don't Look Arab: And Other Tales of Unbelonging

DB119280 8 hours 53 minutes

by Hala Gorani

read by Hala Gorani

“What is it like to have no clear identity in a world full of labels? How can people find a sense of belonging when they have never felt part of a ‘tribe?’ And how does a blonde-haired, blue-eyed woman who’s never lived in the Middle East honor her Arab Muslim ancestry and displaced family a family forced to scatter when their home country was torn apart by war? Hala Gorani’s path to self-discovery started the moment she could understand that she was ‘other’ wherever she found herself to be. Born of Syrian parents in America and raised mainly in France, she didn’t feel at home in Aleppo, Seattle, Paris, or London. She is a citizen of everywhere and nowhere. And like many journalists who’ve covered wars and conflicts, she felt most at home on the ground reporting and in front of the camera. As a journalist, Gorani has traveled to some of the most dangerous places in the world, covering the Arab Spring in Cairo and the Syrian civil war, reporting on suicide bombers in Beirut and the chemical attacks in Damascus, watching the growth of ISIS and the war in Iraq sometimes escaping with her life by a hair. But through it all, she came to understand that finding herself meant not only looking inward, but tracing a long family history of uprooted ancestors. From the courts of Ottoman Empire sultans through the stories of the citizens from her home country and

other places torn apart by unrest, *But You Don't Look Arab* combines Gorani’s family history with rigorous reporting, explaining and most importantly, humanizing the constant upheavals in the Middle East over the last century.”
— Provided by publisher. Unrated.
Commercial audiobook. 2024.

No Time to Panic: How I Curbed My Anxiety and Conquered a Lifetime of Panic Attacks

DB119757 7 hours 46 minutes

by Matt Gutman

read by Matt Gutman

“Matt Gutman can tell you the precise moment when his life was upended. Reporting live on a huge story in January 2020, he found himself in the throes of an on-air panic attack and not for the first time. The truth is that Gutman had been enduring panic attacks in secret for twenty years: soul-bruising episodes that left his vision constricted, his body damp, his nerves shot. Despite the challenges, he had carved out a formidable career, reporting from war zones and natural disasters before millions of viewers on *Good Morning America*, *World News Tonight*, and *20/20*. His nerves typically ‘punched through’ to TV audiences, making his appearances kinetic and often unforgettable. But his January 2020 broadcast was unusual for all the wrong reasons. Mid-panic, Gutman misstated the facts of a story, a blunder that led to a monthlong suspension, not to mention public shame and personal regret. It was a reckoning. Gutman’s panic attacks had become too much for him to bear in secret. He needed help. So begins a personal journey into the

science and treatment of panic attacks. Gutman would talk to the world's foremost scholars on panic and anxiety, who showed him that his mind wasn't broken; it's our perception of panic that needs recalibration. He would consult therapists and shamans, trying everything from group treatment and cognitive behavioral therapy to ayahuasca and psilocybin. And he would take a hard look at the trauma reverberating inside him—from his childhood, but also from his years as a conflict reporter. Unsparing, perceptive, and often funny, this is the story of a panic sufferer who took on the monster within. Filled with wisdom and actionable insights, it's at once an inspirational journey and a road map—if not toward a singular cure, then to something even more worthy: peace of mind.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Angel in Mink: Mary Lasker

DB120189 7 hours 39 minutes

by Shirley Haley

read by Teri Schnaubelt

“She is the most influential American you've never heard of. Because of her gifts and grit, the United States boasts the world's preeminent biomedical research institution. She was a quick study, a brilliant networker, and a formidable figure. She called herself a citizen advocate, and she advocated for the health of the nation. This is Mary Lasker's story. Americans now recognize the National Institutes of Health as the national treasure that it is, but when she began her crusade, her first challenge was persuading elected leaders and federal officials that the health of the

American public was even their problem. Armed with the knowledge she was right, and supported by her husband, the famed ad man Albert Lasker, and close friend Florence Mahoney, she built a coalition of noted physicians and scientists that fundamentally changed how we think about medical research funding. In New York she supported the arts and theater. For a few months every year, she traveled to Europe, rented a villa in France or Italy, and entertained all the right people. She incorporated her mission for medical research with her place in high society. She was a socialite on a mission. She was an Angel in Mink.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Work with What You Got

DB117752 5 hours 8 minutes

by James S. Hirsch and Zion Clark

read by Crystian Wiltshire

“Zion Clark has always had big dreams for himself despite the many hardships he faced growing up as a Black disabled child in the foster care system of Ohio. His childhood years were marked by instability as he moved from home to home, experiencing abuse and neglect. And yet his determination and grit pushed him to become an elite wrestler and wheelchair racer. His constant reinvention led him to activism, speaking out about the failings of the foster care system. The list of Zion's accomplishments and accolades is lengthy, but he's not even close to slowing down. As he says, ‘Work with what you got! If I can do it, so can you.’” — Provided by publisher. Strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2023.

Splinters: Another Kind of Love Story

DB120144 8 hours 35 minutes

by Leslie Jamison

read by Leslie Jamison

“From the *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Recovering* and *The Empathy Exams* comes the riveting story of rebuilding a life after the end of a marriage—an exploration of motherhood, art and new love.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Pieces of a Girl

DB120518 9 hours 32 minutes

by Stephanie Kuehnert

read by Stephanie Kuehnert

“*Pieces of a Girl* is a memoir about abuse and addiction and the power of storytelling and community that helped zine creator and novelist Stephanie Kuehnert survive and thrive. Told in journal entries, original illustrations, and pages torn from her actual diaries and zines, this is the story of Stephanie’s life as a struggling outsider who survived substance and relationship abuse to become a strong young woman after years trapped in a cycle that sometimes seemed to have no escape.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2024.

Courtiers: Intrigue, Ambition, and the Power Players behind the House of Windsor

DB119982 10 hours 6 minutes

by Valentine Low

read by Valentine Low

“Throughout history, the British monarchy has relied on its courtiers—the trusted advisers in the King or Queen’s inner circle—to ensure its survival as a family and a pillar of the country. Today,

as ever, a carefully selected team of people hidden from view steers the royal family’s path between public duty and private life. Queen Elizabeth II, after a remarkable 70 years of service, saw the final seasons of her reign without her husband Philip to guide her. Now, a newly ascended Charles seeks to define what his future as King, and that of his court, will be. The question of who is entrusted to guide the royals has never been more vital. Yet, as the tensions within the family are exposed to global scrutiny like never before, the task these courtiers face has never been more challenging.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Unearthing: A Story of Tangled Love and Family Secrets

DB119663 9 hours 46 minutes

by Kyo Maclear

read by Kyo Maclear

“Three months after Kyo Maclear’s father dies in December 2018, she gets the results of a DNA test showing that she and the father who raised her are not biologically related. Suddenly Maclear becomes a detective in her own life, unravelling a family mystery piece by piece, and assembling the story of her biological father. Along the way, larger questions arise: what exactly is kinship? And what does it mean to be a family? Unearthing is a captivating and propulsive story of inheritance that goes beyond heredity. Infused with moments of suspense, it is also a thoughtful reflection on race, lineage, and our cultural fixation on recreational genetics. Readers of Michelle Zauner’s bestseller *Crying in H Mart* will recognize Maclear’s unflinching insights on grief and loyalty,

and keen perceptions into the relationship between mothers and daughters. What gets planted, and what gets buried? What role does storytelling play in unearthing the past and making sense of a life? Can the humble act of tending a garden provide common ground for an inquisitive daughter and her complicated mother? As it seeks to answer these questions, *Unearthing* bursts with the very love it seeks to understand.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Never Leave the Dogs Behind: A Memoir

DB120971 5 hours 39 minutes

by Brianna Madia

read by Brianna Madia

“In her debut memoir, *Nowhere for Very Long*, Brianna Madia reflected on her life as a nomad, free to roam some of the most beautiful land in America. Now, in *Never Leave the Dogs Behind*, the van life adherent faces the unfathomable darkness that comes from a life blown apart, her only solace the support of her dogs. In the wake of a painful, public divorce and the ensuing fallout, Brianna moves from a pared-down van into a pared-down trailer. She reckons with her decision to be alone in the desert, living on a nine-acre plot of undeveloped land on the dusty outskirts of a small town in Utah, accompanied only by her four precious dogs: Bucket, Dagwood, Birdie, and Banjo. As she grapples with the anger, despair, and delicious freedom that comes from being wholly on her own, Brianna wonders where, exactly, the road less traveled has led her.” — WorldCat. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Life Unseen: A Story of Blindness

DB120671 6 hours 21 minutes

by Selina Mills

read by Selina Mills

“Imagine a world without sight. Is it dark and gloomy? Is it terrifying and isolating? Or is it simply a state of not seeing, which we have demonised and sentimentalized over the centuries? And why is blindness so frightening? In this fascinating historical adventure, broadcaster and author Selina Mills takes us on a journey through the history of blindness in Western Culture to discover that blindness is not so dark after all. Inspired by her own experience of losing her sight as she forged a successful journalistic career, *Life Unseen* takes us through a personal and unsentimental historical quest through the lives, stories and achievements of blind people — as well as those sighted people who sought to patronize, demonize and fix them. From the blind poet Homer, through the myths and moralising of early medieval culture to the scientific and medical discoveries of the Enlightenment and modern times, the story of blindness turns out to be a story of our whole culture.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

How to Be Old: Lessons in Living Boldly from the Accidental Icon

DB119878 8 hours 53 minutes

by Lyn Slater

read by Lyn Slater

“A personal memoir in which Lyn Slater, known on Instagram as ‘Accidental Icon,’ brings her characteristic style, optimism, forward-thinking, and rules-are-meant-to-be-broken attitude to the question of how to live boldly at any

age. When Lyn Slater started her fashion blog, *Accidental Icon*, at age sixty-one, she discovered that followers were flocking to her account for more than just her A-list style. As Lyn flaunted gray hair, wrinkles, and a megadose of self-acceptance, they found in her an alternative model of older life: someone who defied the stereotypes, refused to become invisible, and showed that all women have the opportunity to be relevant and take major risks at any stage of their life. Youth is not the only time we can be experimental. *How to Be Old* tells the ten-year story of Lyn's sixties, the sometimes-glamorous, sometimes-turbulent decade of *Accidental Icon*. This memoir is about the hopeful and future-oriented process of reinvention. It shows readers that while you can't control everything, what you can control is the way you think about your age and the creative ways you respond to the changes in your mind and body as they happen. Rather than trying to meet standards of youth and beauty as a measure of successful aging, Lyn promotes a more inclusive and empowering standard to judge our older selves by. In this paradigm-shifting memoir, Lyn exemplifies that even with its unique challenges, being old is just like any new beginning in your life and can be the best and most invigorating of all of life's phases, full of rebellion and reinvention, connection and creativity." — Provided by publisher.

Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

George VI and Elizabeth: The Marriage That Saved the Monarchy

DB118761 22 hours 12 minutes

by Sally Bedell Smith

read by Rosalyn Landor

“Granted special access by Queen Elizabeth II to her parents’ letters and diaries and to the papers of their close friends and family, Sally Bedell Smith brings the love story of this iconic royal couple to vibrant life. This deeply researched and revealing book shows how a loving and devoted marriage helped the King and Queen meet the challenges of World War II, lead a nation, solidify the public’s faith in the monarchy, and raise their daughters, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret. When King Edward VIII abdicated the throne in 1936, shattering the Crown’s reputation, his younger brother, known as Bertie, assumed his father’s name and became King George VI. Shy, sensitive, and afflicted with a stutter, George VI had never imagined that he would become King. His wife, Elizabeth, a pretty, confident, and outgoing woman who became known later in life as ‘the Queen Mum,’ strengthened and advised her husband. With his wife’s support, guidance, and love, George VI was able to overcome his insecurities and become an exceptional leader, navigating the country through World War II, establishing a relationship with Winston Churchill, visiting Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt in Washington and in Hyde Park, and inspiring the British people with his courage and compassion during the Blitz. Simultaneously, George VI and Elizabeth trained their daughter Princess Elizabeth from an early age to be a highly successful monarch, and she would reign for an unprecedented seventy years. Sally Bedell Smith gives us an inside view of the lives, struggles, hopes, and triumphs of King George

VI and Elizabeth during a pivotal time in history.” — Provided by publisher.

Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Things I Should Have Said: Family, Fame, and Figuring It Out

DB120436 5 hours 57 minutes

by Jamie Lynn Spears

read by Jamie Lynn Spears

“The world first met Jamie Lynn as a child star. She spent years escaping into different characters — on *All That*, *Zoey 101*, and even in the role as Britney’s kid sister. But as she grew up, faced a teen pregnancy, raised her daughter on her own, pursued a career, and learned to stand on her own two feet, the real Jamie Lynn started to take centre stage — a raw, blemished, and imperfect woman, standing in her own power. Jamie talks frankly about the highs and lows, how she finally found love, and how the mistakes she has made have taught her more than anything else.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2022.

Knocking Myself Up: A Memoir of My (In)Fertility

DB119096 7 hours 13 minutes

by Michelle Tea

read by Michelle Tea

“Written in intimate, gleefully TMI prose, *Knocking Myself Up* is the irreverent account of Tea’s route to parenthood—with a group of ride-or-die friends, a generous drag queen, and a whole lot of can-do pluck. Along the way she falls in love with a wholesome genderqueer a decade her junior, attempts biohacking herself a baby with black market fertility meds (and magicking herself an offspring with witch-enchanted honey), learns her eggs are busted, and enters the Fertility

Industrial Complex in order to carry her younger lover’s baby. With the signature sharp wit and wild heart that have made her a favorite to so many readers, Tea guides us through the maze of medical procedures, frustrations and astonishments on the path to getting pregnant, wryly critiquing some of the systems that facilitate that choice (‘a great, punk, daredevil thing to do’). In *Knocking Myself Up*, Tea has crafted a deeply entertaining and profound memoir, a testament to the power of love and family-making, however complex our lives may be, to transform and enrich us.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2022.

The Mango Tree: A Memoir of Fruit, Florida, and Felony

DB120533 11 hours 0 minutes

by Annabelle Tometich

read by Annabelle Tometich

“When journalist Annabelle Tometich picks up the phone one June morning, she isn’t expecting a collect call from an inmate at the Lee County Jail. And when she accepts, she certainly isn’t prepared to hear her mother’s voice on the other end of the line. However, explaining the situation to her younger siblings afterwards was easy; all she had to say was, ‘Mom shot at some guy. He was messing with her mangoes.’ They immediately understood. Answering the questions of the breaking-news reported at the same newspaper where Annabelle worked as a restaurant critic proved more difficult. Annabelle decided to go with a variation of the truth: it was complicated. So begins *The Mango Tree*, a poignant and deceptively entertaining memoir of growing up as a mixed-race

Filipina ‘nobody’ in suburban Florida as Annabelle traces the roots of her upbringing all the while reckoning with her erratic father’s untimely death in a Fort Myers motel, her fiery mother’s bitter yearning for the country she left behind, and her own journey in the pursuit of belonging. With clear-eyed compassion and piercing honesty, *The Mango Tree* is a family saga that navigates the tangled branches of Annabelle’s life, from her childhood days in an overflowing house flooded by balikbayan boxes, vegetation, and juicy mangoes, to her winding path from medical school hopeful to restaurant critic. It is a love letter to her fellow Filipino Americans, her lost younger self, and the beloved fruit tree at the heart of her family. But above all, it is an ode to Annabelle’s hot-blooded, whip-smart mother Josefina, a woman who made a life and a home of her own, and without whom Annabelle would not have herself.” — Goodreads. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa

DB119755 7 hours 11 minutes

by Jim Towey

read by Jim Towey

“Mother Teresa was one of the most admired women of the 20th century, and her memory continues to inspire charitable work around the world. She believed the greatest need of a human being is to love and be loved. In 1948, she founded the Missionaries of Charity to work directly with the very poorest of Calcutta. From the efforts of one woman entering the slums of Entally,

the Missionaries of Charity grew into an organization operating soup kitchens, health clinics, hospices, and shelters in 139 countries, at no cost to any government or to those served. In 2016, she became Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Author Jim Towey had been a high-flying Congressional staffer and lawyer in the 1980s until a brief meeting with Mother Teresa illuminated the emptiness of his life. He began volunteering at one of her soup kitchens and using his legal skills and political connections to help the Missionaries of Charity. When Mother Teresa suggested he take shifts at her AIDS hospice, Towey realized he was all in. Soon, he gave up his job and possessions and became a full-time volunteer for Mother Teresa. He traveled with her frequently, arranged her meetings with politicians, and handled many of her legal affairs. *To Love and Be Loved* is a firsthand account of Mother Teresa’s last years, and the first book ever to detail her dealings with worldly matters. We see her gracefully navigate the opportunities and challenges of leadership, the perils of celebrity, and the humiliations and triumphs of aging. We also catch her indulging in chocolate ice cream, making jokes about mini-skirts, and telling the President of the United States he’s wrong. Above all, we see her extraordinary devotion to God and to the very poorest of His children. Mother Teresa taught Towey to be more prayerful, less selfish, more humble, less worldly, more in love with God, and less in love with himself. Her lessons are here for all to share.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2022.

Cooking

The Core of an Onion: Peeling the Rarest Common Food—Featuring More Than 100 Historical Recipes

DB120634 5 hours 12 minutes

by Mark Kurlansky

read by Mark Kurlansky

“As Julia Child once said, ‘It is hard to imagine a civilization without onions.’ Historically, she’s been right—and not just in the kitchen. Uniquely flourishing in just about every climate and culture around the world, onions have provided the essential basis not only for sautés, stews, and stir fries, but for medicines, metaphors, and folklore. Abundantly commonplace yet extraordinarily indispensable, the onion is Kurlansky’s newest global food fixation as he sets out to explore how and why the crop reigns over Wales to Italy and everywhere in between. Featuring historical images and his own pen-and-ink drawings, Kurlansky begins with the science behind the only sulfuric acid-spewing plant, then digs through the twenty varieties of onion and the cultures built around them. Among the first domesticated and cultivated crops, onions were seen by the ancient Egyptians as a symbol of eternity, the Greeks as an agent of strength, and the Chinese as a supplement for intelligence. Entering the kitchen, Kurlansky celebrates the raw, roasted, creamed, marinated, and pickled. Including twenty-five recipes from around the world, *The Core of an Onion* shares the secrets to celebrated Parisian chef Alain Senderens’s onion soup eaten to cure late-night drunkenness; Hemingway’s raw onion and peanut butter sandwich; and the Gibson, a debonair gin

martini garnished with a pickled onion. Just as the smell of sautéed onions will lure anyone to the kitchen, *The Core of an Onion* is sure to draw readers into their savory stories at first taste.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

The New Midwestern Table: 200 Heartland Recipes

DB117908 16 hours 24 minutes

by Amy Thielen

read by Halley Kim

“Amy Thielen grew up in rural northern Minnesota, waiting in lines for potluck buffets amid loops of smoked sausages from her uncle’s meat market and in the company of women who could put up jelly without a recipe. She spent years cooking in some of New York City’s best restaurants, but it took moving home in 2008 for her to rediscover the wealth and diversity of the Midwestern table, and to witness its reinvention. *The New Midwestern Table* reveals all that she’s come to love—and learn—about the foods of her native Midwest, through updated classic recipes and numerous encounters with spirited home cooks and some of the region’s most passionate food producers. With 150 color photographs capturing these fresh-from-the-land dishes and the striking beauty of the terrain, this cookbook will cause any home cook to fall in love with the captivating flavors of the American heartland.” — Provided by publisher. 2013.

Crime

Deadly Little Secrets: The Minister, His Mistress, and a Heartless Texas Murder

DB115296 17 hours 29 minutes

by Kathryn Casey

read by Madelyn Buzzard

“With *Deadly Little Secrets*, Casey once again explores the dark side of the Lone Star State, offering a riveting true story of a murderous Texas preacher responsible for the cold-blooded slaying of the mother of his children. Meticulously researched and spellbindingly told, *Deadly Little Secrets* pulls back the curtain on the horrific crimes of a supposed man of God who was more devoted to the Devil, and it demonstrates why such true crime luminaries as Edgar® Award winner Carleton Stowers and Gregg Olsen are confirmed Kathryn Casey fans.” — Provided by publisher. Strong language and some violence. 2012.

The Unveiling: A Mother’s Reflection on Murder, Grief, and Trial Life

DB120545 8 hours 31 minutes

by Ruth Markel

read by Ann Marie Lee

“Ruth Markel’s tenacious fight for justice on behalf of the murder of her son, Dan Markel, and the struggle to be legally reunited with her grandchildren. Ruth Markel is the mother of the late Dan Markel, a noted law professor who was murdered in Tallahassee, Florida in 2014. In *The Unveiling*, she describes her experiences since the day of Dan’s death from several distinct perspectives: As a devastated mother with the unique human perspective of becoming a homicide survivor and victim; as a woman whose attempts to achieve normalcy and live a healthy life are continually interrupted by painful reminders, a rollercoaster of hearings, frequently changing trial dates, verdicts, and appeals; as an engaged citizen using what she has learned to help other victims of homicide and violent

crimes recover from trauma and begin an optimistic outlook on life; as an insider who shows how our collective network of family, friends, and experts including a murder coach have helped her family remain involved, motivated, and hopeful; as a grandmother who had not been allowed to see her grandchildren in many years, she used advocacy to inspire the Florida State Legislature to pass a grandparent visitation bill; and as an experienced author of nine books using the written word to effectively address the shift from grief to promise.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2022.

America’s First Female Serial Killer: Jane Toppan and the Making of a Monster

DB120248 6 hours 6 minutes

by Mary Kay McBrayer

read by Mary Kay McBrayer

“The nurse from hell: Always cheerful, helpful, and sweet, nurse Jane Toppan was the last person you would suspect to administer a dose of death. When countless patients sought treatment for minor ailments and ended up dead, it was often thought accidental, due to the shortcomings of medicine in the late 1800s. But behind the jolly mask, there was a monster that was years in the making. *America’s First Female Serial Killer* is an imagined retelling of Jane Toppan—one of the deadliest poisoners of all time—and readers will get a fly-on-the-wall perspective of her life and crimes that will leave you up at night.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

Burn Boston Burn: The Story of the Largest Arson Case in the History of the Country

DB115574 17 hours 7 minutes

by Wayne M. Miller

read by Joy Jones

“*Burn Boston Burn: The Largest Arson Case in the History of the Country* is an astounding true crime narration. A conspiracy of 9 men, including 3 Boston cops and a Boston firefighter, burned Boston and surrounding communities in the early 1980s due to tax-cutting measures that caused layoffs of hundreds of police and firefighters. Over 2 years, these fire buffs turned arsonists, torched 264 buildings, causing millions of dollars in damages and hundreds of injuries. The city was ablaze with nightly fires, sirens wailing through the streets and people too afraid to sleep. This book interweaves the activities of the arsonists with those of the investigators, the firefighters and the citizens of the area. Readers will shake their heads in disbelief at the brazen and wanton actions of these political terrorists. The author, now retired ATF Special Agent Wayne Miller, lived this case for three years. A TV cameraman helped break the case when one of the cops waved his gun in the air at a massive fire as if he were at a rodeo. The case included a stolen police car dumped in Boston Harbor, a threat letter consisting of cut-out letters and plans to murder witnesses. After the Boston Police Officer/arsonist became a witness, we utilized 17 undercover contacts to perfect a Federal case. Agent Miller spent innumerable hours with those perpetrators

who became Government witnesses. An arsonist’s journal provided the basis for chilling insights into their words, actions, and thoughts. Mr. Miller now has regular contact with that arsonist who has provided additional information in support of the book. Every firefighter who has heard of the story wants to read about it. Also, anyone interested in true crime, investigative procedures, the inner workings of a criminal conspiracy and fires would have strong interests in this book. The case was covered by national media in the early to mid-1980s.” — Provided by publisher. Strong language. 2019.

Gardening

The Ultimate Wildlife Habitat Garden: Attract and Support Birds, Bees, and Butterflies

DB119265 5 hours 36 minutes

by Stacy Tornio

read by Catherine Byers

“In *The Ultimate Wildlife Habitat Garden*, Stacy Tornio makes it easy to attract birds, bees, and butterflies to your home garden by sharing details about which plants attract specific creatures. Entice birds with black-eyed susans, attract bumblebees by planting bee balm, and more. Choose from ten garden plans, including a hummingbird garden, a birdseed garden, and options that are low-maintenance and drought-resistant. You’ll also get advice on finding the right feeder, avoiding pesticides, and choosing native plants. This beautiful, photo-filled guide will enable you to create the earth-friendly garden of your dreams.” — Provided by publisher. 2024.

General

Imponderables: Answers to the Most Perplexing and Amusing Mysteries of Everyday Life

DB120052 17 hours 22 minutes

by David Feldman

read by Erin Bennett

“Make sense of those amusing mysteries that surround our daily lives.

Look around you — the world is full of perplexities, puzzlements, and peculiarities, all just begging to be explained.

Imponderables provides the answers.

Inside these pages are innumerable insights into nature, language, science, and daily living, written both to entertain and enlighten.” — OCLC. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. 2021.

The Secret History of Bigfoot: Field Notes on a North American Monster

DB119683 9 hours 17 minutes

by John O’Connor

read by Matt Godfrey

“Bigfoot is an instantly recognizable figure. Through the decades, this elusive primate has been featured in movies and books, on coffee mugs, beer koozies, car polish, and CBD oil. Which begs the question: what is it about Bigfoot that’s caught hold of our imaginations? Journalist and self-diagnosed skeptic John O’Connor is fascinated by Sasquatch. Curious to learn more, he embarks on a quest through the North American wilds in search of Bigfoot, its myth and meaning. Alongside an eccentric cast of characters, he explores the zany and secretive world of ‘cryptozoology,’ tracking Bigfoot through ancient folklore to Harry and the Hendersons, while examining the forces behind our

ever-widening belief in the supernatural. As O’Connor treks through the shrouded forests of the Pacific Northwest, listens to firsthand accounts, and attends Bigfoot conventions, he’s left wondering—what happens when the lines between myth and reality blur? Perfect for fans of Bill Bryson and Douglas Preston, and with sharp wit and an adventurous spirit, this heartfelt exploration of a cornerstone of American folklore unpacks why we believe in the things that we do, what that says about us, and how it shapes our world.” — Publisher’s description. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Why We Read: On Bookworms, Libraries, and Just One More Page before Lights Out

DB119624 8 hours 57 minutes

by Shannon Reed

read by Paige McKinney

“In this uproarious exploration of the joys of reading, a long-time teacher, lifelong reader and *The New Yorker* contributor shares surprising stories from her life and the poignant ways in which books have impacted her students and shows us how literature can transform us for the better.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Government and Politics

Finish What We Started: The MAGA Movement’s Ground War to End Democracy

DB120780 8 hours 55 minutes

by Isaac Arnsdorf

read by Will Damron

“Inspired by Donald Trump’s election lies, a growing movement of grassroots activists mobilized around the country to pick up where the insurrection left

off, laying the groundwork to succeed next time where Trump had failed to keep himself in power. But their own success in taking over and purging the Republican Party became their undoing as it drove away moderates and supplied the Democrats with a winning message in the 2022 midterms. Still, the MAGA Republicans proved uninterested in learning from that defeat, only becoming more extreme, divisive, and dead set on returning Trump to power.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

John Lewis: In Search of the Beloved Community

DB119288 18 hours 2 minutes
by Raymond Arsenault
read by Jaime Lincoln Smith
“The first full-length biography of civil rights hero and congressman John Lewis. For six decades John Robert Lewis (1940-2020) was a towering figure in the U.S. struggle for civil rights. As an activist and progressive congressman, he was renowned for his unshakable integrity, indomitable courage, and determination to get into ‘good trouble.’ In this first book-length biography of Lewis, Raymond Arsenault traces Lewis’s upbringing in rural Alabama, his activism as a Freedom Rider and leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, his championing of voting rights and anti-poverty initiatives, and his decades of service as the ‘conscience of Congress.’ Arsenault recounts Lewis’s lifetime of work toward one overarching goal: realizing the ‘beloved community,’ an ideal society based in equity and inclusion. Lewis never

wavered in this pursuit, and even in death his influence endures, inspiring mobilization and resistance in the fight for social justice.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

And Then What? Inside Stories of 21st-Century Diplomacy

DB118067 9 hours 32 minutes
by Catherine Ashton
read by Kristin Allison
“So much of modern-day diplomacy still takes place behind closed doors, away from cameras and prying eyes. So what does this vital role really look like in today’s world and what does it take to do it well? From 2009 to 2014, Cathy Ashton was the EU’s first High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security, effectively Europe’s foreign policy supremo responsible for coordinating the EU’s response to international crises. Arriving in Brussels as a relative novice to international diplomacy, she faced the challenge of representing the views and values of 28 nations during one of the most turbulent times in living memory. Decades-old certainties were swept away in days. Hope rose and fell, often in a matter of hours. From the frozen conflict of Ukraine to the Serbia-Kosovo deal, there were challenges, failures and moments of success. She encountered dictators and war criminals, and witnessed the aftermath of natural disasters, military action, and political instability. Working with US politicians and counterparts including John Kerry, Hillary Clinton, and Bill Burns, she negotiated historic settlements, such as the Iran nuclear deal.

An ‘honest broker’, she navigated the needs of opposing politicians to chart a path towards collaboration and stability. Now Ashton takes us behind the scenes to show us what worked and what didn’t, and how it felt to be in ‘the room where it happened’. From Serbia to Somalia, Libya to Haiti, she offers essential insight into how modern diplomacy works, examining the tools needed to find our way through the many challenges we face today.” — Provided by publisher. 2023.

LGBT Issues

When We Rise: My Life in the Movement

DB119230 9 hours 36 minutes

by Cleve Jones

read by Cleve Jones

“A longtime LGBTQ and AIDS activist offers an account of his life from sexually liberated 1970s San Francisco, through the AIDS crisis, and up to his present-day involvement with the marriage equality battle. Born in 1954, Cleve Jones was among the last generation of gay Americans who grew up wondering if there were others out there like himself. There were. Like thousands of other young people, Jones, nearly penniless, was drawn in the early 1970s to San Francisco, a city electrified by progressive politics and sexual freedom. Jones found community—in the hotel rooms and ramshackle apartments shared by other young adventurers, in the city’s bathhouses and bars like The Stud, and in the burgeoning gay district, the Castro, where a New York transplant named Harvey Milk set up a camera shop, began shouting through his bullhorn, and soon became the nation’s most outspoken gay

elected official. With Milk’s encouragement, Jones dove into politics and found his calling in ‘the movement.’ When Milk was killed by an assassin’s bullet in 1978, Jones took up his mentor’s progressive mantle—only to see the arrival of AIDS transform his life once again. By turns tender and uproarious, *When We Rise* is Jones’ account of his remarkable life. He chronicles the heartbreak of losing countless friends to AIDS, which very nearly killed him, too; his cofounding of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and conception of the AIDS Memorial Quilt; the story of 1970s San Francisco and the magnetic spell it cost for thousands of dreamers and misfits; and the harrowing, sexy, and sometimes hilarious stories of Cleve’s relationships with friends and lovers during an era defined by both unprecedented freedom and violence alike. *When We Rise* is not only the story of a hero to the LGBTQ community, but the vibrantly voiced memoir of a full and transformative American life.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

Literature

1000 Words: A Guide to Staying Creative, Focused, and Productive All-Year Round

DB119120 4 hours 59 minutes

Edited by Jami Attenberg

read by André Santana

“In 2018, novelist Jami Attenberg, faced with a looming deadline, needed motivation. Using a boot camp model, she and a friend set out to write one thousand words every day for two weeks. They opened this practice to Attenberg’s online community, and soon

hundreds—then thousands—of people started using #1000WordsofSummer to track their work and support one another. What began as a simple challenge between two friends has become a literary movement—write one thousand words per day without judgment, bias, or concerns about writer’s block, and see what comes of it. 1000 Words is about becoming—and staying—motivated, discovering yourself and your creative desires, and approaching your craft from a new direction. It features advice from more than fifty beloved writers, including New York Times bestsellers, Pulitzer Prize winners, and stars of the literary world. Framing these letters are words of wisdom and encouragement and specific strategies from Jami for carving out a creative path for yourself all year round. No matter where you are with your practice, *1000 Words* compels you to open to any page and find a fulfilling hit of inspiration. The book extension of the growing writer’s movement and challenge to write 1,000 words a day helps readers and writers discover how to uncover their creative desires and stay motivated and offers advice from over 50 well-known writers.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

The Bright Book of Life: Novels to Read and Reread

DB119804 22 hours 4 minutes

by Harold Bloom

read by Stephen Mendel

“Yale professor Harold Bloom who for more than half a century was regarded as America’s most daringly original and controversial literary critic gives us his only book devoted entirely to the art of

the novel. With his hallmark percipience, remarkable scholarship, and extraordinary devotion to sublimity, Bloom offers meditations on forty eight essential works spanning the Western canon, from *Don Quixote* to *Book of Numbers*; from *Wuthering Heights* to *Absalom, Absalom!*; from *Les Misérables* to *Blood Meridian*; from *Vanity Fair* to *Invisible Man*. Here are trenchant appreciations of fiction by, among many others, Austen, Balzac, Dickens, Tolstoy, James, Conrad, Lawrence, Le Guin, and Sebald. Whether you have already read these books, plan to, or simply care about the importance and power of fiction, Harold Bloom is your unparalleled guide to understanding novels with new intimacy.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

Octavia E. Butler

DB115869 11 hours 33 minutes

by Gerry Canavan

read by Laura Hatch

“‘I began writing about power because I had so little,’ Octavia E. Butler once said. Butler’s life as an African American woman—an alien in American society and among science fiction writers— informed the powerful works that earned her an ardent readership and acclaim both inside and outside science fiction. Gerry Canavan offers a critical and holistic consideration of Butler’s career. Drawing on Butler’s personal papers, Canavan tracks the false starts, abandoned drafts, tireless rewrites, and real-life obstacles that fed Butler’s frustrations and launched her triumphs. Canavan departs from other studies to approach Butler first and foremost as a science fiction writer working within, responding to, and reacting against the

genre's particular canon. The result is an illuminating study of how an essential SF figure shaped themes, unconventional ideas, and an unflagging creative urge into brilliant works of fiction." — Provided by publisher. Some strong language. 2016.

Music

Nick Drake: The Life

DB120870 19 hours 8 minutes

by Richard Morton-Jack and Richard Morton Jack

read by Gabrielle Drake

"In 1968, Nick Drake had everything to live for. The product of a loving, creative family and a privileged background, he was not only a handsome and popular Cambridge undergraduate, but also a new signing to the UK's hippest record label, Island. Three years later, however having made three well reviewed but low-selling albums Nick had been overwhelmed by a mysterious mental illness. He returned to live in his family home in rural Warwickshire in 1971, and died in obscurity in 1974, aged just 26. In the decades since, Nick has become the subject of ever-growing fascination and speculation. Combined sales of his records now stand in the millions, his songs are frequently heard on TV and in films, and he has become one of the most widely known and admired singer-songwriters of his generation. *Nick Drake: The Life* is the only biography of Nick to be written with the blessing and involvement of his sister and estate. Drawing on copious original research and new interviews with his family, friends, and musical collaborators, as well as deeply personal archive material unavailable to

previous writers including his father's diaries, his essays, and private correspondence this is the most comprehensive and authoritative account possible of Nick's short and enigmatic life." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Nature and the Environment

The End of Eden: Wild Nature in the Age of Climate Breakdown

DB119499 10 hours 21 minutes

by Adam Welz

read by Jason Keller

"The stories we tell ourselves about climate change tend to focus on the damage inflicted on human societies by big storms, severe droughts, and rising sea levels. Walz provides a revelatory exploration of climate change from the perspective of wild species and natural ecosystems: an homage to the miraculous, vibrant entity that is life on Earth. He invites readers to meet wild species in a range of ecosystems that span the globe—and are struggling to survive. We need to act in defense of the natural world . . . before it's too late." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Occult and Astrology

Witchery: Embrace the Witch Within

DB120485 3 hours 57 minutes

by Juliet Diaz

read by Juliet Diaz

"Everywhere, the witches are rising. Are you ready to answer the call and embrace your own inner witch? In this book, Indigenous Taino Bruja and Seer Juliet Diaz guides you on a journey to connect with the Magick within you.

She explains how to cast off what doesn't serve you, unleash your authentic self, and become an embodiment of your truth. You'll also learn the skills and techniques you need to build your own Magickal craft and practice. This book isn't like any other witchy book out there, Juliet doesn't just hand over spells for you to dive into, she teaches you how Magick really works, how to tap into the frequencies that manifest your intentions and desires, and explains why you are the most powerful tool in your life and Magick. Within these enchanted pages you'll discover how to: connect with the power of your inner witch; create spells, potions, and rituals for love, protection, healing, manifestation and more; amplify your energy by working with a Book of Shadows; create an altar and decorate it according to the seasons to tap into seasonal power; work with the Moon and the Seasons of the Witch; and connect with your ancestors to receive their wisdom. Filled with Magick, inspiration, and love, *Witchery* is your guide and companion on a wickedly delicious journey to true self-empowerment. In the book, Juliet has hidden a spell that spans through every page. In the beginning she asks readers to anoint the book (instructions in the book) to activate this spell which will connect you to the book at an intimate level. The book becomes an oracle! After you read the book and find yourself needing guidance on anything in life, simply grab the book and ask what it is you need to connect with, do or learn and flip the pages until you feel called to stop. Read the lessons or words on that page to guide you." — Goodreads. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

Magic Days: Your Journey through the Astrology, Numerology, and Tarot of Every Day of the Year

DB119304 32 hours 38 minutes

by Nadine Jane

read by Nadine Jane

"Fans and celebrities alike flock to Nadine Jane for custom astrological readings that focus on self-understanding, self-empowerment, and self-care. Now, for the first time, readers have access to her insights in this comprehensive guide to the inherent magic of every day of the year, unveiling the daily inspirations, challenges, and guides that will help you take care of yourself every day. For each day of the year, you'll discover guidance for the day's particular journey based on the astrology, tarot, and numerology, along with a mantra, a ritual, and a journaling prompt, so you can home in on the lessons and wisdom that come from that particular moment in time, whether it's Capricorn or Aries season. You'll also find special information if it's your birthday, so you can take the day's celestial wisdom to heart when it comes to your personal journey, relationships, goals, and dreams. Whether you're a novice looking for your first introduction to spiritual practices, a lost soul who could use some direction in life, a jaded expert looking for a bird's-eye view of the topics you know far too well, an empathic people-reader who loves to understand others, or a complete skeptic who considers this 'spiritual nonsense' while secretly delighting in the inexplicable accuracy of it all, you'll find something for every day of your luminous life in *Magic Days*." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2022.

Religion

Healing What You Can't Erase: Transform Your Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual Health from the Inside Out

DB120939 8 hours 3 minutes

by Christopher Cook

read by Christopher Cook

“A path from trauma to transformation that doesn't rely on willpower, but rather on the daily power of the Holy Spirit—from pastor and leadership coach Christopher Cook. The pain that happened to you is real . . . and it matters immensely. The notion of healing what you can't erase is not about ignoring the devastation of your past or putting a glossy, positive spin on current tragedy. That plastic version of faith isn't actually faith; it's unbelief. *Healing What You Can't Erase* offers a far better solution—a road map for moving forward through the losses and scars by allowing the power of the Holy Spirit to transform us . . . spirit, soul, and body. Through story, instruction, action steps, and guided questions, you'll discover: why transformation beats willpower and self-help; how to recognize and heal a broken spirit; well-researched, biblically grounded strategies to revitalize your mental and emotional well-being; how inside-out integrated transformation changes your spirit, soul, and body. Whether you're wrestling with the loss of a marriage, a fractured friendship, a betrayal at work, or a chronic illness, there is hope. No matter your pain or traumatic experience, the Holy Spirit can heal and restore you to the life God created you for.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Discerning the Voice of God

DB119437 7 hours 11 minutes

by Priscilla Shirer

read by Robin Miles

“Do you feel that the ability to hear God's voice is for other people and not for you? Is it only for people who lived in biblical times? Not at all! The god who loved you enough to die for you loves you enough to talk to you. And wherever you are in your spiritual walk, God will find a way to speak to you in a way you will understand. Become acquainted with the voice that has spoken from a fire and a cloud, with visible signs and an invisible Spirit, through a burning bush and burning hearts. Hear from some of the most well-known Christians in history about how God speaks to them, and discover for yourself how you can discern the voice of God. One of Priscilla's best-selling titles, *Discerning the Voice of God* is now completely revised, with updated content and reflection questions. Each section contains insights that will aid you in your desire to hear him speak. Discover the treasure of recognizing how God keeps in touch with his beloved people.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

Heaven Rules: Take Courage. Take Comfort. Our God Is in Control.

DB119839 6 hours 4 minutes

by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth

read by Kristen Kallen-Keck

“Two words are sometimes all it takes to upset and overwhelm us. Treatment options, work layoffs, election season, pandemic spikes, family trouble, car repairs. They take up so little room, just two little words, and yet they can fill the whole day, the whole house, our whole

lives with anxiety and fear. *Heaven Rules* is the two-word answer for every two-word worry. The promise we need for every wave of trouble, every assault on our peace of mind. Heaven's rule is God's rule: His rule over nations and nature. His rule over renegade viruses, cancer, and concerns about your marriage, your kids, your job, and everything else. The Bible says God is personally, purposefully involved in all that's taking place here on earth. He's reigning over each tear and scar and crisis and conflict. Heaven is ruling, always ruling. That doesn't mean we won't experience distress, but it does mean we can find a refuge by looking upward and letting His peace rule in our hearts. Using the timeless book and example of Daniel as a guide, author Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth reveals how seeing our lives and world through the lens of Heaven's rule can shield us from panic and give us renewed hope and perspective. Job worries. Deadline pressures. Deep regrets. Culture wars. There will always be alarms screeching. But two simple words can quiet them, calm our fears, comfort our hearts, and give us courage to press on: Heaven Rules!" — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2022.

Buddhist Meditation: Classic Teachings from Tibet

DB120794 7 hours 54 minutes
compiled by Kurtis R. Schaeffer
read by Lee Osorio

"A Tibetan Buddhist anthology of accessible and authentic contemplative exercises to help cultivate innate yet undeveloped powers of mind, emotion, and body. A Penguin Classic Drawn

from Tibet's rich contemplative literature, *Buddhist Meditation* offers classic exercises focused on the opportunities and challenges of life; cultivating inner calm; fostering a wider perspective on oneself in relationship to others; working with negative emotions, and the highest values of the Buddhist tradition, love and compassion. Several dozen meditation instructions are collected in twelve chapters. All major traditions of Tibetan Buddhism are represented. The book is structured on foundation practices, practice manuals that immerse the reader in the search for meaningful and compassionate responses to the ubiquity of human suffering, and in the contemplative techniques that translate that search into consequential action. Spiritual exercises introduce: 1) the opportunity for self-betterment and to be of benefit to other living beings: 2) the inescapable persistence of suffering in life, and the reality of death: 3) the workings of ethical cause and effect, otherwise known as karma and: 4) the ever-repeating succession of frustration known as cyclic existence, or samsara. The second set of foundation practices provide tools to build upon including: 5) taking refuge in Buddhism—a deep formal commitment to integrate Buddhist contemplative and ethical teachings into one's life: 6) cultivating love and compassion for all living beings: 7) clearing away cognitive, emotional, and behavioral impediments to actualizing love and compassion: 8) developing with wisdom and the experience and excellent qualities necessary to put love and compassion into practice and 9) dedicating oneself to a spiritual mentor to serve as a guide through

this intensive program of training. Part existential philosophy, part ethics, part self-help program, part cosmology—the foundation exercises present a complete Buddhist picture of life, the ethical universe, and the first steps in making a positive impact in life for ourselves and others, steps anyone can begin to take by dedicating themselves to train in contemplative exercises.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Science

How to Win Friends and Influence Fungi: Collected Quirks of Science, Tech, Math, and Engineering from Nerd Nite

DB119676 9 hours 32 minutes
by Chris Balakrishnan and Matt Wasowski

read by Chris Balakrishnan

“In the vein of acclaimed popular-science bestsellers such as *Atlas Obscura*, *Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry*, *The Way Things Work*, *What If?*, and *Undeniable*, the co-founders of the global science organization Nerd Nite bring readers a collection of wacky, yet fascinating STEM topics. For 20 years, Nerd Nite has delivered to live audiences around the world, the most interesting, fun, and informative presentations about science, history, the arts, pop culture, you name it. There hasn’t been a rabbit hole that their army of presenters hasn’t been afraid to explore. Finally, after countless requests to bring Nerd Nite to more fans across the globe, co-founders and college pals Matt Wasowski and Chris Balakrishnan are bringing readers the quirky and accessible science content that they crave in book form, focused

on STEM and paired with detailed illustrations that make the content pop. The resulting range of topics is quirky and vast, from kinky, spring-loaded spiders to the Webb telescope’s influence on movie special effects. Hilariously named after Dale Carnegie’s iconic book, *How to Win Friends and Influence Fungi* features narratives, bursts, and infographics on all things STEM from scientists around the world. Chapters are sure to make you laugh-out-loud, with titles such as ‘The Science of the Hangover,’ ‘What Birds Can Teach Us About the Impending Zombie Apocalypse,’ and ‘Lessons from the Oregon Trail.’ With fascinating details, facts, and illustrations, combined with Chris and Matt’s incredible connections to organizations such as the Discovery Network and the Smithsonian Institution, *How to Win Friends and Influence Fungi* is sure to reach joyful STEM enthusiasts of all ages around the world. About Nerd Nite: Started in 2003, Nerd Nite is a monthly event held in 100+ cities worldwide during which folks give 20-minute fun-yet-informative presentations across all disciplines, while the audience drinks along!” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

The Great Displacement: Climate Change and the Next American Migration

DB119190 10 hours 30 minutes

by Jake Bittle

read by Matt Godfrey

“We think about the dangers of climate change in the future tense: that as global warming gets worse over the coming decades, millions of people will scatter around the world fleeing famine and rising seas. What we often don’t realize

is that the consequences of climate change are already visible, right here in the United States. Bittle shows that, from fire-scorched California to the soaked watersheds of inland North Carolina, people are moving. Insurance and mortgage markets are already shifting to reflect mounting climate risk, pricing people out of risky areas. He tells the stories of those already experiencing life on the move, and show how radically climate change will transform our lives—and reshape the geography of the United States.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Andrew Carnegie Medal. 2023.

Sports and Recreation

The Hard Parts: A Memoir of Courage and Triumph

DB119093 11 hours 1 minutes
by Oksana Masters and Cassidy Randall
read by Emily Tremaine
“Oksana Masters was born in Ukraine in the shadow of Chernobyl seemingly with the odds stacked against her. She came into the world with one kidney, a partial stomach, six toes on each foot, webbed fingers, no right bicep, and no thumbs. Her left leg was six inches shorter than her right, and she was missing both tibias. Relinquished to the orphanage system by birth parents daunted by the staggering cost of what would be their child’s medical care, Oksana encountered numerous abuses, some horrifying. Salvation came at age seven when Gay Masters, an unmarried American professor who saw a photo of the little girl and became haunted by her eyes, waged a two-year war against stubborn adoption authorities to rescue Oksana from

her circumstances. In America, Oksana endured years of operations that included a double leg amputation. Still, how could she hope to fit in when there were so many things making her different? As it turned out, she would do much more than fit in. Determined to prove herself and fueled by a drive to succeed that still smoldered from childhood, Oksana triumphed in not just one sport but four winning against the world’s best in elite rowing, biathlon, cross-country skiing, and road cycling competitions. Now considered one of the world’s top athletes, she is the recipient of seventeen Paralympic medals, the most of any US athlete of the Winter Games, Paralympic or Olympic.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Our Fight: A Memoir

DB120911 8 hours 29 minutes
by Ronda Rousey and Maria Burns Ortiz
read by Ronda Rousey
“From the moment she burst onto the MMA scene, Ronda Rousey was unbeatable. She repeatedly strung together back-to-back flawless victories, racking up a collection of records and forever changing the face of sports as the UFC’s first female champion. A superstar in her sport, she transcended athletics, appearing in blockbuster films and becoming a role model for women everywhere. Then, on November 15, 2015, it all came crashing down. In *Our Fight*, Rousey explores the greatest challenge of her life and, ultimately, how she rebuilt her career into something better in the aftermath. She recounts how she replaced her pursuit of perfection with the pursuit of happiness and found a blessing in disguise amongst

the wreckage. Following Rousey's relatable journey, *Our Fight* is a courageous narrative of career changes, marriage, motherhood, and facing your fears."

— Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Stage and Screen

The Blues Brothers: An Epic Friendship, the Rise of Improv, and the Making of an American Film Classic

DB120773 11 hours 19 minutes

by Daniel De Visé

read by Johnny Heller

"The story of the epic friendship between John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd, the golden era of improv, and the making of a comedic film classic that helped shape our popular culture. 'They're not going to catch us,' Dan Aykroyd, as Elwood Blues, tells his brother Jake, played by John Belushi. 'We're on a mission from God.' So opens the musical action comedy *The Blues Brothers*, which hit theaters on June 20, 1980. Their scripted mission was to save a local Chicago orphanage. But Aykroyd, who conceived and wrote much of the film, had a greater mission: to honor the then-seemingly forgotten tradition of rhythm and blues, some of whose greatest artists—Aretha Franklin, James Brown, John Lee Hooker, Cab Calloway, Ray Charles—made the film as unforgettable as its wild car chases. Much delayed and vastly over budget, beset by mercurial and oft drugged-out stars, *The Blues Brothers* opened to outraged reviews. However, in the 44 years since, it has been acknowledged a classic: it has been inducted into the National Film Registry for its cultural significance, even declared a

'Catholic classic' by the Church itself, and re-aired thousands of times on television to huge worldwide audiences. It is, undeniably, one of the most significant films of the 20th century. The story behind any classic is rich; the saga behind *The Blues Brothers*, as Daniel de Visé reveals, is epic, encompassing the colorful childhoods of Belushi and Aykroyd; the comedic revolution sparked by Harvard's Lampoon and Chicago's Second City; the birth and anecdote-rich, drug-filled early years of Saturday Night Live, where the Blues Brothers were born as an act amidst turmoil and rivalry; and, of course, the indelible behind-the-scenes narrative of how the film was made, scene by memorable scene. Based on original research and dozens of interviews probing the memories of principals from director John Landis and producer Bob Weiss to Aykroyd himself, *The Blues Brothers* illuminates an American masterpiece while vividly portraying the creative geniuses behind modern comedy." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Comedy Book: How Comedy Conquered Culture—and the Magic That Makes It Work

DB120712 9 hours 26 minutes

by Jesse David Fox

read by Jesse David Fox

"Comedy is king. From multimillion dollar TV specials to sold-out stand-up shows and TikTok stardom, comedy has never been more popular, democratized, or influential. Comedians have become organizing forces across culture as trusted as politicians and as fawned-over as celebrities yet comedy as an art form

has gone under-considered throughout its history, even as it has ascended as a cultural force. In *Comedy Book*, Jesse David Fox the country's most definitive voice in comedy criticism and someone who, in his own words, 'enjoys comedy maybe more than anyone on this planet,' tackles everything you need to know about comedy. Weaving together history and analysis, Fox unravels the genre's political legacy through an ode to Jon Stewart, interrogates the divide between highbrow and lowbrow via Adam Sandler, and unpacks how marginalized comics create spaces for their communities. Along the way, Fox covers everything from comedy in the age of political correctness and Will Smith's slap to the right wing's relationship with comedy and, for Fox, comedy's ability to heal personal tragedy. With memorable cameos from Jerry Seinfeld, Dave Chappelle, John Mulaney, Ali Wong, Kate Berlant, and countless others, *Comedy Book* is an eye-opening education in how to engage with our most omnipresent art form, a riotous history of American pop culture, and a love letter to laughter." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Kubrick: An Odyssey

DB119412 24 hours 36 minutes
by Robert P. Kolker and Nathan Abrams
read by Perry Daniels
"The enigmatic and elusive filmmaker Stanley Kubrick has not been treated to a full-length biography in over twenty years. *Kubrick: An Odyssey* fills that gap. This definitive book is based on access to the latest research, especially Kubrick's archive at the University of the Arts, London, as well as other

private papers plus new interviews with family members and those who worked with him. It offers comprehensive and in-depth coverage of Kubrick's personal, private, public, and working life. *Kubrick: An Odyssey* investigates not only the making of Kubrick's films, but also about those he wanted (but failed) to make like *Burning Secret*, *Napoleon*, *Aryan Papers*, and *A.I.* Revealingly, this immersive biography will puncture the controversial myths about the reclusive filmmaker who created some of the most important works of art of the twentieth century." — Provided by publisher.

Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Surely You Can't Be Serious: The True Story of Airplane!

DB119428 7 hours 58 minutes
by David Zucker and others
read by "Weird Al" Yankovic
"*Surely You Can't Be Serious* is an in-depth and hysterical look at the making of 1980s comedy classic *Airplane!* by the legendary writers and directors of the hit film. *Airplane!* premiered on July 2nd, 1980. With a budget of \$3.5 million it went on to make nearly \$200 million in sales and has influenced a multitude of comedians on both sides of the camera. *Surely You Can't Be Serious* is the first-ever oral history of the making of *Airplane!* by the creators, and of the beginnings of the ZAZ trio (Zucker, Abrahams, Zucker) – charting the rise of their comedy troupe Kentucky Fried Theater in Madison, Wisconsin all the way to premiere night. The directors explain what drew them to filmmaking and in particular, comedy. With anecdotes, behind the scenes trivia, and never-before-revealed factoids—these

titans of comedy filmmaking unpack everything from how they persuaded Peter Graves to be in the movie after he thought the script was a piece of garbage, how Lorna Patterson auditioned for the stewardess role in the back seat of Jerry's Volvo, and how Leslie Nielsen's pranks got the entire crew into trouble, to who really wrote the jive talk. The book also features testimonials and personal anecdotes from well-known faces in the film, television, and comedy sphere – proving how influential *Airplane!* has been from day one. Four decades after its release, *Airplane!* continues to make new generations laugh. Its many one-liners and visual gags have worked their way into the mainstream culture. This fully organic expansion of the ZAZ trio's fan-base, prompted solely by word-of-mouth, comes as no surprise to longtime fans. When all around us is in flux – laughter is priceless.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

U.S. History

Shaking the Gates of Hell: A Search for Family and Truth in the Wake of the Civil Rights Revolution

DB120284 9 hours 11 minutes

by John Archibald

read by Cameron Scoggins

“A memoir about a white boy growing up in the American South during the Civil Rights Movement.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

Undiplomatic: The Attitude That Created the Best Kind of Trouble

DB121035 7 hours 19 minutes

by Deesha Dyer

read by Deesha Dyer

“When Deesha Dyer applied for a White House internship, she was 31, a community college student and aspiring hip-hop journalist, working in an administrative role at a real estate company. When President Barack Obama was elected, she felt so inspired that she took a chance on herself despite having no political background or connections. Suddenly, she found herself in the White House at the epicenter of U.S. government. Her fellow interns were in their early 20s, went to Ivy League schools, and had previous political experience. But in spite of the little voice in her head telling her she didn't deserve to be there, Deesha thrived, accompanying President Obama on high-level trips, continuing to work for the administration full-time after her internship ended, and ultimately rising to the key administration role of Social Secretary, for which she orchestrated everything from major diplomatic summits to functions with Beyonce and the Pope. Still, Imposter Syndrome appeared at every turn threatening her self-esteem and proven aptitude. Undiplomatic is personal development book combining Deesha's personal story with hard-earned lessons on how she successfully combatted feelings of doubt while holding a top-level position. In this book, Deesha will share what she's learned along the way and reflect on how she changed her life by realizing that her imposter syndrome was neither her fault nor her responsibility. She will dive into how she learned to give herself the same grace she gives to others and offer her best wisdom about authenticity and curiosity, the myth of 'being yourself', and the importance of understanding that

what you have is what you've earned. Deesha is honest that nobody can 'solve' imposter syndrome and never think of it again. But she invites you to walk beside her as she shows you what the journey of believing you belong really looks like, and the joy and freedom that await you on the other side." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

An American Dreamer: Life in a Divided Country

DB119407 6 hours 38 minutes

by David Finkel

read by Rob Shapiro

"Brent Cummings, an Iraq war veteran, has come home feeling he survived one war only to find himself in the midst of another one. The country he loves and defended for twenty-eight years seems to be unraveling in front of his eyes. Raised to believe in a vision of America that values fairness, honesty, and respect for others, Cummings is increasingly engulfed by the fear and anger sweeping through his beloved country as he tries to hold onto hope about America's future. David Finkel, known for his unique, in-depth reporting, spent fifteen years immersed in Brent Cummings's world to create this intimate, acutely observed, and beautifully written portrait of a man's life, community, thoughts and feelings as America becomes ever more divided. Cummings was one of the unforgettable figures in Finkel's *The Good Soldiers*, a book about which *The New York Times* stated, 'Finkel has made art out of a defining moment in history. You will be able to take this book down from the shelf years from now and say,

"This is what happened. This is what it felt like.'" — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Abigail & John: Portrait of a Marriage

DB117324 16 hours 28 minutes

by Edith B. Gelles

read by Kerry Logan

"Married in 1764, Abigail and John Adams worked side by side for a decade, raising a family while John became one of the most prosperous, respected lawyers in Massachusetts. When his duties as a statesman and diplomat during the Revolutionary War expanded, Abigail and John endured lengthy separations. But their loyalty and love remained strong, as their passionate, forthright letters attest. It's in this correspondence that Abigail comes into her own as an independent woman. It's also in these exchanges that we learn about the familial tragedies that tested them: the early deaths of their son Charles from alcoholism and their daughter Nabby from breast cancer. As much a romance as it is a lively chapter in early American history, *Abigail and John* is an inspirational portrait of a couple who endured the turmoil and trials of a revolution, and in so doing paved the way for the birth of a nation." — Provided by publisher. 2009.

An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s

DB120930 17 hours 42 minutes

by Doris Kearns Goodwin

read by Bryan Cranston

"The Pulitzer Prize-winning historian reflects on her 42-year marriage with Dick Goodwin, one of the shining stars of John F. Kennedy's New Frontier and

the journey of going through the letters, diaries, documents and memorabilia he saved over the years.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2024.

Covert City: The Cold War and the Making of Miami

DB120920 8 hours 14 minutes

by Vince Houghton and Eric Driggs
read by Eric Driggs

“Secret operations, corruption, crime, and a city teeming with spies: why Miami was as crucial to winning the Cold War as Washington DC or Moscow. The Cuban Missile Crisis was perhaps the most dramatic and dangerous period of the Cold War. What’s less well known is that the city of Miami, mere miles away, was a pivotal, though less well known, part of Cold War history. With its population of Communist exiles from Cuba, its strategic value for military operations, and its lax business laws, Miami was an ideal environment for espionage. *Covert City* tells the history of how the entire city of Miami was constructed in the image of the US-Cuba rivalry. From the Bay of Pigs invasion to the death of Fidel Castro, the book shows how Miami is a hub for money and cocaine but also secrets and ideologies. Cuban exiles built criminal and political organizations in the city, leading Washington to set up a CIA station there, codenamed JMWAVE. It monitored gang activities, plotted secret operations against Castro, and became a base for surveilling Latin American neighbors. The money and infrastructure built for the CIA was integral to the development of Miami. *Covert City* is a

sweeping and entertaining history, full of stunning experimental operations and colorful characters—a story of a place like no other.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

The Deadline: Essays

DB119287 22 hours 35 minutes

by Jill Lepore

read by Jill Lepore

“Few, if any, historians have brought such insight, wisdom, and empathy to public discourse as Jill Lepore. Arriving at *The New Yorker* in 2005, Lepore, with her panoptical range and razor-sharp style, brought a transporting freshness and a literary vivacity to everything from profiles of long-dead writers to urgent constitutional analysis to an unsparing scrutiny of the woeful affairs of the nation itself. The astonishing essays collected in *The Deadline* offer a prismatic portrait of Americans’ techno-utopianism, frantic fractiousness, and unprecedented—but armed—aimlessness. From lockdowns and race commissions to Bratz dolls and bicycles, to the losses that haunt Lepore’s life, these essays again and again cross what she calls the deadline, the ‘river of time that divides the quick from the dead.’ Echoing Gore Vidal’s *United States* in its massive intellectual erudition, *The Deadline*, with its remarkable juxtaposition of the political and the personal, challenges the very nature of the essay—and of history—itsself.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

V Is for Victory

DB120719 15 hours 6 minutes

by Craig Nelson

read by Stephen Graybill

“Historian Craig Nelson reveals how FDR confronted an American public disinterested in going to war in Europe, skillfully won their support, and pushed government and American industry to build the greatest war machine in history, ‘the arsenal of democracy’ that won World War II. As Nazi Germany began to conquer Europe, America’s military was unprepared, too small, and poorly supplied. The Nazis were supported by robust German factories that created a seemingly endless flow of arms, trucks, tanks, airplanes, and submarines. The United States, emerging from the Great Depression, was skeptical of American involvement in Europe and not ready to wage war. Hardened isolationists predicted disaster if the country went to war. In this fascinating and deeply researched account, Craig Nelson traces how Franklin D. Roosevelt steadily and sometimes secretly put America on a war footing by convincing America’s top industrialists such as Henry Ford Jr. to retool their factories, by diverting the country’s supplies of raw materials to the war effort, and above all by convincing the American people to endure shortages, to work in wartime factories, and to send their sons into harm’s way. Within a few years, the nation’s workers were producing thousands of airplanes and tanks, hundreds of warships and submarines. Under FDR’s resolute leadership, victory at land and sea and air across the globe began at home in America—a powerful and essential narrative largely overlooked in conventional histories of the war but which, in Nelson’s skilled, authoritative hands, becomes an

illuminating and important work destined to become an American history classic.”

— Provided by publisher. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Northeaster: A Story of Courage and Survival in the Blizzard of 1952

DB116710 11 hours 26 minutes

by Cathie Pelletier

read by Laura Hatch

“For many, the past few years have been defined by climate disaster. Stories about once-in-a-lifetime hurricanes, floods, fires, droughts and even snowstorms are now commonplace. But dramatic weather events are not new and *Northeaster*, Cathie Pelletier’s breathtaking account of the 1952 snowstorm that blanketed New England, offers a valuable reminder about nature’s capacity for destruction as well as insight into the human instinct for preservation. *Northeaster* weaves together a rich cast of characters whose lives were uprooted and endangered by the storm. Housewives and lobstermen, loggers and soldiers were all trapped as snow piled in drifts twenty feet high. The storm smothered hundreds of travelers in their cars, covered entire towns, and broke ships in half. In the midst of the blizzard’s chaos, there were remarkable acts of heroism and courageous generosity. Doctors braved the storm to help deliver babies. Ordinary people kept their wits while buried in their cars, and others made their way out of forests to find kind-hearted strangers willing to take them in. It’s likely that none of us know how we would handle a confrontation with a blizzard or other natural disaster. But *Northeaster* shows that we have it

inside to fight for survival in some of the harshest conditions that nature has to offer.” — Provided by publisher. Some strong language. 2023.

**Cornerstone at the Confluence:
Navigating the Colorado River
Compact’s Next Century**

DB120070 10 hours 23 minutes

Edited by Jason Robison

read by Graham Rowat

“Signed on November 24, 1922, the Colorado River Compact is the cornerstone of a proverbial pyramid—an elaborate body of laws colloquially called the ‘Law of the River’ that governs how human beings use water from the river system dubbed the ‘American Nile.’ No fewer than forty million people have come to rely on the Colorado River system in modern times—a river system immersed in an unprecedented, unrelenting megadrought for more than two decades. Attempting to navigate this ‘new normal,’ policymakers are in the midst of negotiating new management rules for the river system, a process coinciding with the compact’s centennial that must be completed by 2026. Animated by this remarkable confluence of events, *Cornerstone at the Confluence* leverages the centennial year to reflect on the compact and broader ‘Law of the River’ to envision the future. It is a volume inviting dialogue about how the Colorado River system’s flows should be apportioned given climate change, what should be done about environmental issues such as ecosystem restoration and biodiversity protection, and how long-standing issues of water justice facing Native American communities

should be addressed. In one form or another, all these topics touch on the concept of ‘equity’ embedded within the compact—a concept that tees up what is perhaps the foundational question confronted by *Cornerstone at the Confluence*: Who should have a seat at the table of Colorado River governance?” — Provided by publisher.

Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

**The Pursuit of Happiness: How Classical
Writers on Virtue Inspired the Lives of
the Founders and Defined America**

DB119801 10 hours 57 minutes

by Jeffrey Rosen

read by Jeffrey Rosen

“The Declaration of Independence identified ‘the pursuit of happiness’ as one of our unalienable rights, along with life and liberty. Jeffrey Rosen, the president of the National Constitution Center, profiles six of the most influential founders Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Alexander Hamilton—to show what pursuing happiness meant in their lives. By reading the classical Greek and Roman moral philosophers who inspired the Founders, Rosen shows us how they understood the pursuit of happiness as a quest for being good, not feeling good the pursuit of lifelong virtue, not short-term pleasure. Among those virtues were the habits of industry, temperance, moderation, and sincerity, which the Founders viewed as part of a daily struggle for self-improvement, character development, and calm self-mastery. They believed that political self-government required personal self-government. For all six Founders,

the pursuit of virtue was incompatible with enslavement of African Americans, although the Virginians betrayed their own principles. The Pursuit of Happiness is more than an elucidation of the Declaration's famous phrase; it is a revelatory journey into the minds of the Founders, and a deep, rich, and fresh understanding of the foundation of our democracy." — Amazon. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.

Controversies and Commanders:

Dispatches from the Army of the Potomac

DB118964 11 hours 23 minutes

by Stephen W. Sears

read by Nelson Runger

"A fascinating look at some of the most intriguing generals in the Union's Army of the Potomac and at some of the most extraordinary events of the Civil War."

— Provided by publisher. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. 2016.

Longstreet: The Confederate General Who Defied the South

DB119119 14 hours 47 minutes

by Elizabeth Varon

read by Fred Sanders

"An authoritative biography of the second-highest-ranking and most controversial Confederate general, who rejoined the Union after the Civil War, advising other Confederate soldiers to put that war behind them. After joining an interracial government in New Orleans, Longstreet fought against white supremacists when they attacked these postwar elected officials, for which he was vilified and attacked by other Southerners, and blamed for the South's defeat in the Civil War." — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Lincoln and McClellan: The Troubled Partnership between a President and His General

DB118845 9 hours 32 minutes

by John C. Waugh

read by John Haag

"There was no more remarkable pair in the Civil War than Abraham Lincoln and George McClellan. At only 35 years old, McClellan commanded the Ohio troops early in the war, and won skirmishes for the Union in western Virginia. After the disastrous Union defeat at Bull Run in the summer of 1861, Lincoln sent word for McClellan to come to Washington, and soon elevated him to commander-in-chief of the Union army. But in the late summer and fall of 1861, things took a turn for the worst. Meticulous in his planning and preparations, McClellan began to delay attacking the enemy and developed a penchant for vastly overestimating the Confederate forces he faced. All of this hampered his ability to lead an aggressive force in a fast-moving battlefield environment. Finally losing his patience, Lincoln was famously quoted as saying, 'If General McClellan does not want to use the army, I would like to borrow it for a time.' Lincoln and McClellan takes an in-depth look at this fascinating relationship, from the early days of the Civil War to the 1864 presidential election when McClellan ran against Lincoln on an anti-war platform and lost. Here, award-winning author John C. Waugh weaves a tale of hubris, paranoia, failure, and triumph, illuminating as never before this unique and complicated alliance." — Provided by publisher. Some strong language. 2010.

World History

Operation Underworld: How the Mafia and US Government Teamed Up to Win World War II

DB119630 11 hours 51 minutes

by Matthew Black

read by Jonathan Todd Ross

“In 1942, New York Harbor was vulnerable to sabotage. The U.S. Navy needs a recourse to secure it. Naval intelligence officer Commander Charles Radcliffe Haffenden had the solution: recruit members of La Cosa Nostra. The Mafia gangs of New York controlled the docks in Manhattan and Brooklyn. Even from his cell in Dannemora State Prison, Charles ‘Lucky’ Luciano still had tremendous power. Luciano wanted a pardon and Haffenden wanted Lucian’s contacts in Italy, to track the Nazis’ movements. Black follows the strategy of a Faustian bargain that brought homefront enemies together— and ultimately succeeded in helping the Allies win World War II.” — Adapted from jacket. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2022.

Brothers Down: Pearl Harbor and the Fate of the Many Brothers Aboard the USS Arizona

DB120285 8 hours 0 minutes

by Walter R. Borneman

read by David Baker

“A deeply personal and never-before-told account of one of America’s darkest days, from the bestselling author of *The Admirals* and *MacArthur at War*. The surprise attack at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 remains one of the most traumatic events in American history. America’s battleship fleet was crippled, thousands of lives were lost,

and the United States was propelled into a world war. Few realize that aboard the iconic, ill-fated USS Arizona were an incredible 79 blood relatives. Tragically, in an era when family members serving together was an accepted, even encouraged, practice, sixty-three of the Arizona’s 1,177 dead turned out to be brothers. In *Brothers Down*, acclaimed historian Walter R. Borneman returns to that critical week of December, masterfully guiding us on an unforgettable journey of sacrifice and heroism, all told through the lives of these brothers and their fateful experience on the Arizona. Weaving in the heartbreaking stories of the parents, wives, and sweethearts who wrote to and worried about these men, Borneman draws from a treasure trove of unpublished source material to bring to vivid life the minor decisions that became a matter of life or death when the bombs began to fall. More than just an account of familial bonds and national heartbreak, what emerges promises to define a turning point in American military history.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

How to Survive History: How to Outrun a Tyrannosaurus, Escape Pompeii, Get Off the Titanic, and Survive the Rest of History’s Deadliest Catastrophes

DB118800 5 hours 49 minutes

by Cody Cassidy

read by Dennis Boutsikaris

“History is the most dangerous place on earth. From dinosaurs the size of locomotives to meteors big enough to sterilize the planet, from famines to pandemics, from tornadoes to the Chicxulub asteroid, the odds of human

survival are slim but not zero—at least, not if you know where to go and what to do. In each chapter of *How to Survive History*, Cody Cassidy explores how to survive one of history’s greatest threats: getting eaten by dinosaurs, being destroyed by the asteroid that wiped out the dinosaurs, succumbing to the lava flows of Pompeii, being devoured by the Donner Party, drowning during the sinking of the Titanic, falling prey to the Black Death, and more. Using hindsight and modern science to estimate everything from how fast you’d need to run to outpace a T. rex to the advantages of different body types in surviving the Donner Party tragedy, Cassidy gives you a detailed battle plan for survival, helping you learn about the era at the same time. History may be the most dangerous place on earth, but that doesn’t mean you can’t visit. You can, and you should. And with a copy of *How to Survive History* in your back pocket, you just might make it out alive.” — Provided by publisher.

Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Clean Sweep: VIII Fighter Command against the Luftwaffe, 1942–45

DB119632 18 hours 25 minutes

by Thomas McKelvey Cleaver

read by Lance C. Fuller

“On August 7, 1942, two events of major military importance occurred on separate sides of the planet. In the South Pacific, the United States went on the offensive, landing the First Marine Division at Guadalcanal. In England, 12 B-17 bombers of the new Eighth Air Force’s 97th Bombardment Group bombed the Rouen-Sotteville railroad marshalling

yards in France. While the mission was small, the aerial struggle that began that day would ultimately cost the United States more men killed and wounded by the end of the war in Europe than the Marines would lose in the Pacific War. *Clean Sweep* is the story of the creation, development and operation of the Eighth Air Force Fighter Command and the battle to establish daylight air superiority over the Luftwaffe so that the invasion of Europe could be successful.”

— Amazon.com. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Love in a Time of Hate: Art and Passion in the Shadow of War

DB120236 12 hours 11 minutes

by Florian Illies

read by Jacqui Bardelang

“1930s Europe, as the Roaring Twenties wind down and the world rumbles towards war, the great minds of the time have other concerns. Jean-Paul Sartre waits anxiously in a Parisian cafe for his first date with no-show Simone de Beauvoir. Marlene Dietrich slips from her loveless marriage into the dive bars of Berlin. Father and son Thomas and Klaus Mann clash over each other’s homosexuality. And Vladimir Nabokov lovingly places a fresh-caught butterfly at the end of Vera’s bed. Little do they all know, the book burning will soon begin. *Love in a Time of Hate* skilfully interweaves some of the greatest love stories of the 1930s with the darkening backdrop of fascism in Europe, in an irresistible journey into the past that brings history and its actors to vivid life.” — Provide by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage

DB119061 10 hours 24 minutes

by Alfred Lansing

read by Simon Prebble

“Bound for Antarctica, where polar explorer Ernest Shackleton planned to cross on foot the last uncharted continent, the *Endurance* set sail from England in August 1914. In January 1915, after battling its way for six weeks through a thousand miles of pack ice and now only a day's sail short of its destination, the *Endurance* became locked in an island of ice. For ten months the ice-moored *Endurance* drifted northwest before it was finally crushed. But for Shackleton and his crew of twenty-seven men the ordeal had barely begun. It would end only after a near-miraculous journey by Shackleton and a skeleton crew through over 850 miles of the South Atlantic's heaviest seas to the closest outpost of civilization. This astonishing tale of survival by Shackleton and all twenty-seven of his men for over a year on the ice-bound Antarctic seas, as *Time* magazine put it, ‘defined heroism.’ Alfred Lansing's brilliantly narrated book has long been acknowledged as the definitive account of the *Endurance*'s fateful trip.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2008.

Denial: Holocaust History on Trial

DB119278 13 hours 18 minutes

by Deborah E. Lipstadt

read by Kate Udall

“In her acclaimed 1993 book *Denying the Holocaust*, Deborah Lipstadt called David Irving, a prolific writer of books on World War II, ‘one of the

most dangerous spokespersons for Holocaust denial.’ The following year, after Lipstadt's book was published in the United Kingdom, Irving led a libel suit against Lipstadt and her publisher. She prepared her defense with the help of a first-rate team of solicitors, historians, and experts, and a dramatic trial unfolded. *Denial*, previously published as *History on Trial*, is Lipstadt's riveting, blow-by-blow account of this singular legal battle, which resulted in a formal denunciation of a Holocaust denier that crippled the movement for years to come. Lipstadt's victory was proclaimed on the front page of major newspapers around the world, such as *The Times* (UK), which declared that ‘history has had its day in court and scored a crushing victory.’” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

An Impeccable Spy: Richard Sorge, Stalin's Master Agent

DB117909 16 hours 33 minutes

by Owen Matthews

read by Mark Ashby

“Born of a German father and a Russian mother, Richard Sorge moved in a world of shifting alliances and infinite possibility. In the years leading up to and during the Second World War, he became a fanatical communist – and the Soviet Union's most formidable spy. Combining charm with ruthless manipulation, he infiltrated and influenced the highest echelons of German, Chinese and Japanese society. His intelligence proved pivotal to the Soviet counter-offensive in the Battle of Moscow, which in turn determined the outcome of the war itself. Drawing on a wealth of declassified

Soviet archives, this is a major biography of one of the greatest spies who ever lived.” — Provided by publisher. 2019.

A Concise History of New Zealand

DB118175 13 hours 3 minutes

by Philippa Mein Smith

read by Mark Ashby

“New Zealand was the last major landmass, other than Antarctica, to be settled by humans. The story of this rugged and dynamic land is beautifully narrated, from its origins in Gondwana some 80 million years ago to the twenty-first century. Philippa Mein Smith highlights the effects of the country’s smallness and isolation, from its late settlement by Polynesian voyagers and colonisation by Europeans – and the exchanges that made these people Maori and Pakeha – to the dramatic struggles over land and recent efforts to manage global forces. *A Concise History of New Zealand* places New Zealand in its global and regional context. It unravels key moments – the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, the Anzac landing at Gallipoli, the sinking of the *Rainbow Warrior* – showing their role as nation-building myths and connecting them with the less dramatic forces, economic and social, that have shaped contemporary New Zealand.” — Provided by publisher. 2012.

The War Came to Us: Life and Death in Ukraine

DB119226 14 hours 40 minutes

by Christopher Miller

read by Craig Van Ness

“A breathtaking exploration of Ukraine’s past, present, and future, and a heart-breaking account of the war against Russia, written by the leading journalist

of the conflict. When Russian President Vladimir Putin launched his unprovoked, full-scale invasion of Ukraine just before dawn on 24 February 2022, it marked his latest and most overt attempt to brutally conquer the country, and reshaped the world order. Christopher Miller, the Ukraine correspondent for the *Financial Times* and the foremost journalist covering the country, was there on the ground when the first Russian missiles struck and troops stormed over the border. But the seeds of Russia’s war against Ukraine and the West were sown more than a decade earlier. This is the definitive, inside story of its long fight for freedom. Told through Miller’s personal experiences, vivid front-line dispatches and illuminating interviews with unforgettable characters, *The War Came To Us* takes readers on a riveting journey through the key locales and pivotal events of Ukraine’s modern history. From the coal-dusted, sunflower-covered steppe of the Donbas in the far east to the heart of the Euromaidan revolution camp in Kyiv; from the Black Sea shores of Crimea, where Russian troops stealthily annexed Ukraine’s peninsula, to the bloody battlefields where Cossacks roamed before the Kremlin’s warlords ruled with iron fists; and through the horror and destruction wrought by Russian forces in Bucha, Bakhmut, Mariupol, and beyond.” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2023.

A History of France

DB120603 15 hours 14 minutes

by John Julius Norwich

read by John Julius Norwich

“Chronicles the history of France, from Julius Caesar’s conquest of Gaul in the mid-first century BC to the end of World War II.” — OCLC. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

Takeover: Hitler’s Final Rise to Power

DB120289 11 hours 10 minutes

by Timothy W. Ryback

read by Richard Attlee

“In the summer of 1932, the Weimar Republic was on the verge of collapse. One in three Germans was unemployed. Violence was rampant. Hitler’s National Socialists surged at the polls. Paul von Hindenburg, an aging war hero and avowed monarchist, was a reluctant president bound by oath to uphold the constitution. The November elections offered Hitler the prospect of a Reichstag majority and the path to political power. But instead, the Nazis lost two million votes. As membership hemorrhaged and financial backers withdrew, the

Nazi Party threatened to fracture. Hitler talked of suicide. The *New York Times* declared he was finished. Yet somehow, in a few brief weeks, he was chancellor of Germany. In facinating detail and with previously un-accessed archival materials, Timothy W. Ryback tells the remarkable story of Hitler’s dismantling of democracy through democratic process. He provides fresh perspective and insights into Hitler’s personal and professional lives in these months, in all their complexity and uncertainty—back-room deals, unlikely alliances, stunning betrayals, an ill-timed tax audit, and a fateful weekend that changed our world forever. Above all, Ryback details why a wearied Hindenburg, who disdained the ‘Bohemian corporal,’ ultimately decided to appoint Hitler chancellor in January 1933. Within weeks, Germany was no longer a democracy.” — Amazon.com. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2024.