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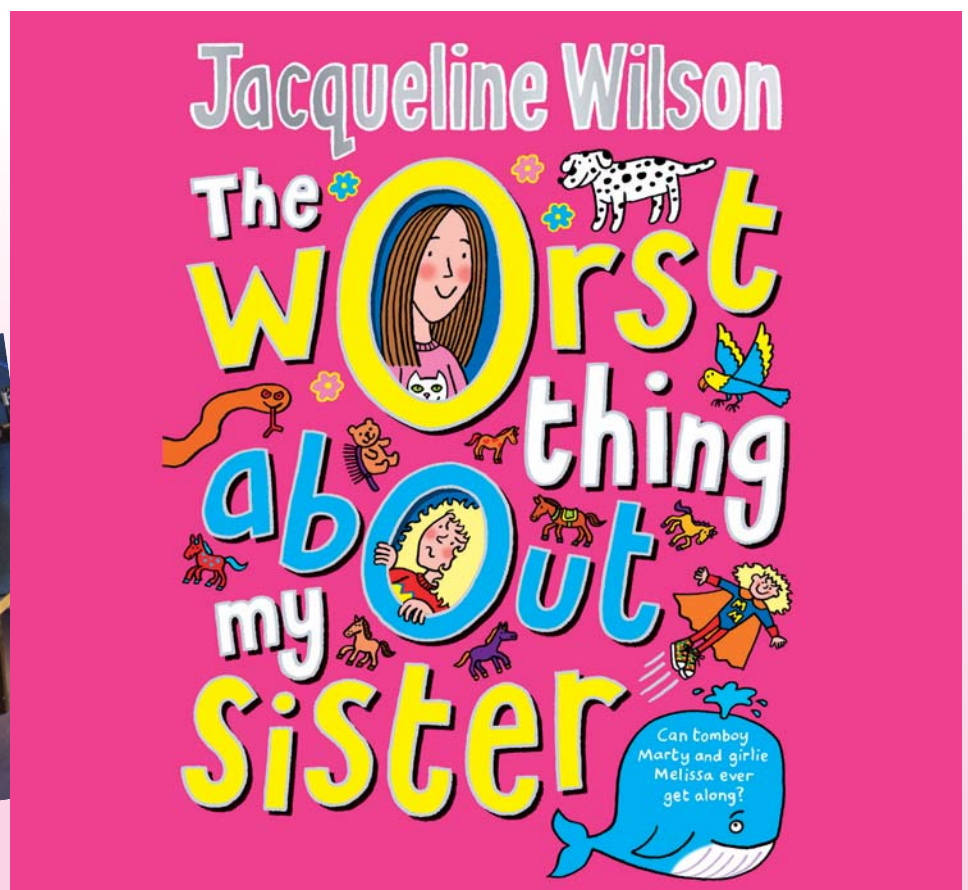
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read by Jacqueline Wilson



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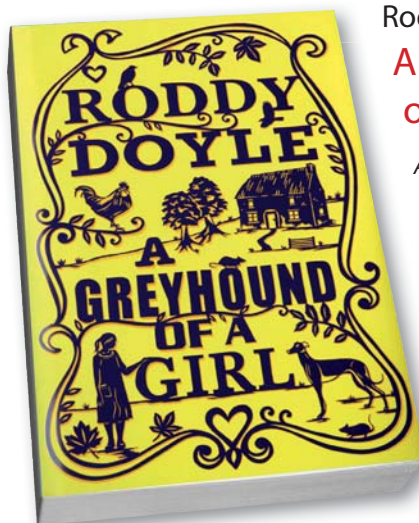
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HIGHLIGHTS

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Roddy Doyle A Greyhound of a Girl

A Greyhound of a Girl is a beautifully crafted novel featuring four generations of the same family, three alive and one dead:

12-year-old Mary O'Hara; her mother, Scarlett; her joke-cracking grandmother Emer who is dying in hospital; and Tansey, the ghost of Emer's mother, who turns up to help her dying daughter say goodbye to the ones she loves and to help Mary say goodbye to her beloved grandmother.

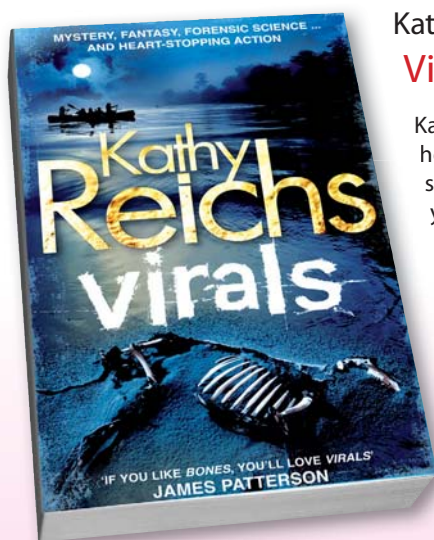


photo of Roddy Doyle
by Patrick Bolger

Roddy Doyle was born in Dublin in 1958. He went to school in Sutton returning to Dublin to continue his education at University College. He worked for fourteen years as an English and Geography teacher in Kilbarrack, North Dublin. Since 1993 he has been dedicated to writing full-time.

Roddy Doyle is well-known for his books for adults, especially the award-winning *Barrytown Trilogy* and *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha*, which won the 1993 Booker Prize – but his children's books have sold over half-a-million copies worldwide and have won him many plaudits, including an Irish Book Award in 2008. His children's titles include *The Meanwhile Adventures*, *Wilderness* and *The Rover Stories*, one of which, *The Giggler Treatment*, is available as a Chivers Children's Audiobook, ISBN 97781405657433.

A Greyhound of a Girl is available on CD, see page 11
and in Galaxy Large Print, see page 14



Kathy Reichs Virals

Kathy Reichs, creator of the hit television show and mystery series, *Bones*, brings her bestselling blend of science and suspense to teens with the first in a new series, *Virals*. Her first novel for Young Adults stars Tory Brennan, the fourteen-year-old niece of Temperance Brennan, the famous forensic anthropologist heroine of Reichs's novels for adults. Like her aunt, Tory is fascinated by and knowledgeable about biology, and this story sees her living with her newly-discovered father, a marine biologist, on an island off the coast of South Carolina, part of the Charleston University Research facility.

Tory and her three best friends, boys of her age, have to travel to school on the mainland by boat. They are especially attracted to a neighbouring island, Loggerhead Island, where monkeys and a pack of wolfdogs run wild. When the teenagers discover a sick puppy in a cage, they release it, not realising that the dog is infected with a top-secret experimental virus – which the children catch. And the discovery of an old grave containing a corpse from forty years ago, leads to attempts on their lives. But as the virus attacks the children's bodies, they develop strange powers.

The second instalment of the story, *Seizure*, is coming soon in Galaxy Large Print (see facing page).

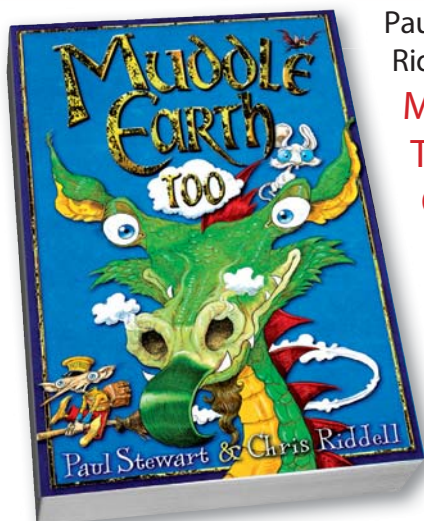
Kathy Reichs, born in 1950, is on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. She has taught at numerous American universities, and is currently Professor of Anthropology at the University of North Carolina. Her first crime novel for adults, *Déjà Dead*, won the 1997 Arthur Ellis Award for Best First Novel, and she followed this success with *Deadly Décisions*, *Fatal Voyage*, *Grave Secrets*, and more recently *Devil Bones*.



photo of Kathy Reichs
by Marie-Reine Mattera

Virals is available now as a Galaxy Large Print book, see page 8

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Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell

Muddle Earth Too, Book One: Down With Stinkyhogs!



Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell

Paul Stewart was born in 1955 in London, and taught English for many years before becoming a full-time writer. Together with Chris Riddell, he is co-creator of the *Far-Flung Adventures* series, which includes *Fergus Crane*, Gold Smarties Prize Winner; *Corby Flood* and *Hugo Pepper*, both Silver

Nestle Prize Winners. They are also co-creators

of the bestselling *Edge Chronicles* series, which has sold over two million copies and is now available in over thirty languages. Chris Riddell is an accomplished graphic artist whose distinctive line drawings combine fascinating detail and enchanting fantasy elements, and have won him the Kate Greenaway Medal several times. In addition to his work for children's books, Chris is a renowned political cartoonist, whose work appears regularly in UK newspapers. One of his claims to fame is that he was the first cartoonist to depict William Hague in shorts; an illustration that Hague subsequently bought!

The eagerly-awaited new series, *Muddle Earth Too*, sees Joe turning up in Muddle Earth entirely by accident when he falls through a portal while trying to build a flat-pack wardrobe. But he arrives just in the nick of time, as Muddle Earth needs a hero. The first three *Muddle Earth* books, *Engelbert the Enormous*, *Here Be Dragons* and *Doctor Cuddles of Giggle Glade* are all available as Chivers Children's Audiobooks.

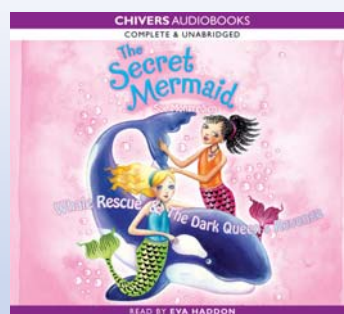
Muddle Earth Too, Book One, Down With Stinkyhogs! is available as a Readalong, see page 9; on CD, see page 11; and in Galaxy Large Print, see page 14

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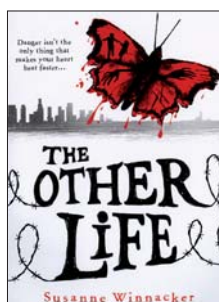
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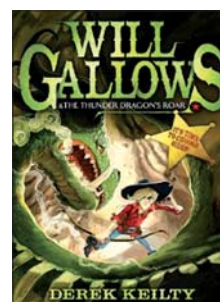
Look out for these new high-profile titles in our next edition!



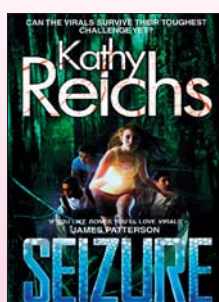
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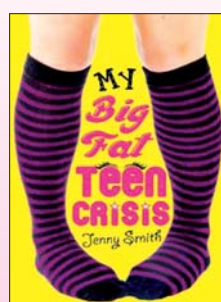
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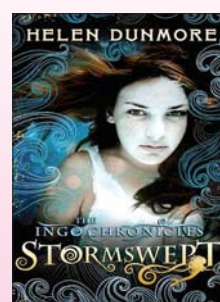
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Will Gallows & The Thunder Dragon's Roar (CD)



Kathy Reichs
Seizure (Galaxy Large Print)



Jenny Smith
My Big Fat Teen Crisis (CD)



Helen Dunmore
Stormswept (CD)

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Catherine Bruton

We Can Be Heroes

Read by Joe Jameson

My dad was killed in the 9/11 attacks in New York. But the stuff in this book isn't about that. It's about the summer me and Jed and Priti tried to catch a suicide bomber and start a riot. There's stuff about how we built a tree house and joined the bomb squad; how I found my dad and Jed lost his; and how we both lost our mums then found them again.

So it's not really about 9/11 but then again none of those things would have happened if it hadn't been for that day. So I guess it's all back to front, sort of...

ISBN: 978 14458 23003

CHCD 1795 8 CDs



Tim Collins

Adventures of a Wimpy Werewolf: Hairy But Not Scary

Read by Chris Nelson

Luke Thorpe is a fifteen-year-old wimp. Excellent at maths and terrible at sport, he's not the sort of person you'd expect to see howling at a full moon. Yet he finds himself doing just that – and a host of hairier things – as he slowly discovers his true identity as a teenage werewolf.

In his brilliantly funny diary, Luke describes his new condition and its embarrassing impact on his life, as well as embarking on an extraordinary adventure...

ISBN: 978 14458 88057

CHCD 1792 3 CDs



Joseph Delaney

The Spook's Battle

Read by Thomas Judd

In Pendle the witches are rising and the three most powerful witch clans are rumoured to be uniting in order to conjure an unimaginable evil. Together they will be capable of raising the Devil himself.

Tom and the Spook need to set off for Pendle to avert the unthinkable. Before they go, the Spook tells Tom to go home and collect the trunks Mam left behind for him. But what dark family secrets are contained in the trunks? And will they place Tom's family in even greater danger – or provide the help Tom and his master need in Pendle?

ISBN: to be confirmed

CHCD 1801 8 CDs



George Mann

Doctor Who: Paradox Lost

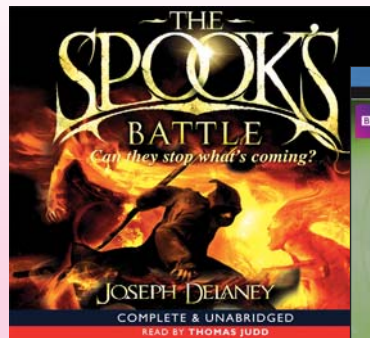
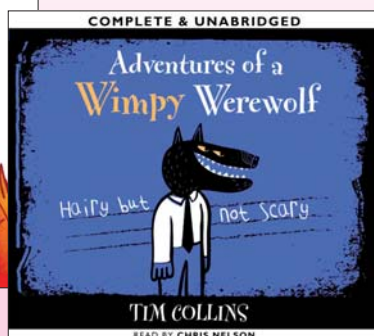
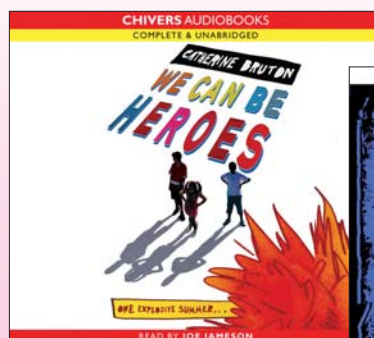
Read by Nicholas Briggs

London 1910: an unsuspecting thief is confronted by grey-skinned creatures that are waiting to devour his mind. London 2789: the remains of an ancient android are dredged from the Thames. When reactivated it has a warning that can only be delivered to a man named 'the Doctor'.

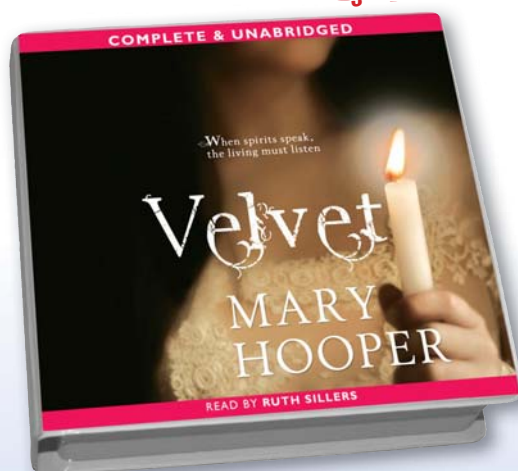
The Doctor and his friends must solve a mystery that has spanned over a thousand years. If they fail, the deadly alien Squall will devour the world...

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CHCD 1796 6 CDs



Young Adult



Read by
Ruth Sillers

Also available by Mary Hooper:

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978 14458 19204 • 6 CDs

THE BETRAYAL
978 14084 88577 • 6 CDs

Mary Hooper

Velvet

Velvet is a laundress in a Victorian steam laundry. With both her mother and father dead, she is an orphan and has to rely upon her own wits to make a living. The laundry's work is back-breaking and Velvet is desperate to create a better life for herself. Then she is noticed by Madame Savoya, a famed medium, who asks Velvet to come to work for her.

Velvet is dazzled at first by the young yet beautifully dressed and bejewelled Madame. But soon she realises that Madame Savoya is not all that she says she is, and Velvet's very life is in danger...

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8 CDs



YOUNG ADULT

Jeyn Roberts

Dark Inside

Read by Joe Jameson

Moments after several huge earthquakes shake every continent on Earth, strange things start happening. Michael can only watch in horror as an incidence of road rage so extreme it ends in two deaths unfolds before his eyes; Clementine finds herself being hunted through the small town she has lived in all her life, by people she has known all her life; and Mason is attacked with a baseball bat by a random stranger. An inner rage has been released and some people cannot fight it. For those who can, life becomes an ongoing battle to survive – at any cost!

ISBN: 978 14458 78584

CHCD 1799 8 CDs

▶ YOUNG ADULT

Meg Rosoff

There Is No Dog

Read by Richard Coyle

In the beginning, there was Bob. And Bob created the heavens and the earth, and the beasts of the field, and the creatures of the sea, and twenty-five million other species, including lots and lots of gorgeous girls. In just six days! Congratulations, Bob. No wonder Earth is such a mess...

Imagine that God is a typical teenage boy. He is lazy, careless, self-obsessed, sex-mad – and about to meet Lucy, the most beautiful girl on earth. Unfortunately, whenever Bob falls in love, disaster follows. Let us pray that Bob does not fall in love with Lucy.

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CHCD 1800 6 CDs

▶ YOUNG ADULT

Ali Sparkes

SWITCH: Frog Freak Out!

Read by Daniel Hill

Oh no! Mad scientist Petty Potts just turned up at Josh and Danny's summer camp, as the new camp counsellor. And she just happens to be hiding something that can turn them into amphibians!

Josh and Danny vow to stay away from Petty's SWITCH formula, but when their new friend Charlie gets into trouble, they know they have to find Petty and get hopping! They should be back in plenty of time to perform in end of camp play... if the webbed feet EVER wear off!

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Mark Walden

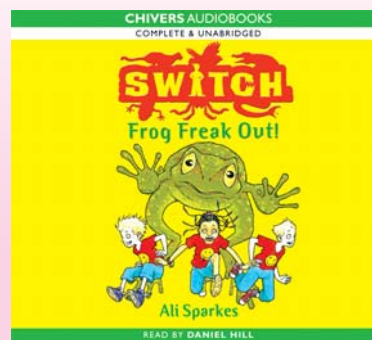
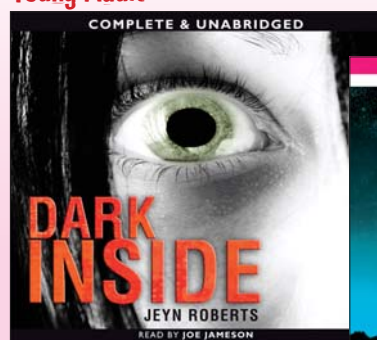
H.I.V.E.: Aftershock

Read by Richard Coyle

Otto and the rest of the elite Alpha stream at H.I.V.E. have been sent on their most dangerous exercise yet: The Hunt. But when Otto and the rest of the Alphas arrive in the icy wastes of Siberia, it becomes clear that something is wrong. Dr Nero, the head of the school, has made some powerful enemies at the Global League of Villainous Enterprises – and the first strike against Nero will be a strike against the Alpha stream. There's a traitor in their midst... and time is running out to discover who it is.

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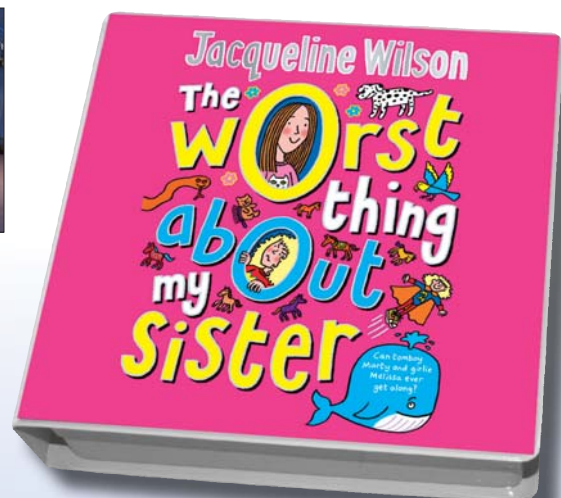
▶ The seventh story in the *H.I.V.E.* series**Young Adult**

Jacqueline Wilson

The Worst Thing About My Sister

Marty and her sister Melissa couldn't be more different. Marty loves her Converse trainers, playing football, hiding in her secret den and helping her dad with his DIY. Melissa loves Justin Bieber and all things pink, girly and pretty.

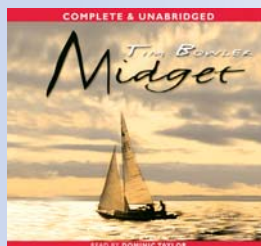
The sisters can manage to live together, despite their occasional scraps – until Mum tells them they have to share a room. For Marty, having to share her bunk beds and lose her sanctuary turns out to be the very worst thing about having a sister. But the girls soon discover that being too close for comfort can have unexpected consequences, and when an accident happens, the sisters realise they are closer than they thought.

Read by
Jacqueline Wilson

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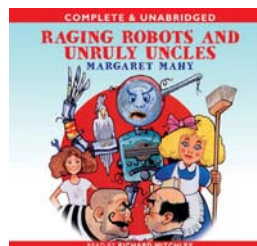
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Tim Bowler

Midget

Read by Dominic Taylor

At fifteen, Midget is only three feet tall, trapped in a useless, twitching body, and tortured by his cruel older brother, Seb. But Midget knows one thing – sailing. He dreams of sailing his own boat and showing Seb a thing or two. Everyone says it'll take a miracle, but that's when Midget starts to realise that even miracles are possible. It's just that sometimes they hurt people who get in the way.



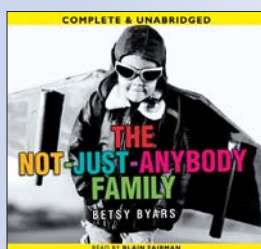
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Margaret Mahy

Raging Robots and Unruly Uncles

Read by Richard Mitchley

Brothers Jasper and Julian get a horrible shock when their children provide them with their hearts' desire! Jasper is wicked, and his seven faint-hearted sons are a disappointment to him, while saintly Julian's daughter Prudence is a tomboy. When the children create two tyrannical robots to send to each other, Jasper and Julian realise they have made a terrible mistake...



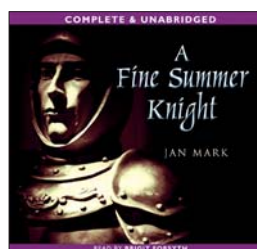
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Betsy Byars

The Not-Just-Anybody Family

Read by Blain Fairman

Vern and Maggie have a problem. Not only is their grandfather in prison, but their little brother, Junior, has fallen off the barn roof while trying to fly and landed himself in hospital. It's left to Maggie and Vern to sort things out – after all, they're not just *any* family. They are the Blossoms – and the Blossoms always manage to get back together in the end.



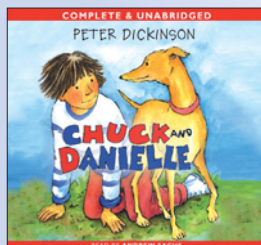
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Jan Mark

A Fine Summer Knight

Read by Brigit Forsyth

Grace has seen a ghost through her telescope! But how can she see it again? She is determined to search for her ghostly knight, but her family are all too busy to help her. The only solution is to break the rules, and in doing so, Grace finds herself on a quest that will lead her to a guardian angel, a band of real, live mercenaries and the mysterious, elusive wheeling machine.



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2 CDs

Peter Dickinson

Chuck and Danielle

Read by Andrew Sachs

Chuck is a whippet. A very nervous whippet, who's scared of almost everything: paper bags, pigeons, and of course cats – even the little fluffy ones. Some people say Chuck is a wimpet, not a whippet, and Mum keeps pretending she's going to give her away. But Danielle knows better. One day, Chuck's going to save the Universe! All she has to do is prove it to Mum...



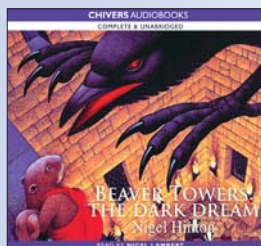
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4 CDs

Maggie Prince

Memoirs of a Dangerous Alien

Read by Dermot Crowley

It all began when our new neighbours moved in. I should have realised then that something strange was going on... but it was not until later that I knew the whole appalling truth. By then there was no going back. I was involved with the Black Star Gang in its fight to save Earth from total destruction, and time was running out. I am Dominic. This is my story.



ISBN: 978 14084 89406
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Nigel Hinton

Beaver Towers: The Dark Dream

Read by Nigel Lambert

Philip and old Mr Edgar set off on an incredible journey. But while they are far away from Beaver Towers, their friends come under threat from a mysterious creature named Retsnom. Only Baby B and Nick can save everyone, but the little beaver and hedgehog have been wasting their powers. Will they be strong enough to fight the evil that threatens them all?



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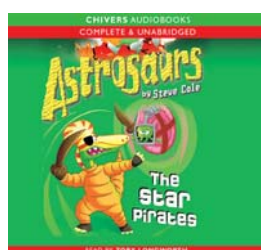
Eric Saward

Doctor Who: The Twin Dilemma

Read by Colin Baker

The Doctor has regenerated, but things are not going well... The even-tempered Fifth Doctor has given way to a rather disturbed successor. In a particularly irascible moment the new Doctor comes dangerously close to committing a shocking crime. Overwhelmed with guilt for his violent behaviour, the repentant Time Lord decides to become a hermit...

Encourage young and pre-school children's enjoyment of listening and comprehension with Chivers Young Listeners CDs, which include favourite stories, songs and rhymes.



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Steve Cole

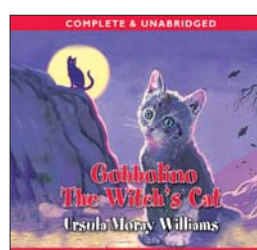
Astrosaurs: The Star Pirates

Read by Toby Longworth

Dinosaurs ... In space!

Meet Captain Teggs Stegosaur and the crew of the amazing spaceship DSS Sauropod as the Astrosaurs fight evil across the galaxy!

When several spaceships go missing, the astrosaurs investigate – and are attacked by terrifying Star Pirates! The greedy ship-looters have a plan that will wreck the galaxy. Can Teggs stop them in time?



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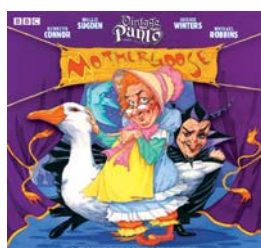


Ursula Moray Williams

Gobbolino the Witch's Cat

Read by Nigel Lambert

Gobbolino's mother was a witch's cat, so naturally little Gobbolino was expected to be one too. But whoever heard of a witch's cat with blue eyes and one white paw? Anyway, unlike his sister Sootica, a jet-black green-eyed kitten, Gobbolino wasn't interested in being a witch's cat. He wanted to be a kitchen cat and sit by the fire and mind the house and keep down the mice and watch the baby!



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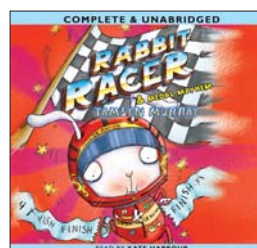
Chris Emmett

Vintage BBC Radio Panto: Mother Goose

Full Cast Radio Production

Jack and Jill want to get married. But Jack is the son of Mother Goose – who's desperately poor. With the help of a Fairy Queen, Mother Goose's wishes come true and she becomes rich thanks to a gigantic magical goose which lays golden eggs...

Starring Kenneth Connor, Bernie Winters and Mollie Sugden.



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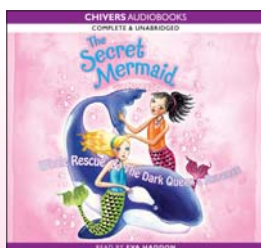
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Tamsyn Murray

Stunt Bunny: Rabbit Racer & Medal Mayhem

Read by Kate Harbour

RABBIT RACER: The host of *Superpets* challenges Harriet Houdini: Stunt Bunny, to take on new pet Taz the Tornado in an obstacle course race. **MEDAL MAYHEM:** *Superpets* is going to be part of an international Olympics for animals, and Harriet fancies her chances at winning some medals. But not everyone wants to see Harriet win, least of all The Great Maldini...



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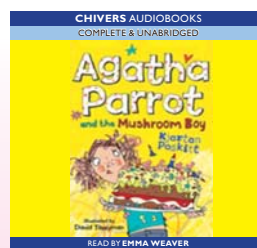


Sue Mongredien

The Secret Mermaid: Whale Rescue & The Dark Queen's Revenge

Read by Eva Haddon

WHALE RESCUE: When Molly and her mermaid friend, Leila, set out to find the missing whales, the Dark Queen's monsters capture Leila. **THE DARK QUEEN'S REVENGE:** Disaster! The mermaid palace is being attacked by the Dark Queen, who wants to rule the oceans... Can Molly stop her?



ISBN: 978 14458 22846

CHCD 1811

2 CDs

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Kjartan Poskitt

Agatha Parrot and the Mushroom Boy

Read by Emma Weaver

Helloooo! This story is about the time I was watching *Sing Wiggle and Shine* on TV (the worst talent show ever WAHOO love it love it) but my evil brother James nicked the TV remote so he could watch football instead. Don't worry, I got my own back! All it took was a giant yellow cake, some fairies, a school fete and a big sofa cushion.

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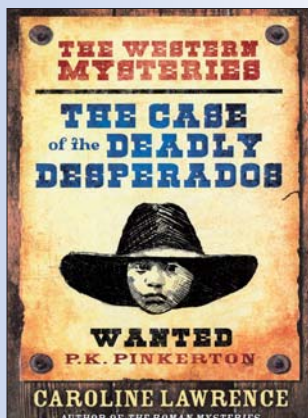
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Christianna Brand

Nanny McPhee: The Collected Tales of Nurse Matilda

Doting parents Mr and Mrs Brown have failed to discipline their countless clan of children... resulting in chaos that makes every nanny run for cover. But not Nurse Matilda, who mysteriously turns up out of the blue one dark, stormy night and instantly uses her magical powers to reform the Brown children's terrible antics.

'Full of such inventive naughtiness it may be better to keep these tales away from your children' – EMMA THOMPSON



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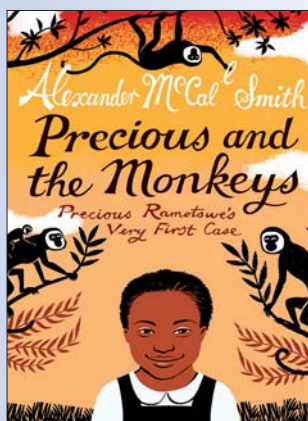
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Caroline Lawrence

The Western Mysteries: The Case of the Deadly Desperados

My name is P. K. Pinkerton and before this day is over I will be dead. My foster parents were scalped and killed a few days ago on my 12th birthday. I came to this lawless town of Virginia City to escape their fate but now I find myself trapped down the deepest shaft of a silver mine with three desperados hot on my trail.

Before they find me, I am going to write this account so you will know What Happened and Who Done it.



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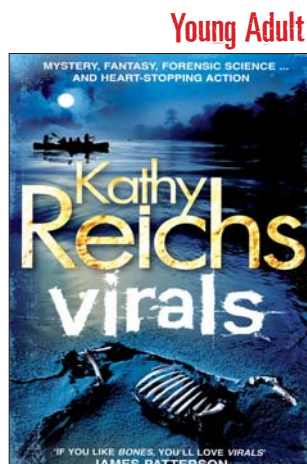
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What would you do if someone was stealing things from your friends? Would you try and find out who the thief was?

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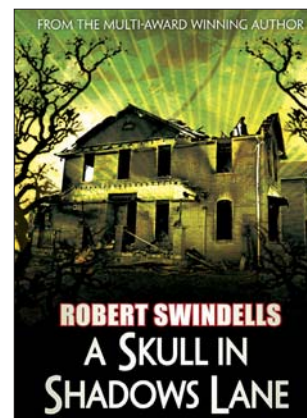
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Virals

Tory Brennan is as fascinated by bones and dead bodies as her aunt, forensic anthropologist Tempe Brennan. Living on a secluded island, she and her group of technophile friends stumble across a grave containing the remains of a girl who has been missing for over thirty years. When they rescue a sick dog from a laboratory on the same island, it becomes evident that the two events are linked. Then they succumb to a mysterious infection...

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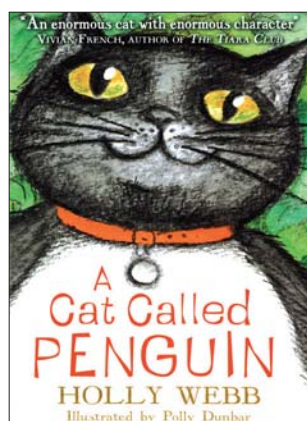
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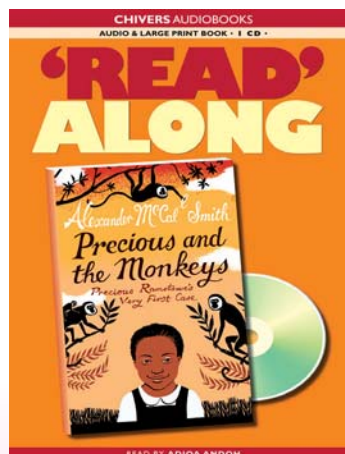
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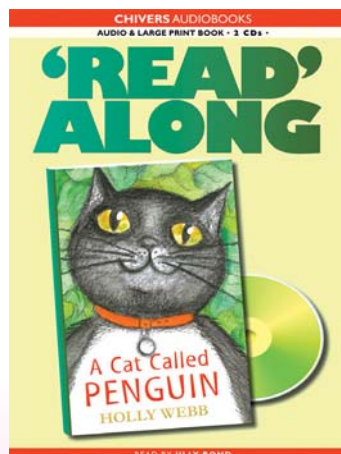
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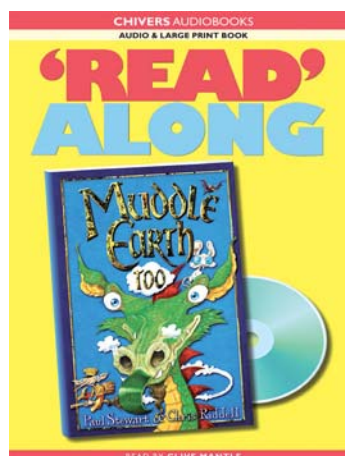
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Andrew Brown never has enough time. No time to call his sister, or to prepare for that important presentation at the bank where he works. The train's late, the lift jams. If only he'd had just a little more time. And time is the business of Mr Symington and Mr Blenkinsop. They'll lend him some – at a very reasonable rate of interest.

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Jenny Alexander How to Get the Friends You Want, by Peony Pinker

Read by Kate Harbour

Peony Pinker is not cool. She likes animals and messing about, not fitness routines and celebrity news. But when Dad becomes a celebrity agony aunt, the coolest girls in school invite Peony to join their group. Now she's watching the right films and doing the right activities to fit in... and she hasn't got time for her old friends any more. But is the cool crowd really where Peony wants to be? A funny, thought-provoking story with a subtle self-help theme.

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Twelve-year-old Miranda's new home is a dull seaside town, the sort of place where nothing ever happens. But things do begin to happen. Weird things...

At school, Miranda meets a group of friends who seem to know something of what's going on. Together they set out to uncover the mystery, before the evil that's shadowing Miranda unleashes destruction. And to play her part, Miranda must face both the darkness within and the evil without.

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Vanessa Curtis Lilah May's Manic Days

Read by Lisa Coleman

Lilah May used to be angry. VERY angry. But not any more. She's got her temper – and her life – back under control. Or has she? Things with her best friend, Bindi, are going from bad to worse. The whereabouts of her brother Jay is still a mystery. And gorgeous Adam Carter is still out of reach. Groo!

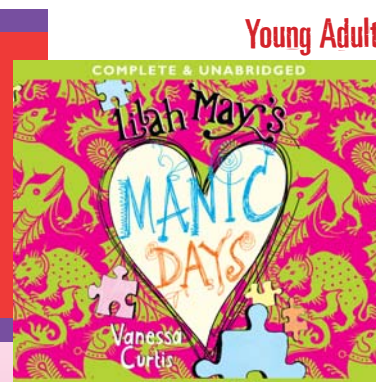
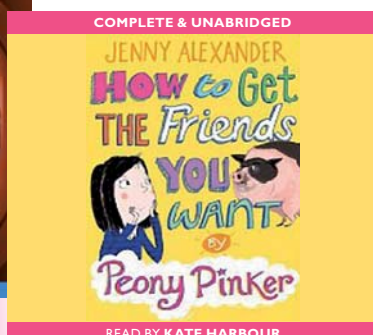
Can Lilah sort out her family, her friendship and her love life? Or is her anger about to reach new levels?

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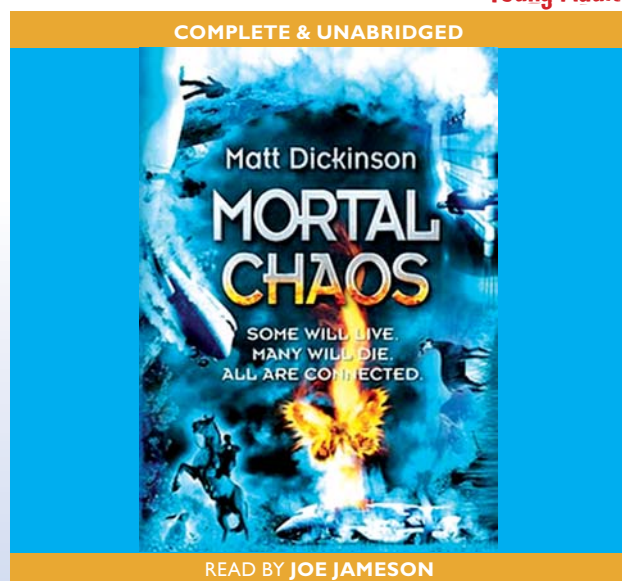
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'An intriguing take
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Butterfly effect: The scientific theory that a single occurrence, no matter how small, can change the course of the universe forever. Jamie and Will, bunking off school to go hunting. Kuni, trapped in an icy crevasse. Shelton, on a deadly mission for revenge. Bakili, under attack from bloodthirsty baboons. Tina, piloting flight 492 to Moscow. For them, and many others, things will never be the same again. Some will live. Many will die. All are connected.

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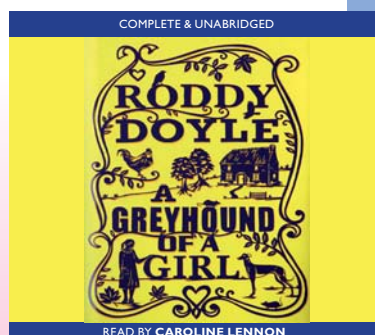
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A sharp and tender tale of family history and bonds between mothers and daughters.

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Ali Sparkes

Unleashed: Mind Over Matter

Read by Tom Lawrence

Gideon and Luke are spending some quality family time, playing at being normal teenagers. They have no reason to use their telekinetic powers in the small seaside town, and they have enough bodyguards to keep them safe, right? Wrong. A brutal killer is stalking them, and he has Gideon and Luke in his sights.

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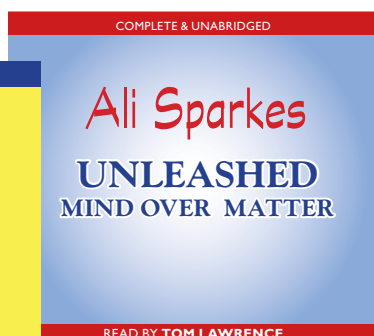
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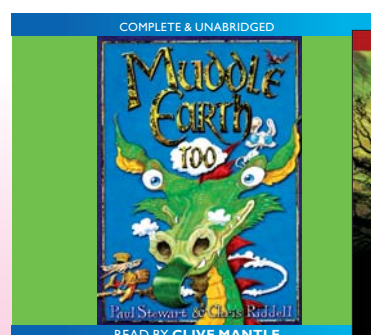
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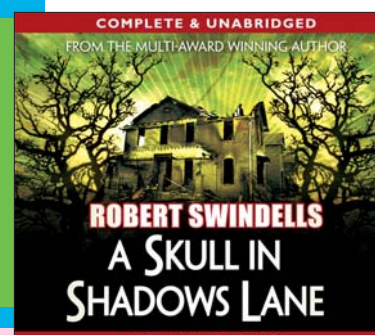
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Believing there's a skeleton haunting Shadows Lane, the children are shocked to learn the truth about 'Boney' – he's an escaped prisoner of war. But someone else is also hiding in the village – someone much more dangerous...

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Sophie McKenzie

Falling Fast*This is life, not a rehearsal...*

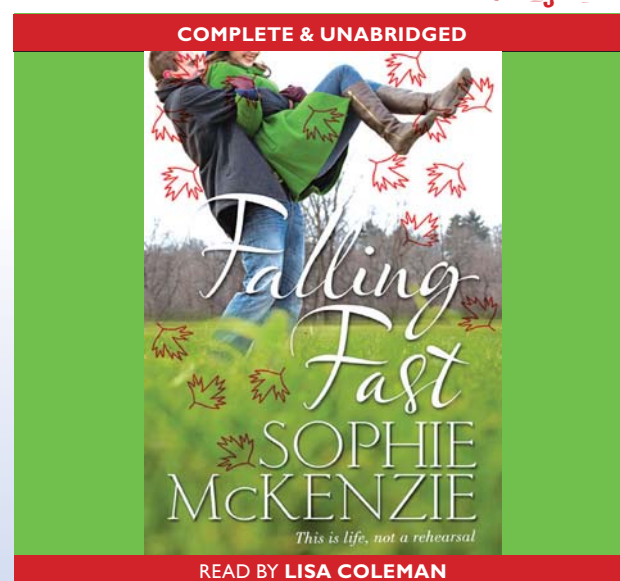
When River auditions for a part in an inter-school performance of Romeo and Juliet, she finds herself smitten by Flynn, the boy playing Romeo. River believes in romantic love, and she can't wait to experience it.

But Flynn comes from a damaged family – is he even capable of giving River what she wants? The path of true love never did run smooth...

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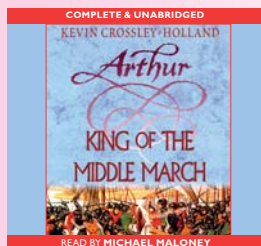
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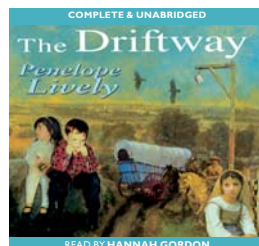
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Read by Michael Maloney

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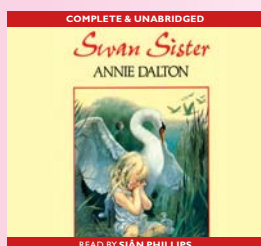
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Penelope Lively *The Driftway*

Read by Hannah Gordon

Paul and Sandra's mum has died, and Christine has moved in with their Dad. Paul doesn't like her at all, so he runs away with his sister, and so begins their journey along the ancient Driftway. Paul soon realises he can hear messages from people who travelled the Driftway centuries before him – and their tales might help him to come to terms with the changes in his own life.



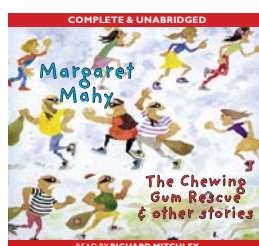
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Annie Dalton *Swan Sister*

Read by Siân Phillips

Ellen's mother dreams of making a perfect home for everyone in the heart of the Suffolk countryside. Her father is preoccupied with mysterious troubles of his own. So when the swans fly over the church during the christening, only Ellen understands the terrible thing that has happened to her baby sister. But can she put right the harm that has been done?



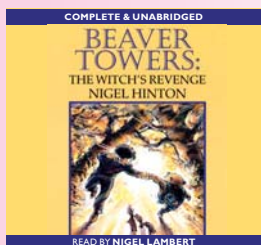
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Margaret Mahy *The Chewing Gum Rescue and other stories*

Read by Richard Mitchley

This collection of eleven witty stories by the Carnegie Medal-winning author includes *The Travelling Boy and the Stay-at-Home Bird* and *The Devil and the Corner Grocer*, plus nine more delightfully original stories featuring dragons, princesses, dreams, magic and the totally unexpected.



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Read by Nigel Lambert

There was a horrible cackling laugh. Philip and Baby B looked up and saw Oyin flying above the trees, her evil face lit by flames. 'Burn! Burn!' she screamed in delight. She clapped her hands and at once a wind began to blow. The flames grew longer and stretched from tree to tree. In every direction the forest was on fire!



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Ian Marter *Doctor Who: Earthshock*

Read by Peter Davison

A group of palaeontologists have been savagely attacked in an underground cave system on twenty-fifth century Earth. A party of troopers and Professor Kyle, the only survivor of the attack, discover the Doctor and his companions at the site of the massacre. The time-travellers are immediately suspected. In trying to establish their innocence, the Doctor is confronted by an old enemy...



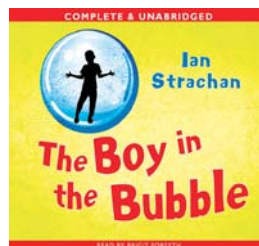
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Richard Kidd *The Last Leg*

Read by Stephen Perring

When Claude and a friend find a pile of dismembered bodies on the beach, they are relieved to find that they are just shop-window dummies. But a strange Italian visitor is showing a suspicious interest in the dummies. Soon Claude gets caught up in a heady adventure that drags him from a remote Scottish island to the art museums of Italy. What he discovers seems ludicrous, but no one is pulling his leg...



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Anne has met a boy called Adam, who has no immune system. But what hope is there for a relationship with a boy whose entire life is spent protected from the outside world by a plastic tent? A boy who has never been kissed, by his mother or indeed any girl? Anne knows she can never be satisfied with being merely Adam's 'life-taster'. But then comes the opportunity of an operation which could change all that...

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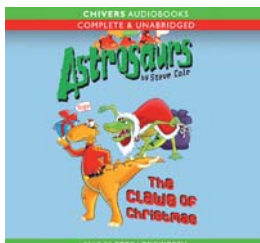
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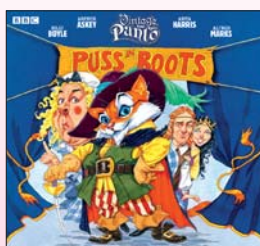
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Jeffy, The Burglar's Cat

Read by Geoffrey Matthews

Nobody who saw Miss Amity and her cat Jeffy in town could have believed that, hidden in the shopping bag, was Miss Amity's burglary kit. It was only Jeffy who knew the terrible truth. When the old lady takes in a stray kitten, Little Lew – the perfect partner in crime – all Jeffy's attempts to reform his mistress are foiled. And when she and Little Lew disappear he despairs of ever seeing them again...



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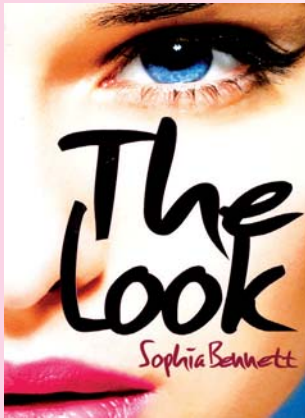
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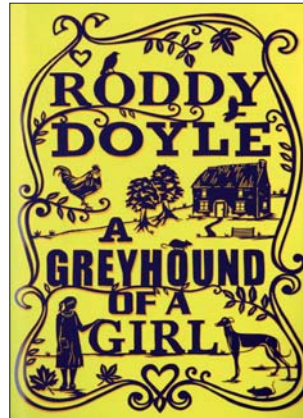
'I've been watching you and you're amazing. Have you thought about modelling?' What? Amazing? Me? Modelling? No.

Ted is tall. Freaky. When she's spotted by a model agency, she can't believe it. At the same time, her gorgeous sister falls seriously ill.

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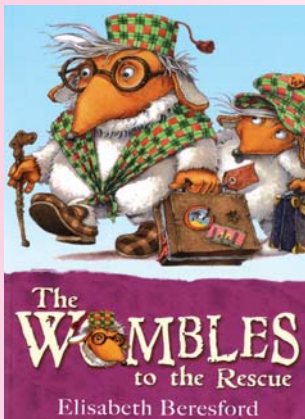
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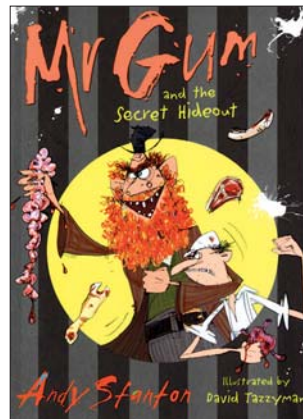
The Wombles to the Rescue

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The Human Beings are cutting down the trees, brambles and flowers on the Common, and the Wombles supplies are running low – even of favourites such as bramble jelly and dandelion buns! The Wombles will need all their ingenuity to find delicious food to eat.

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Andy Stanton

Mr Gum and the Secret Hideout

Good evening. Talking parrots in the rooftops? A giant cactus on the high street? Mosquitoes so nasty that even their own friends don't like them? Something's gone terribly wrong in Lamonic Bibber... and Mr Gum is nowhere to be found.

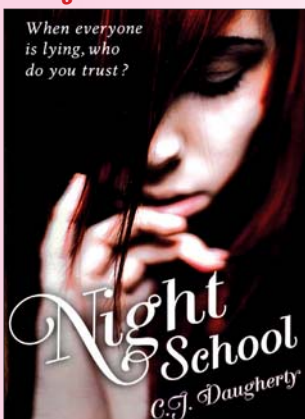
Yes folks, Polly and Friday are facing their biggest challenge yet. So strap yourselves in, cry 'Hi-Ho-Weirdy!' and get ready for an adventure so crazy your feet will melt with happiness! Hooray!

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Night School

Allie's world is falling apart. She hates her school. Her brother has disappeared. She's just been arrested. Again. And now her parents are sending her away.

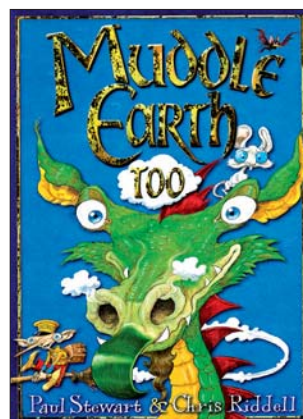
But instead of hating boarding school, Allie is happy. She's making friends. And then there's Carter, a brooding loner with whom she feels an instant connection.

But Cimmeria Academy is no ordinary school. Her classmates – and maybe some of the teachers – are hiding a secret. And soon it begins to feel like a very dangerous place...

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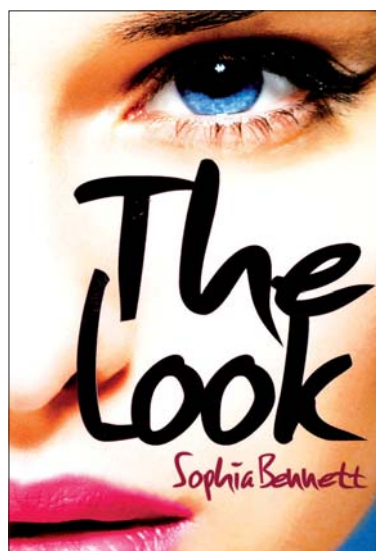
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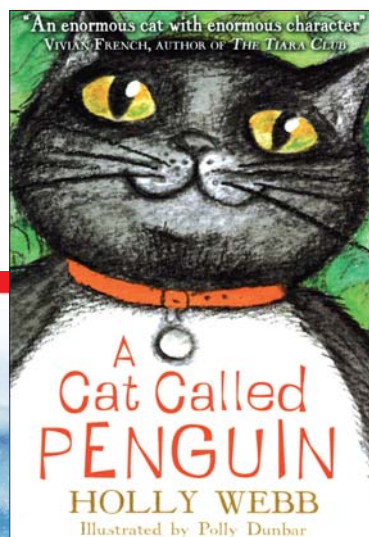
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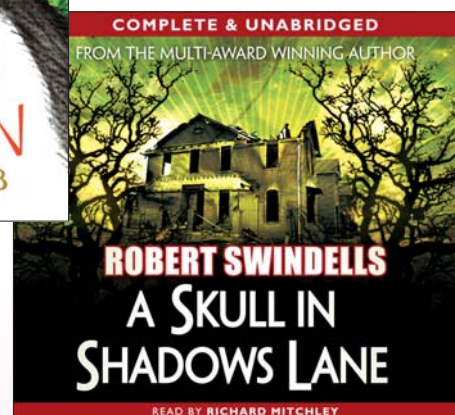


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