

RG Classic Literary List 2025

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
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
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	LP
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

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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, LP
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 416p	LITERARY	CD, LP
Prague Nights	Black, Benjamin	Literary mystery by Man Booker Prize 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 p	LITERARY	CD
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	N/A
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, LP
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
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, LP

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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, 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.	F 160p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
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, 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
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, LP
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	LP
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	LP

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Frenchman's Creek	Du Maurier, Daphne	Lady Dona St Columb is ripe for anything that will relieve the tedium of her days. 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, LP
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
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, LP
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	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
The Lie	Dunmore, Helen	Cornwall, 1920, early spring. A young man stands on a headland, looking out to sea. He is back from the war, homeless and without family. Behind him lie the mud, barbed-wire entanglements and terror of the trenches. Behind him is also the most intense relationship of his life.	F 368p	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, LP

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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 600p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
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 Prize.	F 416p	LITERARY	CD, LP
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	CD
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, LP
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, LP

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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
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
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
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, LP
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
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	CD

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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	N/A
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, LP
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, LP
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
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

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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, LP
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
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, LP
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	N/A
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
Now in November	Johnson, Josephine	Arnold Haldmarne 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	N/A

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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
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, LP
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
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 Prize.	F 384p	LITERARY	CD, LP
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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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
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
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.	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	LP
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	N/A
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

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All Quiet on the Western Front	Remarque, Erich Maria	This story is told by a young soldier in the trenches of Flanders during the First World War. Through his eyes we see the realities of war. Incidents are vividly described, but there is no sense of adventure, only the feeling of youth betrayed.	F 224p	CLASSIC	CD, LP
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 Prize.	F 417p	LITERARY	N/A
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
There But For The	Smith, Ali	Imagine you have a dinner party and a friend of a friend brings a stranger to your house as his guest. He seems pleasant enough. Then he goes upstairs and locks himself in one of your bedrooms and won't come out. Imagine you can't move him for days, weeks, months. If ever.	F 288p	LITERARY	CD, LP
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	N/A
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
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
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
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	LP

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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	CD, LP
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