

pressPlay Autumn 2008

Hello and welcome to the Autumn edition of *Press Play*, the magazine for members of Young Calibre that tells you about books and reading. The first part gives you some ideas for reading, and the second tells you about the latest titles we have added to the library.

We'd really like to know what you think of *Press Play*, so do phone or email and tell us. You can contact us on enquiries@calibre.org.uk or through the Young Calibre website www.youngcalibre.org.uk

Or you can phone us on 01296 432 339

We wish to welcome a new addition to the team at Young Calibre, Teri Terry, the Young Calibre Development Officer. She has already been busy and writes about her work and the new Young Calibre Reading Awards on page 3.

We hope that you will all find plenty to interest you in the Young Calibre library, and who knows, you might be the next Gold Award winner!

Christine Ronaldson and Denise James

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Choosing books from Young Calibre

If you know which books you want to read just give us a list of at least 50 titles, and keep it topped up, by giving us the Young Calibre book numbers over the phone, by email or by letter.

The following will also help you choose the books you want:

1. Press Play
2. A CD-ROM catalogue to read on your computer
3. The online catalogue at www.calibre.org.uk

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Abbreviations used in our catalogues

Key Stage 1 – books for people up to 7

Key Stage 2 – books for 7 -11 year olds

Key Stage 3 – books for 11 – 14 year olds

Key Stage 4 – books for 14 – 16 year olds

Remember you can choose books from any category, whatever your age.

DY - books available to members with dyslexia

UK - books only available to members within the UK

EU - books available to members within the European Union

X - books not available to members under 16

Time – maximum listening time

Books are available on **MP3 disc** or **Cassette** unless we say 'Cassette only'.

Young Calibre Reading Awards

2008 has been a busy year for Young Calibre! For me, it started on 1 April, with my appointment as Young Calibre Development Officer. Then on 26 June, we had Young Calibre Day. This focused on reading achievements by members like you, with the launch of the Young Calibre Reading Awards. Some members who lived close by received their award certificates in person, presented by author Anne Fine. The rest were posted out soon after.

Congratulations if you have received an award! If not, keep reading, and you will. This is how it works.

The awards are based on how many books you have borrowed from Young Calibre:

- 50 Calibre books or more: Bronze award
- 100 Calibre books or more: Silver award
- 150 Calibre books or more: Gold award

Every three months we will check who has reached these award targets, and send out certificates to honour the achievement.

At Young Calibre Day, Anne Fine inspired a group of YC members with how to get ideas for writing, and talked about her book, **How to Write Really Badly 16327** (KS2).

We were also thrilled to have author Julie Hearn talk about writing her book **Ivy 16671** (KS3 and KS4). Rachael Wing was here, as well: a real inspiration, she wrote her first book, **Star-crossed 16783**, when she was just 15 years old.

Actor Terrence Hardiman – of Demon Headmaster fame – enthralled YC members with his gripping read from **Kit's Wilderness 16175** by David Almond (KS2 and KS3). Richard Ratcliffe was also here and had everyone in stitches, with Morris Gleitzman's **Toad Rage 16143** (KS2), and Brian Patten's

funny poems in **Gargling with Jelly 16023** (KS2). Both Terrence and Richard have recorded over 100 books for Calibre!

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Happy Reading!

Teri Terry
(yes, that really IS my name!)
Young Calibre Development Officer

All That Glitters...

All that glitters may not be gold but in the case of Olympic medals it is the genuine article - and what a hoard we've gathered in Beijing: gold, silver and bronze!

Gold, of course is the **real** big deal, the best, top quality, - although silver comes a close second. Then there's Bronze, definitely worth having if we're talking about medals, but not much of a find when you're looking for buried treasure. We've been digging for gold (and silver) in the library and found some little nuggets.

THE CROCK OF GOLD (15616) by James Stephens (KS4) is a humorous fantasy in which leprechauns wreak revenge on the villagers when they find that their gold has been stolen.

Villagers are also in trouble in **THE GHOST OF GRANIA O'MALLEY** (15916) by Michael Morpurgo (KS1/2). They want to cut off the top of the Big Hill to get at the gold inside; but not if Jake and Jess and the ghost of the pirate queen have anything to do with it. And the Swallows and Amazons are hunting for a lost gold mine in the Lake District in **PIGEON POST** (15757) by Arthur Ransome (KS1/2).

The true story of the discovery of a hoard of Roman silver by a Suffolk ploughman is retold by Roald Dahl in **THE MILDENHALL TREASURE** (16141, KS2). Gordon Butcher was tricked into handing over the find and lost his right to receive the value of it under the ancient laws of treasure trove (that must be as bad as losing your winning lottery ticket!). Talking of tickets what about finding one of the Golden Tickets and winning a tour around Willy Wonka's chocolate factory – every chocaholic's dreammmmm... **CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY** by Roald Dahl (16069, KS2 – Cassette only).

Ancient gold jewellery has a powerful effect on later events in the next two stories. In the **PEACE WEAVERS** (16573) by Julia Jarman (KS3/4) a golden brooch, stolen from a sixth century woman, influences Hilde's feelings about the protests against the Iraq war. A golden Celtic torc, or necklace, brings good and bad fortune to Sean and Annie when they leave famine-stricken Ireland to search for their father in America (**TWIST OF GOLD** 16606 by Michael Morpurgo, KS2/3).

In **THE SILVER SPOON OF SOLOMON SNOW** (16454, KS2) the main character is in search of the silver spoon that was left with him when he was abandoned as a baby, but later pawned by Pa. In **THE SILVER SWORD** by Ian Serrailier (15125, KS2/3) it's a small silver letter opener in the shape of a sword that provides a symbol of hope for three children as they travel through war-torn Europe in a search for their parents. Meanwhile tweenage tearaway Trixie Tempest is looking for a silver cup that her dad won years ago when he was a pupil at Conundrums Academy in **TRIXIE TEMPEST AND THE WITCHES' ACADEMY** (16537, KS2).

A super-race of golden cats, called the Miw, features in **THE CATS OF SEROSTER** (15508, KS2/3) by Robert Westall - a mediaeval fantasy set in France. Descended from the sacred cats of Egypt, these fantastic felines aid the humans in a battle against the forces of evil.

Here are some more gleaming good reads:-

16008 A HANDFUL OF GOLD By Joan Aitken
A fantastic collection of short stories to enjoy.

Key stage 2

16041 MILLY'S GOLDEN GOAL By Harriet Castor
Bestonerff FC are in trouble and need money, but when their Golden Goal trophy is stolen, football fan Milly has a plan.

Key stage 1 & 2

16543 THE KING IN BLOOD RED AND GOLD

By Terry Deary

Will Marsden and his grandfather ride north to Scotland to help a mysterious stranger. Meg, the serving girl, steps in as they are led into danger, in this thrilling Tudor adventure. Key stage 2

16155 A SUDDEN GLOW OF GOLD

By Anne Fine

Sent to tidy his room, Toby finds a brass lamp. When he cleans it out pops Hasan, a genie, who whisks Toby off on his magic carpet. Key stage 2

15782 DRAGONQUEST

By Anne McCaffrey

The bold dragon riders take to the air once more to destroy the deadly silver threads. Book 2 of The Dragonriders of Pern, sequel to 'Dragonflight' (4538). Key stage 3 & 4

15669 THE SILVER CHAIR

By C. S. Lewis

The search for a lost prince takes two children out of Narnia to the ruined city of the ancient giants. Book 6 of THE NARNIA SERIES, sequel to 'The Voyage of the Dawntrader' (3531). Key stage 2 & 3

16318 THE SILVER SWAN

By Michael Morpurgo

One moonlit night a boy sees a swan arrive on a lake near his home. After befriending her he watches through the seasons as she finds a mate and starts a family. Key stage 2

16560 GOLDKEEPER

By Sally Prue

Everyone is surprised when Sebastian is chosen as the High Priest's apprentice at the Temple of Ora, because Sebastian is a bit of a rebel. But although his new life is fun, someone is out to get him. For Sebastian and his pet rat, Gerald, it's time for action as they try and foil the most powerful mob in the city. Key stage 3

15558 JUNGLE SILVER

By H. E. Todd

King Lionel, the lion, calls upon his friends to help him reach a silver ball, with disastrous results!

Key stage 1

15535 GOLDENGROVE

By Jill Paton Walsh

Madge and Paul find their lives are about to change when they spend the summer at their grandmother's house in Cornwall.

Key stage 3

16714 TANGLEWRECK

By Jeanette Winterson

Time is going wrong - moving too fast or too slowly - and the world is in trouble. Silver needs to trace the timekeeper of legend. When Regalia and Abel join the search Silver realises that she is up against two nasty adversaries, as well as time itself, in the race to save the world.

Key stage 3

16541 SILVERFIN

By Charlie Higson

The young James Bond's first adventure takes place at the Highland home of his aunt and uncle; a local laird is carrying out horrific experiments in his castle and has to be stopped. Along the way James tackles some killer eels!

Key stages 2 & 3

Denise James

War Zone

It seems that whenever you turn on the television there is a war going on somewhere in the world. Already this year there has been nearly a month of bloodshed in Kenya, and, while many of us were getting excited about the Olympic Games in China, nearer to home Russian tanks were rolling into the republic of Georgia. As well as this there are the on-going battles in Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, and probably many more.

Wars are fought for various reasons, such as differences in political and religious opinions. They don't just concern the soldiers and military who are trained to fight. It also affects civilians, including huge numbers of children and young people whose lives are disrupted, if not destroyed.

Of course to some people war is the opportunity to have great adventures, and it can be the most exciting time of their lives.

We have a number of books in the Young Calibre library by or about children and young people and their experiences and adventures in wartime. A few feature the First World War (1914-1918) where the fighting was mainly in France and the people at home did not experience too much disruption.

16122 THE BOOK OF THE BANSHEE By Anne Fine

Inspired by a visiting writer and the diary of a young soldier from the trenches, Will decides to become a war correspondent and records his account of the battles with his sister. **KS2 & 3**

16464 PRIVATE PEACEFUL By Michael Morpurgo

Thomas Peaceful is a young soldier looking back at his childhood from the battlefields of the First World War. But even as he remembers how things used to be something happens that will change his life forever. **KS3 & 4**

16373 THE RINALDI RING**By Jenny Nimmo**

After his mother's death, Eliot is sent to stay with his cousins. There he is haunted by Mary-Ellen who was once a prisoner in his very room. People believed that she lost her sanity when her fiance was killed in the First World War. Eliot is determined to find out about her and right a terrible wrong! **KS2 & 3**

16548 THE FORESHADOWING**By Marcus Sedgewick**

Seventeen-year-old Sasha's gift of being able to see into the future shows her the horrors of the battlefields of the First World War, and worst of all the fate of her two brothers, Edgar and Tom. Sasha is forced to flee from her over-protective parents to become a nurse at the front. There she tries to change the path of fate. **KS4**

In 1936 a civil war started in Spain, and many young people from other countries volunteered to fight with the Republican forces against the Fascists who were supported by Germany and Italy.

16476 TELL THE MOON TO COME OUT**By Joan Lingard**

Nick's father left Scotland to fight in the Civil War in Spain, and never came back. In 1939 Nick travels to Spain in search of his father, but this is a dangerous country especially for a boy with no papers. When he is ill Isabel offers to help him, but can he trust her? **KS3**

In 1939 the government of Germany became very aggressive to its neighbours in Europe and gradually many countries were involved in the Second World War that was to last six years. This time civilians in England were directly affected because of the bombing campaigns by the German Luftwaffe (Air Force).

15764 PAPER FACES**By Rachel Anderson**

May 1945 and the end of World War 2 means the return of a father, and for Dot a new way of life. **KS4**

15542 CARRIE'S WAR **By Nina Bawden**
When Carrie returns to Wales where she was evacuated as a child in World War II, her children learn about the fascinating people she knew and her life as an evacuee. **KS2**

15949 THE LITTLE SHIPS **By Louise Borden**
In May 1940 when British troops were trapped in France by the German army, an incredible armada of little ships sailed the English Channel to rescue them. **KS1**

16148 HANNAH GOSLAR REMEMBERS **By Alison Leslie Gold**
Hannah Goslar is already known to many of us as 'Haneli' or 'Lies' from the writings of her childhood friend Anne Frank. Here Hannah tells of her own wartime experiences with Anne, and after Anne's family disappeared. **KS4**

16177 THE LION AND THE UNICORN **By Shirley Hughes**
London is being bombed and is dangerous so Lenny is evacuated to the country. 'Be brave' said his mother, but it's hard to be brave when you feel lonely and unhappy! **KS1 & 2**

16149 WHEN HITLER STOLE PINK RABBIT **By Judith Kerr**
When Anna's father flees Germany in the dead of night it must be kept a secret. Two weeks later as the Nazis come to power Anna, Max and their mother secretly join him in Switzerland. This is the start of their adventures. **KS2 & 3**

16296 ANNE FRANK'S STORY **By Carol Ann Lee**
Anne Frank's name is known throughout the world as the author of a famous wartime diary. This is the story of Anne's life before and after writing the diary. **KS2 & 3**

15521 THERE'S NO ESCAPE **By Ian Serraillier**
A parachute drop into enemy territory in World War II leads to a thrilling adventure and dramatic rescue. **KS2 & 3**

16694 HITLER'S CANARY

By Sandi Toksvig

When the Germans invade Denmark, Bamse doesn't know how he should behave. Should he try to stay out of trouble or should he follow his brother into the resistance? A dramatic tale of a daring rescue.

KS3 & 4

15644 THE KINGDOM BY THE SEA

By Robert Westall

After his parents are killed in World War 2, 12 year-old Harry and his dog set off on an incredible journey.

KS2 & 3

Since the end of the Second World War in 1945 there have been many other wars and we have a few books covering these conflicts.

16266 THE BREADWINNER

By Deborah Ellis

In Afghanistan, Parvana's father has been arrested by the Taliban and by law the women cannot leave home alone. When the food runs out Parvana pretends to be a boy. It is dangerous but the only way to save the family.

KS3 & 4

16383 PARVANA'S JOURNEY

By Deborah Ellis

Sequel to 'The Breadwinner'. Disguised as a boy, thirteen year old Parvana journeys through Afghanistan searching for her mother, sisters and brother. Trying to avoid Taliban soldiers and other dangers, she befriends an orphaned baby and a crippled boy, but will they help or hamper her search?

KS3 & 4

15789 ZLATA'S DIARY

By Zlata Filipovic

Zlata was 11 years old when she wrote about her life in Sarajevo and the dramatic changes brought about by war.

KS3

15707 GULF

By Robert Westall

The extraordinary story of two brothers pitched into a battle in the Gulf War that only they can win or lose.

KS4

Christine Ronaldson

The Beautiful Game - and more!

With the new football season underway and after a wonderfully sporting summer we thought we would pick out some books on the 'beautiful game' and others on a sporting theme.

Did you know that the phrase 'the beautiful game' for association football was first used by the famous Brazilian midfield player Didi, who played in the winning World Cup team in 1958 and 1962? It was also used in the title of Pele's autobiography **PELE: MY LIFE AND THE BEAUTIFUL GAME** (1770) which is in the adult library (Cassette only).

Getting into the school team is the aim of the game in two books by Harriet Castor. In **MILLY OF THE ROVERS** (16040 KS1/2) the main character has a killer left foot, but, she can't tell her left from her right! Milly has a plan that will help her get back on the school team as well as find a missing trophy in **MILLY'S GOLDEN GOAL** (16041 KS 1/2).

The trouble with star striker Billy Gray is that he's too busy taking ballet lessons to play football. Can he be persuaded to join the school team? Find out by reading **HOW WE GOT BACK INTO THE INTER-SCHOOLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION** (16102 KS2).

Some people will do anything to get into the team; take 11-year-old football mad Stanley for example in **THE TRANSFER** (15984 KS2) by Terence Blacker. Using his mum's computer programme he creates Lazlo, a football genius, to help his beloved team City avoid relegation. Things go wrong when he turns **himself** into Lazlo and can't get back into his own body.

A team of 12-year-old footballers is trapped in a team photograph in 1942 in **ABE'S TEAM** (16390 KS3) by Will Gatti. When Abe sets them free he finds himself with a team who look like 50-year-old men but are still boys at heart. An 80-year-old footballer, **BILLY THE KID**, features in Michael Morpurgo's book of the same name (16161 KS1/2). In his youth Billy scored goals for Chelsea then the Second World War came along and life was never the same again.

TROUBLEMAKERS (16218 KS3) is a book with excellent match play descriptions which also deals with the bad side of football – racist hooligans. While **EXTRA TIME** (16222 KS2) and **HERE WE GO** (16095 KS3) combine football and dating.

Finally, here are some more titles on a sporting theme:

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| MAN IN MOTION | By Jan Mark | 15850 |
| BREAK POINT | By Rosie Rushton | 16389 |
| LIFT OFF | By Hazel Townson | 16164 |
| THE DARE GAME | By Jacqueline Wilson | 16183 |

Denise James

My Family

You can choose your friends but you can't choose your relations. This is an old saying, yet how true it is.

If you could choose your family would you want to stay with the one you have or do you think it would be more fun to live with other people? Would you want a ghastly granny, a crummy mummy, an illustrated mum, or a mum who is about to explode? Tracy Beaker, who lives in a children's home would be happy to just have her own mum around.

Not everyone has a family who loves them; some children have mean and cruel families. Just look at the Baudelaire children in the books by Lemony Snicket – they have horrible Count Otto for an uncle!

There are a lot of books in Young Calibre's library about families, some who are nice and kind, some who are very, very strange and others who are plain nasty. Perhaps some of these will show you that your own family is just normal – embarrassing maybe – but normal!

15710 WHEN MUM WENT TO WORK By Rachel Anderson
With both parents working, Jessica, Ollie and baby Harry have to adapt to a new way of life with surprising results. **KS1 & 2**

16216 AWFUL END By Philip Ardagh
Book 1 of the 'Eddie Dickens' trilogy. Eddie's parents have caught a dread disease so he is sent to live with relatives. Unfortunately these relatives are Mad Uncle Jack and Aunt Maud of Awful End. **KS1 & 2**

16346 DREADFUL ACTS **By Philip Ardagh**
Book 2 in 'Eddie Dickens' trilogy: Sequel to 'Awful Acts'. Eddie Dickens avoids being blown up, trampled by horses, hit by a hot air balloon and arrested only to end up in the hands of some escaped convicts with a 'little job' for him to do. **KS1 & 2**

16427 TERRIBLE TIMES **By Philip Ardagh**
Book 3 in the 'Eddie Dickens' Trilogy. Sequel to Dreadful Acts. Poor Eddie Dickens is back for another helping of mishaps and mayhem. Will he ever be able to live happily ever after? **KS1 & 2**

16512 PARENT SWAP **By Terence Blacker**
12-year old Danny has a messed up life. Since his Mum left home he lives with his has-been rock star Dad, who now watches TV all day. When he hears about ParentSwap he is very willing to give it a go. **KS2 & 3**

16101 GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE **By Roald Dahl**
George decides to cure his cantankerous old grandmother with amazing results. A very funny book. **KS1 & 2**

16251 MATILDA **By Roald Dahl**
Matilda is a very gifted 5-year old. Misunderstood by her parents, she uses her special psychic powers to get her revenge. **KS2**

15972 CARE OF HENRY **By Anne Fine**
Hugo has to choose who to stay with while his mother's having a baby. But who will care for him and his dog, Henry. **KS1**

15932 CRUMMY MUMMY AND ME **By Anne Fine**
It is not easy for sensible Minna to have an eccentric mother with a punk boy-friend. **Cassette Only** **KS2**

16058 THE GRANNY PROJECT

By Anne Fine

Granny is a bit dotty, sometimes grumpy and lives in the family home. But when their mother and father decide to put her into a home, the children devise a plan to help Gran. **KS2**

16356 PRESS PLAY

By Anne Fine

When Mum isn't there to get Nicky, Tasha and Little Joe off to school one morning they find a strange note on top of the tape player. It says 'Press Play'. The children have to follow Mum's simple instructions with hilarious results.

Cassette Only.

KS1 & 2

16704 THE FAMILY FROM ONE END STREET **By Eve Garnett**

The Ruggles family may be poor, but they still know how to have fun. Each of the seven children, from capable Lily Rose right down to baby William, is lovable, and interesting. This classic family story won the Carnegie Medal in 1937. **KS2 & 3**

15755 GEORGE SPEAKS

By Dick King-Smith

George looks like an ordinary baby but his sister, Laura, soon discovers he is extraordinary.

KS2

16044 ANASTASIA KRUPNIK

By Lois Lowry

Anastasia often feels swamped by her family, but after the arrival of a baby brother serious action is called for! **KS2**

15843 RAGS AND RICHES

By Joan Lingard

Modern Granny keeps her daughter's batty family on the right track in this entertaining and humorous book. **KS2**

16201 THE GHASTLY GRANNY

By J J Murhall

As the new World Warriors get used to their super hero powers, they have to deal with an emergency in the shape of Ma Vile!

KS1 & 2

16203 THE TERRIBLE TODDLER

By J J Murhall

Hodge the Little Horror is even more scary than Vince Vile, but the Magnificent Misfits are keeping an eye on him! **KS1 & 2**

16293 MY MUM'S GOING TO EXPLODE By **Jeremy Strong**
Nicholas's mum is going to have a baby and its making her do some very strange things. First she eats nothing but sausages, then it's nappy changing races. The family is turned upside down, but there is an even bigger shock to come. **KS1**

16521 CANDYFLOSS By **Jacqueline Wilson**
Floss, whose parents have split up, has to choose between them when her mum plans to move to Australia. She decides to stay with her dad, and things muddle along well enough until he loses his business and they become homeless. Will their friends at the fairground be able to help them? **KS2**

16108 THE ILLUSTRATED MUM By **Jacqueline Wilson**
Most people think that Marigold is a dreadful mother, but Star and Dol think that their tattoo covered mum is the best in the world. **KS2**

16224 LIZZIE ZIPMOUTH By **Jacqueline Wilson**
Lizzie doesn't want a new family, so when she and her Mum move in with Sam, Rory and Jake she decides not to speak to ANYONE. Until she meets someone more stubborn than she is! **Cassette only.** **KS1 & 2**

15974 THE LOTTIE PROJECT By **Jacqueline Wilson**
Charlotte learns to deal with her own family problems by discovering Lottie in a history project - a girl whose life in Victorian England was really hard. **KS2**

16275 THE STORY OF TRACY BEAKER By **Jacqueline Wilson**
Meet Tracy Beaker, a lively ten year old who lives in a Children's Home. She dreams of having a real home and a real family one day. **KS2**

Christine Ronaldson

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Books are published on MP3 disk and Cassette

Key Stage 1

16784 IVY COTTAGE

Walker Books 1984

By E.J. Taylor

Reader Nancy Gower

Miss Biscuit, a nanny, decides to retire to Ivy Cottage in the country, taking with her Violet Pickles, a rag doll. Violet is scared of the countryside so Miss Biscuit makes her a friend, another rag doll - Ruby Buttons.

Time 45mins

EU Only

16785 GOOSE EGGS

Walker Books 1984

By E.J. Taylor

Reader Nancy Gower

Violet Pickles is not very pleased when her friend, Ruby Buttons, turns their bedroom at Ivy Cottage into a home for sick animals.

Time 50mins

EU Only

16786 RAG DOLL PRESS

Walker Books 1985

By E.J. Taylor

Reader Nancy Gower

When Violet Pickles and Ruby Buttons start a newspaper an unusual adventure provides an amazing front-page story!

Time 50 mins

EU Only

16787 THE THORN WITCH

Walker Books 1985

By E.J. Taylor

Reader Nancy Gower

When Ruby and Violet set off for a fancy dress party, an unexpected encounter with the Thorn Witch takes them into a strange underground world.

Time 45 mins

EU Only

16788 CHRISTMAS AT IVY COTTAGE By E.J. Taylor
Walker Books 1991 Reader Nancy Gower

Christmas promises to be a lovely time at Ivy Cottage for Ruby Buttons, Violet Pickles and Miss Biscuit. When they find out that their friend Annie's mother is ill they decide to share their Christmas with Annie and her family.

Time 45 mins EU Only

Key Stage 2

16658 EMILY WINDSNAP AND THE MONSTER FROM THE DEEP By Liz Kessler

BBC Audio 2005 Reader Finty Williams

Sequel to 'The Tail of Emily Windsnap' (16657). To Emily Windsnap - half mermaid, half human - her new home is perfect. Unfortunately that all changes when she wakes a sea monster from its one hundred-year sleep.

Time 4hrs 35mins EU Only

16718 FLYTE By Angie Sage
Bloomsbury 2006 Reader Tony Lister

Sequel to Magyk (16717). A year after Septimus Heap discovered his real family and true purpose in life, he has to gather all his courage to outwit evil necromancer DomDaniel before it is too late. The Princess has been kidnapped and Darke things are afoot.

Time 12hrs 0mins EU Only

16771 THE GRIM GROTTTO By Lemony Snicket
Egmont 2004 Reader Terrence Hardiman

Sequel to 'The Slippery Slope' (16774). The eleventh book and the Baudelaire siblings encounter an unpleasant amount of dampness as they descend into the depths of despair, underwater.

Time 5hrs 45mins EU only

16556 THE KEY TO THE INDIAN By Lynne Reid Banks
BBC Audio 1999 Reader Lynne Reid Banks

The fifth title in this series about Omri and his plastic North American Indian Little Bull. Omri and his father travel back in time to find Little Bull and his people in deep trouble, torn between staying in the West and facing extinction or starting a long trek to a new life in Canada.

Time 4hrs 30mins EU Only

16717 MAGYK By Angie Sage
Bloomsbury 2006 Reader Tony Lister

In the first book of the Septimus Heap series a baby boy dies at birth, a baby girl is found in the snow and the evil necromancer DomDaniel is plotting his comeback. So begins a spellbinding adventure of magyk, mayhem and confused identity.

Time 12hrs 45mins EU Only

16748 PHYSIK By Angie Sage
Bloomsbury 2007 Reader Tony Lister

Sequel to Flyte (16718). The ghost of Queen Ethelreda, who lived 500 years earlier, is released when Silas Heap unseals a forgotten room in the palace. The Queen has a diabolical plan to achieve everlasting life, a plan that relies on Jenna's co-operation.

Time 12hrs 45mins EU Only

16767 RUBIES IN THE SNOW By Kate Hubbard
Short Books 2007 Reader Patricia Knight-Webb

The fictional diaries of the Grand Duchess Anastasia, the youngest daughter of Tsar Nicholas II of Russia. The diary begins in June 1911, on Anastasia's tenth birthday. From a life of parties, ice skating and fun her world changes forever in the years leading up to the Russian Revolution.

Time 5hrs 45mins EU Only

**16659 SAM HAWKINS PIRATE DETECTIVE AND THE POINTY
HEAD LIGHTHOUSE** **By Ian Billings**
BBC Audio 2005 **Reader Robert Llewellyn**

Sam Hawkins thought he was a successful pirate detective after his discovery of the Cutglass Cutlass. Since then he has had a quiet time, until there is a knock at the door - the Pointy Head Lighthouse has been stolen.

Time 4hr 58mins EU Only

16774 THE SLIPPERY SLOPE **By Lemony Snicket**
Egmont 2004 **Reader Gareth Cooper**

Sequel to 'The Carnivorous Carnival' (16486). The tenth book of the series is too miserable to give you any information.

Time 4hrs 20mins EU Only

16657 THE TAIL OF EMILY WINDSNAP **By Liz Kessler**
BBC Audio 2004 **Reader Finty Williams**

Although Emily Windsnap lives on a boat her mother is anxious to keep her from the water. But when Mom finally agrees to let her take swimming lessons, Emily makes a startling discovery about her own identity. Why is she so happy under the water? Does she belong in this world? Is this where she will discover the mysteries of the father she's never met?

Time 4hrs 36mins EU Only

Key Stage 3

16720 BREATHE

Orion 2006

By Cliff McNish

Reader Edward Peel

Jack and his mother move to an old house after the death of his father. There Jack encounters the ghosts of four children and the powerful Ghost Mother who is set on having him for herself. Not for the faint-hearted!

Time 7hrs 0mins EU Only

16773 THE FRIENDS

Puffin 1999

By Rosa Guy

Reader Rosemary Cross

An outsider in a new school Phyllisia is bullied. Although desperately needing a friend she is not sure about Edith as she is very scruffy. Will a common tragedy change that feeling?

Time 6hrs 0mins EU Only

16768 GATTY'S TALE

Orion 2006

By Kevin Crossley-Holland

Reader Grace Dives

A vivid and realistic picture of life and times in 13th century Europe. Gatty, a village girl, sets off on a crusade to Jerusalem in the footsteps of her childhood friend and hero, Arthur.

Time 11hrs 35mins EU Only

16765 GIDEON THE CUTPURSE

Simon & Schuster 2006

By Linda Buckley-Archer

Reader Terrence Hardiman

Peter and Kate are transported back to the 18th century by an anti-gravity machine, during a visit to a lab. Gideon, a reformed cutpurse (pickpocket), comes to their aid when the Tar Man steals the anti-gravity machine, leaving them stranded in another time.

Time 12hrs 0mins EU Only

16782 LORD OF THE FLIES**By William Golding**

Faber 1996

Reader Tony Lister

A plane crashes on a desert island and a group of schoolboys, the only survivors, wait to be rescued. At night they are all haunted by dreams of a terrifying beast. Gradually their dreams and behaviour change into something more primitive and savage.

Time 7hrs

EU Only

16772 MADDIGAN'S FANTASIA**By Margaret Mahy**

Faber 2006

Reader Pat Steadman

When three strange children join Maddigan's Fantasia, the greatest circus in the world, twelve-year-old Garland Maddigan finds herself on a terrifying adventure. She is taken into a world of underground tunnels, the land of the Witch Finder and through time itself.

Time 19hrs 5mins EU Only

16766 THE PALACE OF LAUGHTER**By Jon Berkeley**

Simon & Schuster 2006

Reader Richard Simpson

Miles, an orphan who lives in a barrel, watches as the Circus Oscuro rolls into town in the dead of night; a circus like no other with its strange caged animals, sinister clowns and an unusual girl with wings called Little.

Time 10hrs 30mins

EU Only

16778 SECRET OF THE SIRENS

OUP 2006

By Julia Golding**Reader Judy Franklin**

Connie can communicate with animals, but will her gift allow her to help the secret society that for centuries has been protecting the mythical creatures that still exist? The Sirens are once again using their deadly song to lure humans to their death, but why?

Time 9hrs 20mins

EU Only

16780 STARRING SALLY J. FREEMAN AS HERSELF

Piper 1988

By Judy Blume**Reader Rosemary Cross**

Sally likes to star in her own daydreams. Spending winter in the Florida sunshine, away from her father, friends and nice home seems gloomy. Worst of all, although it is 1947 she believes Adolf Hitler is living in the same apartment block.

Time 6hrs 50mins

EU Only

16777 STRAVAGANZA: CITY OF FLOWERS **By Mary Hoffman**

Bloomsbury 2006

Reader Tony Lister

Book 3 of the Stravaganza series. Sequel to Stravaganza: City of Stars (16498). Sky is transported to the Talian equivalent of Florence, Italy, into the midst of a bloody feud between the rival di Chimici and Nucci families.

Time 13hrs 30mins

EU Only

16716 THE WITCH'S BOY

Simon & Schuster 2006

By Michael Gruber**Reader Andrew Burt**

When Lump, the ugliest boy in the world, is abandoned in the forest as a baby, he is taken in by a witch and, surprisingly, grows up in a loving and magical home. But one day he has to face the real world, a world of cruelty and rejection.

Time 9hrs 30mins

EU Only

Key Stage 4

16760 THE GROWING PAINS OF ADRIAN MOLE

By Sue Townsend

BBC Audiobooks 1999 Reader Nicholas Barnes

Following *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole (15188)*, this is another hilarious account of adolescence and puberty seen through the eyes of Adrian Mole.

Time 7hrs 0mins EU Only

16569 PERSUASION

By Jane Austen

BBC Audio 2001

Reader Anna Massey

Anne Elliot is the woman who reluctantly turns away the love of her life on the advice of her family as he is poor and won't be able to support her. They meet unexpectedly and she realizes that Captain Wentworth, now wealthy, has still not forgiven her.

Time 7hrs 30mins EU Only

16719 PIGTOPIA

By Kitty Fitzgerald

Faber 2006

Reader Kay Morrison

An unlikely friendship develops between Jack, an older man shunned for his physical deformities, and Holly a lonely adolescent. Their world, in which Jack secretly rears pigs, comes under threat of destruction in this tale of the redemptive power of friendship.

Time 9hrs 45mins EU Only

16781 PRETTIES

By Scott Westerfeld

Simon & Schuster 2006

Reader Katherine Shaw

Tally is beautiful, her clothes are "cool" and her boyfriend is gorgeous. Her life is non stop parties, luxury and total freedom. Then a message from her past arrives and the fun stops!

Time 8hrs 30mins EU Only

16570 PRIDE AND PREJUDICE**By Jane Austen**

BBC Audio 2002

Reader Irene Sutcliffe

Mrs Bennet's mission in life is to see all five of her daughters married, so the arrival of the wealthy young Charles Bingley, and his friend Mr Darcy, in the neighbourhood causes a great stir in the Bennet household.

Time 13hrs 30mins EU Only

16770 THE REMARKABLE LIFE AND TIMES OF ELIZA ROSE**By Mary Hooper**

Bloomsbury 2006

Reader Rosemary Graham

Eliza Rose goes to London after being thrown out by her stepmother. She is befriended by Nelly Gwynn who introduces her to the court of Charles II where she falls in love with Valentine Howard. Unfortunately she is a lowly maid and he an aristocrat.

Time 10hrs 30mins EU Only

16779 RESISTANCE**By Craig Simpson**

Corgi 2007

Reader Richard Simpson

Brothers Marek and Olaf are forced to witness the arrest of their father by the Gestapo. When their plan for revenge goes drastically wrong they are forced to seek refuge in the frozen Norwegian wilderness.

Time 10hrs 30mins EU Only

16783 STAR-CROSSED**By Rachael Wing**

Scholastic 2007

Reader Rosemary Cross

Your dream has come true and you are offered the lead part in the school's production of Romeo and Juliet. The trouble is that Romeo is the one guy you'd like to see dead. But this is your dream and nothing, nothing, is going to stand in your way!

Time 5hrs 30mins EU Only

16769 TO KILL A MOCKING BIRD

By Harper Lee

Vintage 1998

Reader Virginia Walshaw

This Pulitzer Prize winning novel, first published in 1960, and set in the Deep South during the Depression, is a tale of racial inequality seen through the eyes of six-year-old Scout Finch, whose father Atticus agrees to defend a black man accused of raping a white girl.

Time 10hrs 15mins EU Only

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