



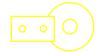






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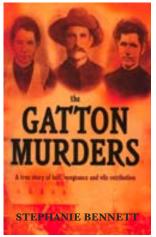












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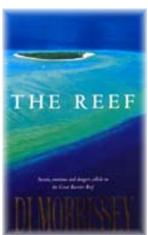






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Genre: Autobiography Narrated by Clem Fechner 7 cassettes \$56.20 Cat. No. 3401 7 cds \$66.20 Cat. No. 3401CD

Rich in talent, flamboyant and forthright Jason Akermanis has fought demons and challenges at every turn: the absence of a father, the death of his mother, depression, ruthless coaches.

Football has been his constant, and his tormentor at times. This is the story of his life - a rollercoaster ride from livewire kid to three-time Lions Premiership player.

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BENNETT, The Gatton Murders Stephanie

Genre: Adult Non Fiction

6 cassettes \$49.60 Cat. No. 3403

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Boxing Day, 1898. Three members of the Murphy family - Michael, Ellen and Norah - are returning to the family farm after a trip in to Gatton, a small town west of Brisbane. On a deserted, moonlit road a few miles out of town they are ambushed. Their horse is killed and the three young people are taken to a remote paddock where the women are brutally raped and bludgeoned to death, and Michael is shot.

By the time the police arrived the following day, locals had swarmed all over the crime scene, obliterating the evidence. What followed was a hopelessly bungled investigation and the crime remained unsolved. Fear and mistrust rocked the farming community, and theories about the perpetrator abounded. Was this the work of a sex-crazed tramp? Could a member of the Murphy family have been involved, or was revenge the motive?

BINCHY, Nights of Rain and Stars Maeve

Genre: Adult Fiction General Narrated by Kaye Stevenson 8 cassettes \$62.80 Cat. No. 3383 8 cds \$72.80 Cat. No. 3383CD

Four strangers, with nothing in common but a need to escape, meet in a Greek Taverna high above the small village of Aghia Anna. From Ireland, America, Germany and England, they have each left their homes and their old lives, when a shocking tragedy throws them unexpectedly together.

Fiona is a young nurse, trying to make her family understand her need to follow her own path. Thomas desperately misses his young son and fears that his ex-wife will come between them. Elsa abruptly left her career as a television presenter, but someone from her past refuses to let her go. And shy, quiet David is determined to make a stand against his overbearing father. With these four is Andreas, the taverna owner, who badly misses the son who left home nine years ago and has never returned.

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BRAND, Blue Kingdom Max

Genre: Adult Fiction - Western Narrated by John Burnley 6 cassettes \$49.60 Cat. No. 3388 6 cds \$59.60 Cat. No. 3388CD

Carrick Dunmore is a capable man on a horse and in the use of a six-gun. However, he does have a serious handicap. He is hopelessly lazy and prefers to spend his time drinking, juggling knives, and generally having a good time. So life might have gone on if his friends had not encouraged him to ride a wild bronco in the local rodeo. Carrick rides the wild horse and ends up with the horse, the prize money and his life forever changed.

BRANDO, BRANDO - Songs My Mother Taught Me Marlon

Genre: Autobiography
10 cassettes \$81.00 Cat. No. 3375
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This is Marlon Brando's own story, and his reason for telling it is best revealed in his own words:

"I have always considered my life a private affair and the business of no one beyond my family and those I love. Except for moral and political issues that aroused in me a desire to speak out, I have done my utmost throughout my life, for the sake of my children and myself, to remain silent... But now, in my seventieth year, I have decided to tell the story of my life as best I can, so that my children can separate the truth from the myths that others have created about me, as myths are created about everyone swept up in the turbulent and distorting maelstrom of celebrity in our culture."

CORNWELL, Sharpe's Havoc Bernard

Genre: Adult Fiction Romance Narrated by Brian Rowell 10 cassettes \$81.00 Cat. No. 3376 10 cds \$86.00 Cat. No. 3376CD

It is the spring of 1809 and a small British army is stationed in Lisbon when Marshal Soult begins the French invasion of northern Portugal. Lieutenant Richard Sharpe and his riflemen are sent into beleaguered Oporto to rescue a British mother and daughter. But what seems like a straightforward mission becomes tangled in betrayal when Kate Savage disappears. Sharpe and his men try to fight their way back to the British lines, but are ordered to remain in northern Portugal. Colonel Christopher excels in high diplomacy and low cunning, and his activities lead Sharpe and his men into treacherous danger. When Sir Arthur Wellesley, the future Duke of Wellington, arrives to mount his own counter-attack in a brilliant campaign that will rout the French, Sharpe becomes the hunter instead of the hunted. Amidst the wreckage of a defeated army, in the hills of the Portuguese frontier, Sharpe takes a terrible revenge.

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COX. **Lovers and Liars** Josephine

Genre: Adult Fiction General Narrated by Barbara Duncan 10 cassettes \$81.00 Cat. No. 3382 10 cds \$86.00 Cat. No. 3382CD

It is 1902, Emily is sixteen years of age and blissfully in love with John, two years her senior. Together they are secretly planning a life, when they are violently driven apart.

Denied the man she loves, and dominated by a brutally possessive uncle, Emily is devastated when she is cruelly taken advantage of. When a child is born, her life is in tatters. And she cannot reveal the identity of the father to anyone, or there will be a terrible price to pay.

Trapped and ashamed, she seeks solace in her daughter, Cathleen, but there is little consolation. As time passes, and still there is no sign of the man she loves, Emily resigns herself to the fact that he may never return, and her life begins to take another direction. However, John is never far from her mind. Is her love still waiting for her?

But when history threatens to repeat itself and the father of her child once again preys on her, she must put all thoughts of John aside and find a way to safeguard her daughter.

FORBES. No Mercy Colin

Genre: Adult Fiction Thriller Narrated by Geoff Bartholomew 8 cassettes \$62.80 Cat. No. 3347 8 cds \$72.800 Cat. No. 3347CD

A simple request becomes a nightmare. One by one, four brutally ravaged skeletons are discovered. Two of them on Dartmoor, near the mansion of Drago Volkanian, Armenian founder of a giant supermarket chain - and an armaments plant.

With Paula Grey, his assistant, Tweed pursues the unknown killer with the same relentlessness the murderer showed in destroying his victims. Among others, he interrogates the strange Volkanian clan - Lucinda, Drago's stepdaughter, steely and moody, and her elder brother Larry, the company managing director. Again he meets Michael, the younger brother, who is still unable to speak. He is suffering from amnesia - or so say two psychiatrists. Unlike Buchanan, Tweed insists the horrific murders are not random. A link must exist between the four victims.

Tweed also suspects a foreign power is involved. The tempo ratchets up ferociously. With Paula, Bob Newman and his team, he travels to Marseilles, where murder is a way of life. A desperate battle takes place on a mysterious island. Escaping the city alive by a hairsbreadth, they race back home.

Who is the sadistic killer? One eerie climax follows another. Could Michael be the key?

FRASER, A Bitter Legacy Sara

Genre: Adult Fiction Romance Narrated by Margaret Nielsen 8 cassettes \$62.80 Cat. No. 3389 8 cds \$72.80 Cat. No. 3389CD

Jamaica, 1806. Justin Brent arrives from England to take over his uncle's sugar plantation. Young and idealistic, he is shocked by the attitudes of his fellow 'Buckras' to the slaves who work for them, yet he is captivated by the exotic, sensual beauty of this Caribbean island and its people. When a young mulatto, Lazarus, is sent to work for him, Justin is reassured by the man's intelligence and charm, and believes that they can work together, for the good of the Brent estate.

Lazarus, however, has other plans, born of a deep-seated hatred of the white masters, and a burning desire to avenge his dead father....

HOLMES, Mr Holmes Has Left..... Elizabeth

Genre: Autobiography
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You will laugh and you will cry as you follow Elizabeth through her life with her second husband, pioneer filmmaker, Cecil Holmes.

Elizabeth lives life passionately and with an abiding love of humanity, and these qualities light up her descriptions with richness and immediacy.

You know you are there with her whether at age 18 she joins the WAAAF to make her mark on World War Two....or attending a film festival in Communist Russia with Cecil, who was invited as a judge....or with her through the shock of her first husband Douglas Warner's death. And during her successful fight with cancer.

HOPE, Brushing the Tip of Fame Nicholas

Genre: Adult Non-Fiction Narrated by Geoff Bartholomew 6 cassettes \$49.60 Cat. No. 3402 6 cds \$59.60 Cat. No. 3402CD

I'm in a limousine on my way to a journalist's dinner and a day of interviews in preparation for the film premiere. It's 9 am. I'm fretting. I need to deliver my dole form to the city social security office. The publicist has arranged for the driver to take me there. I fear it may look a little ostentatious.....

forthcoming books

From Gallipoli to Gaza by Jill Hamilton

HOWARD, Reflections from the Past Audrey

Genre: Adult Fiction Romance Narrated by Sandra McIntyre 14 cassettes \$107.40 Cat. No. 3337 14 cds \$112.40 Cat. No. 3337CD

When Abby Murphy discovers she's heiress to one of St Helens' largest glass works, her whole life is turned upside down. Torn from her poverty-stricken family and forbidden to see her childhood sweetheart, Roddy Baxter, she is forced by her tyrannical grandfather to become a lady.

Then Roddy disappears and soon it seems inevitable that Abby will have to marry her grandfather's chosen successor, Noah Goodwin, and bear his children. Trapped in a marriage where she is little more than a possession, Abby is determined that no matter what else might change, nothing will stand in the way of her steadfast passion for Roddy.

But is she prepared to give up everything she has now for a love from the past?

HOWARD, A Flower in Season Audrey

Genre: Adult Fiction Narrated by Lynne Ellison 14 cassettes \$107.40 Cat. No. 3340 14 cds \$112.40 Cat. No. 3340CD

Briony Marsden has led a hard life, forced to do the work of a grown man while enduring her drunkard father's taunts and blows. But when he goes too far one day, her fate becomes even worse as she makes her way alone in a heartless world.

Not quite alone. She has a friend - Lizzie Jenkins - who will do anything to help Briony re-open Moorend Mill. And Chad Cameron, the richest man in the district, has always admired Briony's spirit and determination. When her fortunes are at their lowest, he falls in love with the elfin waif and decides to make her his wife.

But the only way he can win her is by trickery - by betraying her naive trust in the man who came to her rescue when all seemed lost. Can their marriage survive when she discovers his deception?

KELLERMAN, The Conspiracy Club Jonathan

Genre: Adult Fiction Mystery
9 cassettes \$74.40 Cat. No. 3377
9 cds \$79.40 Cat. No. 3377CD

Dedicated young psychologist Dr Jeremy Carrier is unschooled in the ways of violent crime and incalculable evil - until his life is irreversibly touched by both. When his romance with nurse Jocelyn Banks is cut short by her kidnapping and brutal murder, he is left emotionally devastated and being warily eyed by police seeking a prime suspect in the unsolved killing. To escape the pain, he buries himself in his work. But when more women turn up murdered in the same gruesome fashion as Jocelyn, the suspicion surrounding Jeremy intensifies and the only way for him to prove his innocence is to follow the trail of a cunning psychopath.

KNOX, Malcolm

A Private Man

Genre: Adult Fiction General Narrated by Geoff Bartholomew 11 cassettes \$87.60 Cat. No. 3394 11 cds \$92.60 Cat. No. 3394CD

It is two days since Dr John Brand's death and his eldest son, Davis, suspects a cover-up. Survived by two sons, the death notice said. Peacefully. Someone has lied: there are three sons, and the circumstances of their father's death are murky. No-one seems able to tell Davis where and when - and with whom - his father died. The Sydney Test Match is on, and Davis's brother Chris, a famous cricketer, is batting to save his career. Their mother, Margaret, watches Chris on TV, seemingly inert in her armchair. Hammett, the unacknowledged third brother, lurks on the edges, banished but not forgotten. Scattered over Sydney, the Brands' lives - and John Brand's funeral - are put on hold for the duration of the game: five days of suspense, silences, revelations, recriminations and redemption.

MacCOLL, Mary-Rose Killing Superman

Genre: Adult Fiction General Narrated by Pierce Bragg 7 cassettes \$56.20 Cat. No. 3400 7 cds \$66.20 Cat. No. 3400CD

Now in his thirties in Brisbane, Scott Goodwin has spent half his life chasing a shadow superman, believing his apparently dead father is alive somewhere. Scott meets journalist Emily Duval who might help him. But Emily has shadows of her own. When Scott sees his father on a beach in the south of France, he must confront the truth, about his father and about Emily.

forthcoming books

Final Justice

by W.E.B. Griffin

The Teeth of the Tiger by Tom Clancy

Brother Fish by Bryce Courtenay

MAHOOD, The Nut Milk Chocolate Gang Marie

Genre: Junior Non-Fiction Australiana Narrated by John Burnley 3 cassettes \$29.80 Cat. No. 3386 3 cds \$39.80 Cat. No. 3386CD

Another book by the celebrated outback author of Icing on the Damper, A Bunch of Strays, The Australian Stockman, Back at Sundown and Bleating about the Bush.

MATTHEWS, Blackguards and Scoundrels of Colonial Tony Queensland

Genre: Adult Non Fiction Australiana Narrated by Clem Fechner 9 cassettes \$74.40 Cat. No. 3371 9 cds \$79.40 Cat. No. 3371CD

The days of our colonist ancestors were rough and tough - but this fascinating new book by Queensland author Tony Matthews tells us just how dangerous and brutal life could really be.

McCULLOUGH, Angel Puss Colleen

Genre: Adult Fiction General Narrated by Kaye Stevenson 9 cassettes \$74.40 Cat. No. 3404 9 cds \$79.40 Cat. No. 3404CD

Twenty-one-year-old Harriet, a newly qualified X-ray technician earning a coveted male wage, ignores her father's warning that "only fools, Bohemians and tarts live at Kings Cross" and moves into Mrs Delvecchio Schwartz's rooming house. There she discovers that Mrs Delvecchio Schwartz has more sources of income than rents. She casts horoscopes, reads tarot cards, and gazes into her crystal ball - far more profitable!

But it is mute four-year-old Flo - her mother's medium and beloved angel puss - who captures Harriet's heart.

As she learns about men, love, and tarot cards, Harriet finds that following your heart is not always easy. And protecting those you care for most can be hardest of all.

forthcoming books

Jamaica Street
by Sally Worboyes

MORRISSEY, The Reef Di

Genre: Adult Fiction General Narrated by Barbara Duncan 14 cassettes \$107.10 Cat. No. 3384 14 cds \$112.40 Cat. No. 3384CD

On a small coral cay on the Great Barrier Reef two communities come together in an uneasy alliance: a tourist resort and a scientific research station.

At first glance, the island is a sexy resort, a naturalist's dream, a diver's delight. But the island holds secrets and dangers as Jennifer Towse soon discovers.

When world-famous Isobel Belitas arrives, Jennifer learns to see the world - above and below the sea - very differently. Isobel also teaches her to come to terms with her obsessive mother, as well as her disintegrating marriage.

But no one, not even investigative journalist Tony Adams, could have prepared Jennifer for the stunning revelations of what is really happening on this island paradise...

MORTIMER, Rumpole and the Penge Bungalow Murders John

Genre: Adult Fiction General Narrated by Brian Rowell 6 cassettes \$49.60 Cat. No. 3397 6 cds \$59.60 Cat. No. 3397CD

In this first full-length Rumpole novel, the great man himself answers a number of intriguing questions which have been asked over the years: principally, how it was that he first became the object of She Who Must Be Obeyed's desire and how he made his reputation in the case that echoes down the corridors of the Bailey to this day.

OLDFIELD, Changing Fortunes Pamela

Genre: Adult Fiction General Narrated by Margaret Nielsen 7 cassettes \$56.20 Cat. No. 3374 7 cds \$66.20 Cat. No. 3374CD

Danger and mystery beckon when beautiful Chloe Blake, in search of independence, takes up a position as companion to the bed-ridden Jessica Maitland at Fairfield House. With her boundless energy and enthusiasm, Chloe changes the lives of each of the members of this strange household: Bertha, who is Jessica's resentful spinster daughter; Oliver, who is Jessica's deceptive son and his secret French mistress; eccentric Uncle Matty; and Hettie who refuses to name the father of her unborn child.

Against the pleasant backdrop of summer in Sussex, Chloe is drawn deeper into a web of intrigue where the stage is set for a tragedy which will change all of their lives forever.

PLAIN, The Sight of the Stars Belva

Genre: Adult Fiction General Narrated by Barbara Duncan 9 cassettes \$74.40 Cat. No. 3398 9 cds \$79.40 Cat. No. 3398CD

Sweeping through the pivotal events of 20th century America, this story chronicles four generations of one remarkable family as they journey through years of love, loss, sacrifice and unimaginable betrayal.....

The Sight of the Stars is about what happens when we dare to dream, and the moments that can change families forever.

RENDELL, The Rottweiler Ruth

Genre: Adult Fiction Mystery Narrated by Barbara Duncan 11 cassettes \$87.60 Cat. No. 3367 11 cds \$92.60 Cat. No. 3367CD

The latest body was discovered very near Inez Ferry's antique shop in Marylebone. Someone spotted a shadowy figure running away past the station, but couldn't say for sure if it was a man or a woman. There were only two other clues. The murderer seemed to have a preference for strangling his victims and then removing something personal - like a cigarette lighter or a necklace...

Since her actor husband died, too early into their marriage, Inez supplemented her modest income by taking in tenants above the shop. The unpredictably obsessive activities of 'The Rottweiler' would exert a profound influence on this heterogeneous little community, especially when the suspicion began to emerge that one of them might be a homicidal maniac.

RENDELL, Thirteen Steps Down Ruth

Genre: Adult Fiction Thriller Narrated by Kaye Stevenson 10 cds 10 cassettes \$81.00 Cat. No. 3396 Cat. No. 3396CD \$86.00

Mix Cellini (which he pronounces with an 'S' rather than a 'C') is superstitious about the number thirteen and has always felt dogged by ill-luck. In St Blaise House where he lives, there are thirteen steps down to the landing below his rooms, which he keeps spick and span in marked contrast to the rest of the place. His landlady, Gwendolen Chawcer, was born there, and lives her life almost exclusively through her library, blind to the neglect and decay around her.

The Notting Hill neighbourhood has changed radically over the last fifty years, and 10 Rillington Place, where the notorious John Christie committed a series of foul murders, has been torn down. Mix is obsessed with the life of Christie and his small library is composed entirely of books on the subject. He has also developed a passion for a beautiful model who lives nearby - a woman who would not look at him twice.

Both landlady and lodger inhabit weird worlds of their own. But when reality intrudes into Mix's life, a long pent-up violence explodes.

ROWLING, Harry Potter & The Order of the Phoenix J.K.

Genre: Junior Fiction Narrated by Judy Christy 19 cassettes \$155.40 Cat. No. 3348

Harry Potter is due to start his fifth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. He is desperate to get back to school and find out why his friends Ron and Hermione have been so secretive all summer. However, what Harry is about to discover in his new year at Hogwarts will turn his world upside down.....

STARR, The Kingdom Where Nobody Dies Kimberley

Genre: Adult Fiction General Narrated by Kaye Stevenson 6 cassettes \$49.60 Cat. No. 3413 6 cds \$59.60 Cat. No. 3359CD

Twenty years after the first boy vanished along the Brisbane River, psychologist Madeleine Jeffries is called home to help untangle a chain of similar disappearances. To do so she must confront secrets and guilt from her own past.

The Kingdom Where Nobody Dies is an exploration of grief, responsibility and repercussions, and the way childhood actions can echo throughout our lives.

WALLACE, Nomads of the Goldfields Lennie

Genre: Adult Non-Fiction Australiana Narrated by Barry Nielsen 7 cassettes \$56.20 Cat. No. 3359 7 cds \$66.20 Cat. No. 3359CD

From Gympie in the south, through Mount Morgan and Canoona on the central coast, to Palmer river and Hodgkinson in the tropical north, the 19th century Queensland goldfields were a magnet for tumultuous swarms of nomadic fossickers. They were also a breeding ground for true leaders of men. 'Dr Jack' Hamilton was one of these natural leaders. He selflessly healed the sick and the wounded, he was a prodigious bare-knuckly pugilist and he fearlessly defended the underdog.

Subsequently in 1878 he became a formidable Queensland politician fighting for the democratic rights of the miners and the fair development of the fledgling colony of Queensland. This is the real-life story of 'Dr Jack' and his fellow mining leaders like Philp and Macrossan. They were the true heroes of their time.

WELDON, Mantrapped Fay

Genre: Adult Fiction General

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A story of gender-change, class-change, chaos and confusion and a novel of humour, wit and distinction. Mantrapped is also the continuing story of Fay Weldon: a woman who struggled with money, marriage, housing and bringing up babies. Part novel, part memoir and part history of a culture.

WILLIAMS, The Storm Weaver and the Sand Sean

Genre: Adult Fiction Fantasy
Narrated by Pat Shipley
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When the three runaways - Sal, Shilly and Skender - finally arrive at the remote island of the Haunted City, home of the Sky Wardens, Sal's great-aunt, the Syndic, is determined to keep them under control. And if that means imprisonment, so be it.

But the syndic is the least of Sal's worries. The ghosts that live behind the ancient glass of the City are restless and no one knows why or what they can do. The golem will force Sal to do its bidding by whatever means necessary...even murder. And it seems that the Weavers have their own plans for the three of them - but what and who are they? Few people believe they exist, and those who do keep their knowledge close to the chest.

Whichever path Sal chooses, it seems the price to pay is very high for those closest to him. But he must decide...or submit to a future not of his making.

WILLIAMS, The Sky Warden and the Sun Sean

Genre: Adult Fiction Fantasy
12 cassettes \$94.20 Cat. No. 3380
12 cds \$99.20 Cat. No. 3380CD

Sal went cold at the feel of this new, more sophisticated pursuer. Had Behenna found him? Did he know where Sal and Shilly were, and where they were headed?

Ultimately it didn't change anything. They were still running. They simply had a better idea, now, of who they were running from.

Sal's life has been thrown into turmoil. Homeless and haunted by a past he never suspected he had, he is unsure where he is running to - but Shilly is very clear on what she wants. She wants to find Lodo's old teacher and learn from him. To search for the Mage Van Haasteren they must head north to the Interior, where Sal's mother was born. But even if they reach the Interior there is no guarantee that the Stone Mages will help them. The journey over rugged mountainous country on the Old Line is dangerous and the Sky Warden, Shom Behenna, is in hot pursuit. It will take all their ingenuity and courage to reach the Divide and get across to the other side.

WORBOYES, Where Sparrows Nest Sally

Genre: Adult Fiction General

9 cassettes \$74.40 Cat. No. 3399

9 cds \$79.40 Cat. No. 3399CD

In the late summer of 1952, amidst the turmoil of people moving en masse out of Cotton Street to pastures new, Edie Birch and her only child Maggie must say a sad farewell to old friends and neighbours. Edie loves her modern flat on the innovative East End council estate but making a new start is daunting.

But she needn't have worried - helped along by the enthusiasm of her flamboyant Aunt Naomi, new friendships are forged and a brighter life begins. Edie even meets a new man.

Outside of her happy orbit, however, a dark secret threatens to destroy her world. Aunt Naomi and her not-so-law abiding friends must join forces to shield Edie. But can they stop the cruel hand of fate from delivering a blow which - at the very least - would expose the shameful truth?

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