Reading Group Sets

Organised alphabetically by author

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Fiction
The names by Florence Knapp
They both die at the end by Adam Silvera
I who have never known men by Jacqueline Harpman
Fundamentally by Nussaibah Younis
The land in winter by Andrew Miller
Ordinary saints by Niamh Ní Mhaoileoin
The south by Tash Aw
Jane and Prudence by Barbara Pym

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Careless people by Sarah Wynn Williams
Raising hare by Chloe Dalton
Hitler, Stalin, mum and dad by Daniel Finkelstein

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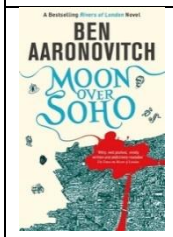
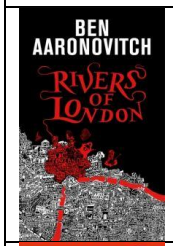
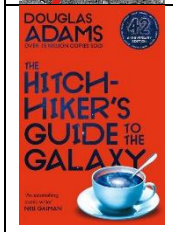
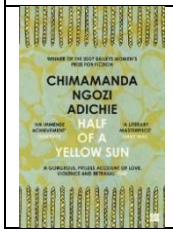
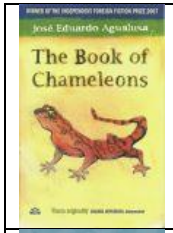
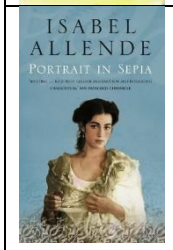
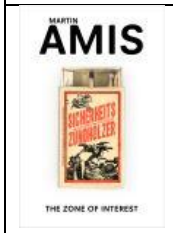
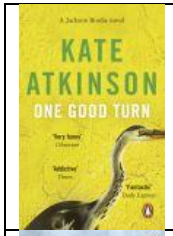
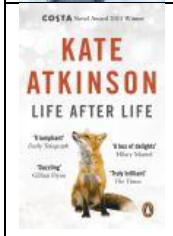
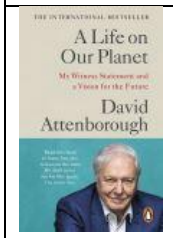
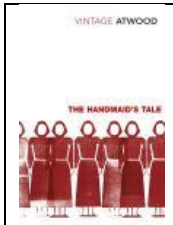
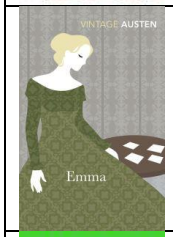
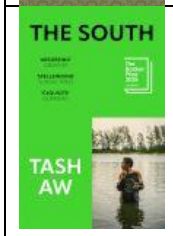
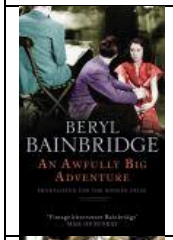
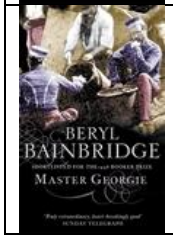
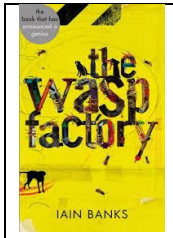
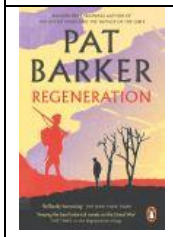
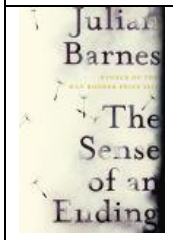
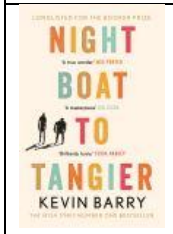
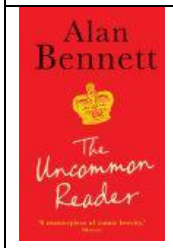
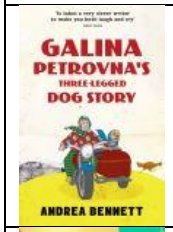
	Ben Aaronovitch	Moon Over Soho	Constable and sorcerer's apprentice Peter investigates a pattern of deaths of Soho musicians. With the help of Chief Inspector Thomas Nightingale, the last registered wizard in England, and the assistance of beautiful jazz aficionado Simone Fitzwilliam, he uncovers a deadly magical menace - one that leads right to his own doorstep.	Fantasy	Audio, LP
	Ben Aaronovitch	Rivers of London	Peter Grant is a probationary constable in the Metropolitan Police Service, until he tries to take a witness statement from the ghost. He then gets apprenticed to Inspector Nightingale, the last wizard in England. The first instalment in the Rivers of London series.	Fantasy	Audio, LP
	Douglas Adams	The hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy	It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards to make way for a new hyperspace express route, and his best friend has just announced that he's an alien. Now they're hurtling through space with nothing but their towels and an innocuous-looking book inscribed, in large friendly letters, with the words: DON'T PANIC.	Science fiction	Audio
	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Half of a Yellow Sun	A winner of the Orange Prize for Fiction, this is a novel set in Nigeria in the 1960s, during the Biafran War, and it discusses the end of colonialism, ethnic allegiances, class and race as well as the ways in which love affect all of these things.	Fiction	Audio, LP

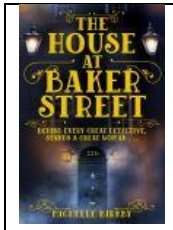
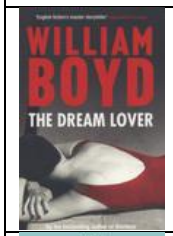
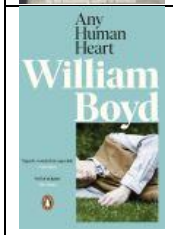
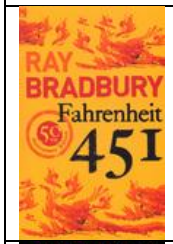
	Jose Eduardo Agualusa	The Book of Chameleons	Winner of the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize. Set in contemporary Angola and narrated by a charming lizard, the novel is a magical tale of metamorphosis, friendship, and revenge. Translated from the Portuguese by Daniel Hahn.	Fiction / Fiction in Translation	
	Isabel Allende	Portrait in Sepia	Aurora del Valle suffers a brutal trauma that erases from her mind all recollection of the first five years of her life. When she is forced to recognize her betrayal at the hands of the man she loves, and to cope with the resulting solitude, she decides to explore the mystery of her past. Translated from the Spanish by Margaret Sayers Peden.	Historical fiction/Fiction in Translation	
	Isabel Allende	The House of the Spirits	As a girl, Clara del Valle can read fortunes, make objects move as if they had lives of their own, and predict the future. Following the mysterious death of her sister, Clara is mute for nine years. When she breaks her silence, it is to announce that she will be married soon to the stern and volatile landowner Esteban Trueba. Translated from the Spanish by Magda Bogin.	Historical fiction/Fiction in Translation	
	Martin Amis	The Zone of Interest	Once upon a time there was a king, and the king commissioned his favourite wizard to create a magic mirror. This mirror didn't show you your reflection. It showed you your soul - it showed you who you really were. From one of England's most renowned authors, an unforgettable new novel that provides a searing portrait of life-and, shockingly, love-in a concentration camp.	Historical fiction	Audio

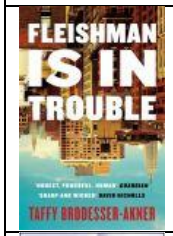
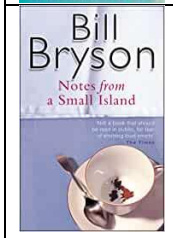
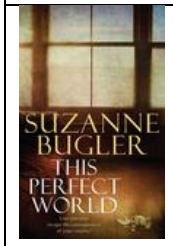
	Kate Atkinson	One Good Turn	It is summer, it is the Edinburgh Festival. People queuing for a lunchtime show witness a road-rage incident - an incident which changes the lives of everyone involved. Jackson Brodie, ex-army, ex-police, ex-private detective, is also an innocent bystander - until he becomes a suspect.	Crime	Audio, LP
	Kate Atkinson	Behind the Scenes at the Museum	Moving with stark contrast between the Coronation year celebrations and life in the trenches during the First World War, this debut novel tells the story of a family observed by one of its members. Debut novel, which won the Whitbread (now Costa) Book of the Year Prize.	Fiction	Audio
	Kate Atkinson	Life after Life	What if you had the chance to live your life again and again, until you finally got it right? *Life After Life* follows Ursula Todd as she lives through the turbulent events of the last century again and again. With wit and compassion, she finds warmth even in life's bleakest moments, and shows an extraordinary ability to evoke the past.	Fiction	Audio
	Kate Atkinson	When Will There Be Good News?	On a hot summer day, Joanna Mason's life is changed forever...On a dark night thirty years later, ex-detective Jackson Brodie finds himself on a train. Lost in his thoughts, he suddenly hears a shocking sound... At the end of a long day, 16-year-old Reggie hears the terrifying noise. These three lives come together in unexpected and deeply thrilling ways.	Crime	Audio, LP
	David Attenborough	A Life on Our Planet	'A Life on Our Planet' is my witness statement, and my vision for the future. It is the story of how we came to make this, our greatest mistake - and how, if we act now, we can yet put it right. We have one final chance to create the perfect home for ourselves and restore the wonderful world we inherited.	Non-fiction	

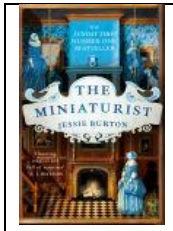
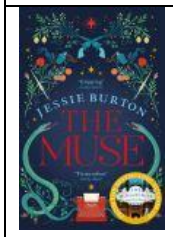
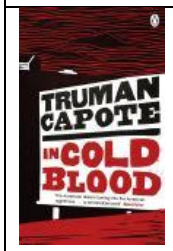
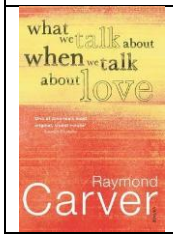
	Margaret Atwood	The Handmaid's Tale	The Republic of Gilead offers Offred only one function - to breed. If she deviates, she will be killed. But even an oppressive state cannot obliterate desire - neither Offred's nor that of the two men on which her future hangs. A dystopian classic that is funny, unexpected, horrifying, and altogether convincing.	Fiction	Audio
	Jane Austen	Emma	Emma Woodhouse is one of Austen's most captivating and vivid characters. Beautiful, spoilt, vain and irrepressibly witty, Emma organises the lives of the inhabitants of her sleepy little village and plays matchmaker with devastating effect.	Fiction	Audio
	Tash Aw	The South	When Jay's grandfather dies, his family travels south to the drought-stricken property they've inherited. As Jay works the parched fields, he grows close to Chuan, the farm manager's son. Over long, sweltering days, their connection deepens while forces beyond their control threaten the future of the land and their families' way of life.	Fiction	
	Beryl Bainbridge	An Awfully Big Adventure	It is 1950 and Stella has been taken on as assistant stage manager for a Liverpool rep company. She quickly becomes obsessed with their dissolute director, but when the celebrated O'Hara arrives to take the lead, a different drama unfolds.	Fiction	Audio
	Beryl Bainbridge	Master Georgie	Booker Prize Nominee that reinvents the historical novel. It deals with the British experience of the Crimean War through the adventures of the eponymous central character George Hardy, who volunteers to work on the battlefields.	Historical fiction	Audio

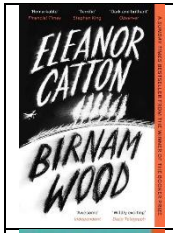
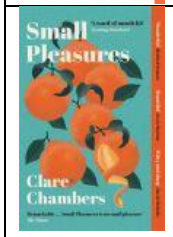
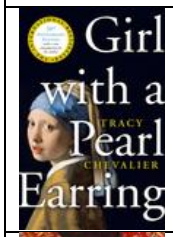
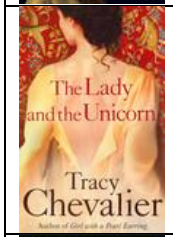
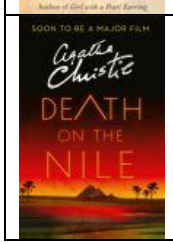
	Iain Banks	The Wasp Factory	Frank, no ordinary sixteen-year-old, lives with his eccentric father outside a remote Scottish village. Frank has turned to strange acts of violence to vent his frustrations. But when news comes of his brother's escape from the hospital, Frank has to prepare the ground for Eric's inevitable return - an event that explodes the mysteries of the past and changes Frank utterly.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Pat Barker	Regeneration	First in the acclaimed series of novels confronting the psychological effects of World War I, focuses on treatment methods during the war and the story of a decorated English officer sent to a military hospital after publicly declaring he will no longer fight. Barker also weaves in issues of class and politics in this compactly powerful book.	Historical fiction	Audio, LP
	Julian Barnes	The Sense of an Ending	Tony Webster thought he'd left all this behind as he built a life for himself, and by now his marriage and family and career have fallen into an amicable divorce and retirement. But he is then presented with a mysterious legacy that obliges him to reconsider a variety of things he thought he'd understood all along, and to revise his estimation of his own nature and place in the world.	Fiction	Audio
	Kevin Barry	Night Boat to Tangier	It's late one night at the Spanish port of Algeciras and two fading Irish gangsters are waiting on the boat from Tangier. A lover has been lost, a daughter has gone missing, their world has come asunder - can it be put together again? It is a novel drenched in sex and death and narcotics, in sudden violence and old magic, but it is obsessed, above all, with the mysteries of love.	Fiction	Audio

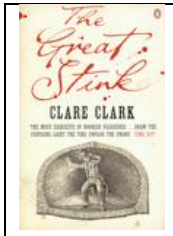
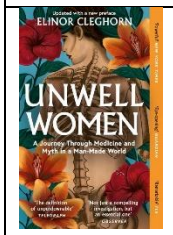
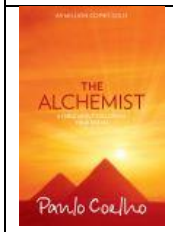
	Sebastian Barry	The Secret Scripture	Nearing her one-hundredth birthday, Roseanne McNulty faces an uncertain future, as the Roscommon Regional Mental hospital where she's spent the best part of her adult life prepares for closure. Told through journals, Roseanne's story becomes an alternative, secret history of Ireland's changing character and the story of a life blighted by terrible mistreatment but also full of love and hope.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Alan Bennett	The Uncommon Reader	A deliciously funny novella that celebrates the pleasure of reading. When the Queen in pursuit of her wandering corgis stumbles upon a mobile library, she feels duty bound to borrow a book. Aided by Norman, a young man from the palace kitchen who frequents the library, the Queen is transformed as she discovers the liberating pleasures of the written word.	Fiction	LP, Audio
	Andrea Bennett	Galina Petrovna's Three-Legged Dog Story	A joyful and hilarious tale of some very spirited septuagenarians as they overcome innumerable obstacles to save their beloved mutt from a heartless exterminator in a land where bureaucracy reigns above all else.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Brit Bennett	The Vanishing Half	The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's their families, communities, racial identities. Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces an emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing.	Fiction	

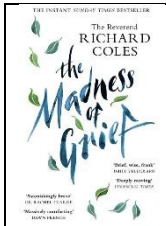
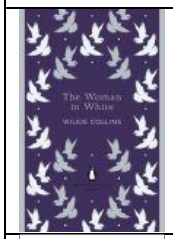
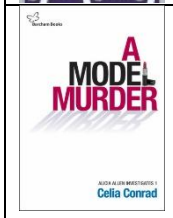
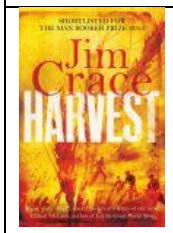
	Michelle Birkby	The House at Baker Street	When Sherlock Holmes turns away the case of persecuted Laura Shirley, Mrs Hudson, the landlady of Baker Street, and Mary Watson resolve to take on the investigation themselves. From the kitchen of Baker Street, the two women begin their enquiries and enlist the assistance of the Baker Street Irregulars and the infamous Irene Adler.	Crime	Audio, LP
	William Boyd	The Dream Lover	Funny, moving and sharply observed, these stories are confirmation of Boyd's status of one of English fiction's finest writers. Here are twenty-two gripping tales told in bold, distinct voices from Brazil to Africa and from Nice to Hollywood.	Short stories	Audio, LP
	William Boyd	Any Human Heart	Told in a form of a diary, this is a story of Logan Mountstuart, and a journey deep into a very human heart. As a writer who finds inspiration with Hemingway in Paris and Virginia Woolf in London, as a spy recruited by Ian Fleming and betrayed in the war, and as an art-dealer in '60s New York, Logan mixes with the men and women who shape his times and makes the same mistakes we all do in our search for happiness.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Ray Bradbury	Fahrenheit 451	This hauntingly prophetic novel centres around a not-too-distant future where happiness is allocated on a TV screen, individuals and scholars are outcasts and books are burned by a special task force of firemen. A classic of world literature set in a bleak, dystopian future.	Science fiction	Audio
	Oyinkan Braithwaite	My sister, the serial killer	Korede is summoned by her sister, Ayoola, to help to dispose the body. This'll be the third boyfriend Ayoola's dispatched in, quote, self-defence and the third mess that her lethal little sibling has left Korede to clear away. She should probably go to the police for the good of the menfolk of Nigeria, but she loves	Crime fiction	Audio

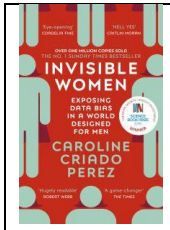
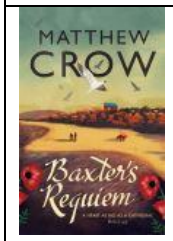
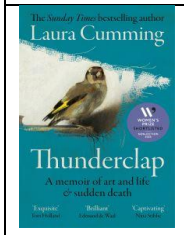
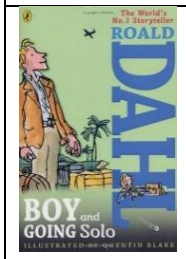
			her sister and, as they say, family always comes first. Until, that is, Ayoola starts dating the doctor that Korede has a crush on.		
	Vera Brittain	Testament of Youth	Abandoning her studies at Oxford in 1915 to enlist as a nurse in the armed services, Brittain served in London, in Malta, and on the Western Front. By war's end she had lost virtually everyone she loved. *Testament of Youth* is both a record of what she lived through and an elegy for a vanished generation.	Biography	Audio
	Taffy Brodesser-Akner	Fleishman Is in Trouble	Finally free from his nightmare of the marriage, Toby Fleishman is ready for a life of Tinder dating and weekend-only parental duties. But as he optimistically looks to a future of few responsibilities, his life turns upside-down as his ex-wife Rachel suddenly disappears.	Fiction	
	Bill Bryson	Notes From a Small Island	After nearly two decades spent on British soil, Bill Bryson decided to return to the United States. But before departing, he set out on a grand farewell tour of the green and kindly island that had so long been his home. The result is an uproarious social commentary that conveys the true glory of Britain, from the satiric pen of an unapologetic Anglophile.	Non-fiction	
	Suzanne Bugler	This Perfect World	Laura Hamley is the woman who has everything: a loving and successful husband, two children, an expensive home, and a set of fortunate friends. But Laura's perfect world is suddenly threatened when she receives an unwelcome phone call from Mrs Partridge, mother of Heddy - the girl Laura and her friends bullied mercilessly at school.	Fiction	Audio

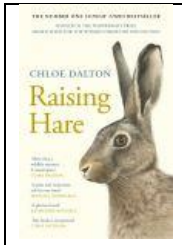
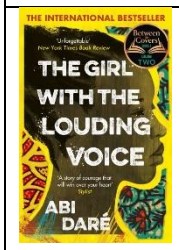
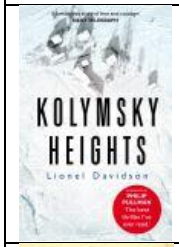
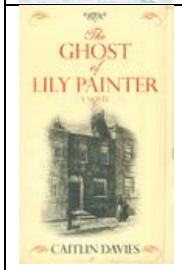
	Jessie Burton	The Miniaturist	In 1686, 18-year-old Nella Oortman marries Johannes Brandt, who presents her with a wedding gift: a cabinet-sized replica of their home. It is to be furnished by an elusive miniaturist, whose tiny creations mirror their real-life counterparts in unexpected ways. As Nella uncovers the secrets of the Brandt household, she realizes the escalating dangers that await them all.	Historical fiction	Audio, LP
	Jessie Burton	The Muse	Odelle Bastien has been employed as a typist at Skelton Gallery by the glamorous and enigmatic Marjorie Quick. When a lost masterpiece arrives at the gallery, Quick seems to know more than she is prepared to reveal, and Odelle is determined to unravel the truth. The painting's secret history lies in 1936 and a large house in rural Spain, where Olive Schloss, the daughter of a renowned art dealer, is harbouring ambitions of her own.	Fiction	LP
	Truman Capote	In Cold Blood	On November 15, 1959, in the small town of Holcomb, Kansas, four members of the Clutter family were savagely murdered. There was no apparent motive for the crime, and there were almost no clues. Capote's reconstruction of the murder shows a gripping mix of journalistic skills and imaginative power.	Non-fiction	LP
	Raymond Carver	What We Talk About When We Talk About Love	In this collection, Carver establishes his reputation as one of the most celebrated and beloved short-story writers in American literature—a haunting meditation on love, loss, and companionship, and finding one’s way through the dark.	Short stories	

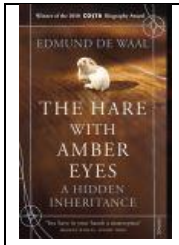
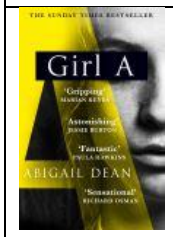
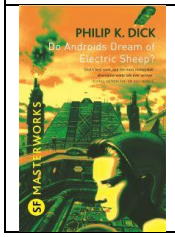
	Eleanor Catton	Birnam Wood	A dazzling psychological thriller about a guerrilla gardening group and their compromised existence working the land of an abandoned farm, rich in profound characterisation and prescient, thought-provoking themes.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Clare Chambers	Small Pleasures	When a young woman, Gretchen Tilbury, contacts the local paper to claim that her daughter is the result of a virgin birth, it is down to Jean Swinney, a journalist, to discover whether she is a miracle or a fraud. As the investigation turns her quiet life inside out, Jean is suddenly given an unexpected chance at friendship, love and - possibly - happiness. But there will, inevitably, be a price to pay.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Tracy Chevalier	Girl with a Pearl Earring	Johannes Vermeer can spot exceptional beauty. When servant girl Griet catches his eye, she soon becomes both student and muse. But then he gives her his wife's pearl earrings to wear for a portrait, and a scandal erupts that could threaten Griet's future...	Historical fiction	Audio
	Tracy Chevalier	The Lady and the Unicorn	Paris, 1490. A French nobleman commissions six lavish tapestries celebrating his rising status at Court. He hires the charismatic Nicolas des Innocents to design them. The results will change lives of all involved, lives that have been captured in the tapestries, for those who know where to look.	Historical Fiction	Audio
	Agatha Christie	Death on the Nile	One of the most flawlessly plotted Poirot novels, *Death on the Nile* follows a glorious cast of characters tormented by secrets and passions, as they embark on a luxury cruise, headed for tragedy.	Crime	Audio

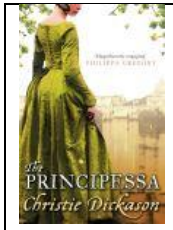
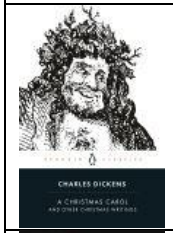
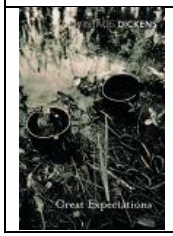
	Clare Clark	The Great Stink	Set in 1855, the book tells the story of William May, an engineer who has returned home to London from the horrors of the Crimean War. When he secures a job transforming the city's sewer system, he believes that he will be able to find salvation in the subterranean world beneath the city. But the peace of the tunnels is shattered by a murder, and William is implicated as the killer. Could he truly have committed the crime? How will he bring the truth above-ground?	Crime	LP
	Susanna Clarke	Piranesi	Piranesi lives in the House. Perhaps he always has. On Tuesdays and Fridays Piranesi sees his friend, the Other. At other times he brings tributes of food and waterlilies to the Dead. But mostly, he is alone. Messages begin to appear, scratched out in chalk on the pavements. There is someone new in the House. But who are they and what do they want?	Fiction	
	Elinor Cleghorn	Unwell women: a journey through medicine and myth in a man-made world	Elinor Cleghorn unpacks the roots of the perpetual misunderstanding, mystification, and misdiagnosis of women's bodies, and traces the journey from the 'wandering womb' of ancient Greece, the rise of witch trials in Medieval Europe, through the dawn of Hysteria, to modern day understandings of autoimmune diseases, the menopause and conditions like endometriosis.	Non fiction	
	Paulo Coelho	The Alchemist	Paulo Coelho's enchanting novel has inspired a devoted following around the world. This story, dazzling in its powerful simplicity and soul-stirring wisdom, is about an Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago, who travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of a treasure buried near the Pyramids. Translated from the Portuguese by Alan R. Clarke.	Fiction/ Fiction in translation	

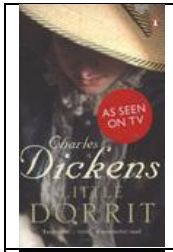
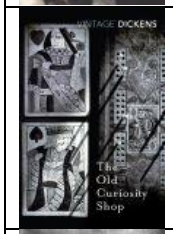
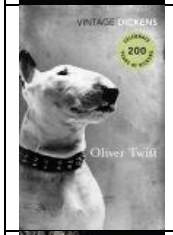
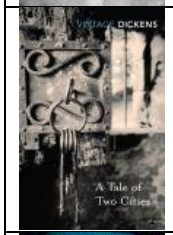
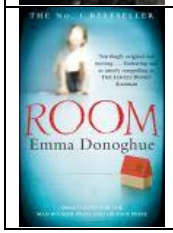
	Rev. Richard Coles	The madness of grief: a memoir of love and loss	Whether it is pastoral care for the bereaved, discussions about the afterlife, or being called out to perform the last rites, death is part of the Reverend Richard Coles's life and work. But when his partner suddenly died, much about death took Coles by surprise. This deeply personal account of life after grief will resonate, unforgettably, with anyone who has lost a loved one.	Memoir	
	Wilkie Collins	The Woman in White	Pursuing questions of identity and insanity along the paths and corridors of English country houses and the madhouse, *The Woman in White* is the first and most influential of the Victorian genre that combined Gothic horror with psychological realism.	Historical fiction	Audio
	Celia Conrad	A Model Murder	Main character is Alicia Allen, a 29-year-old London Anglo-Italian lawyer whose desire for Pringles is matched only by her desire to solve crime. When her neighbour—a beautiful aspiring Australian model—is found raped and murdered, Alicia decides to investigate. And the deeper she delves into the investigation, the more her comfortable world falls apart.	Crime	
	Jim Crace	Harvest	A trio of outsiders - two men and a magnetic woman - arrives on the woodland borders and puts up a make-shift camp. That same night, the local manor house is set on fire. Over the course of 7 days, Walter Thirsk sees the harvest blackened by smoke and fear, the new arrivals cruelly punished, and his neighbours held captive on suspicion of witchcraft. But something even darker is at the heart of his story, and he will be the only man left to tell it.	Fiction	Audio, LP

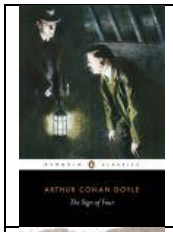
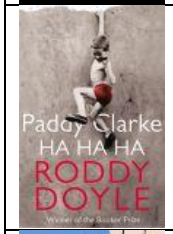
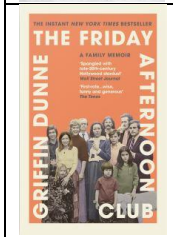
	Caroline Criado Perez	Invisible women: exposing data bias in a world designed for men	The book describes the adverse effects on women caused by gender bias in big data collection. The author brings together an impressive range of case studies, stories and new research from across the world that illustrate the hidden ways in which women are excluded from the very building blocks of the world we live in, and the impact this has on their health and wellbeing.	Non-fiction	
	Matthew Crow	Baxter's Requiem	Mr Baxter is 94 years old resident at Melrose Gardens Retirement Home. Melrose Gardens is his worst nightmare - until he meets Gregory. At only nineteen years of age, Greg has suffered a loss so heavy that he is in danger of giving up on life before he even gets going. Determined to save the boy, Baxter decides to enlist his help on a mission to pay tribute to his long-lost love, Thomas.	Fiction	
	Laura Cumming	Thunderclap: A Memoir of Art and Life & Sudden Death	On the morning of 12th October 1654, in Delft, a sudden explosion was followed by a thunderclap that could be heard more than 70 miles away. Carel Fabritius - known for his painting, The Goldfinch - had been at work in his studio. He, along with many others, would not survive the day. In *Thunderclap*, Laura Cumming reveals her passion for the art of the Dutch Golden Age and her determination to lift up the reputation of Fabritius.	Biography	Audio
	Roald Dahl	Boy, and, Going Solo (in one volume)	The whole of Roald Dahl's autobiography in one volume. Boy is the story of Roald Dahl's very own boyhood, including tales of sweet-shops and chocolate, mean old ladies and a Great Mouse Plot - the inspiration for some of his most marvellous books. Going Solo tells of how, when he grew up, Roald Dahl left England for Africa and later went flying with the Royal Air Force, before he became the world's number-one storyteller.	Biography	Audio

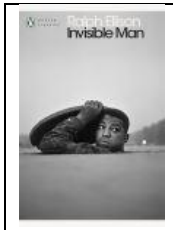
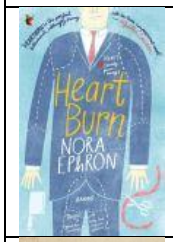
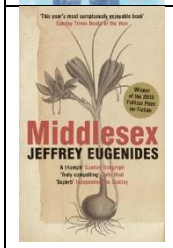
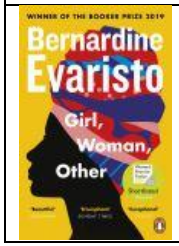
	Chloe Dalton	Raising Hare	When lockdown led busy professional Chloe to leave the city and return to the countryside of her childhood, she never expected to find herself custodian of a newly born hare. Yet when she finds the creature, endangered, alone and no bigger than her palm, she is compelled to give it a chance at survival. 'Raising Hare' chronicles their journey together and the challenges of caring for the leveret and preparing for its return to the wild.	Non fiction	Audiobook
	Abi Dare	The Girl with the Louding Voice	Adunni is a 14-year-old Nigerian girl who knows what she wants: an education. Removed from school and sold as a 3rd wife to an old man, she is then secretly sold as a domestic servant to a household in the wealthy enclaves of Lagos, Adunni is repeatedly told that she is nothing, but she won't be silenced. She is determined to find her voice.	Fiction	
	Lionel Davidson	Kolymsky Heights	From the heart of Siberia have come coded messages implying a mysterious secret to be entrusted to only one man. How that individual gets in, finds the contacts, and tries to get the secret out is a masterpiece of wrenching excitement and immensely intelligent storytellling.	Thriller	Audio
	Caitlin Davies	The Ghost of Lily Painter	The first time Annie Sweet sees 43 Stanley Road, the house is so perfect she almost feels as though it has chosen her. Soon she becomes consumed by the house and everyone who has lived there before her, especially a young chorus girl called Lily Painter. As Annie delves further into Lily's past, she begins to unravel a dark episode from Edwardian London and until Annie solves the mystery at the heart of the scandal, the ghost of Lily Painter will never be able to rest.	Historical fiction	Audio, LP

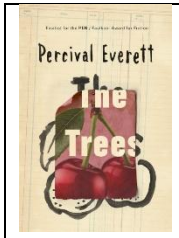
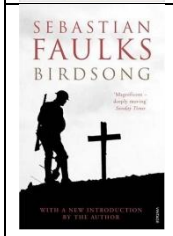
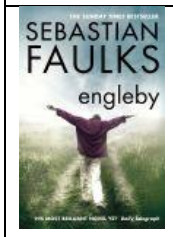
	Edmund de Waal	The Hare with Amber Eyes	264 wood and ivory carvings of animals, plants, and people, none of them larger than a matchbox; apprentice potter Edmund de Waal was entranced by the collection when he first encountered it in the Tokyo apartment of his great uncle Iggie. When he inherited them, he discovered that they unlocked a story larger than he could have imagined.	Non-fiction	Audio
	Abigail Dean	Girl A	Lex Gracie doesn't want to think about her family and growing up in her parents' House of Horrors. And she doesn't want to think about her identity as Girl A: the girl who escaped. When her mother dies in prison and leaves Lex and her siblings the family home, she can't run from her past any longer. But first she must come to terms with her six siblings - and with the childhood they shared.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Len Deighton	SS-GB	It is 1941 and Germany has won the war. Britain is occupied, Churchill executed, and the King imprisoned in the Tower of London. At Scotland Yard, Detective Inspector Archer tries to do his job and keep his head down. But when a body is found in a Mayfair flat, what at first appears to be a routine murder investigation sends him into a world of espionage, deceit and betrayal.	Thriller	
	Philip K. Dick	Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?	Popularly known as Blade Runner, because of its incarnation as a movie, 'Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?' is Dick's most famous title. Stalking androids in 21st century megalopolis, Deckard begins to question just who is human, and what human is.	Science fiction	LP

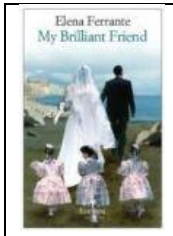
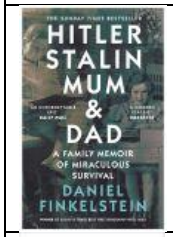
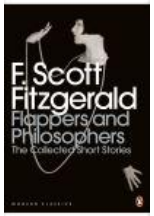
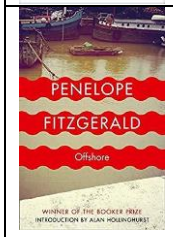
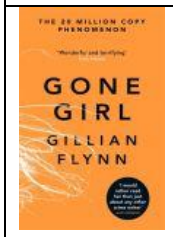
	Christie Dickason	Principessa	Robert Cecil, Secretary of State to James I, owes a vast and secret debt to the Prince of La Spada, who is dying and has called in the loan – and Cecil cannot pay. The Prince will agree to a hostage but he wants Cecil's firemaster: Francis Quoynt, who also serves as his spy. In La Spada Prince makes his treacherous illegitimate son his heir, which thwarts the deadly ambition of his daughter, Sofia – the Principessa.	Historical fiction	
	Charles Dickens	A Christmas Carol and other Christmas Writings	This is a one-volume collection of Dickens' most popular Christmas stories and articles. It includes *A Christmas Carol*, *The Haunted Man*, and a few short items from Dickens' journalism on the subject of Christmas.	Classics	Audio
	Charles Dickens	Bleak House	*Bleak House*, in its atmosphere, symbolism and magnificent bleak comedy, is often regarded as the best of Dickens. It challenges the reader to make connections between the fashionable and the outcast, the beautiful and the ugly and the powerful and the victims. It is a mystery story, in which Esther Summerson discovers the truth about her birth.	Classics	Audio
	Charles Dickens	David Copperfield	*David Copperfield* is the story of a young man's adventures on his journey from an unhappy and impoverished childhood to the discovery of his vocation as a successful novelist. Dickens drew revealingly on his own experiences to create one of the most exuberant and enduringly popular works, filled with tragedy and comedy in equal measure.	Classics	Audio
	Charles Dickens	Great Expectations	One of Dickens's greatest novels, *Great Expectations* is also one of his most autobiographical stories, as the young protagonist Pip escapes from his troubled childhood experiences to learn for himself the perils of love, the dangers of wealth, and how to sort his friends from his enemies.	Classics	Audio

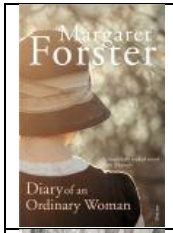
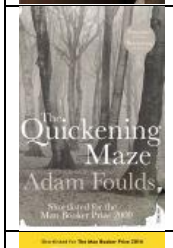
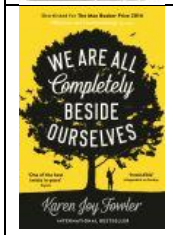
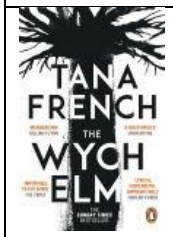
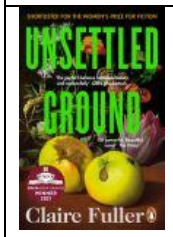
	Charles Dickens	Little Dorrit	This is a novel of serendipity, of fortunes won and lost, and of the spectre of imprisonment that hangs over all aspects of Victorian society.	Classics	Audio
	Charles Dickens	Old Curiosity Shop	Little Nell Trent lives in the quiet gloom of the old curiosity shop with her ailing grandfather, for whom she cares with selfless devotion. But when they are unable to pay their debts, the shop is seized and they are forced to flee, thrown into a shadowy world in which there seems to be no safe haven.	Classics	Audio
	Charles Dickens	Oliver Twist	The story of Oliver Twist - orphaned and set upon by evil and adversity from his first breath is A gripping portrayal of London's dark criminal underbelly.	Classics	Audio
	Charles Dickens	Tale of Two Cities	This Charles Dickens's great historical novel, set against the violent upheaval of the French Revolution, compresses an event of immense complexity to the scale of a family history, with a cast of characters that includes a bloodthirsty ogress and an antihero as believably flawed as any in modern fiction.	Classics	Audio
	Emma Donoghue	Room	To five-year-old-Jack, Room is the world.... Told in the inventive, funny, and poignant voice of Jack, Room is a celebration of resilience—and a powerful story of a mother and son whose love lets them survive the impossible.	Fiction	LP

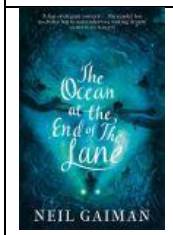
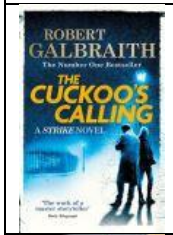
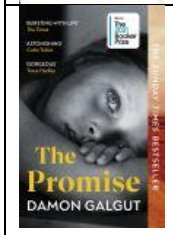
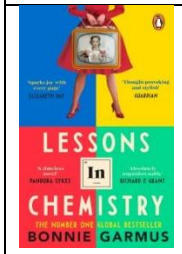
	Arthur Conan Doyle	The Sign of Four	The great detective's melancholy mood is lifted by the arrival of attractive Mary Morstan. Her father vanished ten years ago but she has been receiving a large, lustrous pearl annually. She wants Holmes and Watson to accompany her to meet her benefactor.	Crime	Audio, LP
	Roddy Doyle	Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha	In this national bestseller and winner of the Booker Prize, Roddy Doyle takes us to a new level of emotional richness with the story of ten-year-old Padraic Clarke. This witty and poignant book charts the triumphs, indignities, and bewilderment of Paddy as he tries to make sense of his changing world.	Fiction	
	Margaret Drabble	The Millstone	Rosamund Stacey is a young woman with a vast knowledge of literature and very little knowledge of life. When she finds herself pregnant after her only sexual encounter, she takes the brave decision to risk social stigma as an unmarried mother.	Fiction	
	Helen Dunmore	The Siege	Whilst German tanks surround Leningrad during September 1941, two families struggle to stay alive. As winter grips the city first the furniture is burnt, then the books, but some may not live to see another day.	Fiction	LP
	Griffin Dunne	The Friday Afternoon Club	At nine, Sean Connery saved him from drowning. As a teen, he crashed Joan Didion's party hoping to meet Janis Joplin. In his twenties, he lived with Carrie Fisher during *Star Wars*, sold popcorn at Radio City, and later produced *After Hours* with Scorsese. *The Friday Afternoon Club* isn't a celebrity memoir—it's a funny, heartfelt family story.	Non-fiction	Audio

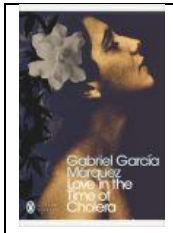
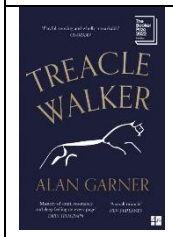
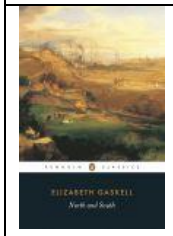
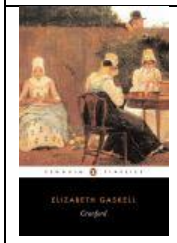
	Ralph Ellison	Invisible Man	The nameless character journeys from the Deep South to the streets and basements of Harlem, from a horrifying "battle royal" where black men are reduced to fighting animals, to a Communist rally where they are elevated to the status of trophies. Suspenseful and sardonic, narrated in a voice that takes in the symphonic range of the American language, black and white, *Invisible Man* is one of the most audacious and dazzling novels of our century.	Fiction	
	Nora Ephron	Heartburn	Seven months into her pregnancy, a cookbook writer Rachel Samstat discovers that her husband, Mark, is in love with another woman. In between trying to win Mark back and loudly wishing him dead, Ephron's irrepressible heroine offers some of her favourite recipes.	Fiction	
	Jeffrey Eugenides	Middlesex	*Middlesex* tells the breath-taking story of Calliope Stephanides, and three generations of the Greek-American Stephanides family, To understand why Calliope is not like other girls, she has to uncover a guilty family secret, and the astonishing genetic history that turns Callie into Cal, one of the most audacious and wondrous narrators in contemporary fiction.	Fiction	
	Bernardine Evaristo	Girl, Woman, Other	*Girl, Woman, Other* follows the lives and struggles of twelve very different characters. Mostly women, black and British, they tell the stories of their families, friends, and lovers, across the country and through the years.	Fiction	

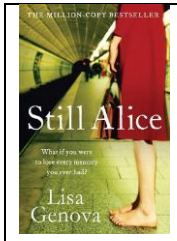
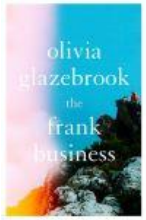
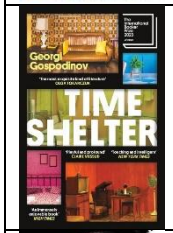
	Percival Everett	The Trees	The Trees is a page-turner that opens with a series of brutal murders and at each crime scene there is a second dead body: that of a man who resembles Emmett Till, a young black boy lynched in the same town 65 years before. Everett takes direct aim at racism and police violence, doing so in a fast-paced style that ensures the reader can't look away.	Thriller	
	Hans Fallada	Alone in Berlin	Inspired by a true story, Hans Fallada's Alone in Berlin is the gripping tale of an ordinary man's determination to defy the tyranny of Nazi Germany. Translated from the German by Michael Hofmann.	Fiction in Translation	Audio, LP
	Sebastian Faulks	Birdsong	Stephen Wraysford, a young Englishman, arrives in Amiens in northern France in 1910 to stay with the Azaire family, and falls in love with unhappily married Isabelle. But, with the world on the brink of war, the relationship falters, and Stephen volunteers to fight on the Western Front. His love for Isabelle forever engraved on his heart, he experiences the unprecedented horrors of that conflict - from which neither he nor any reader of this book can emerge unchanged.	Historical Fiction	Audio
	Sebastian Faulks	Engleby	Mike Engleby, a working-class man devoid of scruple or self-pity, provides a disarmingly frank account of his English education. Yet beneath the disturbing surface of his observations lies an unfolding mystery of gripping power. When Jennifer, the fellow student, disappears the reader has to ask: is Engleby capable of telling the whole truth?	Fiction	Audio, LP

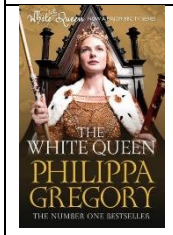
	Elena Ferrante	My Brilliant Friend	My Brilliant Friend is a rich, intense, and generous hearted story about two friends, Elena and Lila. Through the lives of these two women, Ferrante tells the story of a neighbourhood, a city, and a country as it is transformed in ways that, in turn, also transform the relationship between her two protagonists. Translated from the Italian by Ann Goldstein.	Fiction	Audio
	Daniel Finkelstein	Hitler, Stalin, Mum & Dad	From longstanding political columnist and commentator Daniel Finkelstein, a powerful memoir exploring both his mother and his father's devastating experience of persecution, resistance, and survival during the Second World War.	Biography	
	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Flappers and Philosophers	Covering some of the very best of F. Scott Fitzgerald's short fiction, this collection spans his career, from the early stories of the glittering Jazz Age, through the lost hopes of the thirties, to the last, twilight decade of his life.	Short stories	
	Penelope Fitzgerald	Offshore	Winner of the Booker Prize 1979. On the Battersea Reach of the Thames, a mixed bag of the slightly disreputable, the temporarily lost, and the patently eccentric live on houseboats, rising and falling with the great river's tides. Belonging to neither land nor sea, they cling to one another in a motley yet kindly society.	Fiction	
	Gillian Flynn	Gone Girl	Alternating between the present-day narrative of husband Nick Dunne and the past diary entries of his wife Amy, we learn their marriage has come undone. Amy inexplicably disappears without trace and Nick is the prime suspect. However, is all that we read the truth? Is Amy genuinely missing, and, if not, what could be her possible motive?	Thriller	Audio

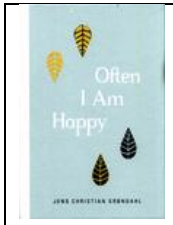
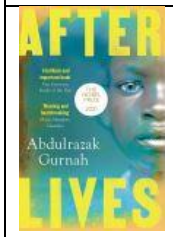
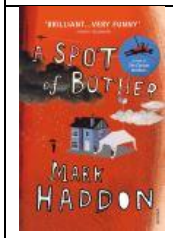
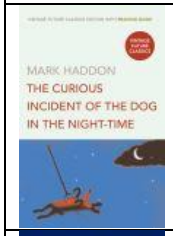
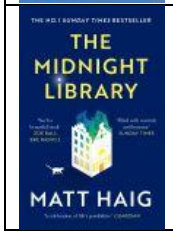
	Margaret Forster	Diary of an Ordinary Woman	Presented as the 'edited' journal of a real-life woman, started on the eve of the Great War, this is a triumph of resolution and evocation, a beautifully observed story of an ordinary woman's life - a narrative where every word rings true.	Fiction	Audio
	Adam Foulds	The Quickening Maze	Based on real events in Epping Forest on the edge of London around 1840, *The Quickening Maze* centres on the first incarceration of the great nature poet John Clare.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Karen Joy Fowler	We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves	Rosemary is now an only child, but she used to have a sister the same age as her, and an older brother. Both are now gone - vanished from her life. So now she's telling her story: full of hilarious asides and brilliantly spiky lines, it's a looping narrative that begins towards the end, and then goes back to the beginning. Twice.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Tana French	The Wych Elm	One night changes everything for Toby. He's always led a charmed life - until a brutal attack leaves him damaged and traumatised. He seeks refuge at his family's ancestral home, but not long after Toby's arrival, a discovery is made: a skull, tucked neatly inside the old wych elm in the garden. Toby is forced to examine everything he thought he knew about his family, his past, and himself.	Thriller	Audio
	Claire Fuller	Unsettled Ground	Twins Jeanie and Julius have always been different from other people. At 51 years old, they still live with their mother, Dot, in rural isolation and poverty. But when Dot dies suddenly, threats to their livelihood start raining down. Jeanie and Julius would do anything to preserve their small sanctuary against the perils of the outside world, even as their mother's	Fiction	

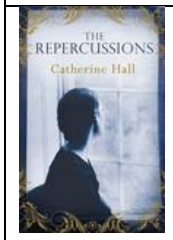
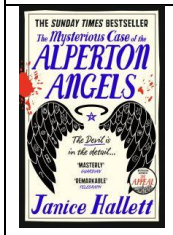
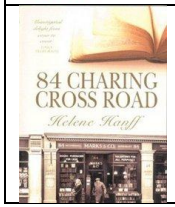
			secrets begin to unravel, putting everything they thought they knew about their lives at stake.		
	Neil Gaiman	The Ocean at the End of the Lane	A middle-aged man returns to his childhood home to attend a funeral. As he sits by the ocean at the end of the lane, he remembers a dead man on the back seat of the car, an ancient little girl, and an old woman who saw the moon being made. They are memories hard to believe, waiting at the edge of things. The recollections of a man who thought he was lost but is now, perhaps, remembering a time when he was saved...	Fantasy	LP
	Robert Galbraith	The Cuckoo's Calling	Written under a pseudonym by J.K. Rowling, this gripping, elegant mystery is steeped in the atmosphere of London. A war veteran wounded both physically and psychologically, Cormoran Strike's life is in disarray but the case he is working on gives him a lifeline, despite coming at a personal cost.	Crime	Audio, LP
	Damon Galgut	The Promise	The many voices of *The Promise* tell a story of a Swart family in four snapshots, each one centred on a family funeral, each one happening in a different decade. Over large jumps in time, people get older, faces, laws and lives all change, while a brother and sister circle around a promise made long ago, and never kept.	Fiction	LP
	Bonnie Garmus	Lessons in Chemistry	Set in 1960s California, *Lessons in Chemistry* follows Elizabeth Zott, a chemist whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a TV cooking show, which she uses to speak to housewives about their own capacity for change.	Fiction	

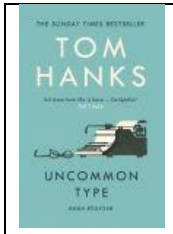
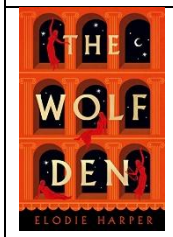
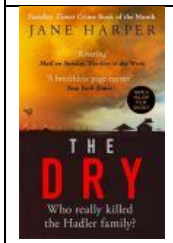
	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	Love in the Time of Cholera	Florentino Ariza has never forgotten his first love. He has waited nearly a lifetime in silence since his beloved Fermina married another man. Following the death of her husband, Florentino has another chance to declare his eternal passion and win her back. Will love that has survived half a century remain unrequited? Translated from the Spanish by Edith Grossman.	Fiction in translation/ Classics	
	Alan Garner	Treacle Walker	Joseph Coppock lives alone in an old house, when, one day, a rag-and-bone man called Treacle Walker appears and a mysterious friendship develops between them. A fusion of myth, magic and the stories we make for ourselves, *Treacle Walker* is an extraordinary novel from one of our greatest living writers.	Fiction	
	Elizabeth Gaskell	North and South	When her father leaves the Church in a crisis of conscience, Margaret Hale is uprooted from Hampshire to the north of England. Initially repulsed by the ugliness of her new surroundings in the industrial town of Milton, Margaret develops a passionate sense of social justice. This is intensified by her tempestuous relationship with the mill-owner and self-made man, John Thornton, as their fierce opposition over his treatment of his employees masks a deeper attraction.	Classics	Audio
	Elizabeth Gaskell	Cranford	A portrait of the residents of an English country town in the mid nineteenth century, *Cranford* relates the adventures of Miss Matty and Miss Deborah, two middle-aged spinster sisters striving to live with dignity in reduced circumstances. Elizabeth Gaskell portrays a community governed by old-fashioned habits and dominated by friendships between women.	Classics	Audio, LP

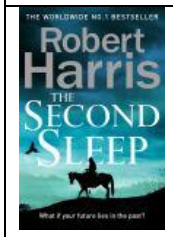
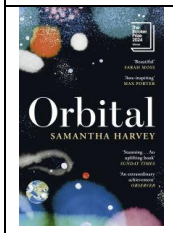
	Lisa Genova	Still Alice	*Still Alice* is a compelling debut novel about a 50-year-old woman's sudden descent into early onset Alzheimer's disease. Fiercely independent, Alice struggles to maintain her lifestyle and live in the moment, even as her sense of self is being stripped away. The book captures in remarkable detail what's it's like to literally lose your mind.	Fiction	
	Amitav Ghosh	The Glass Palace	Set in Burma during the British invasion of 1885 this is the story of Rajkumar, a poor boy lifted on the tides of political and social chaos, who goes on to create an empire in the Burmese teak forest. When soldiers force the royal family out of the Glass Palace and into exile, Rajkumar befriends Dolly, a young woman in the court of the Burmese Queen, and years later, as a rich man, he goes in search of her.	Historical fiction	
	Olivia Glazebrook	The Frank Business	After Frank drops down dead in Heathrow Arrivals on Christmas Eve, his estranged daughter Jem finds out that Frank had a son. As Frank has died of a congenital heart defect, Jem must warn her brother, but in finding herself a family she risks ripping another apart.	Fiction	
	Georgi Gospodinov	Time shelter	A special sanatorium established for Alzheimer's patients opens its doors to those not afflicted by memory loss in this immersive, charmingly melancholy novel about the solaces and perils of nostalgia from the multi-award-winning maestro of Bulgarian literature.	Fiction in translation	
	David Grann	Killers of the flower moon: oil, money, murder and the birth of the FBI	In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian nation in Oklahoma, after oil was discovered beneath their land. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. After FBI badly bungled the investigation, J. Edgar Hoover turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to unravel the mystery. The	Non fiction	

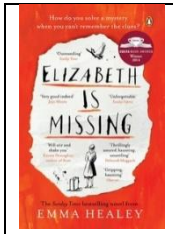
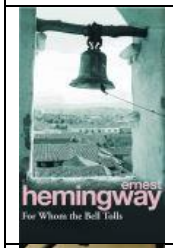
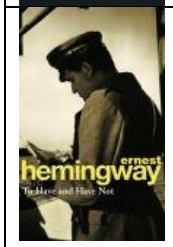
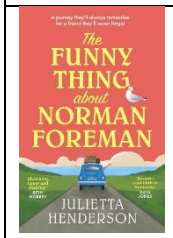
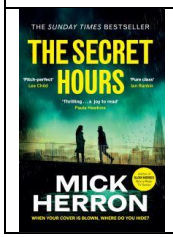
			undercover team began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.		
	Robert Graves	Goodbye to All That	An autobiographical work that describes first-hand the great tectonic shifts in English society following the First World War, Robert Graves's *Goodbye to All That* is a matchless evocation of the Great War's haunting legacy, and also has immense value as one of the most candid self-portraits of an artist ever written.	Biography	
	Philippa Gregory	The White Queen	Elizabeth Woodville secretly marries the newly crowned boy king. While she rises to the demands of her exalted position and fights for the success of her family, her two sons become the central figures in a famous unsolved mystery that has confounded historians for centuries: the lost princes in the Tower of London.	Historical fiction	Audio, LP
	John Green	The Fault in Our Stars	Despite the tumour-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.	Young Adult	
	Graham Greene	Brighton Rock	A gang war is raging through the dark underworld of Brighton. Seventeen-year-old Pinkie has killed a man. Believing he can escape retribution, he is unprepared for the courageous, life-embracing Ida Arnold. Greene's gripping thriller, exposes a world of loneliness and fear, of life lived on the 'dangerous edge of things'.	Classics	Audio

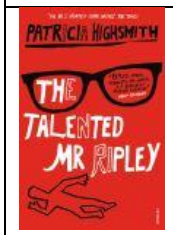
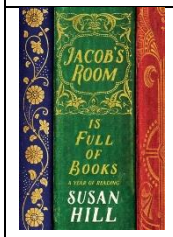
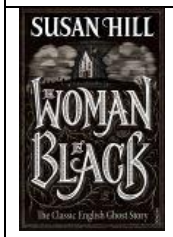
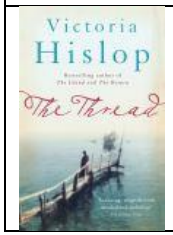
	Jens Christian Grondahl	Often I Am Happy	In Danish novelist Grondahl's stunning book, a recently widowed 70-year-old woman re-examines her life and past decisions. A compassionate and often edifying commentary on the elasticity of love, the strength it takes to move forward after a death, and the power of forgiveness.	Fiction	LP
	Abdulrazak Gurnah	Afterlives	Ilyas was stolen by the German colonial troops; after years away, he returns to his village to find his parents gone, and his sister Afiya given away. Hamza was not stolen, but was sold. Returning to the town of his childhood, all he wants is work, however humble, and security - and the beautiful Afiya. As the Germans and the British and the French and the Belgians seek complete dominion, they are forced to extinguish revolt after revolt by the colonised.	Fiction	
	Mark Haddon	A Spot of Bother	George Hall is settling down to retirement. Then his daughter announces she is getting remarried, to Ray. Her family is not pleased, and her mother is a bit put out by all the wedding planning, which gets in the way of her love affair with her husband's former colleague. Unnoticed in the uproar, George begins to lose his mind.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Mark Haddon	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time	A murder mystery like no other, this novel features Christopher Boone, a 15 year-old who has the Asperger's syndrome. When he finds a neighbour's dog murdered, he sets out on a journey which will turn his whole world upside down.	Fiction	Audio
	Matt Haig	The Midnight Library	When Nora Seed finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right. The books enable Nora to live as if she had done things differently, as she tries to work out her perfect life. But things aren't always what she imagined they'd be, and soon her choices place the library and herself in	Fiction	Audio, LP

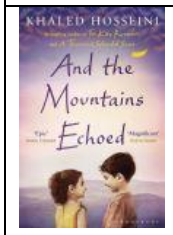
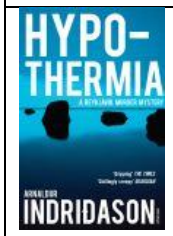
			extreme danger. Before time runs out, she must answer the ultimate question: what is the best way to live?		
	Catherine Hall	The Repercussions	When war photographer Jo returns from her latest assignment in Afghanistan and moves into the Brighton flat she's just inherited, she hopes to restore equilibrium to her chaotic life. But images and events of her recent past and the reading of her great-grandmother Elizabeth's diary haunt her night and day, forcing Jo to come to terms with demons she thought she could leave behind.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Janice Hallett	The Mysterious Case of the Alperton Angels	True-crime author Amanda Bailey investigates the notorious Alperton Angels cult. But rival author Oliver Menzies is just as smart, better connected, and is also on the trail. As they are forced to collaborate, they realise that what everyone thinks they know about the Angels is wrong. The truth is something much darker and stranger.	Crime	Audio, LP
	Kang Han	The Vegetarian	Fraught, disturbing and beautiful, *The Vegetarian* is a novel about modern day South Korea, but also a novel about shame, desire, and our faltering attempts to understand others, from one imprisoned body to another. Autor is a recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature 2024.	Fiction in translation	Audio
	Helene Hanff	84 Charing Cross Road	Helene Hanff's true story of her 20 year correspondence with London bookseller, Frank Doel, is a charming and bittersweet tale of two people united by a love of books. Told in a series of letters, this story has touched the hearts of thousands.	Non-fiction	

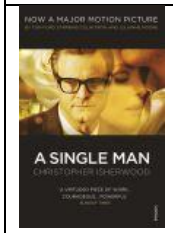
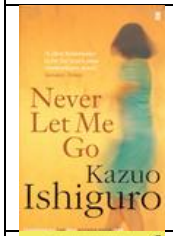
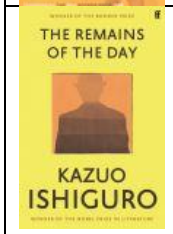
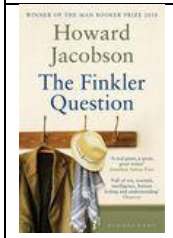
	Tom Hanks	Uncommon Type	The stories in *Uncommon Type* range from the hilarious to the deeply touching. They move in period, location, and manner, but all demonstrate a joy in writing, a pleasure in communicating an intensely American sense of atmosphere, friendship, life and family that is every bit as smart, engaging and humane as the man himself.	Short Stories	LP
	Thomas Hardy	Far from the Madding Crowd	Hardy's novel of swift passion and slow courtship is imbued with evocative descriptions of rural life, and with unflinching honesty about sexual relationships. Its heroine, Bathsheba Everdene, takes up her position as a farmer on a large estate, where her confident presence draws three very different suitors: the gentleman-farmer Boldwood, the soldier-seducer Sergeant Troy and the devoted shepherd Gabriel Oak.	Classics	LP
	Elodie Harper	The Wolf Den	Amara was once a beloved daughter, now she is a slave in Pompeii's infamous brothel, owned by a man she despises. But her spirit is far from broken, as the streets of Pompeii are alive with opportunity. Out here, even the lowest slave can secure a reversal in fortune. Amara has learnt that everything in this city has its price. But how much is her freedom going to cost her?	Historical Fiction	Audio
	Jane Harper	The Dry	In the grip of the worst drought in a century, the farming community of Kiewarra is facing life and death choices daily when three members of a local family are found brutally slain. Federal Police investigator Aaron Falk reluctantly returns to his hometown for the funeral of his childhood friend, loath to face the townsfolk who turned their backs on him twenty years earlier.	Thriller	Audio

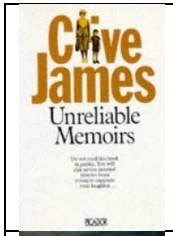
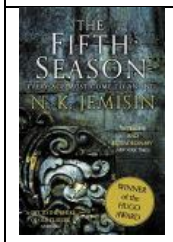
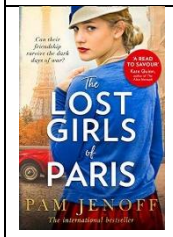
	Jacqueline Harpman	I who have never known men	Deep underground, 39 women live imprisoned in a cage. Watched over by guards, the women have no memory of how they got there. As the burn of electric light merges day into night and numberless years pass, a young girl - the fortieth prisoner - sits alone and outcast in the corner. But soon she will show herself to be the key to the others' escape and survival in the strange world that awaits them above.	Science fiction	
	Robert Harris	The Second Sleep	1468. A young priest, Christopher Fairfax, arrives in a remote Exmoor village to conduct the funeral of his predecessor. The land around is strewn with ancient artefacts - coins, fragments of glass, human bones - which the old parson used to collect. Did his obsession with the past lead to his death? Fairfax becomes determined to discover the truth.	Historical fiction	
	L.P. Hartley	The Go-Between	Delicately written yet packing an emotionally devastating punch, *The Go-Between* resounds with lost innocence and the inevitable corruption of youth. The exploitation of a young boy drawn into conveying messages between a farmer and a rich young woman at Brandham Hall echoes the hidden decadence at the heart of Edwardian society.	Classics	Audio
	Samantha Harvey	Orbital	Six astronauts rotate in their spacecraft above the Earth. They are there to collect meteorological data, conduct scientific experiments and test the limits of the human body. But mostly they observe. Together they watch their silent blue planet, circling it sixteen times, spinning past continents and cycling through seasons, taking in glaciers and deserts. Yet although separated from the world they cannot escape its constant pull. So far from Earth, they have never felt more part - or protective - of it.	Fiction	

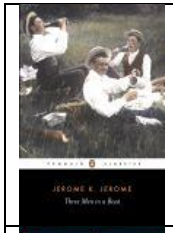
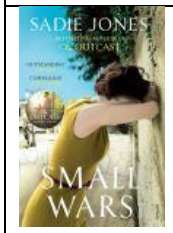
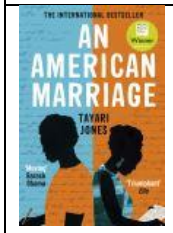
	Emma Healey	Elizabeth is Missing	In this darkly riveting novel—a sophisticated psychological mystery that is also a heartbreakingly honest meditation on memory, identity, and aging—an elderly woman descending into dementia embarks on a desperate quest to find the best friend she believes has disappeared, and her search for the truth will go back decades and have shattering consequences.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Ernest Hemingway	For Whom the Bell Tolls	Hemingway's classic portrayal of the Spanish Civil War. The story of Robert Jordan, a young American in the International Brigades attached to an antifascist guerrilla unit in the mountains of Spain, it tells of loyalty and courage, love and defeat, and the tragic death of an ideal.	Classics	
	Ernest Hemingway	To Have and Have Not	A dramatic story of Harry Morgan, an honest man who is forced into running contraband between Cuba and Key West as a means of keeping his crumbling family financially afloat. His adventures lead him into the world of the wealthy and dissipated yachtsmen who throng the region and involve him in a strange and unlikely love affair.	Classics	Audio, LP
	Julietta Henderson	The funny thing about Norman Foreman	Norman and Jax are a legendary comedic duo in waiting, but when Jax dies before they turn twelve, Norman decides a tribute act for his best friend just can't wait, so he rewrites their plan:1. Look after Mum 2. Find Dad 3. Get to the Edinburgh Fringe. A charming, uplifting tale of love, family, friendship, and hope.	Fiction	
	Mick Herron	The Secret Hours	A gripping standalone spy thriller about a disastrous MI5 mission in Cold War Berlin. After the investigation into the historical misdeeds of the intelligence services by a vindicative prime minister is shut, the careers of the two civil servants - Griselda Fleet and Malcolm Kyle – charged with	Thriller	Audio, LP

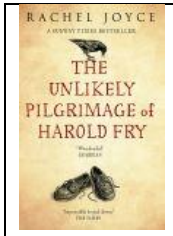
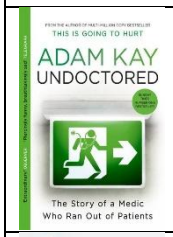
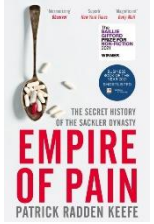
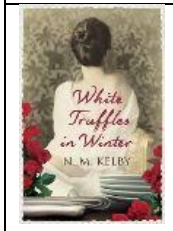
			overseeing the inquiry are in ruins, until the OTIS file falls into their hands.		
	Patricia Highsmith	The Talented Mr Ripley	Tom Ripley is struggling to stay one step ahead of his creditors and the law, when an unexpected acquaintance offers him a free trip to Europe and a chance to start over. Ripley wants money, success and the good life and he's willing to kill for it. When his new-found happiness is threatened, his response is as swift as it is shocking.	Classics	
	Susan Hill	Jacob's Room is Full of Books	Susan Hill charts a year of her life through the books she has read, reread or returned to the shelf. From beneath a shady tree in a hot French summer, or the warmth of a kitchen during an English winter, Hill reflects on what her reading throws up, from writing and writers to politics and religion, as well as the joy of dandies or the pleasure of watching a line of geese cross a meadow.	Non-fiction	
	Susan Hill	The Woman in Black	Arthur Kipps, a junior solicitor, is summoned to attend the funeral of Mrs Alice Drablow, the house's sole inhabitant of Eel Marsh House, unaware of the tragic secrets which lie hidden behind the shuttered windows. Masterfully atmospheric and chilling to the core, Hill's pitch-perfect horror story about a mysterious woman all dressed in black who haunts an English village surrounded by marshes and sea fog is a gloriously ghostly read.	Horror	
	Victoria Hislop	The Thread	A beautiful and epic novel that spans nearly a hundred years, *The Thread* is a magnificent story of a friendship and a love that endures through the catastrophes and upheavals of the twentieth century--both natural and man-made--in the turbulent city of Thessaloniki, Greece.	Fiction	Audio

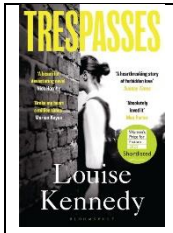
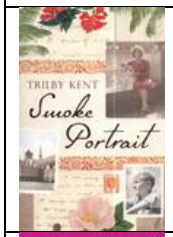
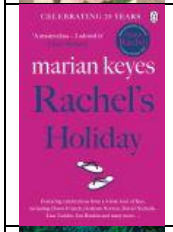
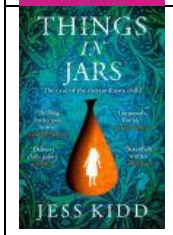
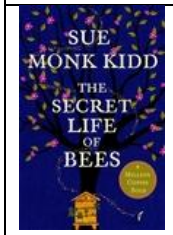
	Gail Honeyman	Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine	Eleanor Oliphant is happy. Nothing is missing from her carefully timetabled life. Except, sometimes, everything. One simple act of kindness is about to shatter the walls Eleanor has built around herself. Now she must learn how to navigate the world that everyone else seems to take for granted – while searching for the courage to face the dark corners she's avoided all her life.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Khaled Hosseini	And the Mountains Echoed	A multi-generational family story revolving around brothers and sisters, 'And the Mountains Echoed' explores the ways in which they love, wound, betray, honour and sacrifice for each other. Following its characters and the ramifications of their lives and choices and loves around the globe - from Kabul to Paris to San Francisco to the Greek island of Tinos - the story expands gradually outward, becoming more emotionally complex and powerful with each minute.	Fiction	Audio
	Khaled Hosseini	The Kite Runner	Afghanistan, 1975: Twelve-year-old Amir is desperate to win the local kite-fighting tournament and his loyal friend Hassan promises to help him. But neither of the boys can foresee what will happen to Hassan that afternoon, an event that is to shatter their lives. After the Russians invade and the family is forced to flee to America, Amir realises that one day he must return to Afghanistan under Taliban rule to find the one thing that his new world cannot grant him: redemption.	Fiction	Audio
	Arnaldur Indridason	Hypothermia	One cold autumn night, a woman is found hanging from a beam at her holiday cottage. At first sight, it appears like a straightforward case of suicide; María had never recovered from the death of her mother two years previously and she had a history of depression. But then the friend who found her body approaches Detective Erlendur with a tape of a séance that María attended before her death and his	Fiction in translation/ Thriller	Audio, LP

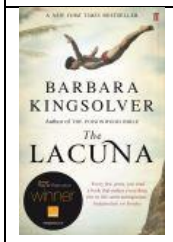
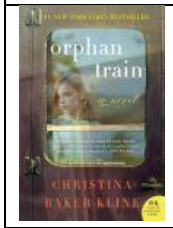
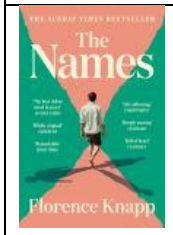
			curiosity is aroused. Translated from Icelandic by Victoria Cribb.		
	Christopher Isherwood	A Single Man	*A Single Man* is the story of George, an English professor in suburban California left heartbroken after the death of his lover, Jim. With devastating clarity and humour, Christopher Isherwood shows George's determination to carry on, evoking the unexpected pleasures of life as well as the soul's ability to triumph over loneliness and alienation.	Classics	
	Kazuo Ishiguro	Never Let Me Go	A story of love, friendship, and memory, *Never Let Me Go* is narrated by Kathy, now thirty-one, who comes to terms with her childhood at the seemingly idyllic Hailsham School and with the fate that has always awaited her and her closest friends in the wider world.	Fiction	LP
	Kazuo Ishiguro	The Remains of the Day	In the summer of 1956, Stevens, a long-serving butler at Darlington Hall, decides to take a motoring trip through the West Country. The six-day excursion becomes a journey into the past of Stevens and England, a past that takes in fascism, two world wars, and an unrealised love between the butler and his housekeeper. Winner of the Booker Prize.	Fiction	
	Howard Jacobson	The Finkler Question	Two old friends and their former schoolteacher share a sweetly painful evening revisiting a time before they had loved and lost. It is that very evening, one of them hesitates a moment as he walks home, that he is attacked - and his whole sense of who and what he is slowly and ineluctably changes. Winner of the Man Booker Prize,	Fiction	Audio, LP

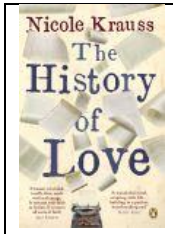
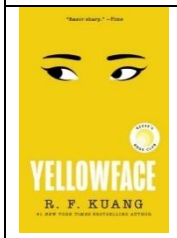
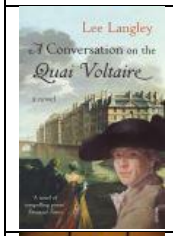
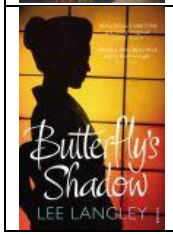
	Clive James	Unreliable Memoirs	In the first instalment of Clive James's memoirs, we meet the young Clive, dressed in short trousers, and wrestling with the demands of school, various relatives, and the occasional snake, in the suburbs of post-war Sydney.	Biography	
	Henry James	The Portrait of a Lady	When Isabel Archer, a spirited American, is brought to Europe by her wealthy aunt to find a husband. But Isabel, resolved to determine her own fate, finds herself irresistibly drawn to Gilbert Osmond, who, beneath his veneer of charm and cultivation, is cruelty itself. A story of intense poignancy, Isabel's tale of love and betrayal still resonates with modern audiences.	Classics	
	N. K. Jemisin	The Fifth Season	Winner of the Hugo Award for Best Novel. This is the way the world ends . . . For the last time. It starts with the great red rift across the heart of the world's sole continent, spewing ash that blots out the sun. It starts with death, with a murdered son and a missing daughter. It starts with betrayal, and long dormant wounds rising up to fester. This is the Stillness, a land long familiar with catastrophe, where the power of the earth is wielded as a weapon. And where there is no mercy.	Fantasy	
	Pam Jenoff	The Lost Girls of Paris	*The Lost Girls of Paris* is an emotional story of friendship and betrayal during the second world war, inspired by true events. Grace Healey finds an abandoned suitcase tucked beneath a bench. The case is filled with a dozen photographs, each of a different woman. Setting out to find the women behind the pictures, Grace is drawn into the mystery of the lost girls of Paris.	Fiction	

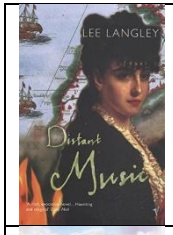
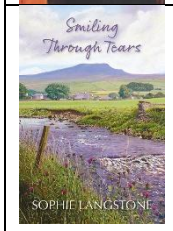
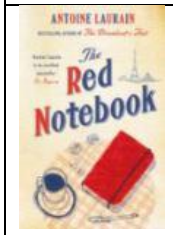
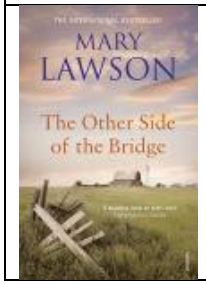
	Jerome K. Jerome	Three Men in a Boat	Martyrs to hypochondria and general seediness, J. and his friends George and Harris decide that a jaunt up the Thames would suit them to a 'T'. But when they set off, they can hardly predict the troubles that lie ahead with tow.	Classics	Audio, LP
	Jonas Jonasson	The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared	Sitting quietly in his room in an old people's home, Allan Karlsson is waiting for a party he doesn't want to begin. His one-hundredth birthday party to be precise. The Mayor will be there. The press will be there. But, as it turns out, Allan will not… Escaping (in his slippers) through his bedroom window, into the flowerbed, Allan makes his getaway.	Fiction in translation	
	Sadie Jones	Small Wars	Hal Treherne is a soldier on the brink of a brilliant career. Impatient to see action, his other commitment in life is to his beloved wife, Clara, and when Hal is transferred to Cyprus she and their twin daughters join him. But the island is in the heat of the emergency; the British are defending the colony against Cypriots - schoolboys and armed guerrillas alike - battling for union with Greece.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Tayari Jones	An American Marriage	Winner of the Women Prize for Fiction. Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of the American Dream, until one Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn't commit. Celestial finds herself struggling to hold on to the love that has been her centre, taking comfort in Andre, their closest friend. When Roy's conviction is suddenly overturned, he returns home ready to resume their life together.	Fiction	Audio, LP

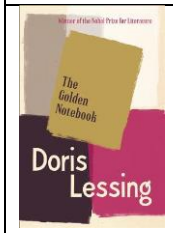
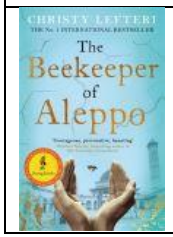
	Rachel Joyce	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry	When Harold Fry nips out one morning to post a letter, leaving his wife hoovering upstairs, he has no idea that he is about to walk from one end of the country to the other. He has no hiking boots or map, let alone a compass, waterproof or mobile phone. All he knows is that he must keep walking. To save someone else's life.	Fiction	LP
	Adam Kay	Undoctored: the story of a medic who ran out of patients	The medic and author of the mega-selling *This is Going to Hurt* reflects on what happened after he left the NHS frontline in this characteristically sardonic and laugh-out-loud follow-up destined to become a modern classic.	Biography	Audio, LP
	Patrick Radden Keefe	Empire of pain: the secret history of the Sackler dynasty	The gripping and shocking story of three generations of the Sackler family and their roles in the stories of Valium, OxyContin and the opioid crisis. In this masterpiece of narrative reporting and writing Patrick Radden Keefe exhaustively documents the jaw-dropping and ferociously compelling story of a dynasty: a parable of twenty-first-century greed.	Non fiction	
	N.M. Kelby	White Truffles in Winter	*White Truffles in Winter* imagines the world of the remarkable French chef Auguste Escoffier, who changed how we eat through his legendary restaurants at the Savoy and the Ritz. A man of contradictions—kind yet imperious, food-obsessed yet rarely hungry—Escoffier was also torn between two women: the famous actress Sarah Bernhardt and his wife, the poet Delphine Daffis.	Historical fiction	

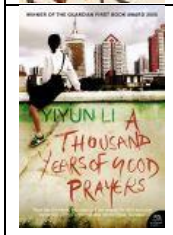
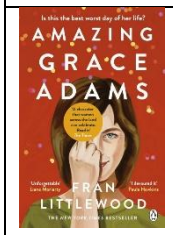
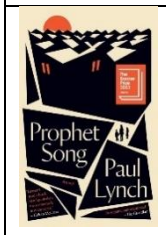
	Louise Kennedy	Trespasses	*Trespasses* follows a young Catholic schoolteacher Cushla who starts a relationship with a much older married Protestant man. The book is a blistering account of encroaching violence and fractured loyalties in 1970's Belfast, where she attempts to stay true to herself as her community crumbles around her.	Fiction	
	Trilby Kent	Smoke Portrait	Set in 1936 in Belgium and Ceylon, *Smoke Portrait* traces the development of an unlikely friendship between a young Belgian teenager, Marten Kuypers, and Glen Phayre, a young woman who has left England to live with her aunt, who runs a tea plantation in Ceylon.	Fiction	LP
	Marian Keyes	Rachel's Holiday	Meet Rachel Walsh. She's been living it up in New York City, spending her nights talking her way into glamorous parties before heading home in the early hours to her adoring boyfriend, Luke. But her sensible older sister showing up and sending her off to actual rehab wasn't quite part of her plan.	Fiction	
	Jess Kidd	Things in Jars	London, 1863. A strange puzzle has reached Bridie Devine, the finest female detective of her age. To recover a stolen child, Bridie must enter the dark world of medical curiosities. The public love a spectacle and this child may well prove the most remarkable spectacle London has ever seen. *Things in Jars* is a Victorian novel unlike any other, one that explores what it is to be human in inhumane times.	Historical fiction	Audio, LP
	Sue Monk Kidd	The Secret Life of Bees	A novel about a young girl's journey towards healing and the transforming power of love. Lily has grown up believing she accidentally killed her mother when she was four years old. Now, at fourteen, she yearns for forgiveness and a mother's love. When her only one friend, Rosaleen, a black servant, is arrested and beaten, Lily chooses to flee with her.	Fiction	LP

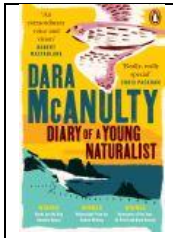
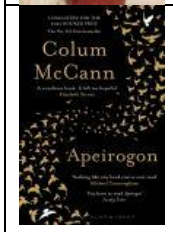
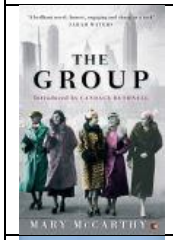
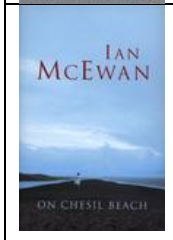
	Stephen King	Carrie	A legendary debut, about a teenage outcast and the revenge she enacts on her classmates. Carrie has the gift of telekinesis. To be invited to prom night by Tommy is a dream - the first step to social acceptance. But events take a turn on that night as Carrie is forced to exercise her terrible gift on the town that mocks and loathes her.	Horror	
	Barbara Kingsolver	The Lacuna	Mexico, 1935. Harrison Shepherd is working in the household of Diego Rivera and his wife Frida Kahlo. When exiled Bolshevik leader Leon Trotsky arrives, Shepherd throws in his lot with art and the revolution. *The Lacuna* is the heart-breaking story of a man torn between the warm heart of Mexico and the cold embrace of 1950s America in the shadow of Senator McCarthy.	Fiction	Audio
	Christina Baker Kline	Orphan Train	This novel is the story of two very different women who build an unexpected friendship - a 91-year-old woman with a hidden past as an orphan-train rider and the teenage girl whose own troubled adolescence leads her to seek answers to questions no one has ever thought to ask.	Fiction	Audio
	Florence Knapp	The Names	In the aftermath of a great storm, Cora sets out with her nine-year-old daughter to register the birth of her son. Her husband intends for her to follow a long-standing family tradition and call the baby after him. But when faced with the decision, Cora hesitates. Going against his wishes is a risk that will have consequences, but is it right for her child to inherit his name from generations of domineering men?	Fiction	Audio, LP

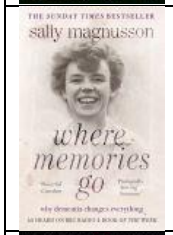
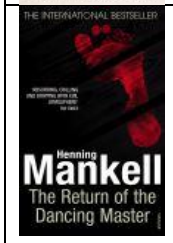
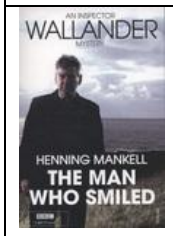
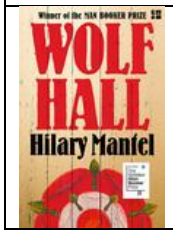
	Nicole Krauss	The History of Love	Fourteen-year-old Alma Singer is trying to find a cure for her mother's loneliness in an old book her mother is lovingly translating, so she sets out in search of its author. Across New York called Leo Gursky spends his days dreaming of the love lost that sixty years ago in Poland, which inspired him to write a book. And although he doesn't know it yet, that book also survived.	Fiction	LP
	R. F. Kuang	Yellowface	Athena Liu is a literary darling. Juniper Hayward is literally nobody. When Athena dies in a freak accident, Juniper steals her unpublished manuscript and publishes it as her own under the ambiguous name June Song. But as evidence threatens Juniper's stolen success, she will discover exactly how far she will go to keep what she thinks she deserves. What happens next is entirely everyone else's fault.	Fiction	
	Lee Langley	A Conversation on the Quai Voltaire	Based on the life of Vivant Denon, this is a story of a unique period in history, ranging from the French Revolution to the court of St Petersburg, and on to Egypt, where Napoleon staged his battle on the Nile. With wit and imaginative invention, she brings to life a tumultuous period and a fascinating man.	Historical fiction	
	Lee Langley	Butterfly’s Shadow	When the curtain falls on Puccini's opera, Cho-Cho-San - Madame Butterfly - hands over her only child to his American father and kills herself. Taking this searing moment as its springboard, 'Butterfly's Shadow' sends its characters spinning into a future undreamed of in the original.	Historical fiction	Audio, LP

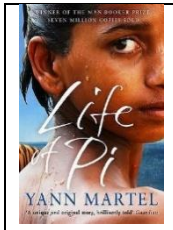
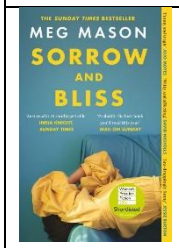
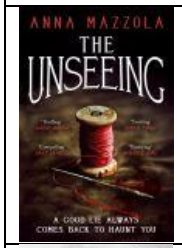
	Lee Langley	Distant Music	A love affair reoccurs across six centuries in this novel set in Portugal. The story begins in 1429 on Madeira, an island consumed by a fire that has blazed for seven years. A young peasant girl, Esperanca, meets Emanuel, a Jewish boy on shore from a Portuguese sailing ship.	Historical fiction	
	Sophie Langstone	Smiling through tears	Set in North Yorkshire, this is a tale of two friends who are facing difficult situations. Reverend Alasdair Somersby is losing his fight with cancer. Frances Campbell lives with the threat of violence. As friends they only know each other slenderly. Alasdair reflects on his past, knowing he is dying in the story, Soma Sema. While Frances' story, Walking on Eggshells, is told through extracts from her diary as she strives for happiness in an abusive relationship and beyond.	Fiction	
	Antoine Laurain	The Red Notebook	Bookseller Laurent Letellier comes across an abandoned handbag on a Parisian street and feels impelled to return it to its owner. But without even a name to go on, and only a few of her possessions to help him, how is he to find one woman in a city of millions? Translated from the French by Emily Boyce and Jane Aitken	Fiction in translation	
	Mary Lawson	The Other Side of the Bridge	A powerful, heart-breaking story about tempting fate and living with the consequences. Arthur and Jake are brothers yet worlds apart. When Laura arrives in their rural community, the fragile balance of the brothers' rivalry is pushed to the edge of catastrophe...	Fiction	Audio

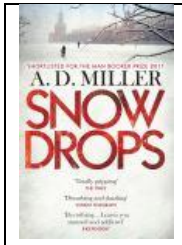
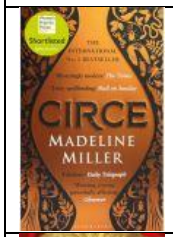
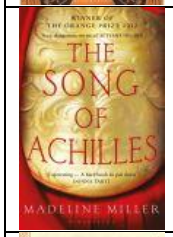
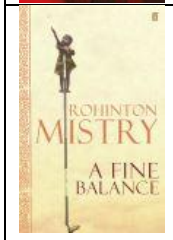
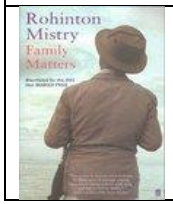
	John Le Carre	Call for the Dead	The first in a series novels of Cold War espionage and international intrigue. After a routine security check by George Smiley, civil servant Samuel Fennan apparently kills himself. When Smiley he begins his own investigation, meeting with Fennan's widow to find out what could have led him to such desperation, he is ordered off the case.	Thriller	Audio
	Ursula K. Le Guin	The Dispossessed	Shevek is brilliant scientist who is attempting to find a new theory of time - but there are those who are jealous of his work and will do anything to block him. So he leaves his homeland, hoping to find a place of more liberty and tolerance. Initially feted, Shevek soon finds himself being used as a pawn in a deadly political game.	SF	
	Doris Lessing	The Golden Notebook	A powerful account of a woman searching for her personal, political and professional identity while facing rejection and betrayal. In 1950s London, novelist Anna Wulf her experiences in four coloured notebooks: black for her writing life, red for political views, yellow for emotions, blue for everyday events. But it is a fifth notebook – the golden notebook – that finally pulls these wayward strands of her life together.	Fiction	
	Christy Lefteri	The Beekeeper of Aleppo	Nuri and his wife Afra flee from the war torn Syria to seek refuge in England. Heart-breaking at times, this story of fear, loss and survival gives an emotionally charged insight into what life is like for refugees facing the depravity of predators and needing the compassion of strangers.	Fiction	

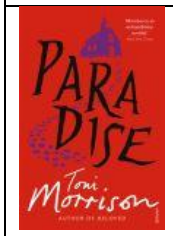
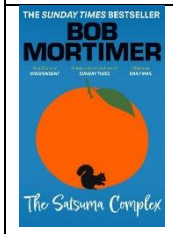
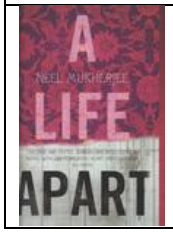
	John Lewis-Stempel	The Running Hare	*The Running Hare* tells the story of the wild animals and plants that live in and under our ploughland, and the story of ploughland through the eyes of man who took on a field and husbanded it in a natural, traditional way, restoring its fertility and wildlife, bringing back the old farmland flowers and animals.	Non fiction	LP
	Yiyun Li	A Thousand Years of Good Prayers	A collection of short stories set in China and among Chinese Americans in the United States. From the bustling heart of Beijing to a fast-food restaurant in Chicago, to the barren expanse of Inner Mongolia, A Thousand Years of Good Prayers reveals worlds both foreign and familiar, with heart-breaking honesty and in beautiful prose.	Short stories	
	Fran Littlewood	Amazing Grace Adams	A brilliant tragicomedy, *Amazing Grace Adams* takes readers on a rollercoaster ride of female rage, loss and resilience. Once, Grace Adams was poised for great things. Now, she barely attracts a second glance as she strides down the street carrying her daughter's sixteenth birthday cake. She is about to set off on a journey to rediscover who she is and confront the secret that has torn her family apart.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Paul Lynch	Prophet Song	On a dark, wet evening in Dublin, scientist and mother-of-four Eilish Stack answers her front door to find the GNSB on her step. The winner of the Booker Prize 2023, *Prophet Song* presents a terrifying and shocking vision of a country sliding into authoritarianism and a deeply human portrait of a mother's fight to hold her family together.	Fiction	Audio

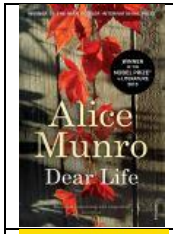
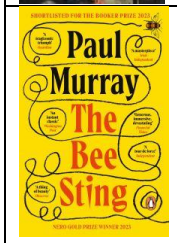
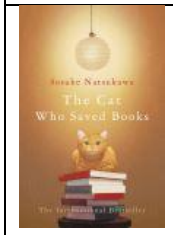
	Dara McAnulty	Diary of a Young Naturalist	*Diary of a Young Naturalist* chronicles the turning of 15-year-old Dara McAnulty's world. From spring and through a year in his home patch in Northern Ireland, Dara spent the seasons writing. These vivid, evocative, and moving diary entries about his connection to wildlife and the way he sees the world are raw in their telling.	Non fiction	
	Eimear McBride	A Girl is a Half-Formed Thing	Winner of the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction. It is a story of a young woman's relationship with her brother, and the long shadow cast by his childhood brain tumour. It is a shocking and intimate insight into the thoughts, feelings, and chaotic sexuality of a vulnerable and isolated protagonist.	Fiction	
	Colum McCann	Apeirogon	Rami Elhanan's license plate is yellow. Bassam Aramin's license plate is green. It takes Rami fifteen minutes to drive to the West Bank. The same journey for Bassam, down the same streets, takes an hour and a half. Both men are fathers of daughters. Both daughters were there, before they were gone. Rami and Bassam's lives are completely symmetrical. Rami and Bassam's lives are completely asymmetrical.	Fiction	
	Mary McCarthy	The Group	The novel portrays the lives and aspirations of eight Vassar graduates. 'The group', fresh from college, vowed not to become stuffy and frightened like their parents, but to lead fulfilling, emancipated lives; who really achieved this - and what sacrifices and compromises had to be made?	Fiction	LP
	Ian McEwan	On Chesil Beach	Edward and Florence, young innocents married that morning, arrive at a hotel on the Dorset coast. The events of the evening will haunt them for the rest of their lives. Set in the borderland of English history immediately before the liberation and licence of the swinging sixties, this is a masterpiece of miscommunication and mistaken intent.	Fiction	Audio, LP

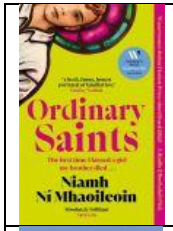
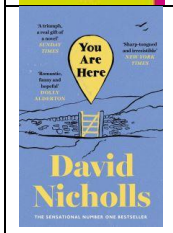
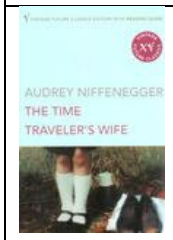
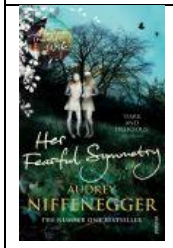
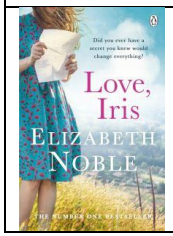
	Helen Macdonald	H is for Hawk	Winner of the Costa Book of the Year. Heart-wrenching and humorous, this book is an unflinching account of bereavement and a woman's obsession with the idea of training her own goshawk.	Non fiction	Audio, LP
	Sally Magnusson	Where Memories Go	Sad and funny, wise and honest, *Where Memories Go* is a deeply intimate account of insidious losses and unexpected joys in the terrible face of dementia, and a call to arms that challenges us all to think differently about how we care for our loved ones when they need us most.	Non fiction	Audio, LP
	Henning Mankell	Return of the Dancing Master	When retired policeman Herbert Molin is found brutally slaughtered on his remote farm in the northern forests of Sweden, police find strange tracks in the snow — as if someone had been practicing the tango. Stefan Lindman, a young police officer recently diagnosed with mouth cancer, decides to investigate the murder of his former colleague.	Crime	Audio, LP
	Henning Mankell	The Man Who Smiled	Spiralling into an alcohol-fuelled depression Kurt Wallander has made up his mind to quit the police force for good. When an old acquaintance seeks his help to investigate the suspicious circumstances in which his father has died, Kurt doesn't want to know. But when his former friend turns up dead, Wallander realises that he was wrong not to listen.	Crime	Audio
	Hilary Mantel	Wolf Hall	The first, intricately rendered instalment of Hilary Mantel's all-conquering Thomas Cromwell trilogy rejoices in matchless prose and vivid period recreation, lending the compelling plot of Tudor skulduggery and ambition a thrillingly immediate air. Winner of the Man Booker Prize.	Historical fiction	Audio, LP

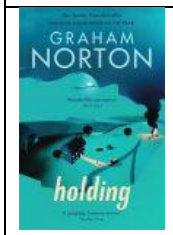
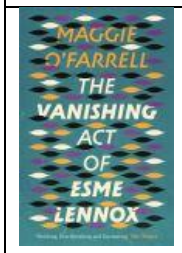
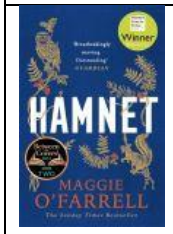
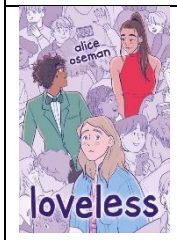
	Yann Martel	Life of Pi	After the tragic sinking of a cargo ship, a solitary lifeboat remains bobbing on the wild, blue Pacific. The only survivors from the wreck are a sixteen-year-old boy named Pi, a hyena, a zebra, a female orang-utan - and a 450-pound Royal Bengal tiger. The scene is set for one of the most extraordinary and best-loved works of fiction in recent years.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Meg Mason	Sorrow and bliss	Martha Friel just turned forty and the only place shea has left to go is her childhood home. Because there's something wrong with Martha. There has been since a little bomb went off in her brain, at seventeen, leaving her changed in a way no doctor or drug could fix. The internationally bestselling, compulsively readable novel—spiky, sharp, intriguingly dark, and tender.	Fiction	
	Anna Mazzola	The Unseeing	Set in London in 1837 this is the story of Sarah Gale, a seamstress and mother, sentenced to hang for her role in the murder of Hannah Brown on the eve of her wedding. After Sarah petitions for mercy, Edmund Fleetwood is appointed to investigate and consider whether justice has been done.	Historical fiction	Audio
	Andrew Miller	The Land in Winter	December 1962. Two young couples living next to each other. Despite their apparent differences, the two women (both pregnant) strike an easy friendship. But as one of the coldest winters on record grips England in a never-ending frost the two couples find themselves cut off from the rest of the world. And without the small distractions of daily existence, suddenly old tensions and shocking new discoveries threaten to change the course of their lives forever.	Historical fiction	

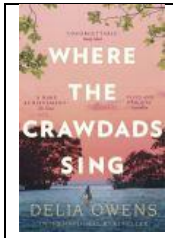
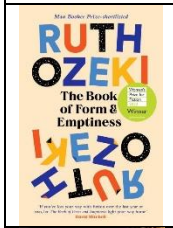
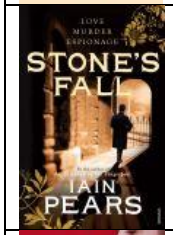
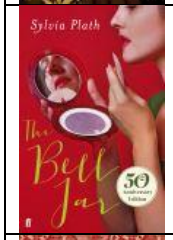
	A D Miller	Snowdrops	A riveting psychological drama that unfolds over the course of one Moscow winter, as a thirty-something Englishman's moral compass is spun by the seductive opportunities revealed to him by a new Russia: a land of hedonism and desperation, corruption and kindness, magical dachas and debauched nightclubs; a place where secrets - and corpses- come to light only when the deep snows start to thaw.	Fiction	Audio
	Madeline Miller	Circe	An electrifying take on Greek Myth's most misunderstood deity, a story of antiquity's wildest rebel girl, a sun-god's daughter with a human heart. Miller created a tantalising mythological tale of survival, transformation, revenge, and women's fight to be free.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Madeline Miller	Song of Achilles	A riveting tale of love, ambition and immortal fame, this award-winning debut from the author of *Circe* retells the story of the Trojan War and its greatest hero from the point of view of his closest friend Patroclus. Winner of the Orange Prize for Fiction	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Rohinton Mistry	A Fine Balance	Independent India, 1975. An unnamed city by the sea. The government has just declared a State of Emergency. Amidst a backdrop of wild political turmoil, the lives of four unlikely strangers collide forever. An epic panorama of modern India in all its corruption, violence, and heroism, this is a Dickensian modern classic brimming with compassion, humour, and insight.	Fiction	
	Rohinton Mistry	Family Matters	A domestic drama and an intently observed portrait of present-day Bombay in all its vitality and corruption. At the age of seventy-nine, Nariman Vakeel finds himself wholly dependent on his family. He moves into a small, crowded home with his daughter and her	Fiction	

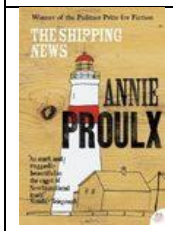
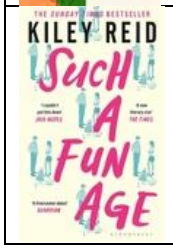
			family. Their decision will test not only their material resources but, in surprising ways, all their tolerance, compassion, integrity, and faith.		
	Toni Morrison	Beloved	Set in the aftermath of the American Civil War, the novel follows Sethe, haunted by the violent, traumatic memories of her former enslaved life and deep buried secrets. Part ghost story, part profound reflection on the evils of slavery, the book synthesises myriad themes and ideas into a scorching, emotionally devastating narrative.	Classics	
	Toni Morrison	Paradise	Four young women are brutally attacked in a convent near an all-black town in America in the mid-1970s. The novel reveals the interior lives of the citizens of the town with astonishing clarity. Starkly evoking the clashes that have bedevilled the American century: between race and racelessness; religion and magic; promiscuity and fidelity; individuality and belonging.	Classics	
	Bob Mortimer	The satsuma complex	A page-turning story with a cast of unforgettable characters, *The Satsuma Complex* is the brilliantly funny novel about a nondescript legal assistant Gary who seeks a girl he met by chance, through the estates and pie shops of South London. A smash hit first novel by bestselling author and comedian Bob Mortimer.	Fiction	
	Neel Mukherjee	A Life Apart	*A Life Apart* flips backwards and forwards between the two stories, one of Ritwik Ghosh who escapes from a blighted childhood of squalor and abuse in Calcutta to England , the second one is a novel he is writing, the extended story of Miss Gilby, a character in Rabindranath Tagore's novel Ghare Baire.	Fiction	

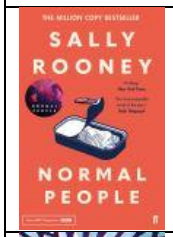
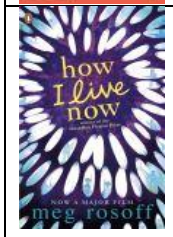
	Alice Munro	Dear Life	Alice Munro captures the essence of life in her brilliant new collection of stories. Moments of change, chance encounters, the twist of fate that leads a person to a new way of thinking or being: the stories in *Dear Life* build to form a radiant, indelible portrait of just how dangerous and strange ordinary life can be.	Short stories	Audio
	Paul Murray	The Bee Sting	The Barnes family is in trouble, but where did it all go wrong? A patch of ice on the tarmac, a casual favour to a charming stranger, a bee caught beneath a bridal veil - can a single moment of bad luck change the direction of a life and is there still time to find a happy ending? An irresistibly funny, wise, and thought-provoking tour de force about family, fortune, and the struggle to be a good person when the world is falling apart.	Fiction	Audio
	Sosuke Natsukawa	The cat who saved books	Bookish high school student Rintaro Natsuki is about to close the second-hand bookshop he inherited from his beloved grandfather. Then, a talking cat named Tiger appears with an unusual request. The cat needs Rintaro's help to save books that have been imprisoned, destroyed and unloved. Translated from the Japanese by Louise Heal Kawai.	Fiction	
	Irene Nemirovsky	Suite Francaise	The first two stories of a masterwork once thought lost, written by a pre-WWII bestselling author who was deported to Auschwitz and died before her work could be completed. Translated from the French by Sandra Smith.	Translated fiction	Audio, LP

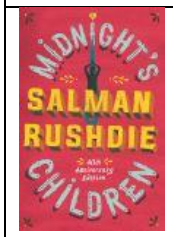
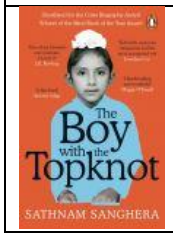
	Niamh Ní Mhaoileoin	Ordinary saints	Brought up in a devout household in Ireland, Jay is now living in London with her girlfriend. But when she learns that her beloved older brother, who died in a terrible accident, may be made into a Catholic saint, she realises she must at last confront her family, her childhood and herself.	Fiction	Audio
	David Nicholls	You Are Here	Marnie is stuck in her London flat, watching life pass her by. Michael is reeling from his wife's departure, retreating into long, lonely walks. When a persistent friend and some very English weather bring them together, they find themselves on an epic walk, and on the edge of an unexpected friendship. But can it survive the journey?	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Audrey Niffenegger	The Time Traveler's Wife	This is the extraordinary love story of Clare and Henry who met when Clare was six and Henry was thirty-six and were married when Clare was twenty-two and Henry thirty. Using science fiction tropes in service of an exquisite love story, Niffenegger chronicles a heart-breaking tale of a man who periodically changes age, and the enduring passion between him and his beloved.	Fiction	Audio
	Audrey Niffenegger	Her Fearful Symmetry	Twins Julia and Valentina inherit a house near Highgate Cemetery and move into it, hoping that in London their own, separate, lives can finally begin, As the twins unravel the secrets of their aunt, who doesn't seem quite ready to leave her flat, even after death, Niffenegger weaves together a delicious and deadly ghost story about love, loss and identity.	Fiction	LP
	Elizabeth Noble	Love, Iris	Tess has a secret and the only person she can confide in is her grandmother Iris, who is slipping further away each day. When chance brings a stranger into Tess's life, she feels like opening up. Then she discovers that Iris has a secret of her own.	Fiction	Audio

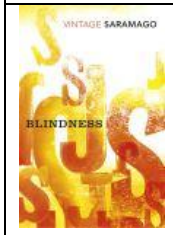
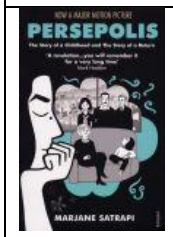
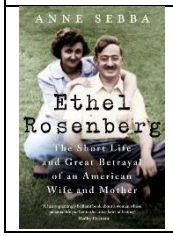
			A suitcase of letters from another time, the missing pieces of a life she never shared.		
	Graham Norton	Holding	A charming debut novel set in an idyllic Irish village where a bumbling investigator has to sort through decades of gossip and secrets to solve a mysterious crime. As the frustrated PJ struggles to solve a genuine case for the first time in his life, he unearths a community's worth of anger and resentments, secrets and regret.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Maggie O'Farrell	The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox	Set between the 1930s and the present, Maggie O'Farrell's novel is the story of Esme, a woman edited out of her family's history, and of the secrets that come to light when, 60 years later, she is released from care, and a young woman, Iris, discovers the great aunt she never knew she had. An intense, breathtakingly accomplished story of a woman's life stolen, and reclaimed.	Fiction	Audio
	Maggie O'Farrell	Hamnet	Winner of The Women's Prize for Fiction. A novel inspired by the son of a famous playwright: a boy whose life has been all but forgotten, but whose name was given to one of the most celebrated plays ever written. The novel breathes full-blooded life into the story of a loss usually consigned to literary footnotes, and provides an unforgettable vindication of Agnes, a woman intriguingly absent from history.	Fiction	Audio
	Alice Oseman	Loveless	Georgia has never been in love and as she starts university she is ready to find romance. But when her plan wreaks havoc amongst her friends, she starts to question why love seems so easy for other people but not for her. This wise, warm and witty story of identity and self-acceptance sees Alice Oseman on towering form as Georgia and her friends discover that true love isn't limited to romance.	Young adult	

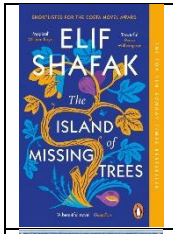
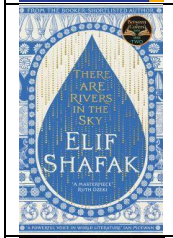
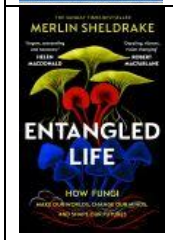
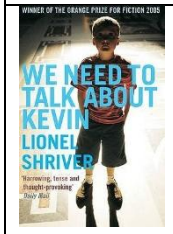
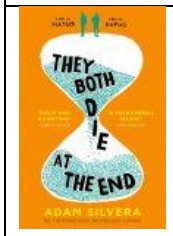
	Delia Owens	Where the Crawdads Sing	When handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. Kya, sensitive and intelligent, has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life - until the unthinkable happens.	Fiction	LP
	Ruth Ozeki	The book of form & emptiness	A boy who hears the voices of objects all around him; a mother drowning in her possessions; and a Book that might hold the secret to saving them both—the brilliantly inventive new novel from the Booker Prize-finalist Ruth Ozeki.	Fiction	Audio
	Iain Pears	Stone's Fall	John Stone, a wealthy man, has been found dead in mysterious circumstances. As the story moves backwards through time, from London in 1909 to Paris in 1809, before concluding in Venice in 1867, the mystery of John Stone's life and loves begins to unravel. Th	Historical fiction	Audio
	Sylvia Plath	The Bell Jar	Sylvia Plath is a major cultural icon who continues to inspire new generations of female readers. *The Bell Jar*, Sylvia Plath's only novel, is partially based on Plath's own life. It has been celebrated for its darkly funny and razor-sharp portrait of 1950s society.	Classics	LP
	Boris Pasternak	Dr Zhivago	Dr. Yury Zhivago, Pasternak's alter ego, is a poet, philosopher, and physician whose life is disrupted by the war and by his love for Lara, the wife of a revolutionary. His artistic nature makes him vulnerable to the brutality and harshness of the Bolsheviks. Translated by Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky.	Classics	

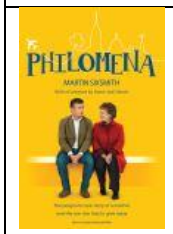
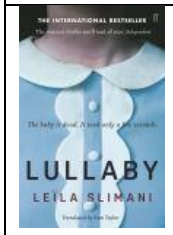
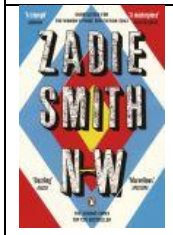
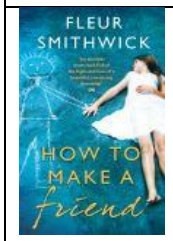
	James Pope-Hennessy	Queen Mary	The series of candid observations, secrets and indiscretions contained in his notes were to be kept private for 50 years. Now published in full for the first time and edited by the highly admired royal biographer Hugo Vickers, this is a riveting, often hilarious portrait of the eccentric aristocracy of a bygone age.	Biography	
	Annie Proulx	The Shipping News	When Quoyle's wife is killed in a spectacular road accident, he heads for the land of his forefathers - the remotest corner of far-flung Newfoundland. With 'the aunt' and his delinquent daughters - Bunny and Sunshine - in tow, Quoyle finds himself part of an unfolding, exhilarating Atlantic drama. 'The Shipping News' is an irresistible comedy of human life and possibility.	Fiction	
	Philip Pullman	Grimm Tales: For Young and Old	Philip Pullman has chosen his fifty favourite stories from the Brothers Grimm and presents them in a 'clear as water' retelling, in his unique and brilliant voice. These new versions show the adventures at their most lucid and engaging yet.	Short stories	
	Barbara Pym	Jane and Prudence	If Jane Cleveland and Prudence Bates seem an unlikely pair to be walking together at an Oxford reunion, neither of them is aware of it. They couldn't be more different. With the move to a rural parish, Jane is determined to find her friend the perfect man.	Fiction	
	Kiley Reid	Such a Fun Age	Charting the relationship of a black babysitter with her employer from the white liberal elite, Reid's layered and razor-sharp debut holds a mirror up to race, privilege and gender in twenty-first century America.	Fiction	

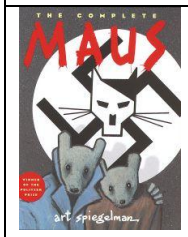
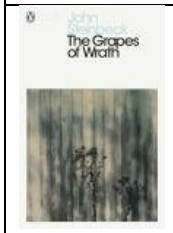
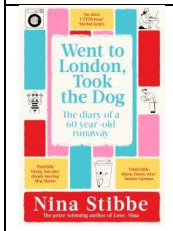
	Erich Maria Remarque	All Quiet on the Western Front	Written shortly after the end of the Great War – and based on the author's own experiences – this classic of the genre, told from the German perspective, is a harrowing, unflinching depiction of the horrors of trench conflict which has lost none of its power or its pathos. Translated from the German by Brian Murdoch.	Classics	LP
	Monique Roffey	The Mermaid of Black Conch	Near the island of Black Conch, a fisherman sings to himself while waiting for a catch. But David attracts a sea-dweller that he never expected - Aycayia, an innocent young woman cursed by jealous wives to live as a mermaid. When American tourists capture Aycayia, David rescues her and vows to win her trust. Costa Book Award for Novel.	Fiction	LP
	Sally Rooney	Normal People	Connell and Marianne grow up in the same small town in rural Ireland. The similarities end there; they are from very different worlds, but a connection that has grown between them lasts long into their adulthood. This is an exquisite love story about how a person can change another person's life.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Meg Rosoff	How I Live Now	Fifteen-year-old Daisy thinks she knows all about love. Her mother died giving birth to her, and now her dad has sent her away for the summer, to live in the English countryside with cousins she's never even met. There she'll discover what real love is: something violent, mysterious, and wonderful. There her world will be turned upside down and a perfect summer will explode into a million bewildering pieces.	YA	
	Arundhati Roy	The God of Small Things	Winner of The Booker Prize. This is the story of Rahel and Estha, twins growing up among the banana vats and peppercorns of their blind grandmother's factory, and amid scenes of political turbulence in Kerala. *The God of Small Things* takes on the Big Themes—Love. Madness. Hope. Infinite Joy.	Fiction	Audio

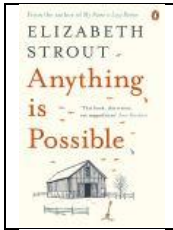
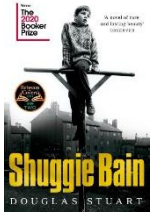
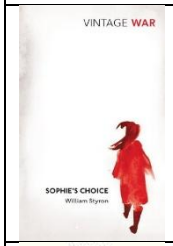
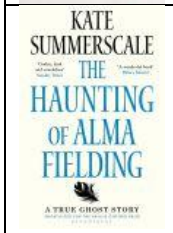
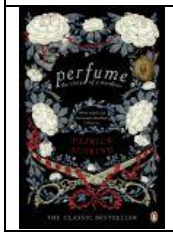
	Alyson Rudd	The First Time Lauren Pailing Died	Lauren Pailing is a teenager in the eighties, becomes a Londoner in the nineties. And each time she dies, new lives begin for the people who loved her - while Lauren enters a brand-new life, too. But in each of Lauren's lives, a man called Peter Stanning disappears. And, in each of her lives, Lauren sets out to find him. And so it is that every ending is also a beginning. And so it is that, with each new beginning, Peter Stanning inches closer to finally being found.	Fiction	Audio
	Salman Rushdie	Midnight's Children	Born at the stroke of midnight at the exact moment of India's independence, Saleem Sinai is a special child. He also has powers connecting him with 1,000 other 'midnight's children' all of whom are endowed with unusual gifts. Inextricably linked to his nation, Saleem's story is a whirlwind of disasters and triumphs that mirrors the course of modern India.	Fiction	
	Francoise Sagan	Bonjour Tristesse	*Bonjour Tristesse* tells the story of Cécile, who leads a carefree life with her widowed father and his young mistresses until he decides to remarry - with devastating consequences. It scandalized 1950s France with its portrayal of teenager terrible Cécile, a heroine who rejects conventional notions of love, marriage, and responsibility to choose her own sexual freedom. Translated from the French by Irene Ash.	Fiction	
	Sathnam Sanghera	The Boy with the Topknot	Told with endless warmth and candour, Sanghera's memoir is at once a hilarious and heart-breaking meditation on life-changing secrets, family ties, mental illness, and cultural identity. A hilarious and heart-rending reinvention of the modern British memoir.	Biography	Audio

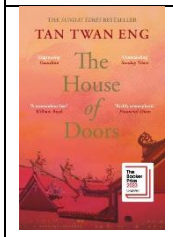
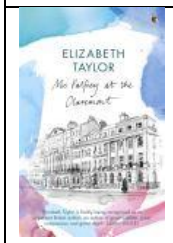
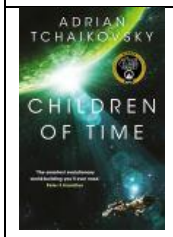
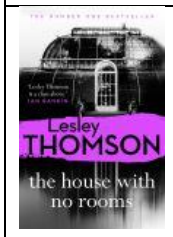
	C J Sansom	Winter in Madrid	Part thriller, part love story, this tale follows the fortunes of three young men, navigating the tumultuous world of 1940s Spain. As the Second World war begins, one is sent to spy on another, and the ramifications of a tragic love story will haunt them all. A fascinating portrait of Spain in 1940, a tense, literate page-turner, full of twists, authentic detail.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Jose Saramago	Blindness	A city is hit by an epidemic of "white blindness" that spares no one. Authorities confine the blind to an empty mental hospital, but there the criminal element holds everyone captive, until blind people escape, guided through the barren streets, and their procession becomes as uncanny as the surroundings are harrowing. Translated from the Portuguese by Giovanni Pontiero.	Translated fiction	
	Marjane Satrapi	Persepolis	The intelligent and outspoken child of radical Marxists, and the great-granddaughter of Iran's last emperor, Satrapi bears witness to a childhood uniquely entwined with the history of her country. *Persepolis* paints an unforgettable portrait of daily life in Iran and of the bewildering contradictions between home life and public life. Translated from the French by Anjali Singh.	Graphic novel	
	Anne Sebba	Ethel Rosenberg: the short life and great betrayal of an American wife and mother	Ethel Rosenberg was tried for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union, convicted and executed. This meticulously researched and deeply moving biography tells Ethel's true story - a life cut short on the basis of tainted evidence for a crime she almost certainly did not commit.	Biography	

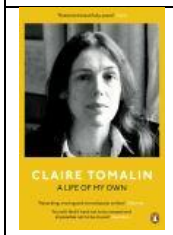
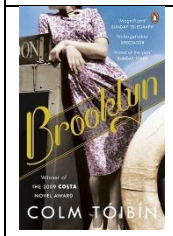
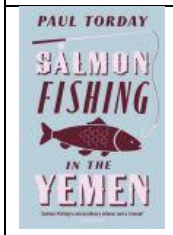
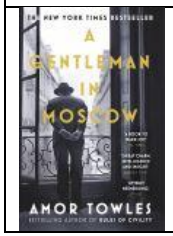
	Elif Shafak	The Island of Missing Trees	1974, on the island of Cyprus. Two teenagers, from opposite sides of a divided land, meet at a tavern in the city they both call home. A rich, magical tale of belonging and identity, love and trauma, memory and amnesia, human-induced destruction of nature, and, finally, renewal.	Fiction	
	Elif Shafak	There are Rivers in the Sky	This is the story of one lost poem, two great rivers, and three remarkable lives - all connected by a single drop of water.	Fiction	Audio
	Merlin Sheldrake	Entangled Life	There is a lifeform so strange and wondrous that it forces us to rethink how life works. Neither plant nor animal, it is found throughout the earth, the air and our bodies. In this captivating adventure, Merlin Sheldrake explores the spectacular and neglected world of fungi: endlessly surprising organisms that sustain nearly all living systems.	Non fiction	
	Lionel Shriver	We Need to Talk About Kevin	Winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2010. Eva never really wanted to be a mother. Now, two years after her son's horrific murderous rampage, Eva comes to terms with her role as Kevin's mother in a series of startlingly direct correspondences with her absent husband Franklyn about their son's upbringing.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Adam Silvera	They Both Die at the End	When Mateo receives the dreaded call from Death-Cast, informing him that today will be his last, he doesn't know where to begin, but he knows that he has to make the most of this day. Rufus is busy beating up his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend when he gets the call. Having lost his entire family, Rufus is no stranger to Death-Cast. Not that it makes it any easier. Isolated and scared, the boys reach out to	Young adult	

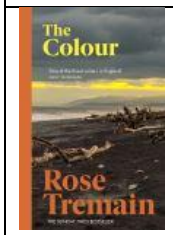
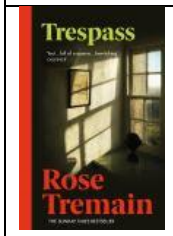
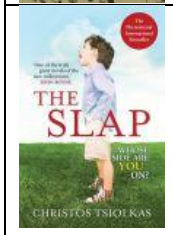
			each other, and what follows is a day of living life to the full.		
	Martin Sixsmith	Philomena	The heart-breaking true story of an Irishwoman and the secret she kept for 50 years. When she became pregnant as a teenager in Ireland in 1952, Philomena Lee was sent to a convent, where then the nuns sold her son, like thousands of others, to America for adoption. Fifty years later, Philomena decided to find him.	Biography	Audio, LP
	Leila Slimani	Lullaby	When Myriam decides to return to work, she and her husband look for a nanny for their two young children. But as the couple and their nanny become more and more dependent on each other, jealousy, resentment, and suspicions increase, until Myriam and Paul's idyllic domesticity is shattered. Translated from the French by Sam Taylor.	Translated fiction	Audio, LP
	Zadie Smith	NW	A tragi-comic *NW* follows four Londoners - Leah, Natalie, Felix, and Nathan - after they've left their childhood council estate, grown up and moved on to different lives. After a chance encounter they each find that the choices they've made, the people they once were and are now, can suddenly, rapidly unravel. A portrait of modern urban life, *NW* is funny, sad, and urgent - as brimming with vitality as the city itself.	Fiction	LP
	Fleur Smithwick	How to Make a Friend	Then Alice's world is shattered in a tragic accident, her imaginary friend, Sam, creeps out of the shadows and back into her life. At first Alice is comforted by his presence: a best friend to help fill the void in her heart. Perhaps even help her find someone real to share her life with. But Alice and Sam know he can only exist if she wants him there. So when Alice decides it's time for him to leave, who will get hurt in order for him to stay alive?	Fiction	LP

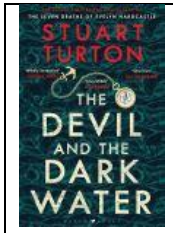
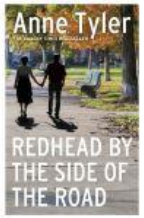
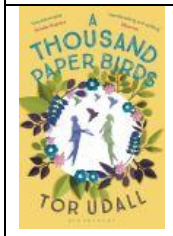
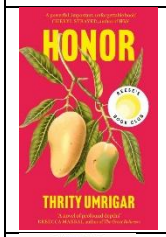
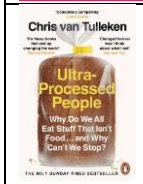
	Muriel Spark	The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie	Romantic, heroic, comic and tragic, unconventional schoolmistress Jean Brodie has become an iconic figure in post-war fiction. Her glamour, unconventional ideas and manipulative charm hold dangerous sway over her girls at the Marcia Blaine Academy - 'the crème de la crème' - who become the Brodie 'set', introduced to a privileged world of adult games that they will never forget.	Classics	Audio
	Art Spiegelman	Maus: A Survivor's Tale	A brutally moving work which recounts the chilling experiences of the author's father during the Holocaust, with Jews drawn as wide-eyed mice and Nazis as menacing cats. A haunting tale within a tale, weaving the author's account of his tortured relationship with his aging father into an astonishing retelling of one of history's most unspeakable tragedies.	Graphic novel	
	John Steinbeck	The Grapes of Wrath	Set against the background of dust bowl Oklahoma and Californian migrant life, it tells of the Joad family, who, like thousands of others, are forced to travel West in search of the promised land. Their story is one of false hopes, thwarted desires, and broken dreams, yet out of their suffering Steinbeck created a drama that is intensely human, yet majestic in its scale and moral vision; an eloquent tribute to the endurance and dignity of the human spirit.	Classics	Audio
	Nina Stibbe	Went to London, Took the dog: The Diary of a 60 year-old Runaway	This is a diary of a sixty-year-old runaway in which the author leaves married life behind in Cornwall and heads back to London after twenty years away for what she calls 'a year-long sabbatical'. She takes up lodgings at the house of writer Deborah Moggach, unprepared for how she, and the city, has changed and now wondering whether freedom is all it's cracked up to be.	Biography	LP

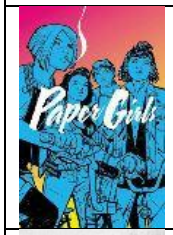
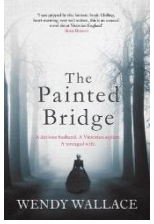
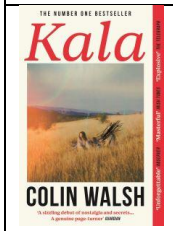
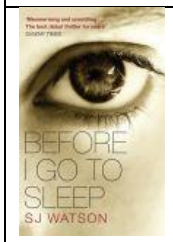
	Elizabeth Strout	Anything is Possible	Short story collection *Anything Is Possible* explores the whole range of human emotion through the intimate dramas of people struggling to understand themselves and others.	Short stories	Audio
	Douglas Stuart	Shuggie Bain	The story of a working-class family getting by in 1980s Glasgow as seen through the eyes of the on-the-fringes, lonely son Hugh "Shuggie" Bain. Gritty, dark and, at times, downright depressing, this novel isn't afraid of shying away from the trials and tribulations of a truly difficult life and a family love that transcends the pain and heartache that come along with it.	Fiction	Audio
	William Styron	Sophie's Choice	*Sophie's Choice* is set in Brooklyn in 1947, and tells the story of Sophie, a Polish Catholic immigrant who is haunted by her memories of the concentration camp in wartime Europe and the terrible choice she was forced to make.	Fiction	
	Kate Summerscale	The Haunting of Alma Fielding	London, 1938. Nandor Fodor - a Jewish-Hungarian refugee and a ghost hunter investigates the haunting in Alma Fielding's home. But when Fodor starts his scrupulous investigation, he discovers that the case is even stranger than it seems. By unravelling Alma's peculiar history, he finds a different and darker type of haunting: trauma, alienation, loss - and the foreshadowing of a nation's worst fears.	Non-fiction	LP
	Patrick Suskind	Perfume	In the slums of eighteenth century France, Jean-Baptiste Grenouille is born with an absolute sense of smell. He apprentices himself to a prominent perfumer, but he becomes obsessed with the "ultimate perfume"—the scent of a beautiful young virgin. Told with dazzling narrative brilliance,	Translated fiction	

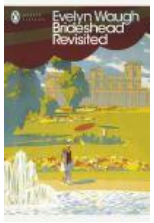
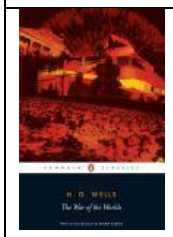
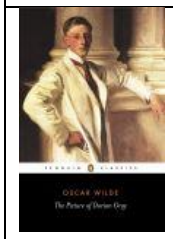
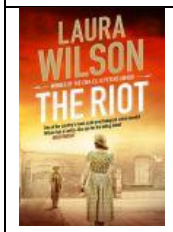
			Perfume is a hauntingly powerful tale of murder and sensual depravity. Translated from the German by John E. Woods.		
	Tan Twan Eng	The House of Doors	Set in Penang in the early twentieth century, the novel reimagines real life events concerning W. Somerset Maugham. The House of Doors traces the fault lines of race, gender, sexuality, and power under empire, and dives deep into the complicated nature of love and friendship in its shadow. Longlisted for the Booker prize 2023 and for the Walter Scott Prize for historical fiction.	Fiction	Audio
	Elizabeth Taylor	Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont	On a rainy Sunday in January, the recently widowed Mrs Palfrey arrives at the Claremont Hotel where she will spend her remaining days. Her fellow residents are magnificently eccentric and endlessly curious, living off crumbs of affection and snippets of gossip. Together, upper lips stiffened, they fight off their twin enemies: boredom and the Grim Reaper.	Fiction	
	Adrian Tchaikovsky	Children of Time	Winner of the 2016 Arthur C. Clarke Award, it is the epic story of humanity's battle for survival on a terraformed planet. The last remnants of the human race left a dying Earth, desperate to find a new home among the stars. Following in the footsteps of their ancestors, they discover the greatest treasure of the past age – a world terraformed and prepared for human life.	Science fiction	
	Lesley Thomson	The House with No Rooms	The summer of 1976 was the hottest in living memory. A lost little girl thought she saw a woman lying dead on the ground. But when she opened her eyes, the woman had gone. Forty years later, cleaner and detective Stella Darnell is investigating a suspected murder in the Botanical Gardens at Kew. Working methodically, stain by stain, she is drawn	Crime	Audio

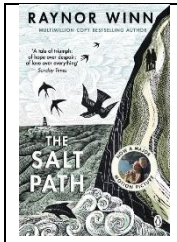
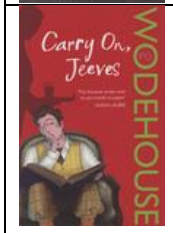
			into an obsessive world, and towards a killer who has never been caught...		
	Claire Tomalin	A Life of My Own	In this remarkable memoir of love, loss and literature, acclaimed biographer Claire Tomalin turns her eye to another fascinating literary life: her own. She tells of a wartime childhood, Cambridge friendships and an early marriage to a brilliant journalist. After his sudden death in a war zone, Claire is left to raise their four children alone - all while leading a trail-blazing career in literary London.	Biography	
	Colm Toibin	Brooklyn	Hauntingly beautiful and heart-breaking, *Brooklyn*, is set in Brooklyn and Ireland in the early 1950s, when one young woman crosses the ocean to make a new life for herself. Eilis Lacey emigrates to New York and just as she takes tentative steps towards friendship, and perhaps something more, she receives news which sends her back to Ireland. There she will be confronted by a terrible dilemma - a devastating choice between duty and one great love.	Fiction	Audio
	Paul Torday	Salmon Fishing in the Yemen	An extraordinary, beguiling tale of fly-fishing and political spinning, of unexpected heroism and late-blooming love, and of an attempt to prove the impossible, possible. This is the story of Dr Alfred Jones, a fisheries scientist, who finds himself reluctantly involved in a project to bring salmon fishing to the Highlands of the Yemen - a project that will change his life, and the course of British political history for ever.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Amor Towles	A Gentleman in Moscow	On 21 June 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is escorted out of the Kremlin, across Red Square and through the elegant revolving doors of the Hotel Metropol. Deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the Count has been sentenced to house arrest indefinitely. But instead of his usual	Fiction	

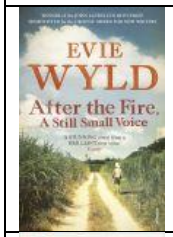
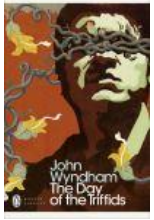
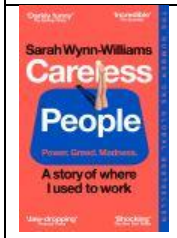
			suite, he must now live in an attic room while Russia undergoes decades of tumultuous upheaval.		
	Rose Tremain	The Colour	Joseph and Harriet Blackstone emigrate from Norfolk to New Zealand in search of new beginnings and prosperity. But the harsh land near Christchurch threatens to destroy them almost before they begin. By turns both moving and terrifying, *The Colour* is about a quest for the impossible, an attempt to mine the complexities of love and explore the sacrifices to be made in the pursuit of happiness.	Fiction	Audio
	Rose Tremain	Trespass	In a silent valley in southern France stands an isolated stone farmhouse, the Mas Lunel. Aramon, the owner, is so haunted by his violent past that he's become incapable of all meaningful action, letting his hunting dogs starve and his land go to ruin. This is a story about disputed territory, sibling love and devastating revenge.	Fiction	Audio, LP
	Anthony Trollope	The Warden	When John Bold decides to challenge corruption in the Church of England, he sets the whole town of Barchester ablaze with the consequences. This book is the study of conflicting loyalties and principles in a cathedral city where the gentle warden becomes an unwilling focus of national controversy.	Classics	Audio
	Christos Tsiolkas	The Slap	At a suburban barbecue, a man slaps a child who is not his own. This event has a shocking ricochet effect on a group of people, mostly friends, who are directly or indirectly influenced by the slap. In this remarkable novel, Christos Tsiolkas turns his unflinching and all-seeing eye onto that which connects us all: the modern family and domestic life in the twenty-first century.	Fiction	Audio, LP

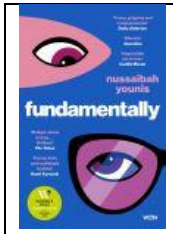
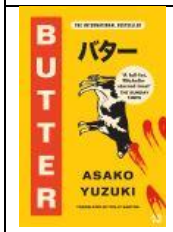
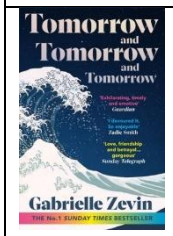
	Stuart Turton	The Devil and the Dark Water	It's 1634 and Samuel Pipps, the world's greatest detective, is being transported to Amsterdam to be executed for a crime he may, or may not, have committed. His loyal bodyguard, Arent Hayes is determined to prove his friend innocent. But no sooner are they out to sea than devilry begins to blight the voyage. Could a demon be responsible for their misfortunes?	Crime	
	Anne Tyler	Redhead by the Side of the Road	Micah Mortimer is a creature of habit. A self-employed tech expert, superintendent of his Baltimore apartment building seems content leading a steady, circumscribed life. But one day his routines are blown apart when his woman friend tells him she's facing eviction, and a teenager shows up at Micah's door claiming to be his son.	Fiction	
	Tor Udall	A Thousand Paper Birds	Jonah roams Kew Gardens trying to reassemble the shattered pieces of his life after the death of his wife, Audrey. Weathering the seasons and learning to love again, he meets Chloe, an enigmatic origami artist who is hesitant to let down her own walls. In the gardens he also meets ten-year-old Milly, and Harry, a gardener, both of whom have secrets of their own to keep – and mysteries to solve.	Fiction	
	Thirty Umrigar	Honor	In this riveting and immersive novel, Thrity Umrigar tells the story of two couples and the sometimes dangerous and heartbreaking challenges of love across a cultural divide, and courageous women trying to navigate how to be true to their homelands and themselves at the same time.	Fiction	Audio
	Chris van Tulleken	Ultra-Processed People: Why do we all eat stuff that isn't food...and why we can't stop	We have entered a new 'age of eating' where most of our calories come from an entirely novel set of substances called ultra-processed food - food which is industrially processed and designed and marketed to be addictive. But do we really know what it's doing	Non-fiction	

			to our bodies? Join Dr. Chris van Tulleken in his travels through the world of food science and a UPF diet to discover what's really going on.		
	Brian Vaughan et. al.	Paper Girls. Volume I	In the early hours after Halloween of 1988, four 12-year-old newspaper delivery girls uncover the most important story of all time. Suburban drama and otherworldly mysteries collide in this smash-hit series about nostalgia, first jobs, and the last days of childhood.	Graphic Novel	
	Wendy Wallace	The Painted Bridge	A story of family betrayals, illicit power, and a woman sent to an asylum against her will in Victorian England. *The Painted Bridge* is a story of family betrayals and illicit power; it is also a compelling portrait of the startling history of the psychiatric field and the treatment of women— in society and in these institutions.	Historical fiction	LP
	Colin Walsh	Kala	In the seaside town of Kinlough, three old friends are thrown together for the first time in years. They were part of an original group of six inseparable teenagers in the summer of 2003, when one of them disappeared without a trace. This gripping literary page-turner traces the lives of former friends, as they reckon with the terrifying events of the summer that changed their lives.	Fiction	Audio
	S. J. Watson	Before I Go to Sleep	Christine wakes up every morning in an unfamiliar bed with an unfamiliar man. She looks in the mirror and sees an unfamiliar, middle-aged face. And every morning, the man she has woken up with must explain that he is Ben, he is her husband, she is forty-seven years old, and a terrible accident two decades earlier decimated her ability to form new memories.	Thriller	Audio

	Evelyn Waugh	Brideshead Revisited	Nostalgic and reflective, *Brideshead Revisited* looks back to the golden age before the Second World War. It tells the story of Charles Ryder's infatuation with the Marchmains and the rapidly disappearing world of privilege they inhabit. Enchanted first by Sebastian at Oxford, then by his doomed Catholic family, in particular his remote sister, Julia, Charles comes finally to recognize only his spiritual and social distance from them.	Classics	Audio
	H. G. Wells	War of the Worlds	The ultimate alien invasion story, Wells's electrifying yarn has been oft imitated but never bettered. Expertly combining the minutiae of late- Victorian England with the spectacular arrival of dazzlingly imagined extra-terrestrial beings, *The War of the Worlds* is a triumph of set piece action and pulsating atmosphere.	Science fiction	Audio
	Oscar Wilde	The Picture of Dorian Gray	First published to scandalised protest in 1890, Oscar Wilde's fantastic melodrama was widely condemned by his contemporaries as an affront to the values of polite society. It is the story of a man willing to sell his soul for eternal beauty.	Classics	LP
	Laura Wilson	The Riot	1958: Notting Hill is sweltering in a heatwave. It's DI Stratton's new manor and a powder keg of racial tension. A rent collector is stabbed and a series of street fights between teddy boys and Caribbean immigrants sparks further unrest. Young runaway Irene, on the verge of prostitution, finds her loyalties lie on both sides of the fight. A race riot breaks out - the worst Britain has ever seen. Stratton must tread a path through the violence and prejudice to find the killer and save Irene before Notting Hill explodes.	Crime	Audio, LP

	Raynor Winn	The Salt Path	In one devastating week, Raynor and her husband Moth lost their home of 20 years, just as a terminal diagnosis took away their future together. With nowhere else to go, they decided to walk the South West Coast Path. With very little money for food or shelter, Raynor and Moth carry everything on their backs and wild camp on beaches and clifftops. They don't know how far they will travel, but - to their surprise - they find themselves on a path to freedom.	Non-fiction	Audio, LP
	Jeanette Winterson	Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit	Tackling expansive themes with tenderness and acuity, Jeanette Winterson’s beautifully nuanced and wickedly funny autobiographical novel takes a rueful look at dogmatic religion and burgeoning sexuality. Winner of the Whitbread Award for First Novel	Fiction	
	P G Wodehouse	Carry On, Jeeves	A collection of ten uproarious short stories. From the moment Jeeves cures Bertie of a raging hangover with his own concoction of Worcestershire sauce and tomato juice, they become steadfast partners. Whether it is fixing a plan-gone-wrong, or solving his friends' love lives, Jeeves is Bertie's unfaltering aide through a series of accidental - and self-imposed - misadventures.	Short stories	Audio
	Virginia Woolf	To the Lighthouse	The serene and maternal Mrs. Ramsay, the tragic yet absurd Mr. Ramsay, and their children and assorted guests are on holiday on the Isle of Skye. From the seemingly trivial postponement of a visit to a nearby lighthouse, Woolf constructs a remarkable, moving examination of the complex tensions and allegiances of family life and the conflict between men and women.	Classics	Audio, LP

	Yael Van D Wouden	The Safekeep	In 1961 Overijssel, Isabel lives a quiet, orderly life in her late mother's home—until her brother arrives with Eva, his disruptive new girlfriend. As Eva unsettles the household, Isabel's irritation turns into obsession, and when objects begin to vanish, her suspicions spiral. In the heat of summer, paranoia gives way to desire, leading to a discovery that upends everything Isabel thought she knew.	Fiction	
	Evie Wyld	After the Fire, a Still Small Voice	Set in the haunting landscape of eastern Australia, this is a stunningly accomplished debut novel about the inescapable past: the ineffable ties of family, the wars fought by fathers and sons, and what goes unsaid. Winner of the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize and Betty Trask Award.	Fiction	
	John Wyndham	The Day of the Triffids	A devastating post-apocalyptic vision of a blinded society and insatiable carnivorous flora, *The Day of the Triffids* remains John Wyndham's signature work and for good reason. Haunting, suspenseful, and relentlessly frightening, this is paranoid dystopian adventure writ large - with socio-political trimmings thrown in for good measure.	Science fiction	Audio
	Sarah Wynn-Williams	Careless People	Sarah Wynn-Williams, a former diplomat and lawyer, pitched for her dream job. She saw Facebook's potential and knew it could change the world for the better. But, when she got there and rose to its top ranks, things turned out a little different. In a gripping and often absurd narrative, Wynn-Williams rubs shoulders with Mark Zuckerberg, Sheryl Sandberg and world leaders, revealing what really goes on among the global elite - and the consequences this has for all of us.	Biography	

	Nussaibah Younis	Fundamentally	When academic Nadia is disowned by her mother and dumped by her lover, she decides to make a getaway - accepting a UN job in Iraq. Tasked with rehabilitating ISIS women, Nadia becomes mired in the opaque world of international aid. But then Nadia meets Sara, a precocious and sweary East Londoner who joined ISIS at just 15. Sara and Nadia immediately connect and a powerful friendship forms. When Sara confesses a secret, Nadia is forced to make a difficult choice.	Fiction	
	Marguerite Yourcenar	Memoirs of Hadrian	The book reimagines the Emperor Hadrian's arduous boyhood, his triumphs, and reversals, and finally, as emperor, his gradual reordering of a war-torn world, writing with the imaginative insight of a great writer of the twentieth century while crafting a prose style as elegant and precise as those of the Latin stylists of Hadrian's own era. Translated from the French by Grace Frick.	Historical fiction/Fiction in translation	
	Asako Yuzuki	Butter	Manako Kajii sits in Tokyo Detention Centre, convicted of murdering lonely businessmen she seduced with her cooking. She refuses all contact, until journalist Rika Machida writes asking for her beef stew recipe. As their visits unfold, Rika's late-night ramen habits give way to a deeper connection, and she begins to change. Could she and Kajii have more in common than she thought?	Fiction/ Fiction in translation	
	Gabrielle Zevin	Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow	Two children bond in a hospital gaming room over video games in 1987. When the pair spot each other eight years later in a crowded train station, they are catapulted back to that moment. The spark is immediate, and together they get to work on what they love - making games to delight, challenge and immerse players, finding an intimacy in digital worlds	Fiction	

			that eludes them in their real lives. Their collaborations make them superstars.		
	Markus Zusak	The Book Thief	Narrated in the all-knowing matter-of-fact voice of Death, witnessing the story of the citizens of Molching. By 1943, the Allied bombs are falling, and the sirens begin to wail. Liesel shares out her books in the air-raid shelters. But one day, the wail of the sirens comes too late.	Historical fiction	Audio