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TITLE	AUTHOR	SYNOPSIS	SHELFMARK	GENRE	OTHER FORMAT
Americanah	Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi	From the award-winning author of 'Half of a Yellow Sun', a powerful story of love, race and identity. As teenagers in Lagos, Ifemelu and Obinze fall in love but people are fleeing the dictatorship. Ifemelu departs for America where she suffers defeats and triumphs, finds and loses relationships. Obinze hoped to join her, but post-9/11 America will not let him in, and he plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London.	F 477p	LITERARY	CD, LP
Inés Of My Soul	Allende, Isabel	Ines Suarez came to Chile with the Conquistadors in 1540, helping to claim the territory for Spain and to found the first Spanish settlement in Santiago. Here, Isabelle Allende re-imagines Ines's life and that of the two men who became her lover and husband respectively.	F 336p	LITERARY	LP
Transcription	Atkinson, Kate	In 1940, eighteen-year old Juliet Armstrong is reluctantly recruited into the world of espionage, work both tedious and terrifying. Ten years later, she is unexpectedly confronted by figures from her past and she finally begins to realize that there is no action without consequence.	F 416p	LITERARY	CD, LP
Pride and Prejudice	Austen, Jane	An ironic novel of manners. In it the garrulous and empty-headed Mrs Bennet has only one aim - that of finding a good match for each of her five daughters. In this she is mocked by her cynical and indolent husband.	F 352p	CLASSIC	CD
Invisible	Auster, Paul	Sinuously constructed in four interlocking parts, Invisible opens in New York City in the spring of 1967 when twenty-year-old Adam Walker, meets an enigmatic Frenchman and his silent and seductive girlfriend. Three different narrators tell the story, as it travels in time from 1967 to 2007 and moves from New York to Paris and to a remote Caribbean island in a story of unbridled sexual hunger and a relentless quest for justice. Multi award winning author.	F 320p	LITERARY	
Sunset Park	Auster, Paul	In the sprawling flatlands of Florida, 28-year-old Miles is haunted by guilt but circumstances force him to face the inevitable confrontation with his father that he has been avoiding for years. IMPAC Dublin Literary Award long list.	F 320p	LITERARY	CD, LP
The Infinities	Banville, John	Old Adam Godley's time on earth is drawing to an end, and as his wife and children gather at the family home, the mischievous Greek gods, too, have come to intervene - or is it to intrude? Overflowing with bawdy humour, this novel roves through memories of the past and relationships of the present in a moving family drama.	F 299p	LITERARY	LP
Life Class	Barker, Pat	Spring, 1914 and when the army won't take Paul, he enlists in the Belgian Red Cross just as he and fellow student Elinor Brooke admit their feelings for one another. Amidst the devastation in Ypres, Paul comes to see the world anew - but have his experiences changed him completely? Booker prize winning author	F 322p	LITERARY	CD
Noonday	Barker, Pat	Once fellow students at the Slade School of Fine Art, before the First World War destroyed the hopes of their generation, they now find themselves caught in another war. Completing the story of Elinor, Paul and Kit, which begun with Life Class and Toby's Room, Noonday is both a stand-alone novel and the climax of a trilogy. Writing about the Second World War for the first time, Pat Barker brings the besieged and haunted city of London into electrifying life.	F 322p	LITERARY	

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The Noise of Time	Barnes, Julian	In May 1937 a man in his early thirties waits by the lift of a Leningrad apartment block. He waits all through the night, expecting to be taken away to the Big House. Any celebrity he has known in the previous decade is no use to him now. And few who are taken to the Big House ever return. A profound meditation on power and the relationship of art and power from a literary master.	F 192p	LITERARY	CD
The Sense of an Ending	Barnes, Julian	Tony Webster and his clique first met Adrian Finn at school. Sex-hungry and book-hungry, they would navigate the girl-less sixth form together, trading in affectations, in-jokes, rumour and wit. They all swore to stay friends for life. Now Tony is in middle age and he is finding that memory is imperfect.	F 160p	LITERARY	CD,
The Shut Eye	Bauer, Belinda	A family like any other, but in one careless moment everything changed. A front door accidentally left ajar . . . and Daniel was gone. Now they are a pair of strangers and distrust and unspoken words fill the void where their son used to be. Anna will go to any lengths to find Daniel - a four-year-old doesn't just vanish into thin air. But how far will this desperate search push her? An intricate plot, extremely moving in some places and very scary in others by an award winning literary crime writer. Recommended by The Independent.	F 416pp	LITERARY	CD
Prague Nights	Black, Benjamin	Literary mystery by Man Booker and Irish PEN winning author who also writes as John Banville. Prague, 1599 and a young doctor has just arrived in the city. On his first evening, he finds a young woman's body half-buried in the snow. The dead woman is none other than the emperor's mistress, and there's no shortage of suspects. In the search to find the culprit, he finds himself drawn into the shadowy world of the emperor's court.	F 336 pp	LITERARY	
Lorna Doone	Blackmore, R.D.	Published in 1869, Farmer John Ridd finds love amid the religious and social turmoil of seventeenth-century England. Beloved for its portrait of star-crossed lovers and its surpassing descriptions of the English countryside, Lorna Doone is an enduring masterpiece.	F 390p	CLASSIC	LP
The Skating Rink.	Bolano, Robert	Described by the New York Times as "the most significant Latin American literary voice of his generation", Bolano's novel is a darkly atmospheric chronicle which revolves around a figure skating champion and a crime scene.	F 192p	LITERARY	
A Bear Called Paddington	Bond, Michael	The classic story of Paddington, the bear from Darkest Peru, who was found, lost on Paddington Station. He had travelled all the way from Darkest Peru with only a jar of marmalade, a suitcase and his hat. The Browns soon found that Paddington was a very unusual bear. Ordinary things became quite extraordinary, if a bear called Paddington was involved.	F 160p	CLASSIC	CD
The Tenant of Wildfell Hall	Brontë, Anne	Traces with remarkable frankness, the collapse of a woman's marriage to an abusive husband loosely based on Brontë's brother, and her escape from him. To write about alcohol abuse was taboo, but Anne Brontë had very different ideas.	F 395p	CLASSIC	CD
Jane Eyre	Brontë, Charlotte	19th century classic romance. Jane Eyre is as passionate and wilful a character as you could ever wish for. Orphaned and mistreated, Jane takes a position of governess for the sardonic Mr. Rochester but discovers a dark secret that forces her to leave Thornfield Hall.	F 296p	CLASSIC	CD

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Villette	Brontë, Charlotte	When Lucy Snowe leaves England to look for a new life on the Continent she has no idea what lies in store for her. This quiet, lonely girl must learn quickly when she finds herself teaching in a foreign school, with no friends or family to rely on. However it's not long until figures from Lucy's past appear and she becomes involved in dilemmas which inspire new and passionate feelings in her.	F 741p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
Wuthering Heights	Brontë, Emily	Set on the wild Yorkshire Moors, Wuthering Heights is full of; love; romance; passion; revenge; and violence; covering ideas about: nature; religion; superstition; death; and the social values of the 19th Century.	F 450p	CLASSIC	CD
March	Brooks, Geraldine	March is the story of the girls' father in Louisa May Alcott's 'Little Women' The tale switches between letters home to Marmee and recollections of earlier times, and his personal battles between conscience and greed. Pulitzer prize winning author.	F 304p	LITERARY	CD
People of the Book	Brooks, Geraldine	Hanna is invited to restore the Sarajevo haggadah - an ancient text which appears to have been preserved against all the odds. As she works, she discovers 'clues' to the past history of the book while slowly the 'book within the book' reveals more of the story. Pulitzer prize winning author.	F 396p	LITERARY	CD, LP
Breakfast At Tiffany's	Capote, Truman	Holly Golightly is a style sensation wherever she goes; her apartment rocks to Martini-soaked parties and she plays hostess to millionaires and gangsters alike. Yet Holly never loses sight of her ultimate dream - to find a real life place like Tiffany's that makes her feel at home. 1958	F 160p	CLASSIC	CD
Don Quixote	Cervantes Saavedra, Miguel De	Don Quixote, a poor gentleman of La Mancha, a man of gentle disposition but disordered wits, imagines himself called upon to search out adventures on his old horse, Rosinante, accoutred in rusty armour and accompanied by a squire in the shape of rustic Sancho Panza.	F 403p	CLASSIC	CD
The Moonstone	Collins, Wilkie	Often said to be the godfather of the classic English detective story, a mysterious and compelling crime takes place in an English country house; a large cast of potential suspects is assembled, an incompetent constabulary is replaced by a celebrated sleuth, who then comes up with a satisfying explanation of the puzzle, based on a brilliant analysis of the clues.	F 246p	CLASSIC	CD
The Woman in White	Collins, Wilkie	1860 serial romance with a young painter hired as tutor to a young heiress falling in love with his pupil. Needless to say the path of true love doesn't run smoothly and not only are they separated, but the heiress is subject to the wicked plots of marvellously nefarious villains.	F 685p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
Academy Street	Costello, Mary	Academy Street is Mary Costello's luminous portrait of a whole life. Tess Lohan is the kind of woman we meet and fail to notice every day. A single mother. A nurse. A quiet woman, who nonetheless feels things acutely--a woman with tumultuous emotions and few people to share them with. It follows Tess from her girlhood in western Ireland through her relocation to America and her life there, concluding with a moving reencounter with her Irish family after forty years of exile. Winner: Bord Gais Irish Book of the Year, Finalist: Costa First Novel, International Dublin Literary Award, EU Prize for Literature.	F 160p	LITERARY	CD
Bleak House	Dickens, Charles	Huge cast of characters and extensive and complex plot. At the heart is the court case of Jarndyce versus Jarndyce, a family squabble which has dragged on for decades and kept many a lawyer in employment. Dickens slowly unravels this mystery for us.	F 796p	CLASSIC	CD

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David Copperfield	Dickens, Charles	The tale of David Copperfield from his birth through to his maturity, what obstacles he faces in life and what friends he makes. With a whole host of great characters, this was Dickens' own personal favourite of all his novels.	F 1108p	CLASSIC	CD
Hard Times	Dickens, Charles	In 'Hard Times' Dickens' forcefully depicts the damage industrialization was wreaking among the lower classes, and how the unequivocal belief in 'facts' and rationality plays havoc with the lives of the upper classes too.	F 327p	CLASSIC	CD
Tale Of Two Cities	Dickens, Charles	Uncharacteristic Dickens novel which lacks comic relief and a primary central character. London and Paris 1775 to '89 is the turbulent setting of this novel where the cities are the real protagonists, with some of the best narrative writing to be found anywhere.	F 424p	CLASSIC	CD
The Hound of the Baskervilles	Doyle, Arthur Conan	When Sir Charles Baskerville is found dead on the wild Devon moor the blame is placed on a family curse. It is left to Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson to solve the mystery of the legend of the phantom hound before Sir Charles' heir comes to an equally gruesome end.	F 174p	CLASSIC	CD
Peppered Moth	Drabble, Margaret	Set in a South Yorkshire mining town, the book tells the stories of four generations of one family, homing in on the female line, and explores how genes, DNA and environment can change or challenge an individual. Golden PEN Award for "a Lifetime's Distinguished Service to Literature".	F 386p	LITERARY	
The Sea Lady	Drabble, Margaret	Humphrey and Ailsa meet as children by a grey, northern sea. Humphrey is quiet, serious while Ailsa is angry, a freckled cobra ready to strike. Yet they fascinate one another and when they meet again years later they fall briefly - and disastrously - in love. Golden PEN Award for "a Lifetime's Distinguished Service to Literature".	F 352p	LITERARY	
Frenchman's Creek	Du Maurier, Daphne	Lady Dona St Columb is ripe for anything that will relieve the tedium of her days. She what she craves in the love of a daring pirate hunted across Cornwall. Author was one of the "Women of Achievement" selected for a set of British stamps issued 1996.	F 258p	CLASSIC	CD
Rebecca	Du Maurier, Daphne	"Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again". Not since Jane Eyre has a heroine faced such difficulty with the Other Woman. An international bestseller that has never gone out of print, Rebecca is the haunting story of a young girl consumed by love and the struggle to find her identity.	F 484p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
The Count of Monte Cristo	Dumas, Alexandre	Set in France against a backdrop of turbulent Bonapartist politics. Written in 1844, it centres around a man who is wrongfully imprisoned, escapes from jail, acquires a fortune, and sets about getting revenge on those responsible for his imprisonment. Primarily an adventure story with themes of hope, justice, vengeance, mercy, and forgiveness.	F 1000+p	CLASSIC	CD
Exposure	Dunmore, Helen	The Cold War is at its height, and a spy may be a friend or neighbour, colleague or lover. At the end of a suburban garden, in the pouring rain, a woman buries a briefcase deep in the earth. She believes that she is protecting her family. What she will learn is that no one is immune from betrayal or the devastating consequences of exposure. Full of convincing detail, the novel is as much about sexuality in the age of the Chatterley ban as about Whitehall skulduggerY. A dramatic mix of domesticity and derring-do by the award winning novelist.	F 400p	LITERARY	CD

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House of Orphans	Dunmore, Helen	Set in Finland in the years running up to 1902, where the class-ridden nature of society gives Eeva only the slenderest of chances to escape a life of servitude. This is a novel dominated by the raw and unpalatable upheaval of that era and close adherence to the political circumstances of the time	F 336p	LITERARY	CD, LP
The Betrayal	Dunmore, Helen	A gripping and moving portrait of life in post-war Soviet Russia, 'The Betrayal' shows the epic struggle of ordinary people to survive in a time of violence and terror.	F 320p	LITERARY	CD, LP
Silas Marner	Eliot, George	A gripping tale of country folk at the turn of the 19th century. Silas Marner, a miser, loses his gold and gains a golden-haired child. George Eliot tells her tale with a mixture of womanly sympathy, sharp observation, tact, and humour.	F 201p	CLASSIC	CD
The Mill on the Floss	Eliot, George	Maggie Tulliver is the impetuous, clever daughter of Tullivers of Dorlcote Mill in St. Ogg's. Tragic and moving, this is a novel of grand passions and tormented lives. The rebellious Maggie's fiery spirit and imaginative nature bring her into bitter conflict with her narrow provincial family, most painfully with her beloved brother Tom, as their fates are played out on an epic scale.	F 600+p	CLASSIC	CD
Their Finest Hour and a Half	Evans, Lissa	An amusing tale of Britain on the Home Front in the Second World War, seen through the POV of a film crew churning out Ministry Of Information Films as part of the war effort. A funny, heart-warming and beautifully crafted novel. Long listed Man Booker.	F 416p	LITERARY	CD
Moonfleet	Falkner, J.Meade	Moonfleet 1898 is a classic adventure story, a tale of smuggling and conflict with the Revenue, set among the cliffs, caves, and downs of Dorset. How can the hero, John Trenchard, discover the secret of Colonel John Mohune's treasure?	F 249p	CLASSIC	
A Week in December	Faulks, Sebastian	Sophie Topping is planning a dinner, which she hopes will show that her newly elected MP husband is well connected with influential friends. We follow the people on the guest list as they go about their lives in the week leading up to this 'all important' dinner party. CBE "For services to Literature"	F 402p	LITERARY	CD
Birdsong	Faulks, Sebastian	One of the most popular literary novels of its generation. Set mostly in France spanning the years before and during the First World War, it captures the drama and destruction of that era and is at times almost unbearably too moving to read. A reading group classic.	F 528p	LITERARY	CD, LP
On Green Dolphin Street	Faulks, Sebastian	It's 1959 and the presidential battle between Kennedy and Nixon is heating up. A weary English mother embarks upon a clandestine affair with a newspaper reporter covering the election battle in this story of a Cold War love triangle between people damaged by war. CBE "For services to Literature"	F 354p	LITERARY	CD
Where My Heart Used to Beat	Faulks, Sebastian.	On a small island off the south coast of France, Robert Hendricks, an English doctor, is forced to confront the events that made up his life. His search for the past takes us through the war in Italy in 1944, a passionate love that seems to hold out hope, the great days of idealistic work in the 1960s and finally back into the trenches of the Western Front. Daring, ambitious and in the end profoundly moving, this novel casts a long, baleful light over the century we have left behind but may never fully understand.	F 336p	LITERARY	CD

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Strange Music	Fish, Laura	Elizabeth Barrett Browning is confined to bed, and writing poetry and fretful letters; while at her family's Jamaican estate Creole housekeeper Kaydian tries to protect her daughter Sheba, who mourns the loss of her lover. As Elizabeth, a passionate abolitionist, struggles to come to terms with the source of her wealth and privilege both Sheba and Kaydia fight to escape a tragic past which seems ever present.	F 224p	LITERARY	
The Great Gatsby	Fitzgerald, F.Scott	A portrait of the Jazz Age in all its decadence and excess, Gatsby earned itself a permanent place in American mythology. Self-made, self-invented millionaire Jay Gatsby's rise to glory and eventual fall from grace becomes a kind of cautionary tale about the American Dream.	F 144p	CLASSIC	CD
Madame Bovary	Flaubert, Gustave	Disenchanted with her husband and seeking an escape from their dull marriage, Emma Bovary is soon tempted into brief romantic liaisons with other men, destroying her reputation. Considered scandalous at the time, Emma Bovary's immoral behaviour shocked readers and caused moral outcry.	F 432p	CLASSIC	CD
A Room With a View	Forster, E.M	Lucy Honeychurch needs to get away from the stuffy atmosphere of late Victorian England in which she was brought up. Set in Florence and England at the turn of the century, it is a love story, psychological study and comedy-of-manners with Forster's characteristically beautiful prose.	F 240p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
Where Angels Fear To Tread	Forster, E.M	A witty comedy of manners which tells the story of Lilia Herriton, who proves to be an embarrassment to her late husband's family as she begins a relationship with a much younger man. A subtle attack on decorous Edwardian values and a sympathetic portrayal of the clash of two cultures.	F 176p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
The French Lieutenant's Woman	Fowles, John	Charles Smithson struggles to forgo the enigmatic Sarah for a life with an entirely more conventional woman. Charles's inner conflict painfully illustrates the consequences of allowing the heart to overrule in such a repressed, hypocritical society.	F 480p	CLASSIC	CD
Purity	Franzen, Johnathan	A grand story of youthful idealism, extreme fidelity, and murder in a world of vividly original characters. We follow their intertwining paths through landscapes as contemporary as the omnipresent Internet and as ancient as the war between the sexes. A daring and penetrating book by multi-award winning writer.	F 577p	LITERARY	CD
Cranford	Gaskell, Elizabeth	Cranford isn't really a novel as such, it is a series of vignettes that focus on domesticity in the 18th century. It highlights the basically mundane life that faced women, particularly spinsters, of this era and how small things meant so much. A gentle tale of a long-gone way of life.	F 188p	CLASSIC	CD
North and South	Gaskell, Elizabeth	Margaret has led a sheltered life in the rural south before moving to a northern city where she meets mill owner John Thornton. Compelling story of political strife, suppressed passion, women's rights and class conflict in Victorian society.	F 406p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
Wives And Daughters	Gaskell, Elizabeth	Set in the mid-19th century in rural England where the railway is just beginning to cut a swathe through the land. The hero and heroine are unconventional, and the witty, warm tale of love and longing is surprisingly contemporary. Gaskell's last and most mature work, powerful and engrossing and sadly unfinished.	F 805p	CLASSIC	CD

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Cold Comfort Farm	Gibbons, Stella	When sensible, sophisticated Flora Poste is orphaned at nineteen, her only choice is to descend upon relatives in deepest Sussex. At the aptly-named Cold Comfort Farm, she meets the doomed and eccentric Starkadder family. But Flora loves nothing better than to organise other people so she resolves to take each of the family in hand. A hilarious parody of rural melodramas and purple prose, Cold Comfort Farm is one of the best-loved comic novels of all time.	F 256p	CLASSIC	
Lord Of The Flies	Golding, William	Classic tale about a group of English schoolboys who are plane-wrecked on a deserted island. At first, the stranded boys cooperate but the situation deteriorates as the trappings of civilization continue to fall away and adolescent competition comes into play.	F 227p	CLASSIC	CD
Wind in the Willows	Grahame, Kenneth	The classic tale of fantasy from 1908 has attracted a growing audience in each generation. Rat, Mole, Badger and the preposterous Mr Toad (with his 'Poop-poop-poop' road-hogging new motor-car), have brought delight to many through the years with their odd adventures on and by the river, and at the imposing residence of Toad Hall.	F 192p	CLASSIC CHILDRENS	CD
Brighton Rock	Greene, Graham	1930s Brighton, where behind the facade seen by holidaymakers and race goers the bookmakers are in thrall to razor gangs offering protection. Pinkie, a seventeen year old gang leader, is one of fiction's great characters, leading those around him deeper into his own downward spiral of evil.	F 291p	CLASSIC	CD
A Pair of Blue Eyes	Hardy, Thomas	Hardy's third novel. A love triangle comprising Elfride Swancourt and her suitors, the down at heel Stephen Smith, an architect's assistant, and the well-off society gentleman, Henry Knight. Naturally Smith is at a disadvantage, but this doesn't mean necessarily that Knight will have his way.	F 320p	CLASSIC	
Far From The Madding Crowd	Hardy, Thomas	Perhaps the most pastoral of Hardy's Wessex novels. Farmer Gabriel Oak, the dashing Sergeant Troy, and reclusive gentleman farmer, Mr Boldwood, all hanker for, and pursue the elusive Bathsheba Everdene, whose wayward nature leads her to both tragedy and true love.	F 362p	CLASSIC	CD
Jude The Obscure	Hardy, Thomas	The last of Hardy's novels. Jude rises from his rural beginnings to win a scholarship to university, and has relationships with two very different women, including his cousin, Sue. A beautiful evocative and heart breaking tale with an unexpected ending.	F 416p	CLASSIC	CD
Mayor Of Casterbridge :	Hardy, Thomas	Written at the peak of Hardy's career. The story of Michael Henchard, a drunk who sells his wife to the highest bidder. When she tracks him down years after he has made good and become Mayor, the ensuing complications mark a downturn in his fortunes with a spectacular fall from grace.	F 288p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
Tess Of The D'Urbervilles : A Pure Woman	Hardy, Thomas	The plot revolves around Tess Durbeyfield, a young and innocent girl who plunges headfirst into adulthood by giving birth to an illegitimate child. Tess is immediately condemned by a cruel society and her unavoidable fate is dragged out in heart wrenching detail by Hardy.	F 346p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
The Return of the Native	Hardy, Thomas	The famous opening reveals the haunting power of the dark, forbidding Egdon Heath where proud Eustacia fervently awaits a clandestine meeting with her lover, Damon Wildeve. But Eustacia's dreams of escape are not to bring her salvation.	F 400p	CLASSIC	CD

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Trumpet Major	Hardy, Thomas	Regarded as one of Hardy's lesser novels, you get a real feel for the 'smallness' of life, especially against the background of preparations for war and the patriotism and fear that grip the rural communities. When The Trumpet Major arrives, no possible romantic combination of the characters goes unexplored.	F 340p	CLASSIC	LP
Under The Greenwood Tree Or, The Mellstock Quire	Hardy, Thomas	Hardy's most bright, confident and optimistic novel. The double-plot, in which the love story of Dick Dewey and Fancy Day is inter-related with a tragic chapter in the history of Mellstock Choir, hints at the poignant disappearance of a long-lived and highly-valued traditional way of life.	F 288p	CLASSIC	CD
Woodlanders	Hardy, Thomas	Educated beyond her station, Grace Melbury returns to little Hintock and cannot marry Giles, her intended. Her alternative choice proves disastrous, and in a moving tale with vibrant characters, humour and pathos, Hardy exposes the cruel indifference of the legal system of his day and eschews a happy ending.	F 343p	CLASSIC	CD
For Whom The Bell Tolls	Hemingway, Ernest	Robert Jordan is an American who has joined the Spanish civil war. With an offensive coming his guerrilla group is to blow a key bridge during an offensive that begins in 3 days. This is an action tale, an anti-war protest, a love story, a political criticism of communism and fascism, and a magnificent philosophy of life.	F 496p	CLASSIC	LP
Brave New World	Huxley, Aldous	Set in a future society where humans are grown from embryos in huge labs, where the population is controlled by subtlety and manipulation, with all their desires fulfilled. Published a few years before the Second World War it raised serious questions about the way the world was heading at the time.	F 288p	CLASSIC	CD
A Prayer for Owen Meany	Irving, John	Johnny Wheelwright recounts the story of his friendship with Owen Meany, a dwarfish boy with a strange voice, who accidentally kills his best friend's mum with a baseball and believes--correctly, it transpires--that he is an instrument of God, to be redeemed by martyrdom. Mystic with spiritual undertones.	F 636p	LITERARY	
The Buried Giant	Ishiguro, Kazuo.	Ishiguro's first novel in a decade is about lost memories, love, revenge and war as a couple set off across a troubled land of mist and rain, steeped in legend, in the hope of finding a son they have not seen in years. A spectacular, rousing departure from anything Ishiguro has ever written, and yet still a classic Ishiguro story from the Booker Prize winning author.	F 353p	LITERARY	CD, LP
We Have Always Lived in the Castle	Jackson, Shirley	Living in the Blackwood family home with only her sister Constance and her Uncle Julian for company, Merricat just wants to preserve their delicate way of life. But ever since Constance was acquitted of murdering the rest of the family, the world isn't leaving the Blackwoods alone. And when Cousin Charles arrives, armed with overtures of friendship and a desperate need to get into the safe, Merricat must do everything in her power to protect the remaining family.	F 162p	CLASSIC	LP
Spoils of Poynton	James, Henry	Mrs Gareth, widowed chatelaine of Poynton, is fighting to keep her house with its priceless objects' d'art from her spineless son Owen and his fiancée Mona. Young Fleda Vetch is also secretly in love with Owen. The power struggle that ensues between the three women is a conflict with betrayal at its heart.	F 256p	CLASSIC	CD
The Portrait of a Lady	James, Henry	When Isabel Archer, a bright and independent young American, makes her first trip to Europe she discovers a world governed by rigid social codes. This is Isabel's European coming-of-age, as she discovers that she must curb her intellect and independence if she is to fit into the social scheme in which she now finds herself.	F 528p	CLASSIC	CD

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Now in November	Johnson, Josephine	Arnold Haldmarn moves his wife and three daughters to the country and tries to scratch a living from the land. After years of unrelenting hard work, the hiring of a young man from a neighbouring farm upsets the fragile balance of their lives. Written in 1934 by Pulitzer prize winning author, this book has been called the 'US Wuthering Heights.'	F 288p	CLASSIC	
On The Road	Kerouac, Jack	Cited as one of the most important novels of the century. Thinly fictionalised autobiography, this is a cross-country bohemian odyssey, filled with a cast made of Kerouac's real life friends, lovers and fellow travellers and narrated by Sal Paradise, one of Kerouac's alter-egos.	F 320p	CLASSIC	CD
The Jungle Book	Kipling, Rudyard	The Jungle Book (1894) is a collection of stories written by Rudyard Kipling. The tales in the book are fables, using animals in an anthropomorphic manner to give moral lessons. Set in a jungle in India it contains some of the finest literary adventures to come to us from the British colonial period. A children's classic.	F 336p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
Women in Love	Lawrence, D.H.	A continuation of The Rainbow, this tells the story of the Brangwen sisters' love affairs. Lush, sensuous, and intimate, it also engages with issues of class, gender and identity. A great reflection of the time it was written, the tension between the characters is palpable and the book has a surprisingly modern sensibility.	F 464p	CLASSIC	CD
To Kill a Mockingbird	Lee, Harper	A lawyer defends a black man charged with the rape of a white girl and the conscience of a town steeped in prejudice is pricked by his struggle for justice. A coming-of-age story, an anti-racist novel, a historical drama of the Great Depression and a sublime example of the Southern writing tradition.	F 320p	CLASSIC	CD
Go Set a Watchman	Lee, Harper	Featuring many of the iconic characters from To Kill a Mockingbird, Go Set a Watchman perfectly captures a young woman and a world in painful yet necessary transition out of the illusions of the past – a journey that can be guided only by one's own conscience. A novel of wisdom, humanity, passion and humour - wonderfully evocative of another era and relevant to our own times. Pulitzer Prize winning author.	F 288p	LITERARY	CD, LP
Swimming Home	Levy, Deborah	As he arrives with his family at the villa near 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?	F 176p	LITERARY	CD, LP
So Many Ways to Begin	McGregor, Jon	Coventry Museum curator David Carter cannot help but wish for more out of life. But Auntie Julia's careless words years earlier have left David restless with the knowledge that his whole life has been constructed around an untruth. And so he attempts to begin anew. Long listed: Man Booker.	F 384p	LITERARY	CD, LP
The Crossing	Miller, Andrew	She is sailing. She is alone. Ahead of her is the world's curve and beyond that, everything else. A hypnotic portrait of modern love and motherhood, the lure of the sea and the ultimate unknowability of others. Pitch-perfect novel by a Costa Award winning author.	F 334p	LITERARY	
Love in a Cold Climate	Mitford, Nancy	Groomed for the perfect marriage by her mother, fearsome Lady Montdore, Polly, instead scandalises society by declaring her love for her uncle 'Boy' Dougdale, the Lecherous Lecturer, and promptly eloping to France. But the consequences of this union no one could quite expect . . . Sequel to bestselling 'The Pursuit of Love'.	F 260p	CLASSIC	CD

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TITLE	AUTHOR	SYNOPSIS	SHELFMARK	GENRE	OTHER FORMAT
Home	Morrison, Toni	A deeply moving novel, from a Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winning author. An apparently defeated man comes home from war to his segregated town in the South. When Frank, a black soldier, returns traumatised from the Korean war and ends up alone, broke and virtually homeless, he feels only the loss of his manhood and no sense of home. How can he find a place in the world and a sense of belonging?	F 176p	LITERARY	LP
All Our Worldly Goods	Nemirovsky, Irene	A gripping story of family life, of money and love, set against the backdrop of France in two terrible world wars. Translated from the French.	F 272p	LITERARY	
The Railway Children	Nesbit E	First published in book form in 1906 and an instant classic on its release, it tells the story of the Waterbury children, whose happy middle-class existence is shattered when father disappears and mother moves them all to the country. They become fascinated by the nearby railway with heart warming consequences.	F 140p	CLASSIC CHILDRENS	CD
Little Red Chairs	O'Brien, Edna	When a man who calls himself a faith healer arrives in a small, west-coast Irish village, the community is soon under the spell of this charismatic stranger from the Balkans. One woman in particular, Fidelma McBride, becomes enthralled in a fatal attraction that leads to unimaginable consequences. In her first new work for a decade, O'Brien questions the nature of evil throughout but also wonders whether there is room for redemption and how we can find our way back to the flock. Provocative and masterly.	F 320p	LITERARY	CD
Scarlet Pimpernel	Orczy, Baroness	Paris, 1792. Each day scores of the French nobility feed the guillotine. But a league of young English gentlemen are spirited aristocrats across the Channel leaving no trace except a note from the 'Scarlet Pimpernel'. The ruthless spy master Chauvelin is determined to stop them and the Scarlet Pimpernel and his men must use all their wits to evade capture and stay alive.	F 202p	CLASSIC	LP
Nineteen Eighty-four	Orwell, George	Perhaps the most pervasively influential book of the twentieth century, making famous Big Brother, newspeak and Room 101. Hidden away in the Record Department of the sprawling Ministry of Truth, Winston Smith skilfully rewrites the past to suit the needs of the Party. Yet he inwardly rebels against the totalitarian world he lives in.	F 340p	CLASSIC	CD
The Road to Wigan Pier	Orwell, George	A searing account of George Orwell's experiences of working-class life in the bleak industrial heartlands of Yorkshire and Lancashire, The Road To Wigan Pier is a brilliant and bitter polemic that has lost none of its political impact.	305.562094 214p	CLASSIC	CD
Icarus Girl	Oyeyemi, Helen	Sweet, clever Jessamy is a troubled child, "a half-and-half child", prone to screaming fits and fevers, hot and cold at once. Her Nigerian mother and English father are eager for her to be "normal", but the too-real ghosts of split selves and fractured cultures pervade the book, their demands becoming unignorable. A stunning debut written when the author was still at school.	F 336p	LITERARY	
A Strangeness in my Mind	Pamuk, Orhan	A novel the Nobel Prize winner has worked on for six years. It is the story of boza seller Mevlut, the woman to whom he wrote three years' worth of love letters, and their life in Istanbul over forty years. What matters more in love: what we wish for, or what our fate has in store?	F 625p	LITERARY	
The Museum of Innocence	Pamuk, Orhan	Set in Istanbul between 1975 and the present, it tells the story of Kemal, the son of one of Istanbul's richest families, and of his obsessive love for a poor and distant relation, the beautiful Fusun, who is a shop-girl in a small boutique. Nobel Prize winning author.	F 757p	LITERARY	

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TITLE	AUTHOR	SYNOPSIS	SHELFMARK	GENRE	OTHER FORMAT
Mr Weston's Good Wine	Powys, T F	For a single winter's evening, an unlikely struggle between the forces of good and evil is taking place as Mr Weston the wine merchant visits a Dorset village. An allegory about redemption, love, death, acceptance and our attempts to make sense of these things, from one of the esteemed Powys brothers.	F 256p	CLASSIC	LP
I'm Thinking of Ending Things	Reid, Iain	A snowstorm, an abandoned school, and a series of tiny clues sprinkled through the relentlessly paced narrative culminate in a haunting twist on the final page. A chilling exploration of psychological frailty and the limitations of reality. Netflix tie-in.	F 205p	LITERARY THRILLER	CD
Wide Sargasso Sea	Rhys, Jean	Written over the course of twenty-one years and published in 1966, Wide Sargasso Sea, based on Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre, takes place in Jamaica and Dominica in 1839-45. Winner: WH Smith Literary Award, Cheltenham Booker Prize.	F 192p	WINNER CLASSIC	CD
The Ministry of Utmost Happiness	Roy, Arundhati	A vast epic fable set in India with memorable characters, luscious prose and clever insights into human nature. Anjum runs a guesthouse in an Old Delhi graveyard and gathers around her the lost, the broken and the cast out. Tilo, an architect, claims an abandoned baby as her own and her destiny and that of Anjum become entangled as a tale unfolds of a teeming continent, that sweeps across the years. Longlisted: Womens Prize, Man Booker.	F 417 p	LITERARY	
The Catcher in the Rye	Salinger, J.D.	Holden Caulfield is a seventeen- year-old dropout who has just been kicked out of his fourth school. Navigating his way through the challenges of growing up, Holden dissects the 'phoney' aspects of society, and the 'phonies' themselves in this classic coming of age story.	F 198p	CLASSIC	LP
Ivanhoe	Scott, Walter	Set at the time of the Norman Conquest, Ivanhoe returns from the Crusades to claim his inheritance and the love of Rowena and becomes involved in the struggle between Richard Coeur de Lion and his Norman brother John.	F 367p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
Frankenstein	Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft	Victor Frankenstein succeeds in the ultimate scientific experiment - the creation of life. But the being he creates, though intelligent and sensitive, is so huge and hideous that it is rejected by its creator, and by everyone else who meets it.	F 134p	CLASSIC	CD
On The Beach	Shute, Nevil	As a radioactive cloud begins to sweep towards a few survivors left in Australia, An American submarine Commander is preparing for the inevitable. Then a faint Morse code signal is picked up from the United States and the submarine must set sail through the bleak ocean to search for signs of life.	F 320p	CLASSIC	CD
Autumn	Smith, Ali	A meditation on a world growing ever more bordered and exclusive, on what richness and worth are, on what harvest means. This first in a seasonal quartet casts an eye over our own time. Gentle and engaging as the centuries cast their eyes over our own history-making. Longlisted:Gordon Burn Prize 2017.	F 272p	LITERARY	CD
Spring	Smith, Ali	The third book in a seasonal quartet, this is a powerful vision of lost souls in a divided Britain with interweaving stories of the unlikely connections human beings can make and the cost exacted when those connections are broken.	F 352p	LITERARY	CD
Prime Of Miss Jean Brodie	Spark, Muriel	In 1930s Edinburgh, six ten-year-old girls, are assigned Miss Jean Brodie as teacher. She gives her students lessons about her personal love life and travels, promoting art history, classical studies, and fascism. Under her mentorship the "Brodie set"—begin to stand out from the rest of the school.	F 144p	CLASSIC	CD

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The Girls of Slender Means	Spark, Muriel	A timely reissue of one of Muriel Spark's best loved novels. In the May of Teck Club - a London hostel 'three times window shattered since 1940 but never directly hit' - the young lady residents do their best to act as if the war never happened. They practice elocution, and jostle one another over suitors and a single Schiaparelli gown. But behind the girls' giddy literary and amorous peregrinations they hide some tragically painful secrets and wounds. Perfect reading group fodder.	F 144p	CLASSIC	CD
The Grapes of Wrath	Steinbeck, John	Set against the background of Dust Bowl Oklahoma and Californian migrant life, it tells of Tom Joad and his family, who, like thousands of others, are forced to travel west in search of the promised land. Their story is one of false hopes, thwarted desires and broken dreams, yet out of their suffering Steinbeck created a drama that is intensely human, yet majestic in its scale and moral vision.	F 468p	CLASSIC	CD,
Vanity Fair	Thackeray, William Makepeace	The alluring and ruthless Becky Sharp and her sentimental companion Amelia, make their way through the tawdry glamour of Regency society, in this gloriously satirical epic of love and social adventure.	F 566p	CLASSIC	CD,
The Elephanta Suite	Theroux, Paul	A fresh, compelling, and often inspiring notion of India and its effect on those who try to lose - or find - themselves there. This fabulous, far-reaching book breathtakingly captures the tumult, ambition, hardship and serenity that mark modern India. Multi award winning author.	F 282p	LITERARY	CD
If My Father Loved Me	Thomas, Rosie	In pursuing his own life, Sadie's father ignored hers. Now that he's dying, she looks back over the painful past she has tried to forget. The arrival of a woman from her father's past starts a train of events Sadie cannot control. Award winning author.	F 396p	LITERARY	CD, LP
Travelling in the dark	Timpany, Emma	Travelling back to her home town with her young son, Sarah is ready to face up to what she ran away from ten years ago. As delays and diversions force her to return to well-known places from her youth, Sarah reflects on the relationships with her family and the events of the past that have shaped her present. Set in the wild, beautiful unreliable landscape of southern New Zealand, Emma Timpany's novella is an evocative story of a woman coming to terms with her past.	F 180p	LITERARY	
Noah's Compass	Tyler, Anne	In his sixty-first year, something happens that starts Liam trying to piece together what took place on his first night in a new apartment, but leaves him with a late flowering love and a new set of problems..	F 288p	LITERARY	LP
The All Saints Day Lovers.	Vasquez, Juan Gabriel	Achingly sad and beautifully crafted, this is a remarkable and intense exploration of relationships, loneliness and cruelty. Through blood-soaked betrayal, a love affair, murder and long-meditated revenge, Vasquez achieves an extraordinary unity of emotion, morality and landscape with these fragmented lives.	F 256p	LITERARY	
Brideshead Revisited	Waugh, Evelyn	Charles Ryder, a lonely student at Oxford, welcomes the attentions of Brideshead's eccentric, artistic inhabitants the Marchmains, becoming infatuated with them. But, as the Marchmains struggle to find their place in a changing world, Charles eventually comes to recognize his spiritual and social distance from them.	F 476p	CLASSIC	CD
The War of the Worlds	Wells, H.G.	From the planet of war they came to conquer the Earth. The Martians begin a sinister invasion of the world. Destroying all in their path with black gas and burning rays, they brutally make their advance, but the forces of the Earth may prove harder to beat than they at first appear . . .	F 130p	CLASSIC	CD

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TITLE	AUTHOR	SYNOPSIS	SHELFMARK	GENRE	OTHER FORMAT
Picture Of Dorian Gray	Wilde, Oscar	When Dorian Gray has his portrait painted, he is captivated by his own beauty. As he is drawn into a corrupt double life, indulging his desires in secret while remaining a gentleman in the eyes of polite society, only his portrait bears the traces of his decadence. As Dorian's stays magically youthful, his beautiful portrait changes, revealing his moral decay.	F 153p	CLASSIC	CD
Shadow Of The Wind	Zafon, Carlos Ruiz	What begins as a case of literary curiosity turns into a race to find out the truth behind the life and death of author Julian Carax and to save those he left behind. A page-turning exploration of obsession in literature and love, and the places that obsession can lead. Award winning author.	F 506p	LITERARY	
The Angel's Game	Zafon, Carlos Ruiz	In an old mansion in the heart of Barcelona, a young man receives a mysterious letter from a French editor, promising literary stardom if he will fulfil just one task. But the character is not all that he seems, and soon David has entered into a pact that will lead him to question everything he values.	F 544p	LITERARY	