

pressPlay spring 2008

Hello and welcome to the latest 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 half 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.

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2008 is the **National Year of Reading**, which aims to celebrate reading for pleasure. All over the country libraries and other organisations will be holding events from April to December. So why don't you find out what is happening in your area, and join in?

Whatever your age we hope that you will find something to enjoy in the Young Calibre library, especially during National Year of Reading.

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:

- Phone, email or letter giving us the Calibre book numbers

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

1. Press Play and also our older print catalogues
2. A CD-ROM catalogue to read on your computer
3. The online catalogue at www.calibre.org.uk

Ordering books online (www.youngcalibre.org.uk)

Go to the Members Only section of the website and fill in the form to request a password. Once you've got your password you can choose your own reading list from the catalogue.

For further help with choosing books contact Calibre (details on back cover) or log onto the Young Calibre website.

Abbreviations used in our catalogues

Key Stage 1 – books for people up to 7

Key Stage 2 – books for 7 to 11 year olds

Key Stage 3 – books for 11 to 14 year olds

Key Stage 4 – books for 14 to 16 year olds

DY – books available to people with dyslexia

MP3 – books available in digital MP3 format

UK – books 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

Little People - Big Ideas

Little people come in all shapes and sizes - fairies and elves, goblins and gnomes, dolls that come alive, and folk as small as your hand. Where do they live? Some make their homes behind the skirting boards, or in the branches of a tree at the bottom of the garden. Some are just like us, some have special powers and love to be helpful, and others are just downright nasty!

Lilac Peabody is as small and shimmery as a dragonfly and definitely one of the helpful kind. When Sam has no new friends in his new school to invite to his birthday party Lilac appears. **LILAC PEABODY AND SAM SPARKS 16584** (KS1 & KS2).

In the Enchanted Forest stands the enormous Magic Faraway Tree (KS1 & KS2). **Enid Blyton's** fairy folk who live in its branches are Angry Pixie, who hates nosey people peeking into his house, and Silky, the fairy with the shiny hair. Three children who live nearby have lots of adventures in the magic lands that appear at the top of the tree.

THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE	16265
THE FOLK OF THE FARAWAY TREE	16264
THE FARAWAY TREE ADVENTURE	16320

When the three Grace children move to the rundown Spiderwick Estate they find a field guide to faeries. They soon begin to realise that the estate is infested with them - some good and some bad. Learn more about Brownies, Boggarts, Goblins, Hobgoblins, Sprites and Elves in The Spiderwick Chronicles (KS2) by **Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi**, but beware – some faeries would rather you didn't read the books and find out all about the Faery World.

THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES 1 & 2	16515
THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES 3 & 4	16516

There are more fearsome little people in **THE PRINCESS AND THE GOBLIN 15392** (KS1 & KS2), where evil goblins living in underground caverns plot to kidnap a princess. This story, originally published in 1872, supposedly influenced the young JRR Tolkien.

Another nasty piece of work is the Queen of the Fairies, who kidnaps Tiffany's little brother in Terry Pratchett's **THE WEE FREE MEN 16457** (KS2 & KS3). Along with the Nac Mac Feegle, an army of fighting, thieving, blue-skinned picties, Tiffany sets off to the rescue.

Criminal mastermind **Artemis Fowl** (KS2 & KS3) discovers the existence of fairies, and even manages to kidnap one, in the first book of the series by **Eoin Colfer**. But the fairies are not going to take it lying down: they launch an attack against the 'Mud Man' (their name for humans). Other fairy folk you can expect to meet in the series are Mulch Diggums the flatulent dwarf, and a host of goblins, trolls and demons.

ARTEMIS FOWL 16208

THE ARCTIC INCIDENT 16331

THE ETERNITY CODE 16395

THE OPAL DECEPTION 16534

There are trolls aplenty in **Katherine Langrish's** Troll Trilogy (KS2 & KS3) – set in Viking times. Peer's uncles are planning to give him to the trolls but not if his friends Hilde and Nis, the little house spirit, have anything to do with it!

TROLL FELL

16451

TROLL MILL

16506

TROLL BLOOD

coming soon

Some little people are humans in miniature, like the Borrowers, who inhabit the world of 'Human Beans'. For them being tiny is a serious business. In the first book of the series by **Mary Norton** (KS1 & KS2), Pod, Homily and their daughter Arietty live hidden beneath the kitchen floor, borrowing things from the humans, until one day Pod is seen while on a borrowing expedition. Their adventures continue with the family living in a lost boot; taking up residence in a floating teakettle when they are swept away in a flood; and escaping from an attic in which they have been imprisoned for a whole winter.

THE BORROWERS	15010
THE BORROWERS AFIELD	15011
THE BORROWERS AFLOAT	16140
THE BORROWERS AVENGED	15514

The tiny Minpins of the Forest of Sin live in fear too - not of the humans, but of the Red-Hot Smoke-Belching Gruncher – until Little Billy rids them of their tormentor in the last book that Roald Dahl wrote - **THE MINPINS 15690** (KS1).

Another miniature human is Mrs Pepperpot. She has lots of adventures when she finds herself shrunk to the size of a – well, a pepper pot, in **LITTLE OLD MRS PEPPERPOT 15032** (KS1). And sometimes being tiny is positively useful as Mrs Pepperpot discovers in **MRS PEPPERPOT TO THE RESCUE 15032**.

Dolls are little people too ... The two little Japanese dolls, **MISS HAPPINESS AND MISS FLOWER 15941** (KS1), help Nona get used to her new home in chilly England. As Nona makes them a perfect house with a tiny Japanese garden, to remind them of home, she herself begins to feel happier. The tiny doll in **THE LITTLE GIRL AND THE TINY DOLL 15428** (KS1) is unhappy too, she lives in a supermarket deep freeze and only has packets of frozen food for company – until the little girl comes along.

Two little rag dolls live with Miss Biscuit, a retired nanny, in the Ivy Cottage series by **E J Taylor** (KS1). In the first book Violet Pickles is not happy with the move to a new cottage in the country, so Miss Biscuit makes her a new companion – Ruby Buttons. But the dolls are not the best of friends in the second story when Ruby turns their bedroom into a home for sick animals. Things take a bad turn when Ruby and Violet are captured and taken to a strange underground world in the Thorn Witch. We have five Ivy Cottage books for you to enjoy:

IVY COTTAGE 16109

GOOSE EGGS 16110

RAG DOLL PRESS 16111

THE THORN WITCH 16112

CHRISTMAS AT IVY COTTAGE 16113

So, do **you** believe in fairies? *'If you believe, clap your hands; don't let Tink die.'* as Peter says in **Peter Pan & Wendy 16243** (KS2).

Denise James

Schools with a difference

Most people spend a few years at school and for some these are the best years of their lives, whilst others can't wait to leave. Perhaps if all schools were as exciting as some we read about, then no-one would ever want to leave!

Probably the most famous school at the moment is Hogwarts where Harry Potter and his friends Ron and Hermione are students. These books need little introduction and we have all seven titles available in Young Calibre.

HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE	15990
HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS	16125
HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN	16151
HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE	16123
HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX	16371
HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE	16472
HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS	16699

Of course Hogwarts isn't the only school of the magical arts. **Jill Murphy** wrote about Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, where Mildred Hubble is not the most successful student, in the Worst Witch Series (KS1 & KS2).

THE WORST WITCH	15498
THE WORST WITCH STRIKES AGAIN	15498
THE WORST WITCH ALL AT SEA	15777

Charlie Bone is just an ordinary 10-year old who suddenly starts to hear the voices of people in photographs. Because of this he is sent to the Bloors Academy for the Gifted, in **Jenny Nimmo's** Red King Series (KS3), where he has some interesting times!

MIDNIGHT FOR CHARLIE BONE	16323
CHARLIE BONE AND THE TIME TWISTER	16387
THE BLUE BOA	16403
THE CASTLE OF MIRRORS	16477
CHARLIE BONE AND THE HIDDEN KING	16549
CHARLIE BONE AND THE WILDERNESS WOLF	16672

Another unusual school is the Angel Academy (KS1). In this series by **Kate Tym**, Mo, Colin and their friends learn all about being little angels – how to fly, how to help people and how to stay out of sight!

ANGELS DOWN BELOW	16180
ANGELS UNDER COVER	16181
ANGELS UNDERWAY	16182

Not all schools are for witches, wizards, gifted pupils or angels, some are for ordinary pupils who sometimes get up to some unusual antics. **Jamie Rix** writes about Alistair Fury, an 11-year-old boy who wants justice and revenge for younger brothers. His campaigns are described in his War Diaries (KS2).

EXAM FEVER	16504
THE KISS OF DEATH	16505
SUMMER HELLIDAY	16507

Louis Sacher, an award-winning American author, writes about young people in America and some of the problems they experience. A number of his books have a school setting and are written for a teenaged audience (KS3 & KS4).

HOLES	16166
DOGS DON'T TELL JOKES	16397
THERE'S A BOY IN THE GIRLS' BATHROOM	16494

Imagine going to a school where it is the staff, not the students, who cause pandemonium. Class three of St Barnabas School await their new teacher with trepidation - in walks Ms Wiz and nothing is quite the same again. Read **Terence Blacker's** books about Ms Wiz (KS1 & KS2) and discover what her special powers are! Here is a selection of the stories available from Young Calibre.

MS WIZ SPELLS TROUBLE	16015
YOU'RE NICKED, MS WIZ	16017
MS WIZ GOES LIVE	16019
MS WIZ LOVES DRACULA	16261

Dinah is very excited about living with a new foster family and starting a new school. She is shocked when she gets to school as all the children are so well behaved – robots almost. At assembly she realises that the Headmaster is hypnotising most of the pupils, but how and why? In the series of books about the Demon Headmaster by **Gillian Cross** (KS2 & KS3), Dinah and her foster-brothers find themselves investigating their head teacher.

THE DEMON HEADMASTER	15951
THE DEMON HEADMASTER STRIKES AGAIN	15992
THE PRIME MINISTER'S BRAIN	16313

Anne Fine's stories are very popular, some are written for teenagers whilst others are aimed at younger children. Many of her books are about school life, and some are very funny. Anne recorded many of her books herself for Young Calibre members to enjoy.

THE ANGEL OF NITSHILL ROAD (KS1 & KS2)	15753
BILL'S NEW FROCK (KS2)	16119
FLOUR BABIES (KS3)	15740
SAME OLD STORY EVERY YEAR (KS2 & KS3)	16115

If you would prefer to read about the schooldays of your grandparents you might like to read **Anthony Buckeridge's** books about Jennings and his friend Derbyshire (KS2). You might be surprised, your sensible grandparents – and parents - could be naughty kids too.

JENNINGS AGAIN	15659
JENNINGS AND DERBYSHIRE	15027

Choose some of these books and experience schools that are very different from your own!

Christine Ronaldson

Once Upon A Time-Traveller

Ever since HG Wells wrote **THE TIME MACHINE 15853** (KS4) in 1895, time travel has been a popular theme in children's fiction. Even before then Charles Dickens was tormenting poor old Scrooge with visions of the past and the future in **A CHRISTMAS CAROL 575** and Mark Twain had a nineteenth century American transported back to AD 528 and the court of King Arthur in **A CONNECTICUT YANKEE AT KING ARTHUR'S COURT 4273**.

Often time travellers find themselves transported to historical times very different to our own where computers were brains and blackberries were something you ate:

In **KING OF SHADOWS 16245** (KS2) by **Susan Cooper**, Nat, a young actor at the Globe Theatre is transported back to the time of Shakespeare as he lies suffering from bubonic plague in a modern day hospital. Tolly returns to his ancestral home, Green Knowe, where he encounters three of his ancestors who lived during the reign of Charles II in **THE CHILDREN OF GREEN KNOWE 15379** (KS2 & KS3) by Lucy M. Boston. Peter and Kate find themselves catapulted back to the eighteenth century and befriended by a reformed cut-purse (thief) when a trip to a laboratory goes very wrong in **GIDEON THE CUTPURSE** by **Linda Buckley-Archer** (KS3 coming soon).

In **THE STOVE HAUNTING 16664** (KS2) Daniel is drawn back to his previous existence as a kitchen skivvy in the time of the Tolpuddle Martyrs in the 1830s. It is only when a clock strikes 13 that Tom discovers that the small backyard has been transformed into a beautiful sunlit garden in Phillipa Pearce's **TOM'S MIDNIGHT GARDEN 16274** (KS3). There he meets Hatty and comes to realise that he is back in the Victorian era.

George finds himself in London during World War Two in **BLITZED 16525** (KS2) by **Robert Swindells**. Along with a group of homeless children he struggles to survive. Johnny Maxwell also goes back to the time of the Blitz in **JOHNNY AND THE BOMB 16031** (KS3 & KS4), by **Terry Pratchett**, when he befriends an old bag-lady who is not as mad as she seems.

Some stories, like the **BOX OF DELIGHTS 15532** (KS3), are more magical than realistic. Here Kay is transported through time and space when an old Punch and Judy man entrusts him with a magical box. And in the **STRAVAGANZA** (KS3) series the time travellers wake up in Talia, a version of 16th century Italy that is, according to the author, **Mary Hoffman**, 'more Italian even than Italy'.

STRAVAGANZA: CITY OF MASKS 16550

STRAVAGANZA: CITY OF STARS 16498

STRAVAGANZA: CITY OF FLOWERS coming soon

Other stories have the time traveller appearing in our world, like Jeremy Strong's Viking, Sigurd, who causes trouble when he turns up in The Viking Hotel owned by the Ellis family in **VIKING IN TROUBLE 16228** (KS1).

To make things even more difficult, in **THE INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD** (KS2 & KS3) series, the time travelling characters are not only transported forward in time but also reduced to the size of a small plastic toy!

THE INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD 15876

THE RETURN OF THE INDIAN 15957

THE SECRET OF THE INDIAN 15969

THE MYSTERY OF THE CUPBOARD 15772

THE KEY TO THE INDIAN (coming soon)

In **CHARLIE BONE AND THE TIME TWISTER 16387** (KS3), Charlie has to help Henry Yewbeam get back to 1916; the problem is the boy who sent Henry into the future is still alive but he's now over 100 and great-grandfather to Charlie's arch-enemy - Manfred Bloor. Then there's eight-year-old Barney who finds a caveman living at the bottom of the quarry that's used as a rubbish dump in **STIG OF THE DUMP 15062** (KS3) by Clive King. And finally two teenaged boys witness an 18th century drummer boy marching into the present day through a crack in the earth in **EARTHFASTS 16599** (KS2 & KS3). The candle-end he leaves behind acts as a wedge in the door of time, after the boys help him find his way home.

Another version of the theme is the distortion of time, as in **TANGLEWRECK 16714** (KS3), where Time Tornadoes are whirling people out of their own time never to return, and a woolly mammoth turns up in the Thames! Terry Prattchet takes a look at time and history in **THE THIEF OF TIME 16425** (KS4), and the making of a clock that is so accurate that it will stop time itself.

For travel into the future we have **THIEF 15911** (KS2 & KS3) by Malorie Blackman in which Lydia is propelled forward in time after running onto the moors when she is wrongly accused of stealing. There she discovers a world where computers dominate and a wicked tyrant rules her hometown. The **BACK TO THE FUTURE** (KS3) trilogy has 17-year-old Marty travelling forwards as well as back in time in a machine invented by mad scientist Dr. Emmett L. Brown; the action jumps from 1985 to 1955, 2015 and 1885. In the first book Marty travels back to 1955 and accidentally interferes with his parents' first meeting; he then has to make sure they fall in love or else he will never be born.

BACK TO THE FUTURE 15606

BACK TO THE FUTURE 2 15671

BACK TO THE FUTURE 3 15672

Time travel is often used in the Douglas Adams Hitchhiker books. Particularly **THE RESTAURANT AT THE END OF THE UNIVERSE 15165** (KS4) in which Arthur Dent is taken forward in time to the end of the universe and then back to the beginnings of man. And time travel is the main theme in **DIRK GENTLY'S HOLISTIC DETECTIVE AGENCY 16554** featuring the time-travelling professor, Urban Chronotis.

A life-prolonging drug given to him by his Uncle Lipton is what allows Dano to travel through time in the novel **TIME TRAP 15534** (KS2 & KS3). They both escape from a meaningless existence in the year 2079 to experience life in the past.

Let's finish with a bit of science and Einstein's theory of relativity (don't be scared) - as explained through the adventures of Uncle Albert and his niece Gedanken in **THE TIME AND SPACE OF UNCLE ALBERT 15978** (KS2 & KS3) by **Russell Stannard**.

Don't forget "*The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen at once.*" (Albert Einstein)

Denise James

From Hogwarts to Hollywood

Hogwarts and Harry Potter again! That boy gets everywhere, but film producers obviously recognise a good story and, like numerous other books, the Harry Potter titles have been eagerly snapped up by Hollywood and the first five made into very successful films. You will find details about all **J K Rowling's** books on page 7.

A movie launched in time for Christmas 2007 was *The Golden Compass*, based on the first part of **Philip Pullman's** 'His Dark Materials' trilogy. If you want to get ahead of the film-makers you can borrow the other books from Young Calibre.

NORTHERN LIGHTS	15983
THE SUBTLE KNIFE	16057
THE AMBER SPYGLASS	16147

In his 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy J R R Tolkien created another world, peopled with Hobbits and Elves, Dwarves and Trolls, Treemen and Men of the Mountains. Here we meet the wizard Gandalf as he tries to marshall the forces of the Free World in their fight against the forces of evil. The books were successfully turned into three epic films:

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING	16244
THE TWO TOWERS	16270
THE RETURN OF THE KING	16279

Another epic series to capture the imagination of children and then movie makers is the Narnia series. The film *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* is based on a book by **CS Lewis**. When Lucy, Susan, Peter and Edmund go through a door in the back of a wardrobe they step into the strange land of Narnia. Young Calibre has all seven books, and the story starts with

THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW	15410
THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE	15665

The books of **Roald Dahl** have been a favourite choice of many children over the years, and again the movie makers have turned some of his books into great films – in fact Charlie and the Chocolate Factory has been made into two very successful films, one in 1971 and a new version in 2005.

B.F.G.	15458
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY	16069
MATILDA	16251

Jane Austen is better known today than when she was alive. Many people know her novels but may not have read them, and this is probably due to the number of film adaptations there have been. Most of the books have actually been filmed more than once.

EMMA	16087
PRIDE AND PREJUDICE	16570
SENSE AND SENSIBILITY	16322

A film has recently been made of **Lemony Snicket's** Series of Unfortunate Events. The Baudelaire children are thrown from one adventure to another, but beware, if you are of a nervous disposition or like happy endings, DO NOT read these books.

THE BAD BEGINNING	16248
THE REPTILE ROOM	16249
THE WIDE WINDOW	16312
THE MISERABLE MILL	16349
THE AUSTERE ACADEMY	16435
THE ERSATZ ELEVATOR	16440
THE VILE VILLAGE	16444
THE HOSTILE HOSPITAL	16482
THE CARNIVOROUS CARNIVAL	16486

E. Nesbit's novels are set in the Edwardian period, and have been made into films that appeal to all age groups.

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN	16127
FIVE CHILDREN AND IT	15040

The following books have all been made into films or animated films, some very recently whilst others make classic viewing, and all are available from Young Calibre:-

101 DALMATIANS	16289
AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS	16280
THE BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA	15700
ERAGON	16520
JUNGLE BOOK	16277
KES	16011
LORD OF THE FLIES	15193
MARY POPPINS	15034
THE PRINCESS DIARIES	16508
THE SHEEP PIG (Filmed as 'Babe')	15510
STORMBREAKER	16385
THIEF LORD	16336
TOM'S MIDNIGHT GARDEN	16274
THE WORLD OF POOH (Filmed as Winnie the Pooh)	15069

So, instead of a visit to the Movies, enjoy listening to the books that inspired the films.

Christine Ronaldson

Stop Press

A film of **THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES** has just been released...

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Key Stage 1

Beaver Towers Series

16707 BEAVER TOWERS

By Nigel Hinton

MP3 Puffin 1995

Reader Tony Lister

Far away on a magical island is a castle called Beaver Towers, once the home of happy beavers – until they are betrayed by magic. The beavers send out a call for help, which arrives when Philip is drawn into the struggle to save them.

Cassettes 3

Time 2hrs 15mins

EU Only

16708 THE WITCH'S REVENGE

By Nigel Hinton

MP3 BBC Audio 1994

Reader Nigel Lambert

Sequel to 'Beaver Towers' (16707). In the second Beaver Towers adventure, Philip is once again transported to the island where he helps the beavers in the fight against the wicked witch Oyin, who is looking for revenge.

Cassettes 2

Time 2hrs 18mins

DY

EU Only

16709 DANGEROUS JOURNEY

By Nigel Hinton

MP3 Puffin 1997

Reader Tony Lister

Sequel to 'The witch's revenge' (16708). Once again Philip is summoned to Beaver Towers when Baby B the beaver and Nick the hedgehog turn up in his cupboard. Philip and the animals set off on a dangerous journey with only a strange message on a scrap of paper to help them.

Cassettes 4

Time 3hrs 30mins

EU Only

16710 THE DARK DREAM**By Nigel Hinton****MP3** BBC Audio 1999**Reader Nigel Lambert**

Sequel to 'Dangerous Journey' (16709). Beaver Towers is under threat from a strange creature called Retsnom. Can Baby B and Nick the hedgehog fight the evil until Philip and old Mr Edgar return from their travels?

Cassettes 2

Time 3hrs 0mins

DY

EU Only

16583 THE GREAT AMERICAN MOUSICAL**By Julie Andrews Edwards & Emma Walton Hamilton**

Puffin 2006

Reader Pat Steadman

Down in the forgotten places below the Sovereign Theatre, in New York City, a miniature model of the building lies. The mini-theatre has its very own troupe of theatre mice who are busily preparing their own show - until the star disappears.

Cassettes 3

Time 2hrs 45mins

EU Only

16545 THE JAMIE AND ANGUS STORIES**By Anne Fine****MP3** BBC Audio 2004**Reader Anne Fine**

Jamie just knows that he and the toy Highland bull in the shop window are meant for each other. On Christmas morning Jamie's wish comes true and he and Angus are finally united.

Cassettes 1

Time 1hrs 9mins

DY

EU Only

16584 LILAC PEABODY AND SAM SPARKS **By Annie Dalton**

HarperCollins Ltd 2004

Reader Nicola Townsend

Lilac Peabody is as small as a dragonfly and always there when you need a friend. Sam is lonely and miserable in his new school and he has no new friends to invite to his birthday party – until Lilac appears!

Cassettes 1

Time 45mins

EU Only

16582 MOSTLY TIMOTHY

By June Counsel

MP3 Craftsman Audio 2004

Reader June Counsel

A collection of six magical stories about Timothy and his toys, including how Timothy rescues the Grand Old Duke of York and how Fiery Fred the Dragon defeats Ragwort the Witch.

Cassettes 2 Time 1hrs 20mins DY EU Only

16530 TOTALLY FIZZBOMBED

By Julie Bertagna

MP3 BBC Audio 2005

Reader Sophie Aldred

When the twins' magical friends – the ice-cream van, Macaroni, and Gina the goat – disappear, they need the help of Pa Periwinkle to find them. Soon Pa's magic Fizzbomb Sherbet is exploding into action.

Cassettes 2 Time 1hrs 0mins DY EU Only

16581 VANISHING CREAM AND OTHER FRIENDS

MP3

By Johnny Morris

Craftsman Audio 2004

Reader Johnny Morris

Meet six wonderful characters including: Vanishing Cream the not very good magician, the day-dreaming Little Boy Green, Madam Dabra and her strange pet and Shifty Sloper with his horse who hates going backwards.

Cassettes 1 Time 50mins DY EU Only

Key Stage 2

16533 THE AKHENATEN ADVENTURE By P.B. Kerr
MP3 BBC Audio 2004 Reader **Chiwetel Ojiofor**

When twins, John and Philippa, have their wisdom teeth taken out strange things begin to happen. They find they are descended from a long line of Djinn and that the ancient Egyptian pharaoh Akhenaten is not dead ...

Cassettes 7 Time 9hrs 0mins DY EU Only

16534 ARTEMIS FOWL: THE OPAL DECEPTION

MP3 By Eoin Colfer
BBC Audio 2005 Reader **Nathaniel Parker**

Artemis Fowl is back to his unlawful ways, preparing to steal a famous painting from a German bank, unaware that his old rival, Opal Koboi, has escaped from prison. She's after revenge on all those who put her there – including Artemis.

Cassettes 5 Time 6hrs 0mins DY EU Only

16597 DANNY THE CHAMPION OF THE WORLD

MP3 By Roald Dahl
Cover To Cover Audio 1999 Reader **Nathaniel Parker**

Danny and his dad live happily in a gypsy caravan and spend their time tending their petrol station and pottering in the workshop. That is until Danny masterminds a plot against the vicious Victor Hazell, a wealthy landowner.

Cassettes 3 Time 3hrs 40mins DY EU Only

16599 EARTHFASTS By William Mayne
MP3 BBC 1994 Reader **Clifford Norgate**

It all starts when David and Keith see an 18th century drummer boy appear from the ground as he marches into the present. From then on extraordinary things begin to happen until David vanishes and Keith must search for him through time.

Cassettes 4 Time 5hrs 36mins DY EU Only

16704 THE FAMILY FROM ONE END STREET By Eve Garnett

MP3 Isis Audio 2003

Reader Julia Sands

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.

Cassettes 4 Time 4hrs 50mins DY EU Only

16629 FIVE GO DOWN TO THE SEA

By Enid Blyton

MP3 BBC Audio 2000

Reader Jan Francis

Someone is trying to lure the unwary onto treacherous rocks on the coast by flashing lights from the old tower on stormy nights, but why? The Famous Five investigate!

Cassettes 4 Time 4hrs 31mins DY EU Only

16535 GOODKNYGHHT By Steve Barlow & Steve Skidmore

MP3 BBC Audio 2004

Reader Graham Seed

Will, swineherd and whipping boy to Symon, finds himself on a quest with the mysterious Rune-master; they must recover the lost treasure of the Dark Forest.

Cassettes 7 Time 6hrs 0mins DY EU Only

16699 HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS

By J K Rowling

HNP & Bloomsbury 2007

Reader Stephen Fry

Seventh book in series. Sequel to 'Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince' (16472). No longer a student at Hogwarts, Harry feels desperately alone as he tries to combat the power of Voldemort in this thrilling, final battle.

Cassettes 16 Time 24hrs 1mins EU Only

16571 JAMMY DODGERS ON THE RUN By **Bowering Sivvers**
Macmillan 2004 Reader **Tony Lister**

Three scruffy urchins, known as the Jammy Dodgers, stray into an underworld of thieves, rogues and child-snatchers in Victorian London, when one of their band is nabbed!

Cassettes 6 Time 5hrs 15mins EU Only

16580 JIM AND THE UMBELLS By **Leigh Odlin**
MP3 Craftsman 1991 Readers **Various**

Jim is kidnapped by the slimy green Umbells from the Green Planet and taken away on their giant cabbage spaceship when he refuses to eat his greens! Put on your headphones to listen to the amazing sound effects...

Cassettes 2 Time 1hrs 0mins DY EU Only

16693 JOHNNY AND THE DEAD By **Terry Pratchett**
MP3 BBC Audio 1997 Reader **Richard Mitchley**

Sequel to 'Only you can save mankind' (16050). Twelve-year-old Johnny can see the dead, and they're not happy: the council is going to sell the cemetery. But they are not going to take it lying down, especially as it's Halloween tomorrow.

Cassettes 4 Time 4hrs 7mins DY EU Only

16668 KERNOWLAND: The Crystal Pool By **Jack Trelawney**
Campion Books 2005 Reader **Tony Lister**

Tizzie and Louis find the magical Kernowland when they enter a cave while on holiday in Cornwall. There they meet giant climbing crabs, fearsome Cap'n Piglet and lots of other gruesome characters.

Cassettes 4 Time 3hrs 30mins EU Only

16669 KERNOWLAND: Darkness Day By Jack Trelawney
Campion Books 2006 Reader Tony Lister
Sequel to 'Kernowland: The Crystal Pool' (16668). Further adventures in Kernowland for Tizzie, Louis and Misty the blue mouse. This time they meet Wendron the wrinkled witch and Warleggan the warty warlock.
Cassettes 5 Time 5hrs 0mins EU Only

16543 THE KING IN BLOOD RED AND GOLD By Terry Deary
MP3 BBC Audio 2006 Reader Toby Longworth
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.
Cassettes 6 Time 5hrs 0mins DY EU Only

16601 MYSTERY OF THE SECRET ROOM By Enid Blyton
MP3 BBC Audio 1991 Reader Ann Beach
The Five Find-Outers, and dog, investigate the mystery of a single furnished room in an otherwise empty house. Fatty is trapped by the men inside and has to summon help by sending a secret message to the gang.
Cassettes 3 Time 3hrs 45mins DY EU Only

16666 THE SANDS OF TIME By Michael Hoeye
Puffin 2003 Reader Tony Lister
Sequel to 'Time Stops for no Mouse' (16610). In this, the second Hermux Tantamoq adventure, the intrepid watchmaker mouse helps a friend in his quest to find the Lost Kingdom of Cats.
Cassettes 5 Time 6hrs 0mins EU Only

16611 THE SCREAM**By Joan Aiken**

Macmillan 2002

Reader Richard Ratcliffe

David's grandmother has moved to the city and her dark powers have come with her. Soon David and his sister come to realise that having their grandmother living with them is very dangerous...

Cassettes 2

Time 1hrs 45mins

EU Only

16682 THE SECRETS OF VESUVIUS**By Caroline Lawrence**

MP3 BBC Audio 2006

Reader Kim Hicks

Sequel to 'The Thieves of Ostia' (16681). In the summer of AD79, Flavia Gemina and her friends sail to Pompeii to stay with her uncle. While they search for hidden treasure, Mount Vesuvius erupts and the children have to flee for their lives.

Cassettes 5

Time 4hrs 34mins

DY

EU Only

16664 THE STOVE HAUNTING**By Bel Mooney**

Puffin 1988

Reader Edward Peel

Danny is irresistibly drawn to the kitchen stove in the old house. Then one day he is swept back to his previous existence as Daniel the Victorian stove boy and kitchen skivvy in the time of the Tolpuddle Martyrs.

Cassettes 5

Time 4hrs 45mins

EU Only

16610 TIME STOPS FOR NO MOUSE**By Michael Hoeye**

Puffin 2002

Reader Tony Lister

Hermux Tantamoq is a mouse who loves the ordinary things in life (including cheese and doughnuts). Then the adventuress, Linka Perflinger, bursts into his watch-repair shop and everything changes.

Cassettes 7

Time 6hrs 45mins

EU Only

16547 TRIXIE TEMPEST AND THE AMAZING TALKING DOG
MP3 **By Ros Asquith**
BBC Audio 2006 **Reader Kate Sachs**

Trixie Tempest, aged ten and three-quarters, loves horses, football and music. She's also a passionate vegetarian and wants to save the world!

Cassettes 1 Time 1hrs 0mins DY EU Only

16536 TRIXIE TEMPEST AND THE GHOST OF ST
AUBERGINE'S **By Ros Asquith**
MP3 BBC Audio 2005 **Reader Kate Sachs**

Who, or what, is the Ghost of St Aubergine's Primary School and what does it want? What happened to Trixie's trumpet? Why is the Save the World with a Song Concert on the same day as an important meeting and who is the old man following her?

Cassettes 3 Time 2hrs 0mins DY EU Only

16537 TRIXIE TEMPEST AND THE WITCHES' ACADEMY
MP3 **By Ros Asquith**
BBC Audio 2005 **Reader Kate Sachs**

Trixie goes on a course on witchcraft at Conundrums Academy, which to her disgust is not Hogwarts! There she magics up an ancient spell to find out the truth about the missing silver cup that Dad won when he was at the same school.

Cassettes 3 Time 2hrs 0mins DY EU Only

16598 VARJAK PAW **By S F Said**
MP3 BBC Audio 2006 **Reader Andrew Sachs**

Varjak Paw, a Mesopotamian Blue kitten, has never been outside the old house; no-one in his family has, not since the legendary warrior cat Jalal who was trained in the long-lost martial art known as The Way. Now Varjak has to go outside to get help.

Cassettes 4 Time 4hrs 30mins DY EU Only

Key Stage 3

16542 BINDI BABES

By Narinder Dhami

MP3 BBC Audio 2004

Reader Nina Wadia

The Bindi Babes are not happy when interfering Aunti-ji arrives from India to rule the roost - that's their job since their mum died. But the coolest babes in school have got something in mind – an arranged marriage – for Auntie!

Cassettes 5

Time 4hrs 0mins

DY

EU Only

16672 CHARLIE BONE AND THE WILDERNESS WOLF

By Jenny Nimmo

Egmont 2007

Reader Richard Simpson

Sequel to 'Charlie Bone and the Hidden King' (16549). Charlie needs the help of the Flames to rescue Asa, a fellow classmate, who is being held captive by Manfred. Asa, Charlie's occasional enemy, changes into a beast at dusk.

Cassettes 6

Time 8hrs 15mins

EU Only

16539 THE COOL BOFFIN

By Pete Johnson

MP3 BBC Audio 2005

Reader Paul Chequer

Richard grabs the chance to change from a boffin into a Mr Cool when everyone at school thinks he's been killed. Then a fire at his house, after a wild party, starts him thinking that there's more to him than his image. That's when he learns to be himself!

Cassettes 7

Time 6hrs 0mins

DY

EU Only

16613 THE CRY OF THE ICEMARK

By Stuart Hill

MP3 BBC Audio 2007

Reader Sian Thomas

Following her father's death, fourteen-year-old Thirrin, now Queen of the Icemark, has to defend the kingdom from a terrible invasion, aided by Vampires, Wolf Folk, giant Snow Leopards and Oskan, Witch's Son.

Cassettes 12

Time 16hrs 30mins

DY

EU Only

16711 ENDYMION SPRING

Puffin 2006

By Matthew Skelton**Reader Tony Lister**

In 1452, a printer's boy in Germany makes huge sacrifices to keep a precious book from falling into the wrong hands. In the present day, Blake is visiting an Oxford library when he pricks his finger on the lock of an old book. The paper starts to quiver as if it is alive - and something terrifying is unleashed!

Cassettes 7

Time 10hrs 30mins

EU Only

16694 HITLER'S CANARY

Corgi 2005

By Sandi Toksvig**Reader John Grayson**

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.

Cassettes 4

Time 4hrs 50mins

EU Only

16671 IVY

OUP 2006

By Julie Hearn**Reader Nicola Down**

Ivy comes from a poor part of London, and has been used by Carrotty Kate to lure wealthy children into alleys where they are robbed. Oscar Frosdick is a painter in need of a muse, and beautiful Ivy is perfect. Her greedy cousins order her to do all that Oscar asks, but this has sinister consequences.

Cassettes 6

Time 8hrs 35mins

EU Only

16705 THE MEDICI SEAL

Doubleday 2006

By Theresa Breslin**Reader Andrew Burt**

In 1502 Matteo flees from a murderous brigand. Rescued by Leonardo da Vinci and taken into his household, he works alongside the maestro on his projects. But Matteo holds a secret that the Borgias and the Medicis, Italy's leading families, would kill for.

Cassettes 11

Time 15hrs 20mins

EU Only

16532 THE MERRYBEGOT **By Julie Hearn**

MP3 BBC 2005 Readers Sian Thomas & Rowena Cooper

It is spring 1645 and in a remote village the minister's daughters have taken to their beds, howling and spitting pins. There are rumours of bad magic and fingers are pointing at Nell. Meanwhile the Witch-Finder General is on his way.

Cassettes 6 Time 7hrs 30mins DY EU Only

16572 MY SWORDHAND IS SINGING **By Marcus Sedgwick**

Orion 2006 **Reader Bob Rollett**

A chilling tale set in 17th century Eastern Europe where Tomas and his father set up home in the forest. There they face a soulless enemy and a terrifying destiny.

Cassettes 5 Time 4hrs 45mins EU Only

16614 PREDATOR'S GOLD **By Philip Reeve**

MP3 BBC Audio 2005 Reader Andrew Sachs

Sequel to Mortal Engines (16484). Tom and Hester find themselves fleeing from the aviators of the Green Storm, when, just in time they stumble onto the ice city of Anchorage. But the city is not the safe refuge they seek.

Cassettes 8 Time 8hrs 15mins DY EU Only

16667 THE PRINCESS AND THE CAPTAIN

By Anne-Laure Bondoux

Bloomsbury 2006

Reader Tony Lister

Princess Malva sets sail from Galnicia on the eve of an arranged marriage. But her dreams of finding the fabled Elgolia are dashed when she is shipwrecked. Meanwhile Orpheus McBott is sent on a mission to find the Princess.

Cassettes 9 Time 12hrs 45mins EU Only

16628 RISE OF THE BLOOD MOON **By Alan Gibbons**
MP3 BBC Audio 2007 **Reader John Telfer**

Set in mythical India. Every month at the full moon the Helati, slaves, are sent out to face the demon host, the lost Souls. When the demons get a new master, Darkwing, the dangers and the horrors increase. A young girl holds the key to ending the nightmare, but will she ever understand the secret of the Black Tower?

Cassettes 10 Time 11hrs 30mins DY EU Only

16665 THE ROAD OF BONES **By Anne Fine**
Random House 2006 **Reader Terrence Hardiman**

Even though the Czar has gone, people still disappear. Although Yuri knows this, he never dreams that one day he too will be classed 'an enemy of the state', for a few careless words.

Cassettes 6 Time 6hrs EU Only

16541 SILVERFIN **By Charlie Higson**
MP3 BBC Audio 2006 **Reader Nathaniel Parker**

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!

Cassettes 6 Time 7hrs 30mins DY EU Only

16596 SKELETON KEY **By Anthony Horowitz**
Walker Books 2005 **Reader Oliver Chris**

Teenage spy Alex Rider is on a mission at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships when a terrifying chain of events leaves him on the run from a Chinese Triad gang. In hiding on a Cuban island he has to outwit the insane Russian, General Sarov.

Cassettes 6 Time 7hrs 30mins EU Only

16697 SOUL TAKER

Hodder 1997

By Celia Rees**Reader Andrew Burt**

When Lewis meets Viktor Ladslow (toy-store owner , puppet maker, and clairvoyant) he hopes it will change his unhappy life. But Lewis needs to realise that everything comes at a price.

Cassettes 5

Time 4hrs 15mins

EU Only

16715 STAR DANCER

Macmillan 2006

By Beth Webb**Reader Rosemary Cross**

The Druids believe that on the night of the dancing stars the chosen one will be born. They search for the enchanted boy, unaware that a girl, Tegen, has been born. She grows up with magic in her steps, and is eventually declared the Star Dancer, but can she defeat the dark forces against her?

Cassettes 7

Time 9hrs 45mins

EU Only

16612 SURVIVAL

Red Fox 2002

By Chris Ryan**Reader Edward Peel**

The Alpha Force team is born when five teenagers find themselves marooned on a desert island battling against unbelievable dangers – killer Komodo dragons, sharks and modern day pirates.

Cassettes 6

Time 6hrs 0mins

EU Only

16714 TANGLEWRECK

Bloomsbury 2006

By Jeanette Winterson**Reader Nicola Down**

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.

Cassettes 6

Time 7hrs 50mins

EU Only

16538 TERSIAS**By G P Taylor****MP3 BBC Audio 2005****Reader Cornelius Garrett**

London is in chaos after a comet narrowly misses the Earth. Tersias, a blind boy who predicted the comet and can see the future, is attracting attention from several quarters: there's Jonah, the teenage highwayman; crazy Solomon, who has bred a giant flesh-eating locust; and the keeper of mysterious powers, Lord Malpas.

Cassettes 7

Time 9hrs 0mins

DY

EU Only

16540 THEN HE ATE MY BOY ENTRANCERS**MP3****By Louise Rennison**

BBC Audio 2005

Reader Louise Rennison

The irrepressible Georgia Nicholson is pining for heart-throb Masimo, who's in the States. That is until she finds that she's off there too – with best friend Jas in tow. Just to mix it up a bit, Robbie the love god pops back into her life – and of course there's always Dave the Horn.

Cassettes 6

Time 5hrs 0mins

DY

EU Only

16680 THE WANDERER**By Sharon Creech**

Macmillan 2002

Reader Nicola Down

When Sophie gets the chance to cross the Atlantic on board her uncle's boat, The Wanderer, she can't wait to set sail. But Sophie has a secret, and she's terrified that this voyage will also be a journey into the mysterious past of her forgotten childhood.

Cassettes 5

Time 4hrs 30mins

EU Only

Key Stage 4

16696 BLUE SKIES AND GUNFIRE

By K M Peyton

David Fickling Books 2006

Reader Wendy Denison

Josie has just finished her last term at school when the country hears of the heroic evacuation of the troops from Dunkirk. Her mother, worried about a possible invasion, decides to send Josie from London, to stay with an aunt and uncle in the country. There she meets the Peterson brothers, and is drawn into a tangled web of romance.

Cassettes 8

Time 7hrs 35mins

EU Only

16701 DOES MY HEAD LOOK BIG IN THIS?

By Randa Abdel-Fattah

Scholastic 2006

Reader Rosemary Cross

Amal is an Australian-Muslim-Palestinian, and during one summer holiday she decides to become a 'Full-timer', a girl who wears a hijab, a scarf, full time. It takes a lot of guts - will she be able to cope with the prejudice and keep her friends.

Cassettes 7

Time 9hrs 20mins

EU Only

16703 EQUAL RITES

By Terry Pratchett

MP3 Isis 1995

Reader Celia Imrie

Although the dying wizard, Drum Billet, passed on his staff of power to the eighth son of an eighth son, there was one thing he forgot to do – check the new-born baby's sex... Now there's a problem. Women aren't supposed to be wizards.

Cassettes 6

Time 7hrs 45mins

DY

EU Only

16564 JANE EYRE**By Charlotte Bronte****MP3 BBC Audio 1998****Reader Maureen O'Brien**

Orphaned Jane Eyre, a spirited young woman, obtains the post of governess at Thornfield Hall and falls in love with the enigmatic Mr Rochester. When she learns his dark secret she must choose whether to stay, and live with the consequences, or uphold her principles and leave - both Thornfield and the man she loves.

Cassettes 14 Time 19hrs 30mins DY EU Only

16706 JUNK**By Melvin Burgess****Penguin 1996****Reader Bob Rollett**

Winner of the Carnegie Medal and The Guardian Children's Fiction Prize. Gemma doesn't want to be tied down - she wants to fly. But no-one can fly forever, even with the help of junk!

Cassettes 6 Time 8hrs 15mins EU Only

16609 JUST IN CASE**By Meg Rosoff****Puffin 2006****Reader Tony Lister**

Fifteen-year-old David thinks fate is out to get him, so he changes his name, identity and friends. As Justin, he struggles to fit into his new role in a world where tragedy is around every corner.

Cassettes 7 Time 6hrs 15mins EU Only

16695 JUST LIKE TOMORROW**By Faiza Guene****Chatto 2006****Reader Nicola Down**

For Doria, life on a high-rise estate in Paris is not easy: her dad wants to go back to Morocco, her mother doesn't speak French and her teachers think she's only fit to study hairdressing. A funny, touching and optimistic first novel from a 19-year-old author.

Cassettes 4 Time 3hrs 30mins EU Only

16608 RED STAR RISING**By Anne McCaffrey**

Corgi 1997

Reader Christine Fewings

After two hundred years of peace, there are now ominous signs for Pern. The Red Planet is due to pass near Pern and its fallout, Thread, is capable of destroying all life. The Weyrs and Holds try to prepare, but discover that much knowledge and technology has been lost.

Cassettes 9

Time 12hrs 30mins

UK Only

16698 SARA'S FACE**By Melvin Burgess**

Andersen 2006

Reader Pat Steadman

Mega-rich rock star Jonathan Heat is obsessed with cosmetic surgery to the point where his own face is almost destroyed. Sara's face has been damaged by a self-inflicted burn. Then Heat offers to pay for her treatment... Is there a catch?

Cassettes 9

Time 8hrs 15mins

EU Only

16700 UGLIES**By Scott Westerfeld**

Simon & Schuster 2006

Reader Nicola Down

In Tally's world, everyone has an operation when they are sixteen to make them supermodel beautiful – a Pretty – and Tally can't wait. But her friend Shay rebels and runs away to join the Ugliers, a group of radical teenagers who want to keep their own faces!

Cassettes 7

Time 9hrs 20mins

EU

16689 WILDCAT MOON**By Babs Horton****MP3** Isis Audio Books 2005**Reader Patience Tomlinson**

Ten-year-old Archie lives in The Skallies, a collection of tumbledown cottages clinging to the cliffs. His interest in the mystery of a boy who drowned in 1900 leads to a shocking murder and an abduction. It is only many years later when he returns to the ruined Skallies, that he finally unravels the puzzle.

Cassettes 9

Time 11hrs 20mins DY

EU Only

16604 THE YEAR THE GYPSIES CAME By Linzi Alex Glass
Penguin 2006 Reader Judy Franklin

It is spring 1966 and a family of wanderers has come to stay at Emily's unhappy Johannesburg home. The arrival of the 'gypsies' changes them all forever and destroys Emily's hopes of a happy family life.

Cassettes 6

Time 7hrs 45mins

EU Only