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## Welcome to the March 2022 issue of Sound and Touch

## Library News for this issue:

## Book reviews for recent titles, from our audio producer, Simon Lynch

### Prague in My Bones: A Memoir by Jindra Tichy

Another recent autobiography, Prague In My Bones is a fascinating account of Czech born-and-bred Jinra Tichy who found her way to New Zealand when her husband was offered a job at Otago University. Tichy’s early life in her beloved city of Prague was marred by a repressive political regime after Soviet troops invaded in 1968. Forced to flee her homeland with her young son in 1969, they were on the last train to leave the country before the border was sealed. Tichy had to learn English, adjust to life firstly in England before arriving in New Zealand. Prague In My Bones details her everyday struggles, the pain of being separated from family until some twenty years later when she could at last re-visit her homeland. Expert narration from Christina Cie and read in 11 hours, 51 minutes. This NZ non-fiction memoir is a good read for those interested in real life stories that straddle two vastly differing cultural worlds. **BN: 139259**

### Labour Saving: A Memoir by Michael Cullen

This autobiography of the late NZ politician Sir Michael Cullen (who died just 5 months ago) is at once clever, witty and insightful. Cullen himself has been described as one of NZ’s greatest Finance Ministers by Helen Clark, and his achievements include overseeing the NZ Superannuation Fund, Kiwisaver and the Working For Families package. For a true insider’s view of the highs and lows of the Labour Party’s fortunes over a lengthy political career, Cullen is matter-of-fact, frank and circumspect. His strong philosophy of egalitarianism and a social democratic approach made him suitable for a key negotiating role in Treaty of Waitangi claims. Not surprisingly Labour Saving: A Memoir is long on economic strategy; however, Cullen also provides personal anecdotes of his childhood and subsequent marriages in adulthood. Wonderful narration by Paul Barrett in 17 hours, 49 minutes. Labour Saving: A Memoir is a non-fiction NZ book for those with a passion for both NZ political figures and recent history, from someone honoured for their contribution to the economic landscape of New Zealand. **BN: 139122**

# New DAISY audio

This issue contains DAISY audio books added to the collection since the last issue of Sound and Touch in December 2021.

Abbreviations:

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| BA | Blackstone Audio Inc. |
| BN | DAISY audio Book Number |
| CNIB | (formerly known as) Canadian National Institute for the Blind |
| NLS  | National Library Service |
| RNIB | Royal National Institute of Blind People |
| RNZFB/BLVNZ | Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind/Blind Low Vision NZ |
| Ulv | Ulverscroft |
| VAILS | Vision Australia Information and Library Service |

## Adult non-fiction

### Australia and Pacific

**Rewilding the urban soul by Claire Dunn.** Once upon a time, a burnt‑out Claire Dunn spent a year living off the grid in a wilderness survival program. Yet love and the possibilities of human connection drew her back to the city, where she soon found herself as overscheduled, addicted to her phone, and lost in IKEA as everyone else. Given all the city offered, comfort, convenience, community, and opportunity ‑ she wanted to stay. However, to do so, she would have to learn how to rewild her own urban soul. Read by Beverley Longhurst in 11 hours, 57 minutes. Ulv. **BN: 139137**

### Authors (Biography)

**Like no other soldier by Rob Lewis.** Staying on in Northern Ireland as a civilian after years of working on undercover missions against terrorists, Rob eventually gains employment in Bristol, undertaking security work, but things don't work out and Rob ends up living in a squat. After a job offer from an old colleague, Rob heads to London to work in close‑protection security for some of Hollywood's royalty ‑ Tom Cruise, Liam Neeson, Nicole Kidman and Mel Gibson among them ‑ and later becomes involved in the rescue of some very well‑connected people from a dangerous religious cult. Read by Mark Meadows in 6 hours, 10 minutes. Ulv. **BN: 139141**

**Time to heal by Michael Dixon.** Time to Heal tells the story of the colourful life of a country doctor towards the end of his career. In turn shocking, sad and funny, they describe a doctor who feels poorly served by the conventional medicine of his time and finds new ways to relieve the suffering of his patients. Read by Simon Mattacks in 7 hours, 33 minutes. Ulv. **BN: 139168**

**Improbable journeys by Bernard Binns and Ron Smith.** Improbable Journeys is the remarkable story of a life lived in keeping with Oscar Wilde's precept ‑ the life of physician and teacher Bernard Binns. Read by Cheryl Lawton in 17 hours, 47 minutes. RNZFB. **BN: 138371**

**The tattooed girl the enigma of Stieg Larsson and the secrets behind the most**  **compelling thrillers of our time by Daniel Burstein.** The stories behind the Steig Larsson books 'The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo', 'The Girl Who Played with Fire', and 'The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest'. Enter the unique world of Lisbeth Salander, Mikael Blomkvist, and of Larsson himself, discovering the experiences and incidents involving Swedish politics, violence against women, and neo‑Nazis that are at the heart of these works. A look into the author's life, and his ideas for future books, including the mysterious fourth book in the series, which Larsson had started but not finished at the time of his death. Includes strong language and violence. 2011. Read by Phiroze Dotiwalla and Susanne Tabur in 17 hours, 48 minutes. CNIB **BN: 132997**

### Crime and Law

**Cold blooded murder: shocking true stories of killers and psychopaths by Brad**  **Hunter.** Murder is the most vile crime known to man. It can be triggered by love or money or sex. Those are the three big ticket items for homicide. However, people are strange. They will kill for the most obscure and ridiculous of reasons. Read by Robert G Slade in 8 hours, 12 minutes. Ulv.

 **BN: 139139**

### General Non-fiction

**Breathtaking by Rachel Clark.** How does it feel to confront a pandemic from the inside? To bridge the gulf between a perilously unwell patient in quarantine and their distraught family outside? To strive your utmost to maintain your humanity even while barricaded behind visors and masks? Rachel is a palliative care doctor who cared for the most gravely unwell patients on the Covid‑19 wards of her hospital. Amid the tensions, fatigue and rising death toll, she witnessed the courage of patients and NHS staff alike in conditions of unprecedented adversity. Read by Rachel Clark in 7 hours, 59 minutes. Ulv.

 **BN: 139140**

**Atlantic: great sea battles, heroic discoveries, titanic storms, and a vast ocean of**  **a million stories by Simon Winchester.** Simon Winchester traces the history of the Atlantic Ocean from its formation 370 million years ago to its predicted obliteration in about 170 million years. Includes geographical descriptions and accounts of explorers and maritime battles. Read by Lou Harpenau in 15 hours, 46 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133977**

### Maori Language and Literature

**Matamua ko te kupu na Ta Timoti Karetu.** Sir Timoti shares his extensive experience in the artforms of haka and waiata ‑ from Maori songs of the two world wars to the rise of kapa haka competitions, from love songs to action songs, from Sir Apirana Ngata to Te Puea Herangi, and from Te Matatini to contemporary hui on marae. Read by Chance Henry in 5 hours, 42 minutes. RNZFB. **BN: 137284**

### Nature And Animals

**How animals saved my life by Noel Fitzpatrick.** It has been 30 years since Noel Fitzpatrick graduated as a veterinary surgeon, and that 22‑year‑old from Ireland is now one of the leading veterinary surgeons in the world. The journey to that point has seen Noel treat thousands of animals. Noel shares the moving and often funny stories of the animals he has treated and the unique 'animal people' he has met along the way. Read by Noel Fitzpatrick in 18 hours, 35 minutes. Ulv. **BN: 139136**

**The genius of birds by Jennifer Ackerman.** In The Genius of Birds, acclaimed author Jennifer Ackerman explores the newly discovered brilliance of birds and how it came about. Read by Patience Tomlinson in 11 hours, 13 minutes. Ulv. **BN: 139169**

### NZ and Pacific Non-fiction

**Two shakes of a lamb's tail: the diary of a country vet by Danielle Hawkins.**  Danielle Hawkins is a farm vet, mother, sheep farmer's wife and author. From calving cows to literary lunches, pet lambs to parenting, occasionally overwhelmed but almost always sure she wouldn't want it any other way, her diary celebrates the joys of rural living. Read by Romy Hooper in 7 hours, 28 minutes. RNZFB. **BN: 137954**

**Tree of strangers by Barbara Sumner.** Like many adopted children, filmmaker Barbara Sumner yearned to know who her mother was. New Zealand's closed adoption laws made that almost impossible and coloured her chaotic adolescence and adult life. Read by Margaret Blay in 5 hours, 18 minutes. RNZFB. **BN: 138544**

**A richer you: how to make the most of your money by Mary Holm.** Drawing on the many hundreds of letters written to her by concerned Kiwis over the last few years, Mary shows us how our money can work for us, in the real world. Read by Christina Cie in 9 hours, 23 minutes. RNZFB. **BN: 138407**

**Not in narrow seas: the economic history of Aotearoa New Zealand by Brian**  **Easton.** Not in Narrow Seas is a major contribution to the history of Aotearoa New Zealand. It covers everything from the traditional gift‑based Maori economy to the Ardern government's attempt to deal with the economic challenges of global warming, and is the first economic history to underline the central role of the environment, beginning with the geological formation of these islands. Read by Paul Barrett in 32 hours, 9 minutes. RNZFB.

 **BN: 138144**

**Ralph Hotere: the dark is light enough ‑ a biographical portrait by Vincent O'Sullivan.** Ralph Hotere (Te Aupouri and Te Rarawa; 1931‑2013) was one of Aotearoa's most significant modern artists. Hotere invited the poet, novelist and biographer Vincent O'Sullivan to write his life story in 2005. Now, this book ‑ the result of years of research and many conversations with Hotere and his fellow artists, collaborators, friends and family ‑ provides a nuanced, compelling portrait of Hotere: the man, and the artist. Winner: Ockham New Zealand Book Awards 2021 General Non‑fiction award winner. Read by John Leigh in 15 hours, 1 minute. RNZFB. **BN:137943**

### Politics (Biography)

**Jacinda Ardern: leading with empathy by Supriya Vani and Carl A Harte.** This book carefully explores the influences ‑ personal, social, political and emotional ‑ that have shaped Jacinda Ardern. Peace activist and journalist Supriya Vani and writer Carl A. Harte build their narrative through Vani's exclusive interviews with Ardern, as well as the prime minister's public statements and speeches and the words of those who know her. Read by Kirsty Gillmore in 13 hours, 36 minutes. Ulv. **BN: 139138**

### Royal Families (Biography)

**Prince Philip's century 1921‑2021: the extraordinary life of the Duke of Edinburgh**  **by Robert Jobson.** For decades, Prince Philip shared the Queen's burden of office without upstaging her, always privately providing reassurance and advice but never overstepping the boundaries of his supporting role. It was an unforgiving position ‑ a challenge for anyone ‑ but one that he met head on. He remained the Queen's adviser and closest confidant and was known as such the world over. That said, he was wise enough to recognise his limitations and the constraints of his role. He always seemed to instinctively know when it was time to step back and let his wife take the lead. His job was, after all, to allow her star to shine. Read by Sam Dastor in 13 hours, 26 minutes. Ulv. **BN: 139135**

### Travel Writing

**Shadow of the silk road by Colin Thubron.** Travel writer Colin Thubron chronicles his journey along the ancient Silk Road from central China to the Mediterranean coast of Turkey. The book describes his third‑class passages, his encounters with the people of central Asia, and witnessing the war in Afghanistan. Read by John Horton in 13 hours, 8 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133905**

**The man who loved china: the fantastic story of the eccentric scientist who**  **unlocked the mysteries of the middle kingdom by Simon Winchester.** Biography of British biochemist Joseph Needham (1900‑1995) discusses his intellectual development, marriage, and long‑standing love affair with a visiting Chinese student. Features his travels to China and his investigations into the history of Chinese inventions and technology, including the compass, explosives, and suspension bridges. Read by Mary Kane in 12 hours, 9 minutes. NLS. **BN: 134051**

**The river at the center of the world: a journey up the Yangtze and back in Chinese**  **time by Simon Winchester.** Geographer and author Simon Winchester navigates nearly four thousand miles on and along the Yangtze River in China, from the East China Sea to Tibet. Describes the momentous events that transpired along the river's course and its sites including Shanghai, the Three Gorges, and the underdeveloped interior. Read by Gordon Gould in 17 hours, 3 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133826**

# Adult Fiction

### Adventure Stories

**Origin by Jessica Khoury.** Pia has always known her destiny. She is meant to start a new race, a line of descendants who will bring an end to death. She has been bred for no other purpose, genetically engineered to be immortal and raised by a team of scientists in a secret compound hidden deep in the Amazon rainforest. Now those scientists have begun to challenge her, with the goal of training her to carry on their dangerous work. For as long as she can remember, Pia's greatest desire has been to fulfill their expectations. Then one night she finds a hole in the impenetrable fence that surrounds her sterile home. Free in the jungle for the first time in her life, Pia meets Eio, a boy from a nearby village. Unable to resist, she continues sneaking out to see him. As they fall in love, they begin to piece together the truth about Pia's origin‑a truth with nothing less than deadly consequences that will change their lives forever. Read by J Michael McCullough in 12 hours, 56 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133850**

### Crime

**Taken by Kathleen George .** The child was taken in broad daylight, on a warm June morning, in a crowded shopping area in downtown Pittsburgh. Marina Benedict first saw the baby with his mother. Then, just minutes later, she saw him again, in the arms of a man she was certain was not the child's father. In a single life‑altering act, Marina followed them. Richard Christie series, book 1. Has sequel: Fallen, not yet in collection. Read by Marguerite Vanderkolk in 12 hours, 33 minutes. RNZFB. **BN: 138841**

**The price of butcher's meat by Reginald Hill.** Sandytown, England. Detective Superintendent Andy Dalziel is recovering from injuries when a local woman, Lady Daphne Denham, is murdered. Dalziel's former partner, Detective Chief Inspector Peter Pascoe, arrives to investigate while Dalziel chafes in the convalescent home. Strong language. Read by Steven Crossley in 18 hours, 29 minutes. NLS. **BN: 134167**

**The darkest evening by Ann Cleeves.** On the first snowy night of winter, Detective Inspector Vera Stanhope sets off for her home in the hills. Though the road is familiar, she misses a turning and soon becomes lost and disorientated. A car has skidded off the narrow road in front of her, its door left open, and she stops to help. There is no driver to be seen, so Vera assumes that the owner has gone to find help. However, a cry calls her back: a toddler is strapped in the back seat. Vera takes the child and driving on, she arrives at a place she knows well, it is the house where her father grew up. Vera Stanhope series, book 9. Sequel to: The seagull, not yet in collection. Read by Dr John Reynolds in 10 hours, 22 minutes. RNZFB. **BN: 136728**

### Fantasy

**Acorna's people by Anne McCaffrey.** Arriving home, Acorna is welcomed by the telepathic Linyaari people. Unaccustomed to their ways, Acorna has much to learn. She still faces more danger before she can enjoy her newfound world. Acornia series, book 3. Sequel to: Acornia's quest, not yet in collection. Has sequel: Acornia's world, not yet in collection. Read by Kristin Allison in 9 hours, 33 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133953**

**Horns: a novel by Joe Hill.** Hungover Ignatius Perrish wakes up and discovers he has horns growing out of his skull and can hear people's evil thoughts. Ignatius uses his newfound ability to solve ‑ and avenge ‑ his girlfriend's brutal murder. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Read by Jim Zeiger in 15 hours, 13 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133894**

### General Fiction

**Michael Tolliver lives by Armistead Maupin.** San Francisco. Michael Tolliver, now in his mid‑fifties, has lived successfully with HIV because of new drug cocktails. He enjoys his life with a younger lover, but his landlady Anna Madrigal and his mother in Florida are in failing health. Strong language. Tales of the city series, book 7. Sequel to: Sure of you, BN: 72547. Has sequel: Mary Ann in Autumn, BN: 82513. Read by Ray Hagen in 7 hours, 49 minutes. NLS. **BN: 134130**

**The gospel of judas: a novel by Simon Mawer.** Biblical scholar Father Leo Newman travels to Jerusalem to translate a newly discovered scroll believed to be a fifth gospel written by the apostle Judas. Meanwhile he is having an affair with a married woman, reminiscent of his mother's past. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Read by Geoffrey Centlivre in 12 hours, 13 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133807**

**The last picture show by Larry McMurtry.** The painful period of adolescence is explored in this novel of a small Texas town during the 1950s. Explicit descriptions of sex. Read by Jack Hrkach in 7 hours, 41 minutes. NLS.

 **BN: 133863**

### Historical Novels

**The moon sister: Tiggy's story by Lucinda Riley.** Gathered at their childhood home to mourn their father's death, Tiggy D'Apliese and her five adoptive sisters receive tantalizing clues to their distinct heritages. Tiggy D'Apliese spends her days experiencing the raw beauty of the Scottish Highlands doing a job she loves at a deer sanctuary. However, when the sanctuary is forced to close, she is offered a job as a wildlife consultant on the vast and isolated estate of the elusive and troubled laird, Charlie Kinnaird. She has no idea that the move will not only irrevocably alter her future, but also bring her face‑to‑face with her past. Seven sisters series, book 5. Sequel to: The pearl sister, BN: 132639. Has sequel: The sun sister, BN: 132641. Read by Christine Hewton in 20 hours, 39 minutes. RNZFB. **BN: 132640**

**The sherlockian by Graham Moore.** 2010. A Holmesian scholar turns up dead after announcing he has found Arthur Conan Doyle's diary. Harold White, newly inducted into the Baker Street Irregulars, investigates. Meanwhile, events in 1900 ‑ when Doyle and his friend Bram Stoker become entangled in a murder‑‑shed light on White's case. Some strong language. Read by Jim Zeiger in 13 hours, 28 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133892**

### Historical Romance

**Duchess by night by Eloisa James.** England, 1784. Seeking adventure, Isidore, the duchess of Cosway, and Harriet, the duchess of Berrow, visit the house of the infamous Lord Strange. Harriet, who dresses like a young man to protect her reputation, falls in love with their eccentric host ‑ who discovers her secret. Explicit descriptions of sex. Desperate duchesses series, book 3. Sequel to: An affair before Christmas, BN: 134101. Has sequel: When the duke returns, BN: 133719. Read by Corrie James in 10 hours, 51 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133717**

**The chaperone by Laura Moriarty.** 1922. Abandoned as an infant in New York City, Cora Carlisle is now a respectable matron in Wichita, Kansas. When teenager, Louise Brooks needs a chaperone to attend a New York dance school, Cora volunteers, hoping to find her birth family. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Read by Gabriella Cavallero in 11 hours, 59 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133799**

**Up in honey's room by Elmore Leonard.** Federal marshal Carl Webster travels to Detroit in 1944 to search for escaped German POWs. Webster interviews beautiful Honey Deal, the divorced wife of Nazi meatcutter Walter Schoen, and investigates Ukrainian spy Vera Mezwa. Strong language and some violence. Carl Webster series, book 2. Sequel to: The hot kid, BN: 134122. Has sequel: Comfort to the enemy, not yet in collection. Read by Ray Foushee in 8 hours, 9 minutes. NLS. **BN: 134119**

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### Humour

**Full blast by Janet Evanovich.** Newspaperwoman Jamie Swift and millionaire Max Holt's relationship intensifies as they investigate a string of murders in Beaumont, South Carolina. The town is sizzling: the baker spikes his brownies with aphrodisiacs, a kinky lingerie store opens, and Jamie starts a personal ads column. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Max Holt series, book 4. Sequel to: Full speed, BN: 48234. Has sequel: Full bloom, BN: 133781. Read by Colleen Delany in 7 hours, 49 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133708**

### Mystery And Detective Stories

**Red bones by Ann Cleeves.** When an elderly woman is shot in what appears to be a tragic accident, Shetland detective Jimmy Perez is called to investigate the mystery. The sparse landscape and the emptiness of the sea have bred a fierce and secretive people. As Jimmy looks to the islanders for answers, he finds instead two feuding families whose envy, greed and bitterness have lasted generations. Shetland series, book 3. Sequel to: White nights, BN: 136848. Has sequel: Blue lightning, BN: 136846. Read by Kenny Blyth in 11 hours, 23 minutes. Ulv. **BN: 139134**

**Cold earth by Ann Cleeves.** In the dark days of a Shetland winter, torrential rain triggers a landslide that crosses the main Lerwick‑Sumburgh road and sweeps down to the sea. At the burial of his old friend Magnus Tait, Jimmy Perez watches the flood of mud and peaty water smash through a croft house in its path. Everyone thinks the croft is uninhabited, but in the wreckage, he finds the body of a dark‑haired woman wearing a red silk dress. Shetland series, book 7. Sequel to: Thin air, not yet in collection. Has sequel: Wild fire, not yet in collection. Read by Kenny Blyth in 10 hours, 12 minutes. Ulv.

  **BN: 139166**

**The closers by Michael Connelly.** After three years out of the LAPD Harry Bosch returns to find the department a very different place from the one he left, with a new police chief brought in from New York. Working with his former cop partner Kiz Rider, Harry is assigned to the Open‑Unsolved Unit. These detectives are the Closers, working on the thousands of cold cases that haunt the LAPD's files. Harry Bosch, book 11. Sequel to: The Narrows, BN: 120096. Has sequel: Echo Park, BN: 79633. Read by William Hope in 12 hours, 2 minutes. Ulv. **BN: 139133**

**Life sentences by Laura Lippman.** Noted white memoirist Cassandra Fallows decides to write about a black childhood acquaintance, Calliope Jenkins, who spent seven years in prison for the never‑solved disappearance of her baby. Cassandra's Baltimore research exposes truths about her own family as well as the story behind Calliope and their other friends. Read by Jill Fox in 10 hours, 29 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133882**

**Hunting badger by Tony Hillerman.** A casino robbery on the Ute reservation leaves one guard dead, while a second is wounded and held under suspicion. As Navajo Tribal Police sergeant Jim Chee tracks the criminals in the Four Corners canyons, retired cop Joe Leaphorn receives a startling tip identifying the perpetrators. Some violence. Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee series, book 14. Sequel to: The first eagle, BN: 74002. Has sequel: The wailing wind. BN: 133635. Read by Bob Askey in 6 hours, 13 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133634**

**The nine tailors by Dorothy L. Sayers.** A faceless and handless corpse is found buried above Lady Thorpe's coffin in a country graveyard, and Lord Peter Wimsey is asked to help. Lord Peter Wimsey series, book 9. RNZFB.

 **BN 136008**

### NZ and Pacific Novels

**Unsheltered by Clare Moleta.** Li never wanted to bring a child into a world like this but now that eight‑year‑old Matti is missing, she will stop at nothing to find her. As she crosses the great barren country alone and on foot, living on what she can find and fuelled by visions of her daughter just out of sight ahead, Li will have every instinct tested. Read by Romy Hooper in 8 hours, 10 minutes. RNZFB. **BN: 138529**

**A madness of sunshine by Nalini Singh.** On the rugged West Coast of New Zealand, Golden Cove is more than just a town where people live. The adults are more than neighbors; the children, more than schoolmates. That is until one fateful summer ‑ and several vanished bodies ‑ shatter the trust holding Golden Cove together. All that is left are whispers behind closed doors, broken friendships, and a silent agreement not to look back. Read by Saskia Maarleveld in 11 hours. Ulv. **BN: 139132**

**Quiet in her bones by Nalini Singh.** When socialite Nina Rai disappeared without a trace, everyone wrote it off as another trophy wife tired of her wealthy husband. But now her bones have turned up in the shadowed green of the forest that surrounds her elite neighborhoods, a haven of privilege and secrets that's housed the same influential families for decades. Read by Raj Varma in 11 hours, 38 minutes. Ulv. **BN: 139167**

**The silence of snow by Eileen Merriman.** Anaesthetic Fellow Rory McBride is adrift. Since a routine procedure went horribly wrong, he has been plagued by sleeplessness, flashbacks and escalating panic attacks. Jodi Waterstone has recently started work as a first‑year doctor at the same hospital, and the night shifts, impossible workload and endless hours on duty are taking a toll. Both are trying to stay in control of their lives. Read by Kirsty Gillmore in 11 hours, 47 minutes. Ulv. **BN: 139129**

### Romance

**The rocky road to romance by Janet Evanovich.** Daisy Adams is an enterprising Washington, D.C., graduate student whose cookbook for dogs earned her a five‑minute show on the local radio station. When the station's traffic reporter is injured, Daisy not thinking about possible consequences jumps at the chance to take over the higher paying job. Descriptions of sex. Elsie Hawkins series, book 4. Sequel to: Wife for hire, Not yet in collection. Read by Colleen Delany in 4 hours, 38 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133701**

**The piano teacher: a novel by Janice Y K Lee.** 1952. Newlyweds Martin and Claire Pendleton arrive in Hong Kong, where Martin works for the British government and Claire teaches piano to the daughter of a wealthy Chinese family. Claire begins an affair with the family's chauffeur, whose imprisonment during the Japanese occupation still haunts him. Violence. Read by Faith Potts in 10 hours, 42 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133783**

**Archangel's blade by Nalini Singh.** The severed head marked by a distinctive tattoo on its cheek should have been a Guild case, but dark instincts honed over hundreds of years of life compel the vampire Dmitri to take control. There is something twisted about this death, something that whispers of centuries long past. However, Dmitri's need to discover the truth is nothing to the vicious strength of his response to the hunter assigned to decipher the tattoo. Guild hunter, book 4. Sequel to: Angel's wolf, not yet in collection. Has sequel: Archangel's storm, BN: 138617. Read by Catriona MacLeod in 11 hours, 35 minutes. RNZFB. **BN: 138618**

### Science Fiction

**Lyon's pride by Anne McCaffrey.** Hiver aliens have often battled the Human and Mrdini races. Now that their world has been destroyed, the Hivers are searching for a new home and, therefore, are again attacking the Mrdini. It is up to Damia's children, all of whom have special telepathic abilities, to pool their powers to fend off the Hivers. In the process, the children learn self‑confidence and choose their careers. Tower and Hive, book 4. Sequel to: Damia's children, not yet in collection. Has sequel: The tower and the hive. BN: 133957. Read by Mary Woods in 9 hours, 41 minutes. NLS. **BN: 134056**

### The Family

**Moonlight Sonata by Eileen Merriman.** It is the annual New Year family get‑together. Molly is dreading having to spend time with her mother, but is looking forward to catching up with her brothers . . . Joe in particular. Under the summer sun, family tensions intensify and Molly and Joe will not be the only ones with secrets that must be kept hidden. A novel of forbidden love and family secrets exploring the taboo subject of incest ‑ not sexual abuse but attraction between consenting adults. Read by Katrina Bowker in 7 hours, 35 minutes. Ulv. **BN: 126827**

### Thrillers

**The twenty‑three by Linwood Barclay.** A dark cloud of suspicion and fear continues to hang over the town of Promise Falls. A series of bizarre, ominously threatening incidents suggests someone is plotting to take revenge on the town. However, who is the perpetrator, and revenge for what? Promise Falls, book 3. Sequel to: Far from true, BN: 136836. Has sequel: Never look away, not yet in collection. Read by Jeff Harding in 13 hours, 19 minutes. Ulv.

  **BN: 139130**

**Chasing the dime by Michael Connelly.** After accidentally intercepting some telephone messages for the previous tenant of his new apartment, computer entrepreneur Henry Price is drawn into a nightmarish web of dark and dangerous secrets as he races against time to save the life of a woman he has never met. Read by John Chancer in 11 hours, 59 minutes. Ulv. **BN: 139131**

**You're next by Gregg Andrew Hurwitz.** The book centres around the character Mike Wingate - a [property developer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Real_estate_development). He has been raised in foster care after being abandoned by his father at four. He presently has a wife and an 8-year-old daughter, has his construction company which is about to finish a [green](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Environmentally_friendly) [housing development](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Housing_development) project and be honoured by the [Governor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Governor) for environmental building practices. However, things go quickly wrong when he meets a crippled stranger at a party. Things quickly escalate from him receiving threats to attacks - one of which nearly kills his wife. When he reports them to the police, they seem more interested in Mike's past than in protecting him. With his family in mortal danger Mike turns to Shep - a dangerous man. He knows Shep from his days in foster care and he is the only friend Mike has. Together they try and protect Mike's family from the hidden men and uncover why suddenly both these hidden strangers and the police are after him. Read by Jim Zeiger in 15 hours, 34 minutes. NLS. **BN: 133895**

### The devils you know by Ben Sanders. Vincent needs a change. He has spent the last fifteen years in covert operations for the US government, but after a botched and fatal mission, he decides he is done with pulling triggers. He lucks into a dream job in Santa Barbara as head of security for supermarket mogul Eugene Lamar: nothing more than driving the boss to and from golf, with ample downtime for surfing, or sitting by the pool contemplating life and how to live it with a zero body count. Read by John Callen in 9 hours, 57 minutes. RNZFB. BN 138408

# New ebraille and braille books

This issue contains ebraille and braille books added to the collection since the December 2021 issue of **Sound and Touch**. Adult braille books have a BN number as they are embossed upon request. Titles with more than five volumes will only be provided as ebraille. Please contact us to enquire as to whether a particular title is available for embossing.

Abbreviations:

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| UEB | Unified English Braille code |
| Ebraille | Electronic braille books held at Parnell Library |
| RNZFB | Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind |
| CNIB | (Formerly known as) Canadian National Institute for the Blind |
| SE | Seeing Ear |
| f. | Computer file available for embossing |
| v. | volume(s) |

The following braille books are contracted, single-spaced and double sided.

## Adult non-fiction

### Authors (Biography)

### Juliet's answer: one man's search for love and the elusive cure for heartbreak by Glenn Dixon. When Glenn Dixon is spurned by love, he does something unusual. He travels to Verona, Italy, to become a scribe of Juliet, Shakespeare's fictional character, all in an attempt to understand his heartbreak. Once there, he volunteers to answer the thousands of letters that arrive addressed to Juliet, letters sent from lovelorn people all over the world who long to understand the mysteries of the human heart. Bestseller. 3 f, UEB. CNIB. Ebraille 125584

### Actors and Entertainers (Biography)

### The princess diarist by Carrie Fisher. In 1976, Carrie Fisher was a teenager filming a movie, with an all-consuming crush on her co-star. Moreover, it just happened to become one of the most famous films of all time -- the first Star Wars movie. When she recently discovered the journals she had kept, she found them full of plaintive love poems, unbridled musings with youthful naiveté́, and a vulnerability that she barely recognized. In revisiting her diaries, Fisher ponders the joys and insanity of celebrity as well as the absurdity of a life spawned by Hollywood royalty whose lofty status has ultimately been surpassed by her own outer-space royalty. 2 f, UEB. CNIB. Ebraille 125586

### Disabilities and Society

**Creating a culture of accessibility in the sciences by Mahadeo A. Sukhai, University of Toronto and Ontario Cancer Institute, Toronto, ON, Canada and Chelsea E. Mohler, National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS), Ottawa.** Provides insights and advice on integrating students with disabilities into the STEM fields. It is reflective of the diversity of STEM disciplines (life and physical sciences, engineering, and mathematics), and is also reflective of cross-disability perspectives (physical, sensory, learning, mental health, chronic medical and developmental disabilities). A useful resource for STEM faculty and university administrators working with students with disabilities, as well as STEM industry professionals interested in accommodating employees with disabilities. 6 f, UEB. CNIB. **Ebraille 98182**

### Politics

**Debriefing the president the interrogation of Saddam Hussein by John Nixon.** December 2003. After one of the largest, most aggressive manhunts in history, US military forces captured Iraqi president Saddam Hussein near his hometown of Tikrit. The Bush administration needed positive identification of the prisoner, and John Nixon, a senior CIA leadership analyst who had spent years studying the Iraqi dictator, was called upon. Looking for tell-tale scars and tribal tattoos and asking Hussein a list of questions only he could answer, Nixon identified the man as Saddam Hussein, but learned in the ensuing weeks that both he and America had greatly misunderstood just who Saddam Hussein really was. 2 f, UEB. CNIB. **Ebraille 125580**

### Social Sciences

**Hillbilly elegy: a memoir of a family and culture in crisis by J.D. Vance.** Shares the story of the author's family and upbringing, describing how they moved from poverty to an upwardly mobile clan that included the author, a Yale Law School graduate, while navigating the demands of middle class life and the collective demons of the past. 3 f, UEB. CNIB. **Ebraille 125601**

### Women (Biography)

**A hope more powerful than the sea: One refugee's incredible story of love, loss, and survival by Melissa Fleming.** The story of a young Syrian refugee's attempt to reach Sweden, focusing on her ordeal in icy waters after the dilapidated fishing vessel in which she was traveling--along with 500 others--sinks. 3 f, UEB. CNIB. **Ebraille 125587**

### World Religions

**The book of joy: lasting happiness in a changing world by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, with Douglas Abrams.** Two leading spiritual masters share their wisdom about living with joy even in the face of adversity, sharing personal stories and teachings about the science of profound happiness and the daily practices that anchor their emotional and spiritual lives. 3 f, UEB. CNIB. **Ebraille 125613**

## Adult Fiction

### Fantasy

**Brother's ruin by Emma Newman.** The year is 1850 and Great Britain is flourishing, thanks to the Royal Society of the Esoteric Arts. When a new mage is discovered, Royal Society elites descend like buzzards to snatch up a new apprentice. Talented mages are bought from their families at a tremendous price, while weak mages are snapped up for a pittance. For a lower middle class family like the Gunns, the loss of a son can be disastrous, so when seemingly magical incidents begin cropping up at home, they fear for their Archie's life and their own livelihoods. However, Archie Gunn is not a talented mage. His sister Charlotte is, and to prevent her brother from being imprisoned for false reporting she combines her powers with his to make him seem a better prospect. 2 f, UEB. CNIB. **Ebraille 125649**

### General Fiction

**The last Neanderthal: a novel by Claire Cameron.** 40,000 years in the past, the last family of Neanderthals roams the earth. After a crushingly hard winter, their numbers are low, but Girl, the oldest daughter, is just coming of age and her family is determined to travel to the annual meeting place and find her a mate. However, the unforgiving landscape takes its toll, and Girl is left alone to care for Runt, a foundling of unknown origin. As Girl and Runt face the coming winter storms, Girl realizes she has one final chance to save her people, even if it means sacrificing part of herself. In the modern day, archaeologist Rosamund Gale works well into her pregnancy, racing to excavate newly found Neanderthal artifacts before her baby comes. Linked across the ages by the shared experience of early motherhood, both stories examine the often-taboo corners of women's lives. 3 f, UEB. CNIB. **Ebraille 125632**

### Mystery and Detective Stories

**Into the water by Paula Hawkins.** A single mother turns up dead at the bottom of the river that runs through town. Earlier in the summer, a vulnerable teenage girl met the same fate. They are not the first women lost to these dark waters, but their deaths disturb the river and its history, dredging up secrets long submerged. Left behind is a lonely fifteen-year-old girl. Parentless and friendless, she now finds herself in the care of her mother's sister, a fearful stranger who has been dragged back to the place she deliberately ran from--a place to which she vowed she'd never return. 4 f, UEB. CNIB. **Ebraille 125642**

**The ex: a novel by Alafair Burke.** Olivia Randall is one of New York City's best criminal defence lawyers. When she hears that her former fiancé́, Jack Harris, has been arrested for a triple homicide and that one of the victims was connected to his wife's murder three years earlier there is no doubt in her mind as to his innocence. The only question is, who would go to such great lengths to frame him and why? For Olivia, representing Jack is a way to make up for past regrets and absolve herself of guilt from a tragic decision, a secret she has held for twenty years. However, as the evidence against him mounts, she is forced to confront her doubts. The man she knew could not have done this. 4 f, UEB. CNIB. **Ebraille 125638**

### Thrillers

**One perfect lie by Lisa Scottoline.** Tells the tale of the struggling single mother of a high-school pitcher, a shy kid so athletically talented that he is being recruited for a full-ride scholarship to a Division I college, with a future in major-league baseball. However, the mother fears that she is losing her grip on her son because one of his teammates is luring him down a darker path. A secretly disturbed young man from an affluent family, whose excellent grades and fun-loving manner conceal his violent criminal plans. Add a handsome stranger who comes to town and infiltrates the high school, posing as a teacher but with a hidden agenda all his own. The mix becomes combustible when a beloved faculty member turns up dead as a suicide, in circumstances equally consistent with murder. Only then is the true identity of the fake teacher revealed, and the single mother finds herself engaged in a battle for the future, the soul, and the very life of her only son. 4 f, UEB. CNIB. **Ebraille 125644**

**All by myself, alone: a novel by Mary Higgins Clark.** Fleeing a disastrous and humiliating arrest of her husband-to-be on the eve of their wedding, Celia Kilbride, a gems and jewellery expert, is lecturing on a brand new cruise ship. On board she meets elderly Lady Em. Immensely wealthy, Lady Em is the owner of a priceless emerald necklace that she intends to leave to the Smithsonian after the cruise. Three days out to sea Lady Em is found dead and the necklace is missing. The list of suspects is large and growing. Celia, with the help of her new friends Willy and Alvirah Meehan, who are celebrating their forty-fifth wedding anniversary, sets out to find the killer, not realizing that she has put herself in mortal danger. 3 f, UEB. CNIB. **Ebraille 125636**

### War Stories

**Goodnight from London: a novel by Jennifer Robson**. 1940. Ambitious young American journalist Ruby Sutton gets her big break: the chance to report on the European war in London. Although most of Ruby's new colleagues welcome her, a few resent her presence, not only as an American but also as a woman. She is just beginning to find her feet when the bombs begin to fall. As the nightly horror of the Blitz stretches unbroken into weeks and months, Ruby must set aside her determination to remain an objective observer. When she loses everything but her life, and must depend upon the kindness of strangers, she learns for the first time the depth and measure of true friendship and what it is to love a man who is burdened by secrets that aren't his to share. Inspired by the wartime experiences of the author's own grandmother. 4 f, UEB. CNIB. **Ebraille 125640**

# Junior Collection

**Loblolly boy and the sorcerer by James Norcliffe.** The lobolly boy has the gift of flight. He is invisible to most people, apart from the sensitives; is much coveted by sinister collectors; and he has the power to exchange identities with others. In this story, he is trying to find the boy who stole his life so he can exchange back, but standing in his way are the jugglers, the unpredictable Gadget Man and the sinister Sorcerer.

 **Available as: Braille 136176, Ebraille 136175**

**Switched by Jen Calonita.** Gilly and her friends are back at Fairy Tale Reform School for vocational school. However, when a new kid, Jack, is thrown into the school for planting magic beans, Gilly realizes that she and her friends must prepare for a giant invasion. Jack’s actions remind Gilly how good it feels to be bad.

 **Available as: Braille 129691, Etext 129693**

**Petronas by Tina Shaw.** There was something about Petronas he didn't like. Something secret. If he kept looking, maybe he would find it. It seemed like a miracle - a dream come true: A beautiful, deserted city with plenty of water and everything anyone could need.

 **Available as: Braille 138460, Etext 138459**

**Amina’s voice by Hena Khan.** A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.

 **Available as: Braille 138700, Etext 138699**

**A hero’s guide to deadly dragons by Cressida Cowell.** It's Hiccup's birthday, but that is not going to keep him out of trouble. To save his dragon, Toothless, from being banished, Hiccup must sneak into the Meathead Public Library and steal the Viking's most sacred book. However, the Vikings see books as a dangerous influence and keep them under heavy guard. Can Hiccup save his friend by braving the Hairy Scary Librarian and his dreadful army of Meathead Warriors and facing off against the formidable Driller-Dragons?

 **Available as: Etext 139351**

**Brave Bess and the ANZAC horses by Susan Broker.** These were the heroes and heroines of the First World War whose stories have remained largely untold; the horses shipped to the Middle East to carry the troops who fought in the desert. Privately owned, they were often farm horses who followed their masters to war. They fought and suffered alongside them in atrocious conditions. Brave Bess was the only one to return to New Zealand.

 **Available as: Braille 137569, Etext 137568**

**Power up! by Peter Millett ; illustrations by Myles Lawford.** Tana, Scotty, Zinnia, Andrea and Muzza, are zapped by lightning on a footy field and transformed into a team of powered-up heroes known as The Invincibles. However, the clock is ticking... they have 80 minutes before its game over and their powers vanish!

 **Available as: Braille 138400, Etext 138399**

**Which? what? why? : New Zealand garden wildlife by Dave Gunson.** Do birds have teeth? How high can a flea jump? Why don't worms have legs? No matter how crazy or quirky your question from the WHICH? to the WHAT? to the WHY? of everything this book has all the answers.

 **Available as: Braille 138073, Etext 138072**

# Young Adult Collection

**The towering sky by Katharine McGee.** A new investigation on what happened in Dubai forces Leda to seek help from the person she has spent all year trying to forget. Rylin is reunited with an old flame, but when she starts seeing Cord again, she finds herself torn between two worlds, and two very different boys. Calliope is playing a long con that costs more than she bargained for... and her lies are beginning to catch up with her. Watt, still desperately in love with Leda, will do anything to win her back - even dig up secrets that are better left buried. In addition, Avery is home from England with a new boyfriend. Sequel to: The dazzling heights: 138740 (Braille), 138739 (Etext).

 **Available as: Braille 138744, Etext 138743**

**Vengeance by Brian Falkner.** In this conclusion to the series, readers finally get to discover the fate of our planet. Will Earth forces be defeated or will they be victorious? Alternatively, will the conflict result in the destruction of the planet? Sequel to: Ice war: not yet in collection.

 **Available as: Braille 134956**

**Cinderella is dead by Kalynn Byron.** Its 200 years since Cinderella found her prince, but the fairytale is over. Sophia knows the story though, off by heart. Because every girl has to recite it daily, from when she's tiny until the night she's sent to the royal ball for choosing. Moreover, every girl knows that she has only one chance. For the lives of those not chosen by a man at the ball, are forfeit. However, Sophia does not want to be chosen, she is in love with her best friend, Erin, and hates the idea of being traded like cattle. Moreover, when Sophia's night at the ball goes horribly wrong, she must run for her life. Alone and terrified, she finds herself hiding in Cinderella's tomb. In addition, there she meets someone who will show her that she has the power to remake her world.

 **Available as: Braille 137571, Etext 137570**

**Sadie by Courtney Summers.** Sadie's been raising her sister Mattie in an isolated Colorado town, trying her best to provide a normal life and keep their heads above water. When Mattie is found dead, and the police investigation is botched, Sadie is determined to bring her sister's killer to justice.

 **Available as: Braille 138718, Etext 138717**

**Red day by Sandy Fussell.** Set in a modern-day small town among the remnants of a Japanese POW camp, this is the story of Charlie. Charlie has synaesthesia and hence sees and hears differently: people have auras; days of the week are coloured; numbers and letters have attitudes.

 **Available as: Braille 138711**

**The challenger by Taran Matharu.** Cade Carter has been chosen. In a realm of monsters and warriors, Cade is an unwilling contender in a deadly tournament controlled by the brutal alien overlord Abbadon. Cade may have won the first round but the fight is not over yet. For his next battle, he must duel a seven-foot-tall, clawed monster - the reigning champion of an alien race. Sequel to: The chosen: not yet in collection. Has sequel: The champion: not yet in collection.

 **Available as: Etext 138800**

**The dazzling heights by Katharine McGee.** New York, 2118. Leda is haunted by memories of what happened on the worst night of her life. Watt wants to put everything behind him - until Leda forces him to start hacking again. Rylin wins a scholarship to an upper-floor school, but being there means seeing the boy who broke her heart. Avery is tormented by her love for the one person in the world she can never have. Calliope arrives determined to cause a stir - and knows exactly where to begin. However, someone is watching their every move, someone with revenge in mind.Sequel to: The thousandth floor: 138736 (Braille), 138735 (Etext). Has sequel: The towering sky: 138744 (Braille), 138743 (Etext).

 **Available as: Braille 138740, Etext 138739**

**Concrete rose by Angie Thomas.** If there is one thing seventeen-year-old Maverick Carter knows, it is that a real man takes care of his family. As the son of a former gang legend, Mav does that the only way he knows how: dealing for the King Lords. With this money, he can help his mom, who works two jobs while his dad is in prison. Life is not perfect, but with a fly girlfriend and a cousin who always has his back; Mav has everything under control. Until, that is, Maverick finds out he is a father. Sequel to: The hate u give: not yet in collection.

 **Available as: Braille 138794, Etext 138793**

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