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<p>ADICHIE, CHIMAMANDA NGOZI. Half of a Yellow Sun</p> <p>Set in 1960s Nigeria, the characters are caught up in the events of the Biafran war, testing their ideals and allegiances. Orange shortlist 2007.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	11		CD
<p>ALDERMAN, NAOMI. The Lessons</p> <p>In "The Lessons" a close-knit group of friends forms at Oxford around the mercurial, charismatic figure of Mark, whose rickety trust-fund upbringing has left him as troubled and dangerously unpredictable as he is wildly promiscuous. After graduation the group fragments, each locked in his or her own suddenly adult, pedestrian world. But Mark's influence is still strong...</p> <p><i>Modern Fiction</i></p>	12	✓	CD

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<p>ATHILL, DIANA. <i>Instead of a Book</i></p> <p>Written in an even more vivid and direct style than her celebrated memoirs, Diana Athill's letters to the American poet Edward Field reveal a sharply intelligent woman with a brilliant sense of humour, a keen eye for the absurd, a fierce loyalty and a passionate zest for life. This intimate correspondence spanning thirty years covers her final years as an editor at Andre Deutsch, her retirement and immersion in her own writing, her growing fame and encroaching old age, and gives a fascinating insight into a life fully lived. Edited, selected and introduced by Diana Athill, and annotated with her own delightful notes, this funny, revealing and immensely readable collection will bring enormous pleasure to her many thousands of readers.</p>	12		
<p>ATKINSON, KATE. <i>Case Histories</i></p> <p>The first of Kate Atkinson's books featuring Jackson Brodie, former police inspector turned private investigator. Surrounded by death, intrigue and misfortune, his own life haunted by a family tragedy, Brodie attempts to unravel three disparate case histories and begins to realise that in spite of apparent diversity, everything is connected... A World Book Night title.</p> <p><i>Crime fiction</i></p>	9		e-book

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<p>ATWOOD, MARGARET. <i>The Blind Assassin</i></p> <p>Laura Chase's older sister Iris, married at eighteen to a politically prominent industrialist but now poor and eighty-two, is living in Port Ticonderoga, a town dominated by their once-prosperous family before the First War. While coping with her unreliable body, Iris reflects on her far from exemplary life, in particular the events surrounding her sister's tragic death. Chief among these was the publication of <i>The Blind Assassin</i>, a novel which earned the dead Laura Chase not only notoriety but also a devoted cult following. A World Book Night title.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	10		
<p>BAKER. JO. <i>The Picture Book</i></p> <p>Set against the rolling backdrop of British history from the First World War to today, this is an intimate family portrait captured in snapshots. 1<sup>st</sup> there is William, the factory lad who loses his life in Gallipoli, then his son Billy, a champion cyclist who faces the D-Day Landings on a military bicycle, followed by his crippled son Will, who becomes an Oxford academic in the 1960s, and finally his daughter Billy, an artist in contemporary London.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	10	✓	

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<p>BARNES, JULIAN. Arthur and George</p> <p>In late nineteenth-century Britain two men grow up in very different circumstances and with very different destinies. But as the new century begins, they are brought together by a sequence of events that made headlines at the time and resulted in a miscarriage of justice that seems uncomfortably familiar to modern readers.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	10	✓	e-audio
<p>BEAUMAN, SALLY The Landscape of Love</p> <p>The summer of 1967, in the heart of the rural Suffolk: thirteen-year-old Maisie is at her decaying family home, once a medieval abbey. Lucas, an artist and friend, is painting a portrait of Maisie and her elder sister. In turn, Maisie embarks on her own portrait of her own: she tells the story of her sisters and their lovers, of her village friend Daniel Nunn. Maisie describes evasions, betrayals, a lost England and a lost summer – The Landscape of Love grips from the 1<sup>st</sup> page.</p>	11	✓	

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<p>BENNETT, ALAN. <i>The Uncommon Reader</i></p> <p>The Uncommon Reader is none other than HM the Queen who drifts accidentally into reading when her corgis stray into a mobile library parked at Buckingham Palace. Her reading naturally changes her world view and her relationship with people like the oleaginous prime minister and his repellent advisers. She comes to question the prescribed order of the world and loses patience with much that she has to do. In short, her reading is subversive. The consequence is, of course, surprising, mildly shocking and very funny.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction.</i></p>	12		CD/ e-book
<p>Billingham, MARK <i>Sleepyhead</i></p> <p><i>Crime</i></p>	14		e-audio
<p>BLAKE, SARAH. <i>The Postmistress</i></p> <p>1940, bombs fall nightly on London. Young American radio reporter Frankie Bard huddles close to terrified strangers in underground shelters, and broadcasts her stories to listeners at home: Iris James, a Cape Cod postmistress, and Emma Fitch, a doctor's wife. Iris knows the letters she delivers will bear messages of hope or tragedy. Emma is desperate for news of London, where her husband is working. But one night in London the fates of all three women entwine when Frankie finds a letter – a letter she vows to deliver . . .</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	10		

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<p>BLOOM, AMY <i>Away</i></p> <p>Young Lillian Leyb has come to America alone, her family murdered in a Russian pogrom in which her three-year old daughter Sophie vanished. Determined to make her way, she is taken under the wing of a famous theatrical impresario in the 1920's New York. But then her cousin arrives with news of Sophie. Driven by wild hope, Lillian sets off on an odyssey across America.</p>	10		
<p>BORTHWICK, PAT. <i>Wave</i></p> <p>Witty and often moving poems, whether about the man who collects teapots or the couple with their Monet, visiting a geriatric ward or 'passing on the tickle'</p> <p><i>Poetry</i></p>	11		
<p>BRODY, FRANCES <i>Dying in the Wool</i></p> <p>Bridgestead is a peaceful spot; a babbling brook, rolling hills and a working mill at it's heart. Pretty and remote, nothing exceptional happens... until the day that master of the Mill Joshua Braithwaite goes missing in dramatic circumstances, never to be heard of again. Now Joshua's daughter is getting married and wants one last attempt at finding her father. Has he run off with his mistress, or was he murdered for his mounting coffers?</p>	10		
<p>BRODY, FRANCES – Various titles</p> <p>A Woman Unknown x 2  Murder on a Summer's Day x 2  A Medal for Murder x 2  Death of an Avid Reader x2  Murder in the Afternoon x 2  A Death in the Dales X 2</p>	12 in total		

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<p>BUTCHER, TIM Blood River</p> <p>When Daily Telegraph correspondent Tim Butcher was sent to Africa in 2000 he quickly became obsessed with the legendary Congo River, and the idea of recreating H.M. Stanley's famous expedition. Despite warnings that his plan was 'suicidal', Butcher set out for the Congo's eastern border with just a rucksack and a few thousand dollars hidden in his boots.</p> <p><i>Travel</i></p>	9	✓	CD
<p>BYATT, A.S. Possession.</p> <p>Academics Maud Bailey and Roland Michell discover a love affair between the two Victorian writers the pair has dedicated their lives to studying: Randolph Ash, a literary great long assumed to be a devoted and faithful husband, and Christabel La Motte, a lesser- known "fairy poetess" and chaste spinster. At first, Roland and Maud's discovery threatens only to alter the direction of their research, but as they unearth the truth about the long- forgotten romance, their involvement becomes increasingly urgent and personal.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	11		

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<p>BYATT, AS Ragnarok</p> <p>Ragnarok retells the finale of Norse mythology. A story of destruction of life on this planet and the end of the gods themselves: what more relevant myth could any modern writer choose? Just as Wagner used this dramatic and catastrophic struggle for the climax of his Ring Cycle, so A.S. Byatt now reinvents it in all its intensity and glory.</p> <p><i>Myths</i></p>	10	✓	
<p>CHEN, DA. Colours of the mountain.</p> <p>Da Chen was born in 1962 in a town over 50 hours' train journey from Beijing. Here, he draws a wonderful picture of his childhood, of boyhood friendships, the beauty of the Chinese countryside and the madness of the cultural revolution.</p> <p><i>Autobiography</i></p>	9		
<p>CLELAND, ANGELA. And In Here, The Menagerie</p> <p>Her first poetry collection: poignant, quirky and highly enjoyable.</p> <p><i>Poetry</i></p>	13		
<p>CONNELLY, MICHAEL The burning Room</p> <p>In the LAPD's open unsolved unit, not many murder victims die almost a decade after the crime. So when a man succumbs to the complications from being shot ten years earlier. Bosch catches a case in which the body is still fresh, but any other evidence is virtually non-existent.</p>	10		



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<p>COX, Josephine <i>The Broken Man</i>  Edward Carter is a bully of a man, who instils fear in the hearts of all who meet him. After years under her husband's reign of terror, Adam Carter's mother is too cowed to protect herself or her son. Adam is twelve years old, bright and caring, but without friends or self-confidence he's all alone.</p>	6		
<p>CUSK, Rachel. <i>Arlington Park</i>  Explores the characters' lives in seemingly comfortable suburbia, over the course of a single rainy day. Orange shortlist 2007.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	13	✓	CD
<p>DAVIES, PETER HO. <i>The Welsh Girl</i>  In 1944, a German Jewish refugee is sent to Wales to interview Rudolf Hess; in Snowdonia, a seventeen-year-old girl, the daughter of a fiercely nationalistic shepherd, dreams of the bright lights of an English city; and in a nearby POW camp, a German soldier struggles to reconcile his surrender with his sense of honour. As their lives intersect, all three will come to question where they belong and where their loyalties lie.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	10	✓	CD
<p>DICKENS, CHARLES. <i>Bleak House</i>  A savage, but often comic, indictment of a society that is rotten to the core, <i>Bleak House</i> is one of Dickens's most ambitious novels, with a range that extends from the drawing rooms of the aristocracy to the poorest of London slums.</p> <p><i>Classic</i></p>	12		CD

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<p>DICKENS, CHARLES. <i>Great Expectations</i></p> <p>A terrifying encounter with an escaped convict in a graveyard, a summons to meet the mysterious Miss Havisham and her beautiful, cold-hearted ward Estella; an anonymous gift - these form a series of events that change the orphaned Pip's life forever.</p> <p><i>Classic</i></p>	11	✓	CD
<p>DONOGHUE, EMMA. <i>Room</i></p> <p>Jack is five. He lives with his Ma. They live in a single, locked room. They don't have the key. Jack and Ma are prisoners. A powerful and chilling novel, inspired by the Fritzl case in Austria, and narrated through the voice of the child, Jack. Man Booker shortlisted (2010).</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	11	✓	e-audio
<p>DUFFY, CAROL ANN. <i>Rapture</i></p> <p>All about the loss and rediscovery of love in all its aspects : erotic, intellectual, emotional.</p> <p><i>Poetry</i></p>	10		

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<p>DUNMORE, HELEN. <i>The Betrayal</i></p> <p>Leningrad, 1952. Andrei, a young hospital doctor, and Anna, a nursery school teacher, are forging a life together in the postwar wreckage. But their happiness in Stalinist Russia s precarious. When Andrei is asked to treat the seriously ill child of a senior secret police officer, he and Anna are fearful. Trapped in an impossible, maybe unwinnable game, can they avoid the whispers and watchful eyes of those who will say or do anything to save themselves?</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	11		e-book
<p>Edugyan, Esi                      <i>Half Blood Blues</i></p> <p>Chip told us not to go out. Said, don't you boys tempt the devil. But it been one brawl of a night, I tell you...' The aftermath of the fall of Paris, 1940. Hieronymous Falk, a rising star on the cabaret scene, was arrested in a cafe and never heard from again. He was twenty years old. He was a German citizen. And he was black. Fifty years later, Sid, Hiero's bandmate and the only witness that day, is going back to Berlin. Persuaded by his old friend Chip, Sid discovers there's more to the journey than he thought when Chip shares a mysterious letter, bringing to the surface secrets buried since Hiero's fate was settled.</p>	12 (5 long overdue)		CD/ e-book

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<p>EDWARDS, KIM <i>Memory Keeper's Daughter</i></p> <p>It should have been an ordinary birth, the start of an ordinary happy family. But the night Dr David Henry delivers his wife's twins is a night that will haunt five lives forever. For though David's son is a healthy boy, his daughter has Down's syndrome. And, in a shocking act of betrayal whose consequences only time will reveal, he tells his wife their daughter died while secretly entrusting her care to a nurse. As grief quietly tears apart David's family, so a little girl must make her own way in the world as best she can.</p>	11		
<p>ELLORY, R.J. <i>A Quiet Belief In Angels</i></p> <p>Joseph Vaughan's life has been dogged by tragedy. Growing up in the 1950s, he was at the centre of series of killings of young girls in his small rural community. Barely a teenager himself, Joseph was determined to try to protect his community and classmates from the killer. Despite banding together with his friends as 'The Guardians', he was powerless to prevent more murders - and no one was ever caught. Only after a full ten years did the nightmare end when the one of his neighbours was found hanging from a rope, with articles about the dead girls around him. Thankfully, the killings finally ceased. But the past won't stay buried - for it seems that the real murderer still lives and is killing again. And the secret of his identity lies in Joseph's own history...</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	9	✓	CD

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<p>Enright, Anne    The Forgotten Waltz</p> <p>The Forgotten Waltz is a memory of desire: a recollection of the bewildering speed of attraction, the irreparable slip into longing. In Terenure, a pleasant suburb of Dublin, in the winter of 2009, it has snowed. Gina Moynihan, girl about town, recalls the trail of lust and happenstance that brought her to fall for ‘the love of her life’, Seán Vallely. As the city outside comes to a halt, Gina remembers the days of their affair in one hotel room or another: long afternoons made blank by bliss and denial. Now, as the silent streets and the stillness and vertigo of the falling snow make the day luminous and full of possibility, Gina walks through the weather to meet a girl she calls his ‘beautiful mistake’: Seán’s fragile, twelve-year-old daughter, Evie.</p>	13		
<p>FALLADA, HANS. Alone in Berlin</p> <p>The first novel by a German author to take as its theme the small-scale domestic resistance to the National Socialists. ‘Fallada's great novel, beautifully translated by the poet Michael Hofmann, evokes the daily horror of life under the Third Reich, where the venom of Nazism seeped into the very pores of society, poisoning every aspect of existence. It is a story of resistance, sly humour and hope’ (Ben Macintyre <i>The Times</i> )</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	12		e-book

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<p>FELDMAN, ELEANOR. <i>Scottsboro</i></p> <p>In Alabama, 1931, a posse stops a freight train and arrests nine black youths. Their crime: fighting with white boys. Then two white girls emerge from another freight car, and the cry of rape goes up. One of the girls sticks to her story. The other changes her tune, again and again. A young journalist fights to save the nine youths from the electric chair, redeem the girl who repents her lie, and make amends for her own past. <i>Scottsboro</i> is a novel of a shocking injustice that convulsed the nation and reverberated around the world. Orange shortlist 2009.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	<p>12 (2 long overdue)</p>	<p>✓</p>	
<p>FERRIS, JOSHUA. <i>Then We Came To The End</i></p> <p>They spend their days and too many of their nights at work. Away from friends and family, they share a stretch of stained carpet with a group of strangers they call colleagues. There's Chris Yop, clinging to his ergonomic chair; Lynn Mason, the boss, whose breast cancer everyone pretends not to talk about; Carl Garbedian, secretly taking someone else's medication; Marcia Dwyer, whose hair is stuck in the eighties; and Benny, who's just well, Benny. <i>Then We Came to the End</i> is about sitting all morning next to someone you cross the road to avoid at lunch.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>CD</p>

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<p>FITZGERALD, SCOTT. <i>The Great Gatsby</i></p> <p>Generally considered to be F. Scott Fitzgerald's finest novel, <i>The Great Gatsby</i> is a consummate summary of the "roaring twenties", and a devastating expose of the 'Jazz Age'.</p> <p>Through the narration of Nick Carraway, the reader is taken into the superficially glittering world of the mansions which lined the Long Island shore in the 1920s, to encounter Nick's cousin Daisy, her brash but wealthy husband Tom Buchanan, Jay Gatsby and the mystery that surrounds him.</p> <p><i>The Great Gatsby</i> is an undisputed classic of American literature from the period following the First World War and is one of the great novels of the twentieth century.</p>	12	✓	Playaway
<p>FLYNN, GILLIAN . <i>Gone Girl</i></p> <p>Nick Dunne's wife Amy suddenly disappears on the morning of their 5th anniversary. The police immediately suspect Nick. Amy's friends reveal that she was afraid of him. He swears it isn't true. A police examination of his computer shows strange searches. He says they aren't his. Then there are the persistent calls on his mobile phone.</p>	12		
<p>FRENCH, RAY. <i>Four Fathers</i>.</p> <p>Mixing memoir and fiction, four sons reveal the bonds existing between themselves and their very different fathers and also their own roles as fathers and father figures.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction / Memoir</i></p>	12 (1long overdue)		

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<p>GALE, PATRICK. Notes From An Exhibition.</p> <p>When troubled artist Rachel Kelly dies painting obsessively in her attic studio in Penzance, her saintly husband and adult children have more than the usual mess to clear up. She leaves behind an extraordinary and acclaimed body of work -- but she also leaves a legacy of secrets and emotional damage which will take months to unravel. A wondrous, monstrous creature, she exerts a power that outlives her. To her children she is both curse and blessing, though they all in one way or another reap her whirlwind, inheriting her waywardness, her power of loving -- and her demons.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	11	✓	CD/ e-book
<p>GIBBONS, STELLA. Cold Comfort Farm</p> <p>Flora Poste has been expensively educated to do everything but earn her own living. When she is orphaned at twenty, she decides her only option is to go and live with her relatives the Starkadders at Cold Comfort Farm. What relatives, though: Judith, alone in her grief; raving old Ada Doom, who once saw something nasty in the woodshed; Amos, called by God; Seth, smouldering with sex; and Elfine, who just needs a little polish. Flora feels it incumbent upon her to bring order into the chaos. And she turns out to be remarkably good at it.</p> <p><i>20<sup>th</sup> Century Classics</i></p>	11		



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<p>GILBERT, ELIZABETH. <i>Committed</i></p> <p>At the end of her bestselling memoir "Eat, Pray, Love", Elizabeth Gilbert fell in love with Felipe - a Brazilian-born man of Australian citizenship. Settling in America, the couple swore eternal fidelity to each other, but also swore never to marry. Later compelled to marry to satisfy US immigration laws, Gilbert tackles her fears of marriage by delving completely into this topic, trying to discover (through historical research, interviews and much personal reflection) what this stubbornly enduring old institution actually is.</p> <p><i>Biography</i></p>	10		
<p>GANGEL, ALISON <i>The Sun Hasn't Fallen From The Sky</i></p> <p>Seven-year-old Ailsa Dunn's Ma is prettier than all the other mothers, her Da is the most handsome man in the world. They're made for each other... But the grown-up world is more complicated than that, and when alcohol intrudes, violence becomes the norm and unpredictability reigns - and the ground shifts beneath Ailsa's small feet.</p>	10		

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<p>GREGORY, PHILIPPA. <i>The White Queen</i>.</p> <p>The beautiful Elizabeth Woodville won the love of a king and, as queen, fought tenaciously for the success of her family -- her daughter who would one day unite the warring dynasties, and her two sons whose eventual fate has confounded historians for centuries: the Princes in the Tower. Philippa Gregory gives an unforgettable voice to an extraordinary woman at the heart of a devastating conflict.</p> <p><i>Historical Fiction</i></p>	7	✓	CD Playaway
<p>GREGSON, JULIA. <i>The Water Horse</i>.</p> <p>Catherine Carreg has grown up a tomboy, in a small Welsh village. But consumed by a longing to escape the monotony of village life she runs away to London. Alone in the unfamiliar city, she finds a position in a rest home for sick governesses in Harley Street, run by Miss Florence Nightingale. Then, as the nation is gripped by reports of the war in the Crimea, Catherine volunteers as a nurse - and her life changes beyond all recognition...</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	9		

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<p>GRENVILLE, KATE. <i>The Lieutenant</i></p> <p>As a boy, Daniel Rooke was always an outsider. At school he learned to hide his clever thoughts from his cruel peers; at home his parents were bemused by their bookish son. By 1788, Daniel has become Lieutenant Rooke, astronomer with the First Fleet as it lands on the unknown shores of New South Wales. Rooke comes to know the local Aboriginal people, and forges a remarkable connection with one child, which will change his life in ways he never imagined.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	13		CD
<p>HADDON, MARK. <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time.</i></p> <p>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time is a murder mystery novel like no other. The detective, and narrator, is Christopher Boone. Christopher is fifteen and has Asperger's, a form of autism. He knows a very great deal about maths and very little about human beings. He loves lists, patterns and the truth. He has never gone further than the end of the road on his own, but when he finds a neighbour's dog murdered he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his whole world upside down.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	13	✓	CD / e-book
<p>HAMID, MOHSIN. <i>The Reluctant Fundamentalist.</i></p> <p>A mysterious stranger met in a Lahore café tells his story of how he embraced the Western dream and how he was betrayed.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	11		e-book

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<p>HANNAH, MARI    <i>The Murder Wall</i></p> <p>Eleven months after discovering a brutal double murder in a sleepy Northumbrian town, Detective Chief Inspector Kate Daniels is still haunted by her failure to solve the case. Then the brutal killing of a man on Newcastle's Quayside gives Daniels another chance to get it right, and her first case as Senior Investigating Officer. When Daniels recognises the corpse, but fails to disclose the fact, her personal life swerves dangerously into her professional life. But much worse, she is now being watched. As Daniels steps closer to finding a killer, a killer is only a breath away from claiming his next victim...</p>	10		CD
<p>HANNAH, SOPHIE. <i>Hurting Distance</i>.</p> <p>"A superbly creepy thriller" <i>The Guardian</i>. Naomi Jenkins knows how to describe in detail the actions of a psychopath. All she needs to do is dig up her own traumatic past...</p> <p><i>Thriller/Crime</i></p>	8	✓	CD
<p>Harding, Georgina    <i>Painter of Silence</i></p> <p>Iasi, Romania, the early 1950s. A man is found on the steps of hospital, frail as a fallen bird. He carries no identification and utters no words, and it is days before anyone discovers that he is deaf and mute. And then a young nurse called Safta brings paper and pencils with which he can draw. Slowly, painstakingly, memories appear on the page: a hillside, a stable, a car, a country house, dogs and mirrored rooms and samovars in what is now a lost world.</p>	12		

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<p>HARPER, TOM The Orpheus Descent</p> <p>Twelve golden tablets sit in museums around the world , each created by unknown hands and buried in ancient times, each providing the dead with a route to the afterlife. And archaeologist Lilly Barnes, working on a dig in southern Italy, has just found another. And then Lilly vanishes...</p>	12		
<p>HARRIS, JANE. The Observations</p> <p>Narrated by Bessy, a maid in 1860s Glasgow, puzzled by the requests and obsessions of her new employer. Orange shortlist 2007.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	12	✓	CD
<p>HARRIS, JOANNE. Gillespie and I</p> <p>As she sits in her Bloomsbury home, with her two birds for company, elderly Harriet Baxter sets out to relate the story of her acquaintance, nearly four decades previously, with Ned Gillespie, a talented artist who never achieved the fame she maintains he deserved. Back in 1888, the young, art-loving Harriet arrives in Glasgow at the time of the International Exhibition. After a chance encounter she befriends the Gillespie family and soon becomes a fixture in all of their lives. But when tragedy strikes - leading to a notorious criminal trial - the promise and certainties of this world all too rapidly disintegrate into mystery and deception</p> <p><i>Modern Fiction</i></p>	10		Playaway CD

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<p>HARRIS, JOANNE. <i>The Lollipop Shoes</i></p> <p>Yanne and Annie are living a lie. They are really Vianne and Anouk Rocher, and they are existing under assumed names, trying to fit into a society where magic has no place. After a terrifying brush with social services, Vianne is convinced that any hint of magic will mean her children are taken away from her, and as a result, spells are forbidden. Anouk has become increasingly resentful, feeling that her “real” mother is slipping away. And a new problem is about to arise in the person of Zozie de l'Alba, a young woman who is everything that Vianne once was — with one exception: beautiful, powerful, and utterly ruthless, Zozie is a scavenger, stealing identities. (<i>Fantastic Fiction</i>)</p> <p>'Harris is as good at portraying the agonies of motherhood as she is at evoking the scent of bitter chocolate laced with cinnamon and chilli' (<i>Sunday Times</i>)</p> <p><i>Fiction</i></p>	10		
<p>HARTSHORNE, PAMELA. <i>The memory of midnight.</i></p> <p>One hot day in Elizabethan York, young Nell Appleby is trapped in a wooden chest, and a horror of the stifling dark - and of the man who trapped her - dogs her for the rest of her life. Wed to the sadistic Ralph Maskewe, Nell must find joy where she can, until the return of her childhood sweetheart offers a chance of flight to the New World. Will Nell risk all to escape the dark at last?</p>	12		

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<p>HEALEY, EMMA. Elizabeth is missing</p> <p>Maud is forgetful. She makes a cup of tea and doesn't remember to drink it. She goes to the shops and forgets why she went. Sometimes her home is unrecognizable- or her daughter Helen seems a total stranger. But there's one thing Maud is sure of: her friend Elizabeth is missing. The note in her pocket tells her so. And no matter who tells her to stop going on about it, to leave it alone, to shut up. Maud will get to the bottom of it.</p>	10		
<p>HEMINGWAY, ERNEST. A moveable feast</p> <p>Hemingway's memories of his life as an unknown writer living in Paris in the 1920s are deeply personal, warmly affectionate and full of wit. He recalls the time when, poor, happy and writing in cafes, he discovered his vocation.</p>	12		
<p>HENNESSEY, PATRICK. The Junior Officers' Reading Club.</p> <p>Hennessey's memoir of his years in the army, from new recruit to youngest captain, exposes a young soldier's attitude to war as an adrenalin high. "Towards the end he begins to understand that war is not all glory, but all hell. By the time he leaves the Army he has been transformed from a pretentious young cadet into a wiser, less cocksure officer. In watching this transformation we are taken on our own journey from irritation to comprehension and finally to respect. It is this journey that makes Hennessey's book, which in the end is surprisingly thoughtful, honest and compelling, worth reading." (taken from <i>Telegraph</i> review by Keith Lowe).</p> <p><i>Autobiography</i></p>	9		

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<p>HESSLER, PETER. River Town : Two Years On The Yangtze.</p> <p>An unforgettable portrait of a place caught mid-river in time, much like China itself – a country seeking to understand both what it was and what it will one day become.</p> <p><i>Travel</i></p>	11 (1 long overdue)		
<p>HILL, CASEY. Taboo</p> <p>Forensic investigator Reilly Steel imagined Dublin to be a far cry from bustling San Francisco, a sleepy backwater where she can lay past ghosts to rest and start anew. But a brutal serial killer soon puts paid to that. 'Prepare to be chilled to the bone by this terrifying transatlantic forensic thriller debut from a formidable new talent. If you like Patricia Cornwell or Kathy Reichs you'll love this' –<i>LoveReading</i></p> <p><i>Crime/thriller</i></p>	12		CD



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<p>HILL, LAWRENCE. <i>The Book of Negroes</i>.</p> <p>Abducted from her West African village at the age of eleven and sold as a slave in the American South, Aminata Diallo thinks only of freedom and of finding her way home again. After escaping the plantation, torn from her husband and child, she passes through Manhattan in the chaos of the Revolutionary War, is shipped to Nova Scotia, and then joins a group of freed slaves on a harrowing return odyssey to Africa. Based on a true story, Lawrence Hill's epic novel spans three continents and six decades to bring to life a dark and shameful chapter in our history through the story of one brave and resourceful woman.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	12		
<p>HINDLE, ROB. <i>Some Histories Of The Sheffield Flood 1864</i></p> <p>Fascinating poems about the survivors and victims of this disaster; Hindle examines history and our relationship with it.</p> <p><i>Poetry</i></p>	13		

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<p>HOLLINGHURST, ALAN. <i>The Stranger's Child</i>.</p> <p>Late summer 1913, the aristocratic young poet Cecil Valance comes to stay at 'Two Acres', the home of his close Cambridge friend George Sawle. The weekend will be one of excitements and confusions for all the Sawles, but it is on George's sixteen-year-old sister Daphne that it will have the most lasting impact, when Cecil writes her a poem which will become a touchstone for a generation, an evocation of an England about to change for ever. Man Booker listed 2011.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	13		
<p>HOSSEINI, KHALED. <i>The Kite Runner</i>.</p> <p>Winter, 1975 : Afghanistan, a country on the verge of an internal coup. 12 year old Amir is desperate to win the approval of his father, one of the richest merchants in Kabul, He's failed to do so through academia or brawn but the one area they connect is the annual kite flying tournament.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	14	✓	e-book / e-audio

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<p>HOSSEINI, KHALED. A Thousand Splendid Suns</p> <p>Mariam is only fifteen when she is sent to Kabul to marry Rasheed. Nearly two decades later, a friendship grows between Mariam and a local teenager, Laila, as strong as the ties between mother and daughter. When the Taliban take over, life becomes a desperate struggle against starvation, brutality and fear. Yet love can move a person to act in unexpected ways, and lead them to overcome the most daunting obstacles with a startling heroism.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	<p>11 (1 long overdue)</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>CD/ e-book</p>
<p>HUNT, SAMANTHA. The Invention of Everything Else.</p> <p>Louisa is an imaginative and curious chambermaid who, while cleaning rooms at the New Yorker Hotel, stumbles across a man living permanently in room 3327, which he has transformed into a scientific laboratory. Brought together by a shared interest in the pigeons that nest in the hotel, Louisa discovers that the mysterious guest is Nikola Tesla, one of the most brilliant - and most neglected - inventors of the twentieth century. Orange shortlist 2009</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	<p>11 (1 marked Msg)</p>	<p>✓</p>	

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<p>HUNTER, SETH. <i>The Time of Terror</i>.</p> <p>A strongly-written novel that pulls the reader into the world of revolutionary France and Britain's attempts to come to terms with the new republic. Lieutenant Nathan Peake, in command of the brig-sloop <i>Nereus</i>, tracks a smuggler as far as the coast of France only to receive the opening shots of the newly-declared war between Britain and revolutionary France. It is January 1793 and Peake is launched on an adventure which will take him deep into the reign of terror.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	11		
<p>HUSBAND, MARION. <i>The Good Father</i></p> <p>A man dies leaving his estate to his son's best friend. The book explores the consequences for the legatee, the son and the solicitor, the nature of fatherhood and the bonds between fathers and their children.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	12 (1 long overdue)		
<p>HUSTON, NANCY. <i>Fault Lines</i>.</p> <p>When six year old Sol and his family make an unexpected trip to Germany, terrible secrets start to emerge. Narrated by children in four generations of one family, "Fault Lines" traces their history back through the years, from California to New York, from Haifa to Toronto and Munich. It shows what can happen when past and present collide. Birthmarks are not all that can be passed down through a family line...Orange shortlist 2008.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	13	✓	

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<p>IBBOTSON JERRY. Chosen</p> <p>Chosen is a coming of age tale and fantasy story in one (note: that's fantasy with a small f). Magic books, undead vicars, God and fondue forks are brought together in the story of Alex Preston: a grumpy, daydreaming office worker who finds a tunnel in the basement at work. It leads to a land full of magic and fantasy. Armed with a sleeping bag and a small torch, Alex leaves his family behind and sets off to explore. It s not long before his adventure begins to unravel rather alarmingly and the story builds to an explosive climax. Alex finally discovers the meaning of real magic and learns that when love is stronger than fear, marvellous things can happen.</p>	10		e-book
<p>JENSEN, LIZ. The Rapture.</p> <p>Gabrielle Fox is seeking to rebuild her career as a psychologist after a shattering car accident. Her patient, Bethany Krall, is violent, delusional and predicts catastrophes with unnerving accuracy. 'A gripping tale of love, death and religion, set in the not-too-distant future...Deliciously apocalyptic and jammed full of ideas, this is storytelling at its rapturous best.' (Daily Mail)</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	12	✓	CD

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<p>JONES, LLOYD. Mister Pip</p> <p>Bougainville. 1991. A small village on an island in the South Pacific threatened by approaching civil war. Mr Watts, the only white man, is the self-appointed teacher of the tiny school, where the only book is Dickens' <i>Great Expectations</i>. On an island at war, the power of fiction has dangerous consequences.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	10	✓	CD
<p>JONES, SADIE. The Outcast.</p> <p>After two years serving in Brixton Prison, Lewis Aldridge never expected to have a happy homecoming when he finally arrives back in his quiet Home Counties village. Lewis is determined to rebuild his life, but his treatment by the village community and by his emotionless father, Gilbert, make this impossible. A provocative, fast-paced and ultimately uplifting novel. Orange shortlist 2008.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	12	✓	CD
<p>KAMKWAMBA, WILLIAM. The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind.</p> <p>The inspiring story of a young man in Malawi who used the only resources available to him to build a windmill and elevate the lives and spirits of those in his community. William Kamkwamba's achievements with wind energy should serve as a model of what one person, with an inspired idea, can do to tackle the crisis we face. His book tells a moving and exciting story.</p> <p><i>Autobiography</i></p>	10		

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<p>KAY, JACKIE. Why don't you stop talking.</p> <p>A collection of short stories in which ordinary lives are transformed by secrets or trauma in a disturbingly familiar world where love and sex, death and family life cast long shadows.</p> <p><i>Short stories</i></p>	11 (1 long overdue)		Playaway
<p>KELMAN, STEPHEN Pigeon English</p> <p>Newly arrived from Ghana with his mother and older sister, eleven-year-old Harrison Opoku lives on the ninth floor of a block of flats on a London housing estate. With equal fascination for the local gang - the Dell Farm Crew - and the pigeon who visits his balcony, Harri absorbs the strange elements of life in England: watching, listening, and learning the tricks of inner-city survival. But when a boy is knifed to death on the high street and a police appeal draws only silence, Harri decides to start a murder investigation of his own, unwittingly endangering the fragile web his mother has spun around her family to keep them safe.</p>	9	✓	e-book
<p>Kelly Cathy. It started with Paris</p> <p>In Paris, the city of romance, at the top of the Eiffel Tower, a young man proposes to his girlfriend. In that second, everything changes, not just for the happy couple, but for the family and friends awaiting their return in Bridgeport, Ireland.....</p>	6		

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<p>KENNEDY, THOMAS. <i>In the Company of Angels</i></p> <p>Bernardo Greene is attempting to rebuild his life. Imprisoned and tortured by Pinochet's regime for introducing his students to political poetry, he has arrived in Copenhagen to begin again. A novel about passion in the wake of loss, pain in the wake of truth, and salvation in the wake of despair, from internationally celebrated author Thomas E. Kennedy.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction.</i></p>	12		
<p>KENT, KATHLEEN. <i>The Traitor's Wife</i></p> <p>In the harsh wilderness of colonial Massachusetts, servant Martha Allen becomes fascinated with mysterious Welshman, Thomas Carrier, a man whose forceful nature matches her own. In London, the king is assembling a crew of assassins to kill the man who executed his father. Even in remote New England, Thomas cannot be free from the haunting legacy of his past.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction.</i></p>	10		e-audio
<p>KING, STEPHEN. <i>Different Seasons</i></p> <p>Four short novellas – <i>Rita Hayworth And Shawshank Redemption; Apt Pupil; The Body</i> (filmed as <i>Stand By Me</i>) and <i>Breathing Lessons</i>.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction, short stories/thrillers</i></p>	10		



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<p>KINGSOLVER, BARBARA. <i>The Poisonwood Bible</i>.</p> <p>Told by the wife and daughters of Nathan Price, a Baptist missionary to the Belgian Congo in 1959, this is the story of one family's tragic undoing and remarkable reconstruction over three decades in post-colonial Africa. A modern classic.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	11		
<p>KRAUSS, NICOLE. <i>Great House</i></p> <p>In Krauss' new novel, a disparate cast of characters is linked by a single desk, which serves as a workspace for two writers, and as the linchpin for the fate of a Hungarian-born antiques dealer who hunts down furniture plundered by the Nazis. The story of the desk is told by four narrators, with the narrative slowly peeling away the mystery of the characters' pasts and of the desk, which finds its way into almost all their lives.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	10		

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<p>LARSSON, STIEG. The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo</p> <p>Forty years ago, Harriet Vanger disappeared from a family gathering on the island owned and inhabited by the powerful Vanger clan. Her body was never found, yet her uncle is convinced it was murder - and that the killer is a member of his own tightly knit but dysfunctional family. He employs disgraced financial journalist Mikael Blomkvist and the tattooed, truculent computer hacker Lisbeth Salander to investigate. When the pair link Harriet's disappearance to a number of grotesque murders from forty years ago, they begin to unravel a dark and appalling family history.</p> <p><i>Thriller</i></p>	10		CD e-book e-audio
<p>LAWSON, MARY. The Other Side Of The Bridge</p> <p>Set in rural Canada in the 1930s. Farmer's sons Arthur &amp; Jake find their fragile relationship driven to breaking point when a young woman, Laura, comes into their community.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	9	✓	CD

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<p>LE CARRE, JOHN. <i>The Spy Who Came in from the Cold</i></p> <p>Alex Leamas is tired. It's the 1960s, he's been out in the cold for years, spying in Berlin for his British masters, and has seen too many good agents murdered for their troubles. Now Control wants to bring him in at last – but only after one final assignment. In le Carré's breakthrough work of 1963, the spy story is reborn as a gritty and terrible tale of men who are caught up in politics beyond their imagining.</p> <p><i>Fiction (Modern Classic)</i></p>	12		
<p>LESSING, DORIS. <i>The Grass Is Singing</i></p> <p>An almost uncomfortably raw story of the tragic and shocking consequences when Mary is taken from small town Rhodesia in the late 1940s to live on a remote farm with a husband she despises. For the first time she encounters the black work force and their close proximity has a profound effect on her sensibilities. The house servant Moses in particular exerts a powerful influence over her as her mind begins to disintegrate in the claustrophobic atmosphere.</p> <p><i>Fiction (Nobel Prize Winner)</i></p>	11		

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<p>LEVI, PRIMO. <i>The Drowned and the Saved</i></p> <p>In his last book before his death in 1987, the author tries to understand the rationale behind Auschwitz, Treblinka and Bergen-Belsen. Dismissing stereotyped images of brutal Nazi torturers and helpless victims, Levi draws extensively on his own experiences to delve into the minds and motives of oppressors and oppressed alike.</p> <p><i>History</i></p>	<p>13 (1 long overue)</p>		
<p>LEVY DEBORAH . <i>Swimming Home</i></p> <p>As he arrives with his family at the villa in the hills above Nice, Joe sees a body in the swimming pool. But the girl is very much alive. She is Kitty Finch: a self-proclaimed botanist with green-painted fingernails, walking naked out of the water and into the heart of their holiday. Why is she there? What does she want from them all? And why does Joe's enigmatic wife allow her to remain? Profound and thrilling, <i>Swimming Home</i> reveals how the most devastating secrets are the ones we keep from ourselves.</p>	<p>12 (1 marked Msg)</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>CD / e-book</p>
<p>LIDDINGTON, JILL. <i>Rebel Girls : their fight for the vote.</i></p> <p>This starts in 1905, just as sensational suffragette imprisonments began to grab newspaper headlines, and takes the extraordinary history forward to the height of militant campaign at the outbreak of war.</p> <p><i>History</i></p>	<p>12</p>		

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<p>LITTEN, RUSS <i>Scream If You Want To Go Faster</i>  Hull Fair, October 2007. A city still drowning in the aftermath of summer floodwater prepares to wave farewell to Europe's biggest travelling carnival. For six-year-old Billie, Walton Street is a magical playground of wide-eyed adventure. For David and Denise, the fading lights of the Fair signal the birth of a brand new kind of freedom. Rose, a sixty-year-old widow seeking a kindred spirit online, is dealt a hand she hadn't bargained for, while for Michelle and Darren it's the beginning of a haunted love affair that's struggling to escape its own past. As the big wheel turns above them, and the sky comes alive with noise and colour, ten ordinary lives are brought together over a single weekend in the rain-soaked city below. Perfectly capturing the frenetic pace, heartbreaking poignancy and simmering aggression of modern urban life, <i>Scream if You Want to Go Faster</i> is a dark, funny and abrasive novel from a stunning new voice in British fiction.</p>	10		

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<p>MCEWAN IAN. <i>Solar</i>  <i>WINNER OF THE BOLLINGER EVERYMAN WODEHOUSE PRIZE FOR COMIC FICTION</i>  Michael Beard is a Nobel prize-winning physicist whose best work is behind him. A compulsive womaniser, Beard finds his fifth marriage floundering. But this time it is different: she is having the affair, and he is still in love with her.</p> <p>When Beard's professional and personal worlds collide in a freak accident, an opportunity presents itself for Beard to extricate himself from his marital mess, reinvigorate his career and save the world from environmental disaster. Ranging from the Arctic Circle to the deserts of New Mexico, this is a story of one man's greed and self-deception; a darkly satirical novel showing human frailty struggling with the most pressing and complex problem of our time.</p>	12		e-audio e-book
<p>McMAHON, KATHERINE. <i>The Rose Of Sebastopol</i></p> <p>Russia, 1854: the Crimean War grinds on. In defiance of Florence Nightingale, Rosa Barr travels to Balaklava, determined to save as many of the wounded as she can. For Mariella Lingwood, Rosa's cousin, the war is contained within the pages of her scrapbook, in her London sewing circle, and in the letters she receives from Henry, her fiance, a celebrated surgeon who has also volunteered to work within the shadow of the guns. When Henry falls ill and is sent to recuperate in Italy, Mariella impulsively decides she must go to him. But upon their arrival at his lodgings, she and her maid make a heartbreaking discovery: Rosa has disappeared.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	11		CD

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<p>MADDEN, DEIRDRE. Molly Fox's Birthday</p> <p>While absent in New York, the celebrated actor Molly Fox has loaned her house to a playwright friend, who is struggling to write a new work. Over the course of this, the longest day of the year, the playwright reflects upon her own life, Molly's, and that of their mutual friend Andrew, whom she has known since university. Why does Molly never celebrate her own birthday, which falls upon this day? Orange shortlist 2009.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	12	✓	
<p>MANTEL, HILARY. Wolf Hall</p> <p>“Mantel picks an unlikely hero – Thomas Cromwell – and reconfigures him. Cromwell's reputation, the man responsible for the Reformation, is dark. Yet Mantel shows him as learned, wry, tolerant, calculating. Cromwell is self-taught, self-made. From the boy bloody beneath his father's boot he rises to become the king's most trusted advisor...Mantel's writing is taut; the dialogue sprints along, witty and convincing. She draws her extensive cast with deft strokes.” (The Independent) Winner of the Man Booker Prize 2009.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	13 (1 marked Msg)		CD / Playaway / e-book

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<p>MARIC, VESNA. Bluebird</p> <p>Vesna Maric left Bosnia the beginning of the war, at the age of 16, on a convoy of coaches of women and children heading for Penrith. "Bluebird" is her funny, vivid and immensely readable memoir of the experience. She tells about her love affair with a local lad, and her eventual moves to Exeter and Hull. Throughout she interweaves the stories of other refugees - love stories, stories of escape, stories about the strange clash between refugees and their hosts.</p> <p><i>Autobiography</i></p>	12		
<p>MASSON, RICHARD. Boonie</p> <p>Lost in the desert without water, orphaned and abandoned JD meets a strange old man whose mouth has been sewn shut. That man's secret will save his life. The search for his mother leads JD to the City where he must face the true horrors of life under the Silver Men. Trapped inside the Pits of enslaved children scraping for water, he must risk everything and everyone he has ever loved in order to survive.</p>	9		
<p>MASTERS, ALEXANDER. Stuart: A Life Backwards.</p> <p>Stuart's confession: the story of his life, told backwards - through post-office heists, prison riots and the exact day he discovered violence, to unfold the reasons why he changed from a happy-go-lucky little boy into a polydrug-addicted-alcoholic Jekyll and Hyde personality. A remarkable book which redefines 'biography'.</p> <p><i>Biography</i></p>	12		



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<p>MATTHEWS, CAROLE. <i>The Chocolate Lovers' Club</i>.</p> <p>Four different characters, brought together by a love of chocolate, form a select group meeting in their sanctuary, a café called Chocolate Heaven, and always have plenty to discuss... 'Carole Matthews writes of the travails of romance, relationships and motherhood with hilarity, tenderness and despair...a story loaded with laughter, tears and hope. This is one to share with your girlfriends' (Adriana Trigiani)</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	21		CD Playaway

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<p>MAY, STEPHEN <i>Life! Death! Prizes!</i></p> <p>Billy's Mum is dead. He knows - because he reads about it in magazines - that people die every day in ways that are more random and tragic and stupid than hers, but for nineteen-year-old Billy and his little brother, Oscar, their mother's death in a bungled street robbery is the most random and tragic and stupid thing that could possibly have happened to them. Now Billy must be both mother and father to Oscar, and despite what his well-meaning aunt, the PTA mothers, the social services and Oscar's own prodigal father all think, he knows he is more than up to the job, thank you very much. The boys' new world, where bedtimes are arbitrary, tidiness is optional and healthy home-cooked meals pile up uneaten in the freezer, is built out of chaos and fierce love, but it's also a world that teeters perilously on its axis. And as Billy's obsession with his mother's missing killer grows, he risks losing sight of the one thing that really matters... Funny, bittersweet and unforgettable, <i>Life! Death! Prizes!</i> is a story of grief, resilience and brotherly love.</p> <p>N.B. Lots of strong language which may offend.</p>	15		

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<p>MENDELSON, CHARLOTTE. <i>When We Were Bad</i>.</p> <p>The story is set in London and centres around a female Rabbi - Claudia Rubin - who is very well respected and loved in the community. Her family life seems perfect to the outside world. But, you never know what's going on behind closed doors and when her son decides to leave his fiancée - at the altar - to elope with the wife of a fellow Rabbi, it becomes clear that all is not well with Claudia Rubin's family. Orange shortlist 2008.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	13	✓	
<p>Miller, Madeleine      <i>The Song of Achilles</i></p> <p>Greece in the age of Heroes. Patroclus, an awkward young prince, has been exiled to Phthia to live in the shadow of King Peleus and his strong, beautiful son, Achilles. By all rights their paths should never cross, but Achilles takes the shamed prince as his friend, and as they grow into young men skilled in the arts of war and medicine, their bond blossoms into something far deeper — despite the displeasure of Achilles's mother Thetis, a cruel sea goddess. But then word comes that Helen of Sparta has been kidnapped. Torn between love and fear for his friend, Patroclus journeys with Achilles to Troy, little knowing that the years that follow will test everything they hold dear.</p>	12	✓	

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<p>O'FARRELL, MAGGIE. <i>The Hand that First Held Mine.</i></p> <p>An intense story of love, motherhood and childhood secrets. With a narrative that slips seamlessly between '50s Soho and the present day, it's beautifully written and thought-provoking. ' <i>Grazia</i> Driven by a sense of unrest and intrigue, the novel also asks deeper questions about the unreliability of memory and of the stories we are told about ourselves.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	12	✓	
<p>O'NEILL, HEATHER. <i>Lullabies For Little Criminals.</i></p> <p>Written in the voice of a child, this book is about the highs and lows of being cared for by her young heroin addict father. The book perfectly captures the confused, non-judgemental thought process of a young girl as she grows up in a community of drug-pushers, addicts and pimps. Orange shortlist 2008.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	12	✓	

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<p>OYEYEMI, Helen. <i>White is for Witching</i>.</p> <p>'A remarkable, shape-shifting tale... The narrative oscillates between the mundane and the supernatural, and it is this skilful blend of the fantastic and the everyday that makes it resonate so chillingly... In the end, this isn't a fantasy about ghosts and witches. It is really about memory and belonging, love and loss.' (New Statesman)</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	8		
<p>Ozick, Cynthia <i>Foreign Bodies</i></p> <p>The collapse of her brief marriage has stalled Bea Nightingale's life, leaving her middle-aged and alone, teaching in an impoverished borough of 1950s New York. A plea from her estranged brother gives Bea the excuse to escape lassitude by leaving for Paris to retrieve a nephew she barely knows; but the siren call of Europe threatens to deafen Bea to the dangers of entangling herself in the lives of her brother's family.</p>	12	✓	CD / e-book

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<p>PITCHER, ANNABEL My sister lives on the mantelpiece</p> <p>Ten-year-old Jamie Matthews has just moved to the Lake District with his Dad and his teenage sister, Jasmine for a 'Fresh New Start'. Five years ago his sister's twin, Rose, was blown up by a terrorist bomb. His parents are wrecked by their grief, Jasmine turns to piercing, pink hair and stops eating. The family falls apart. But Jamie hasn't cried in all that time. To him Rose is just a distant memory. Jamie is far more interested in his cat, Roger, his birthday Spiderman T-shirt, and in keeping his new friend Sunya a secret from his dad. And in his deep longing and unshakeable belief that his Mum will come back to the family she walked out on months ago. When he sees a TV advert for a talent show, he feels certain that this will change everything and bring them all back together once and for all.</p>	<p>15</p>		<p>CD</p>

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<p>ROBINSON, MARILYNNE. Home</p> <p>Jack - prodigal son of the Boughton family, has come home looking for refuge and to try to make peace with a past littered with trouble and pain. A bad boy from childhood, an alcoholic who cannot hold down a job, Jack is perpetually at odds with his surroundings and with his traditionalist father, though he remains Boughton's most beloved child. His sister Glory has also returned, fleeing her own mistakes, to care for their dying father. Orange shortlist 2009.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	12	✓	
<p>ROSOFF, MEG How I live now</p> <p>Daisy is sent from New York to England to spend a summer with cousins she has never met. It seems like the perfect summer. Falling in love is just the start of it but their lives are about to explode. War breaks out and lands on their doorstep.</p>	12		CD e-book
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<p>SANSOM, C. J. <i>Sovereign</i>.</p> <p>Following the uncovering of a plot against his throne in Yorkshire, Henry VIII has set out on a Progress to the North, to overawe his rebellious subjects there once and for all. Third title in the Shardlake series. York's Big City Read 2009.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	12	✓	CD Playaway
<p>SATRAPI, MARIANE. <i>Persepolis</i>.</p> <p>An unforgettable portrait of daily life in Iran and the contradictions between home and public life. A beautiful and intimate story full of tragedy and humour.</p> <p><i>Graphic novel (comic book format)</i></p>	11		

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<p>SCARROW, SIMON. Fire and Sword</p> <p>The third in this epic quartet of novels focusing on two giants of European history, Wellington and Napoleon. In the early years of the nineteenth century, Arthur Wellesley (elevated to Viscount Wellington in the course of the novel) and Napoleon Bonaparte are well established as men of military genius. Wellesley has returned from India; Napoleon is cementing his control on Europe...</p> <p><i>Historical Fiction</i></p>	8		
<p>SCHEINMANN, DANNY. Random Acts Of Heroic Love</p> <p>1992: Leo Deakin wakes up in a hospital somewhere in South America. His girlfriend Eleni is dead and Leo doesn't know where he is or how she died, but Leo is about to discover something that will change his life for ever.</p> <p>1917: Moritz Daniecki is a fugitive from a Siberian POW camp. The Great War may be over, but Moritz now faces a perilous journey across a continent riven by civil war. When Moritz finally limps back into his village to claim the hand of the woman he left behind, will she still be waiting?</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	12	✓	CD

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<p>SEIERSTAD, ASNE. <i>The Bookseller Of Kabul</i></p> <p>Sultan Khan's love for his ancient country's culture gives him strength to stand up to Communist and Taliban alike. As they burn and destroy his beloved books he consoles himself with the knowledge that he has hidden away many more. He's also a man who puts himself first, and seems to always get what he wants, be it a priceless Persian text or a new wife. Seierstad's no-nonsense style provides a close up look at a fascinating country and its people, still daring to hope after the horrific ravages of the recent past.</p> <p><i>Non fiction</i></p>	12	✓	
<p>SHAMSIE, KAMILA. <i>Burnt Shadows</i></p> <p>August 9th, 1945, Nagasaki. Hiroko Tanaka steps out onto her veranda. Wrapped in a kimono with three black cranes swooping across the back, she is twenty-one, in love with the man she is to marry. In a split second, the world turns white. In the next, it explodes with the sound of fire and the horror of realisation. In the numbing aftermath of a bomb that obliterates everything she has known, all that remains are the bird-shaped burns on her back, an indelible reminder of the world she has lost....Orange shortlist 2009.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	12 2 intransit since 2013	✓	CD



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<p>SHAW, FIONA <i>A Stone's Throw</i>            'You must choose how you live your life. And as you are my son, William, I tell you that you, and you alone, must do the choosing.' Like everyone, Meg has made choices over the course of her life; for the most part, she's proud of the decisions she made, but that doesn't mean she's not without regrets, not haunted by questions of what might have been . . . What if her older brother hadn't gone missing when she was just a child? What if she'd married for love, rather than duty? What if she told her son why it matters so much that he, unlike her, listens to his heart? Set in England and Africa, and opening during World War Two, <i>A Stone's Throw</i> is a novel about family, about love, about duty; it's about the people we miss and the secrets we keep. Above all though, it's about the choices we make - and those we don't. 'As subtle and delicate as gossamer... a masterclass in restraint' <i>Financial Times</i></p>	15		e-book
<p>SHIELDS, CAROL <i>Unless</i>            At once the disturbing, ultimately consoling story of one family's loss and a searing portrait of life at the dawn of the 21st century, '<i>Unless</i>' is a daring novel from the master of extraordinary fictions about so-called 'ordinary' lives.</p>	6		e-book

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<p>SKLOOT, REBECCA. <i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i>.</p> <p>Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. Born a poor black tobacco farmer, her cancer cells -- taken without her knowledge -- became a multimillion-dollar industry and one of the most important tools in medicine. Yet her family did not learn of her 'immortality' until more than twenty years after her death, with devastating consequences . .</p> <p><i>Non fiction</i></p>	<p>10</p>		
<p>SIMON, RACHEL. <i>The Story of Beautiful Girl</i></p> <p>1968 - Linnie, a young white woman with a developmental disability, and Homan, an African American deaf man, escape from their School for the Incurable and Feebleminded. They seek refuge in the farmhouse of Martha, a retired schoolteacher and widow. Linnie is recaptured but begs Martha to hide her newborn baby.. And so begins the 40-year epic journey of Linnie, Homan, Martha, and baby Julia- divided by seemingly insurmountable obstacles, yet drawn together by a secret pact and extraordinary love.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	<p>11 1 intransit Since 2014</p>	<p>√</p>	

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<p>SLOUKA, MARK. The Visible World</p> <p>The American child of Czech-born Anton'n and Ivana, our unnamed narrator grows up amid affection but also enduring mystery. He eavesdrops on his parents' get-togethers with fellow emigres, revels in their folktales and anecdotes of Czechoslovakia, but most of all, he's vexed by his mother's implacable sadness and intrigued by Anton'n's quiet acceptance of it. Ivana eventually commits suicide, and her 37-year-old son goes to Czechoslovakia, armed with clues, artifacts and snippets he hopes will help him make sense of himself by making sense of his parents.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	11	✓	e-audio
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<p>SOMER, BRADLEY <i>Fishbowl: What the Goldfish saw as he fell from the 27<sup>th</sup> Floor.</i></p> <p>Even a goldfish can dream of adventure... From his enviable view from a balcony of the 27<sup>th</sup> floor of an apartment block, Ian the goldfish has frequent – if fleeting – desires for a more exciting life. Until one day, a series of unfortunate events give him an opportunity to escape... Our story begins, however, with the human inhabitants of Ian's building. There is the handsome student, his girlfriend and his mistress; an agoraphobic sex worker; the invisible caretaker; the pregnant woman on bed rest; and the home-schooled boy, Herman, who thinks he can travel through time. As Ian tumbles perilously downwards, he will witness all their lives, loves, triumphs and disasters... A truly original, philosophically joyful and charming novel with the unlikeliest of heroes. This is <i>Tales of the City</i> as seen by a goldfish.</p>	<p>10</p>		

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<p>STEWART, MICHAEL King Crow  King Crow by Michael Stewart is the story of a lonely, neglected boy, dragged from one Salford estate (and consequently school) to another by his mother, who, since the departure of his father, has lurched between numerous failed relationships, all with women, and appears to suffer from clinical depression. Clearly an intelligent boy, Paul doesn't make friends easily: he's only really interested in birds, relates all people to them, and struggles to understand why everyone else wouldn't be interested in them too. His social awkwardness and atypical thought processes mean he doesn't do well at school, and his unstable home life doesn't help - so he's a serial truant and spends lessons drawing pictures: he's worked out that in most of his schools, under-achieving isn't a problem if you're quiet and keep your pen on the paper.</p>	10		e-book

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<p>STOCKETT, KATHRYN. <i>The Help</i></p> <p>Enter a vanished and unjust world: Jackson, Mississippi, 1962. Where black maids raise white children, but aren't trusted not to steal the silver...There's Aibileen, raising her seventeenth white child and nursing the hurt caused by her own son's tragic death; Minny, whose cooking is nearly as sassy as her tongue; and white Miss Skeeter, home from College, who wants to know why her beloved maid has disappeared. Skeeter, Aibileen and Minny. No one would believe they'd be friends; fewer still would tolerate it. But as each woman finds the courage to cross boundaries, they come to depend and rely upon one another. Each is in a search of a truth. And together they have an extraordinary story to tell...</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	9	✓	e-book
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<p>SWARUP, Vikas. Q &amp; A.</p> <p>The <i>Slumdog Millionaire</i> story. Eighteen year old street boy, Ram Mohammad Thomas, is in prison after winning one billion rupees on a TV quiz show. Twelve extraordinary events in his life gave him the crucial answers. A warm-hearted tale reflecting the comedy, tragedy, joy and pathos of modern India.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	12		Playaway
<p>TABUCCHI, ANTONIO. Pereira Maintains</p> <p>Antonio Tabucchi's novel about a newspaper editor in 1930s Portugal is a passionate warning against political complacency. In the sweltering summer of 1938 a mysterious young man arrives at the doorstep of Dr Pereira. So begins an unlikely alliance that will result in a devastating act of rebellion. This is Pereira's testimony.</p> <p><i>Historical fiction</i></p>	12	✓	
<p>TORDAY, PAUL. Salmon Fishing in the Yemen.</p> <p>A fisheries scientist is instructed to introduce salmon fishing into the deserts of the Yemen. The project, funded by a wealthy sheikh, catches the eye of British politicians. A humorous and satirical first novel.</p> <p><i>Contemporary fiction</i></p>	7	✓	CD Playaway

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<p>TREMAIN, ROSE    The Road Home</p> <p>In The Road Home, Tremain tells the story of Lev, an Eastern European migrant worker who has left his village and travelled to England so that he can finance a better life for his mother and daughter. He takes with him his grief for his dead wife. There is an almost fairytale-like quality to Lev's chance encounters and where they lead him, although, that said, they also feel natural and possible;</p>	11		e-book
<p>TRESSELL, ROBERT. The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists.</p> <p>This novel tells the story of a group of working men who are joined one day by Owen, a journeyman-prophet with a vision of a just society. Owen's spirited attacks on the greed and dishonesty of the capitalist system rouse his fellow men from their political quietism.</p> <p><i>20<sup>th</sup> Century classic</i></p>	10		e-book
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