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Library

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# Welcome to September 2022 issue of Sound and Touch

## Library News for this issue:

Welcome to the third Sound and Touch for 2022. We have finally reached spring after a very wet winter, so we hope the weather continues to improve so you can enjoy a good book in your favourite sunny spot. Here at the library we have been busy as usual adding new books, magazines and newspapers, but wanted to share with you some books we think you might be interested in.

We also wanted to remind you the BookLink iOS and Android app will be retired in October.  The new and updated EasyReader app is now available so you can continue to enjoy the same content. Moving to EasyReader will provide members with a service that is more stable, reliable and will ensure an improved reading experience. If you have any questions or queries there are resources available at our website [www.blindlowvision.org.nz](https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.blindlowvision.org.nz%2F&data=05%7C01%7CDMorse%40blindlowvision.org.nz%7Cba99c14128bf4028d65308da8a2616ab%7C19efb84dcb0248bfa899e37c9124e110%7C0%7C0%7C637974193437167578%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1k%2FSpUcjn9Z4OQmXcxbNiu%2FXBENjLTM3%2BXxyulx%2FwNc%3D&reserved=0) or you can call our contact centre 0800 24 33 33.

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### Book Quote of the Month

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.” Walt Disney

## Book reviews from audio producer - Simon Lynch

**Remember Me by Charity Norman**

Charity Norman’s Remember Me novel has rightly garnered 5-star ratings and worldwide acclaim. This powerful story set in New Zealand concerns the changing relationship between a daughter and her ailing father, and the mystery of a young missing woman. Narrated by Romy Hooper, this gripping book is beautifully written. Drama unfolds as underlying suspicions come to light regarding the disappearance of a young woman, as the daughter struggles to comes to term with her own father succumbing to Alzheimers. Without doubt, one of the best NZ works of fiction from recent times highly recommended. Read by Romy Hooper in 9 hours, 13 minutes. **Book number 140374**

**Passage to Juneau by Jonathan Raban**

Passage to Juneaux is a brilliant piece of non-fiction writing. Author Jonathan Raban steers his 35-foot sailboat up the Northwest Coast of Canada, retracing parts of the contentious voyage of Captain George Vancouver who charted those waters in 1792. Raban’s writing is a masterpiece of seafaring literature, at times funny, sad, wise and suspenseful. Brilliantly narrated by John Leigh, this book is truly immersive for fans of sea voyages and history. Passage to Juneaux is a unique personalized account of a voyage that comes at a personal cost. For non-fiction fans of seafaring adventure, this excellent book is highly recommended. Read by John Leigh in 17 hours and 12 minutes. **Book number 139605**

# New DAISY audio

This issue contains DAISY audio books added to the collection since the last issue of Sound and Touch in June 2022.

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

### Authors (Biography)

**Tolkien's gown and other stories of great authors and rare books by Rick Gekoski.** In Tolkien's Gown, a book based loosely on that hugely successful radio series, Rick Gekoski discusses twenty great works of modern literature as both texts and objects. At once erudite and funny, the essays give a publishing biography of each book, together with comments about the author's involvement with first editions of the works. Read by Owen Scott in 6 hours 14 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139575**

**Pops fatherhood in pieces by Michael Chabon.** For the September 2016 issue of GQ, Michael Chabon wrote a piece about accompanying his son Abraham, then thirteen, to Paris Men's Fashion Week. Despite his own indifference, what gradually emerged as Chabon ferried his son to and from fashion shows was a deep respect for his son's passion. With the GQ story as its centerpiece and featuring six additional essays plus an introduction, this book illuminates the meaning, magic, and mysteries of fatherhood. Read by the author in 2 hours, 41 minutes. Produced by Blackstone. **Book number: 140020**

**Disabilities and Society**

**More than meets the eye: what blindness brings to art by Georgina Kleege.** More Than Meets the Eye: What Blindness Brings to Art explores the ways blindness and visual art are linked in many facets of the culture. The author writes from her position as the blind daughter of two visual artists. Due to this background, she claims to know something about art, but recognizes that this claim challenges cultural notions that conflate seeing with knowing. Read by Christina Cie in 9 hours, 12 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139426**

**Health and Wellbeing**

**The plant paradox: the hidden dangers in "healthy" foods that cause disease and weight gain by Steven R. Gundry, MD.** From renowned cardiac surgeon Steven R. Gundry, MD, a revolutionary look at the hidden compounds in "healthy" foods like fruit, vegetables, and whole grains that are causing us to gain weight and develop chronic disease. Read by Paul Barrett 12 hours, 35 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139436**

**EMDR the breakthrough therapy for overcoming anxiety, stress, and trauma by Francine Shapiro, PhD and Margot Silk Forrest.** In the past twenty years, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy has successfully treated psychological problems for millions of sufferers worldwide. In this updated edition, Francine Shapiro offers a new introduction that presents the latest applications of this remarkable therapy, as well as new scientific data demonstrating its efficacy. Read by Jennywren Walker. 13 hours, 7 minutes. Produced by Blackstone **Book number: 140016**

**Rushing woman's syndrome: the impact of a never-ending to-do list and how to stay healthy in today's busy world by Dr Libby Weaver.** Never before have women been in such a hurry to do so many things and be there for so many people. The pace of modern life has drastically increased - but even though our minds can go faster and technology allows us to get more done, our bodies still have cavewoman-like biology - which means they cannot respond healthily to the new and constant pressures we experience. In this book, nutritional biochemist Dr Libby Weaver explains how a stressful, fast-paced lifestyle can have dangerous effects on all areas of a woman's health. Read by Margaret Blay in 7 hours, 52 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139608**

**Nature and Animals**

**London's number one dog-walking agency a memoir by Kate MacDougall.** In 2006, Kate MacDougall was working at the venerable auction house Sotheby's in London. After a clumsy accident nearly destroyed a precious piece of art, she quit Sotheby's and set up her own dog-walking company. Kate knew little about dogs and nothing about business. Nevertheless, she embarked upon an entirely new and very much improvised career walking some of the city's many pampered pooches. Read by Anna Popplewell in 9 hours, 22 minutes. Produced by Blackstone. **Book number: 140018**

**New Zealand History**

**Safe haven: the untold story of New Zealand's largest ever military camp - Featherston: 1916-1919 by Neil Frances.** The building of Featherston Military Camp in late 1915 transformed a stony paddock east of Featherston township in south Wairarapa into a ready-made barrack town which could house up to 8,000 raw soldiers. Volunteers and conscripts from all parts of the country came to Featherston, spending two to four months in training, our largest military base their temporary home before they left the safety of New Zealand to endure the heaviest casualties this country has suffered. Read by Marguerite Vandercalk in 7 hours, 6 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139586**

**NZ and Pacific Non-Fiction**

**Too much money: how wealth disparities are unbalancing Aotearoa New Zealand by Max Rashbrooke.** Drawing on the latest academic research, personal interviews and previously unexplored data, Too Much Money reveals the way wealth is distributed across the peoples of Aotearoa. Read by Christina Cie in 13 hours, 6 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139287**

**Poetry  
National anthem by Mohamed Hassan.** National Anthem is a new poetry collection from award-winning journalist and writer Mohamed Hassan. It charts an intimate course through memories from his childhood and upbringing in Egypt, New Zealand, Turkey and elsewhere to untangle the intersecting traumas of migration, Islamophobia and grief and ask difficult questions about the essence of nationalism and belonging. Adult content advised. Read by Christine Hewton in 1 hours, 5 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 137950**

**Politics (Biography)**

**Exhausted to energized : Dr Libby's guide to living your life with more energy by Dr Libby Weaver.** Health and Wellbeing;NZ and Pacific Non-Fiction. "In this ground-breaking new book Dr Libby uses her unique three-pillar approach and explores the biochemical, nutritional and emotional factors that impact your energy...Empowered with the information in this book, learn simple but powerful strategies to help liberate yourself from exhaustion and live a life with more energy. Read by Christina Cie. 11 hours, 54 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139578**

**Madame president the extraordinary journey of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf by Helene Cooper.** The harrowing, but triumphant story of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, leader of the Liberian women's movement, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, and the first democratically elected female president in African history. When Ellen Johnson Sirleaf won the 2005 Liberian presidential election, she demolished a barrier few thought possible, obliterating centuries of patriarchal rule to become the first female elected head of state in Africa's history. Madame President is the inspiring, often heartbreaking story of Sirleaf's evolution from an ordinary Liberian mother of four boys to international banking executive. Read by Romy Hooper in 11 hours, 44 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139607**

**The autobiography of Eleanor Roosevelt by Eleanor Roosevelt.** Self-portrait of Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962), wife of U.S. president Franklin Delano Roosevelt and a champion of human rights. Recalls her childhood years, her involvement in politics, her role as first lady, and her international focus after FDR's death in 1945. Includes personal observations about her husband and children. Adult content advised. Read by Mitzi Friedlander in 20 hours 36 minutes. Produced by NLS. **Book number: 140621**

**Sportspeople (Biography)**

**Chasing shadows: the life and death of Peter Robuck by Tim Lane and Elliot Cartledge.** This is the revealing story of a man who was an enigma: a cricketer, cricket commentator and philanthropist who had it all, then took his own life. Part biography, part personal reflection and part investigation, Chasing Shadows celebrates Roebuck's immense achievements as a player, captain, writer, broadcaster and philanthropist, but doesn't shy away from the controversies that plagued his life or the uncertainty surrounding his shocking death. Investigations by the authors have uncovered details previously unknown to the public, while some of the cricket world's giants have volunteered due praise - and criticism - for this remarkable, tragic figure. Read by Joe Gilfillan in 9 hours, 13 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 140082**

**Can't hurt me master your mind and defy the odds by David Goggins.** For David Goggins, childhood was a nightmare - poverty, prejudice, and physical abuse colored his days and haunted his nights. But through self-discipline, mental toughness, and hard work, Goggins transformed himself from a depressed, overweight young man with no future into a U.S. Armed Forces icon and one of the world's top endurance athletes. Adult content advised. Read by Bruce Hopkins in 11 hours, 3 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 137286**

**Wars**

**Kingdom of olives and ash writers confront the occupation edited by Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman.** A collection of essays by celebrated international writers that bears witness to the human cost of fifty years of Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. Read by Fred Sanders and Gabra Zackman in 16 hours, 7 minutes. Produced by Blackstone. **Book number: 140033**

# Adult Fiction

### Adventure Stories

**Never By Ken Follett.** Never is an extraordinary novel, full of heroines and villains, false prophets and elite warriors, jaded politicians and opportunistic revolutionaries. It brims with cautionary wisdom for our times, and delivers a visceral, heart-pounding read that transports readers to the brink of the unimaginable. Read by John Callen in 24 hours, 32 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139223**

**Better off dead by Lee Child and Andrew Child.** Reacher never backs down from a problem. And he's about to find a big one, on a deserted Arizona road, where a Jeep has crashed into the only tree for miles around. Under the merciless desert sun, nothing is as it seems. Minutes later Reacher is heading into the nearby border town, a backwater that has seen better days. Next to him is Michaela Fenton, an army veteran turned FBI agent, who is trying to find her twin brother. He might have got mixed up with some dangerous people. And Reacher might just need to pay them a visit. Their leader has burrowed his influence deep into the town. Just to get in and meet the mysterious Dendoncker, Reacher is going to have to achieve the impossible. To get answers will be even harder. There are people in this hostile, empty place who would rather die than reveal their secrets. But then, if Reacher is coming after you, you might be better off dead. Jack Reacher series book 26. Sequel to: The Sentinel, in production. Read by Paul Barrett in 9 hours, 6 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 140375**

**Daylight by David Baldacci.** Atlee Pine's twin sister, Mercy, was abducted at the age of six and never seen again. Now, Atlee finally learns the identity of her sister's kidnapper and discovers the truth about what happened to Mercy. Atlee Pine series book 3. Sequel to: A minute to midnight book number 137918. Has sequel: Mercy, in production. Read by Brittany Pressley and Kyf Brewer in 11 hours, 48 minutes. Produced by Blackstone. **Book number: 140015**

### Christian Fiction

**Awakening of the heart by J.L Dawson.** Abigail's early life was one of hardship and loss. She grew up bitter and shut her heart off to people, until a young Doctor, gently and slowly broke through to win her heart. When finally, after many years of marriage and heartache, her deep longing to become a mother is fulfilled, she faces the most unthinkable tragedy. Journeys of the heart : book 01. Read by Cheryl Lawton 8 hours, 31 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139643**

### Classics

**A Study in Scarlet by Arthur Conan Doyle.** The brilliant sleuth Sherlock Holmes and his companion, Dr. Watson, confront a pair of gruesome murders in a case that is rooted in Mormon Utah thirty years earlier. Classic novel introducing the Holmes character. Digital restoration of a 1939 recording. Sherlock Holmes series, book 1. Has sequel: The Sign of Four, book number 139775. Read by Alexander Scourby in 3 hours, 57 minutes. Produced by NLS. **Book number: 139789**

### Crime

**We need to talk about Kevin by Lionel Shriver.** Two years ago, Eva Khatchadourian's son, Kevin, murdered seven of his fellow high-school students, a cafeteria worker, and a popular algebra teacher. Because he was only fifteen at the time of the killings, he received a lenient sentence and is now in a prison for young offenders in upstate New York. Telling the story of Kevin's upbringing, Eva addresses herself to her estranged husband through a series of letters. Read by Janice Finn in 18 hours, 7 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139224**

**The midnight bell by Jack Higgins.** In Washington, D.C., on a night full of rain, a woman is struck down and killed by a hit-and-run driver. But she is not just any woman - she is the assistant to the head of the secret White House department known only as the Basement. And she had secrets of her own. In the Virgin Islands, former president Jake Cazalet receives a warning while recuperating on a diving trip after successfully helping Sean Dillon and the rest of the "Prime Minister's private army" defeat an Al Qaeda operation in London. But though AQ may be weakened and facing competition from other terrorist upstarts, it is far from dead - and it intends to prove it. Sean Dillon series book 22. Sequel to: Rain on the dead, in production. Read by Owen Scott in 7 hours, 28 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139424**

**The lady in the lake by Raymond Chandler.** Derace Kingsley's wife ran away to Mexico to get a quickie divorce and marry a Casanova-wannabe named Chris Lavery. Or so the note she left her husband insisted. Trouble is, when Philip Marlowe asks Lavery about it, he denies everything and sends the private investigator packing with a flea lodged firmly in his ear. Philip Marlowe book series, book 4. Sequel to : The high window, in production. Has sequel : The little sister, in production. Read by Owen Scott 7 hours in 17 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139441**

**False witness by Karin Slaughter.** Leigh Collier has worked hard to build what looks like a normal life. She's an up-and-coming defense attorney at a prestigious law firm in Atlanta, would do anything for her sixteen-year-old daughter Maddy, and is managing to successfully co-parent through a pandemic after an amicable separation from her husband Walter. But Leigh's ordinary life masks a childhood no one should have to endure. Adult content advised. Read by Janice Finn in 16 hours, 33 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139428**

### Historical Novels

**The things we cannot say Kelly Rimmer.** Since age nine, Alina Dziak knew she would marry her best friend, Tomasz. Now engaged, she waits for his return from college in Warsaw so they can marry. But when the Nazi occupation takes hold, he disappears. Narrated by Ann Marie Gideon and Nancy Peterson in 13 hours, 53 minutes. Produced by Blackstone. **Book number: 140028**

### Historical Romance

**Suspects by Lesley Pearse.** Nina and Conrad best thought they'd discovered their dream home. But on the day they move in, a body is found - the victim attacked and killed in the woods. As police start to question the residents, they discover that they all have their own secrets. Behind each door, strange and even dark things are happening. Read by Janice Finn 8 hours in 29 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139432**

### Humour

**The heist by Janet Evanovich.** After many failed attempts FBI agent Kate O'Hare finally catches charming con artist Nick Fox. When Nick manages to escape custody Kate goes after him, only to learn he is going to be putting his scamming skills to good use--as her new partner. Violence and strong language. Fox & O'Hare sereis book 1. Adult content advised. Read by John Polk in 8 hours, 31 minutes. Produced by NLS. **Book number: 139539**

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### Mystery and Detective Stories

**Five red herrings by Dorothy L. Sayers.** Six prime suspects - five had to be red herrings, but one created a masterpiece of murder, baffling even Lord Wimsey. Lord Peter Wimsey series, book 7. Sequel to : Strong poison, in production. Has sequel : Have his carcase, book number 135699. Read by Christina Cie in 13 hours, 55 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139282**

**Unwanted by Kristina Ohlsson.** In the middle of a rainy Swedish summer, a little girl is abducted from a crowded train. Despite hundreds of potential witnesses, no one noticed when the girl was taken. Her mother had been left behind at the previous station in what seemed to be a coincidence. The train crew were alerted and kept a watchful eye on the sleeping child. Fredrika Bergman and Alex Recht series, book 1. Has sequel: Silenced, book number 131675. Read by Anne Speir in 12 hours, 55 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139255**

**The cellist by Daniel Silva.** Viktor Orlov had a longstanding appointment with death. Once Russia's richest man, he now resides in exile in London, where he is waging a crusade against the kleptocrats who have seized control of the Kremlin. His mansion is protected by armed bodyguards. Yet somehow, on a rainy summer evening, in the midst of a global pandemic, Russia's vengeful president finally manages to cross Orlov's name off his kill list. Gabriel Allon series, book 21. Read by Catriona MacLeod in 11 hours, 47 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139435**

**A song for the dark times Ian Rankin.** When his daughter Samantha calls in the dead of night, John Rebus knows it's not good news. Her husband is missing, and Rebus knows that his daughter will be the prime suspect. Inspector Rebus series, book 23. Sequel to: In a House of Lies, book number 136262. Read by James MacPherson in 11 hours, 16 minutes. Produced by Blackstone. **Book number: 140012**

**The wrong side of goodbye Michael Connelly.** Harry Bosch is California's newest private investigator. He doesn't advertise, he doesn't have an office, and he's picky about who he works for, but it doesn't matter. His chops from thirty years with the LAPD speak for themselves. Harry Bosch series, book 19. Read by Titus Welliver in 10 hours, 22 minutes. Produced by Blackstone. **Book number: 140029**

**The dark hours by Michael Connelly.** There's chaos this New Year's Eve. Detectives Renée Ballard and Harry Bosch team up once again to find out where old and new cases intersect. But a killer who has stayed hidden for so long knows they're after him. Harry Bosch series, book 23. Sequel to: The night fire, in production. Read by Christine Lakin and Titus Welliver in 11 hours, 13 minutes. Produced by Blackstone. **Book number: 140032**

### NZ and Pacific Novels

**The wild card by Renée.** Ruby Palmer has been dealt a rough hand. She was left in a kete at the back door of the Porohiwi Home for Children when she was a baby, and then at seven she discovered that Betty - who stopped the bad stuff happening to Ruby at the Home - had drowned. Now in her thirties, Ruby needs to find out what really happened to her and Betty at the Home - and her only lead is a notebook that uses the symbols in playing cards to tell a story she doesn't fully understand. Read by Bronwyn Bradley in 9 hours, 7 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139581**

**Remember me by Charity Norman.** They never found Leah Parata. Not a boot, not a backpack, not a turquoise beanie. After she left me that day, she vanished off the face of the earth. A close-knit community is ripped apart by disturbing revelations that cast new light on a young woman's disappearance twenty-five years ago. After years of living overseas, Emily Kirkland returns to New Zealand to care for her father, Felix, who suffers from dementia. As his memory fades and his guard slips, she begins to understand him for the first time - and to glimpse shattering truths about his past. Truths she'd rather were kept buried. Read by Romy Hooper 9 hours in 13 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 140374**

**Crazy love by Rosetta Allan.** It has been 28 years since Vicki last sent a letter to Robert Muldoon. Last time she wrote, he was Prime Minister, while she was living with her loser-boyfriend and wanting to know why people like her had to exist in such dire straits. Back then, Muldoon sent her a dollar, but it was the irrepressible Billy who turned up and transformed her life. Adult content advised. Read by Owen Scott 8 hours in 58 minutes. Produced by RNZFB. **Book number: 139431**

### Romantic Suspense

**Blind tiger a novel by Sandra Brown.** In 1920, ex-soldier Thatcher Hutton jumps from a freight train and lands in Texas where he becomes a suspect in an abduction and faces a corrupt mayor, a crooked sheriff, and moonshiners in a bloody feud. Read by Jason Culp in 16 hours, 22 minutes. Produced by Blackstone. **Book number: 140013**

**Best kept secrets by Sandra Brown.** Alexandra Gaither is a state prosecutor who has the authority to reopen an unsolved homicide case. Twenty-five years ago Alex's mother was murdered and no one was ever tried for the crime. Now armed with new evidence that could lead to an arrest and a conviction, Alex visits the remote Texas town where her mother died. Read by Laura Giannarelli in 14 hours, 41 minutes. Produced by NLS. **Book number: 139548**

### Science Fiction

**The city of mirrors by Justin Cronin.** The world we knew is gone. What world will rise in its place? The Twelve have been destroyed and the hundred-year reign of darkness that descended upon the world has ended. The survivors are stepping outside their walls, determined to build society anew, and daring to dream of a hopeful future. Prompted by a voice that lives in her blood, the fearsome warrior known as Alicia of Blades is drawn towards to one of the great cities of The Time Before. The ruined city of New York. Ruined but not empty. For this is the final refuge of Zero, the first and last of The Twelve. The one who must be destroyed if mankind is to have a future. Passage series, book 3. Sequel to: The twelve, book number 136547. Adult content advised. Read by Catriona MacLeod in 26 hours, 14 minutes. Produced by RNZFB**. Book number: 136546**

**Spy Stories**

**Threat vector by Tom Clancy.** As Jack Ryan Sr. re-enters the presidency, Jack Ryan Jr. and his cousins continue their covert work--but someone has discovered their secret organization known as the Campus. Meanwhile, China's attempt to expand by invading Taiwan must be stopped. Violence and strong language. Jack Ryan series, book 12. Sequel to : Locked on, in production. Has sequel : Command authority, in production. Adult content advised. Read by Alec Volz 22 hours, 21 minutes. Produced by NLS. **Book number: 139541**

**Thrillers**

**The gilded cage by Camilla Lackberg: translated from the Swedish by Neil Smith.** From the outside, Faye Adelheim's life seems like one worth killing for. She lives in an ultra-swanky apartment in the most exclusive area of Stockholm, she has a gorgeous husband who gives her everything she's ever wanted, and she has an adorable daughter who lights up her world. It is perfect. So how is it then, that she now finds herself in a police station? Adult content advised. Read by Marguerite Vanderkolk in 9 hours, 50 minutes. Produced by RNZFB**. Book number: 136597**

**The 19th Christmas, by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro.** Solving crimes never happens on schedule, but the month of December is upended for the Women's Murder Club when a criminal mastermind known only as "Loman" unleashes credible threats by the hour. Women's Murder Club series, book 19. Sequel to: The 18th Abduction, book number 137921. Has Sequel: The 20th Victim, book number 140023. Read by January LaVoy in 7 hours, 14 minutes. Produced by Blackstone. **Book number: 140022**

**Princess by James Patterson & Rees Jones.** Princess Caroline, third in line to the British throne, needs Jack Morgan's skills. A close friend of the princess has gone missing, and she needs to be found before the media become aware of it. Morgan knows there is more to the case than he is being told. But what is the princess hiding? Private Book 14. Read by Colin Mace in 7 hours, 4 minutes. Produced by Blackstone. **Book number: 140031**

**Private Moscow by James Patterson & Adam Hamdy.** An invitation from an old friend draws Jack Morgan into a deadly conspiracy. On a cold January morning, Jack Morgan stands inside the New York Stock Exchange with his former US Marine comrade whose company is being launched onto the market, eagerly awaiting the opening bell. But before the bell rings, a bullet rips through the air and finds its mark. Private series, book 15. Read by Christine Hewton in 9 hours, 37 minutes. Produced by RNZFB**. Book number: 139582**

**The law of innocence by Michael Connelly.** Defense attorney Mickey Haller is pulled over by police, who find the body of a client in the trunk of his Lincoln. Mickey knows he's been framed. Now, he has to figure out who has plotted to destroy his life and why. Mickey Haller series, book 6. Read by Peter Giles in 12 hours, 39 minutes. Produced by Blackstone. **Book number: 140027**

**NYPD Red 6 by James Patterson & Marshall Karp.** Reality star Erin Easton's wedding may have a cable crew documenting every detail. But when she disappears, her dressing room is empty but for a blood-spattered wedding gown and signs of a struggle. NYPD Red series, book 6. Has sequel: Red Alert, book number 99664. Read by Jay Snyder in 7 hours, 26 minutes. Produced by Blackstone. **Book number: 140019**

**War Stories**

**Still life by Sarah Winman.** Tuscany, 1944: As Allied troops advance and bombs fall around deserted villages, a young English soldier, Ulysses Temper, finds himself in the wine cellar of a deserted villa. There, he has a chance encounter with Evelyn Skinner, a middle-aged art historian who has come to Italy to salvage paintings from the ruins and recall long-forgotten memories of her own youth. In each other, Ulysses and Evelyn find a kindred spirit amongst the rubble of war-torn Italy. Read by Wendy Karstens in 17 hours, 19 minutes. Produced by RNZFB**. Book number: 139433**

# New ebraille and braille books

This issue contains ebraille and braille books added to the collection since the June 2022 issue of **Sound and Touch**. Adult braille books have an Ebraille 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

**Disabilities (Biography)**

**Precious cargo my year driving the kids on school bus 3077 by Craig Davidson.** Tells the story of one year in the author's life - driving a school bus full of special-needs kids. Shows us how his evolving relationship with the kids on that bus, each of them struggling physically as well as emotionally and socially, slowly but surely changed his life along with the lives of the precious cargo in his care. Produced by CNIB, contracted, 3 f, UEB. **Ebraille: 125461**

**General (Biography)**

**When breath becomes air by Paul Kalanithi ; foreword by Abraham Verghese.** At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor making a living treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. Just like that, the future he and his wife had imagined evaporated. Chronicles Kalanithi's transformation from a naive medical student "possessed," as he wrote, "by the question of what, given that all organisms die, makes a virtuous and meaningful life" into a young neurosurgeon at Stanford, guiding patients toward a deeper understanding of death and illness, and finally into a patient and a new father to a baby girl, confronting his own mortality. Produced by CNIB, contracted, 2 f, UEB. **Ebraille: 125473**

**General Non-Fiction**

**The happiness equation want nothing + do anything = have everything by Neil Pasricha.** The author illustrates how to want nothing, do anything, and have everything. If that sounds like a contradiction, you simply haven't unlocked the 9 Secrets to Happiness. Each secret takes a common ideal, flips it on its head, and casts it in a completely new light. Also provides step-by-step guidelines and hand-drawn scribbles that illustrate exactly how to apply each secret to live a happier life today. Produced by CNIB, contracted, 3 f, UEB. **Ebraille: 125456**

**Musicians (Biography)**

**Every little step my story by Bobby Brown and Nick Chiles.** Bobby Brown has been one of the most compelling American artists of the past thirty years, a magnetic and talented figure who successfully crossed over many musical genres, including R&B and hip hop, as well as the mainstream. In the late 1980s, the former front man of New Edition had a wildly successful solo career--especially with the launch of Don't Be Cruel--garnering multiple hits on the Billboard top ten list, as well as several Grammy, American Music, and Soul Train awards. But Brown put his career on hold to be with the woman he loved--American music royalty Whitney Houston. The marriage between Brown and Houston was perhaps the most closely watched and talked about marriage of the 1990s--a pairing that obsessed the public and the gossip industry. Now, for the first time, the world will be able to hear the truth from the mouth of America's "bad boy" himself. Produced by CNIB, contracted, 3 f, UEB. **Ebraille: 125470**

**Politics (Biography)**

**Five presidents my extraordinary journey with Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford by Clint Hill with Lisa McCubbin.** Retired Secret Service agent Clint Hill walked alongside Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford, seeing them through a long, tumultuous era: the Cold War; the Cuban Missile Crisis; the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., and Robert F. Kennedy; the Vietnam War; Watergate and the resignations of Spiro Agnew and Richard Nixon. He delivers a unique insider's perspective of the most historic moments of the 20th century during his seventeen years protecting the most powerful office in the nation, sheds new light on the character and personality of these five presidents, reveals their humanity in the face of grave decisions. Bestseller. 2016. Produced by CNIB, contracted, 6 f, UEB. **Ebraille: 125471**

**Women (Biography)**

**Mexican hooker #1 and my other roles since the revolution by Carmen Aguirre.** A follow-up to the author's first memoir: Something Fierce. Carmen Aguirre has lived many lives. At age six she was a Chilean refugee adjusting to life as a Latina in North America. At eighteen she was a revolutionary dissident married to a generous-hearted man she couldn't fully love. In her early twenties she fought to find her voice as an actress and to break away from the stereotypical roles thrust upon her. As she grew in her career, Aguirre became a writer, a director, an actress, and then a mother, but alongside her many multi-faceted identities was another that was unbearable to embrace yet impossible to escape; that of the thirteen-year-old girl attacked by one of Canada's most feared rapists. Thirty-three years after the assault, Aguirre decided it was time to meet the man who changed her life. Produced by CNIB, contracted, 3 f, UEB. **Ebraille: 125462**

# Adult Fiction

**Fantasy**

**The darkest road by Guy Gavriel Kay.** The Five who were called from their world to aid Fionavar weave their final threads in their battle with Rakoth Maugrim. Triumph depends on a child's free choice. Sequel to "The wandering fire." 1986. The Fionavar tapestry series, book 3. Produced by CNIB, contracted, 5 f, UEB. **Ebraille: 125616**

**Horror and Supernatural**

**I'm thinking of ending things by Iain Reid.** I'm thinking of ending things. Once this thought arrives, it stays. It sticks. It lingers. It's always there. Always. Jake once said, "Sometimes a thought is closer to truth, to reality, than an action. You can say anything, you can do anything, but you can't fake a thought." And here's what I'm thinking: I don't want to be here. Produced by CNIB, contracted, 2 f, UEB. **Ebraille: 125487**

### Mystery and Detective Stories

**A most curious murder by Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli.** With the destruction of her mother's Little Library and the discovery of curmudgeon Adam Cane murdered in her neighbour Zoe Zola's fairy garden, divorcée Jenny Weston begins to doubt the soundness of her decision to return to her hometown of Bear Falls, Michigan. When another body is discovered, Jenny and Zoe decide to clear Zoe's name by finding the real killer. Private eye Little library mystery series, book 1. Produced by CNIB, contracted, 3 f, UEB. **Ebraille: 125483**

**So you don't get lost in the neighborhood a novel by Patrick Modiano ; translated from the French by Euan Cameron.** A single, unexpected phone call to a man living quietly in Paris launches a chain of menacing encounters and events, unlocking a dark secret he had erased from his memory. Produced by CNIB, contracted, 1 f, UEB. **Ebraille: 125489**

### Romance

**Don't tempt me by Lori Foster.** Jason Guthrie has no time for entanglements. Between helping out his widowed brother and teenage nephew and getting his hometown back on its feet, his days are spoken for. But his nights are another story. And when his lovely new neighbour, Honor Brown, reluctantly accepts his help in remodeling her house, Jason finds himself wishing his handyman skills could knock down the defenses she keeps building around herself. Guthrie brothers series, book 1. Produced by CNIB, contracted, 4 f, UEB. **Ebraille: 125491**

**The Family**

**First comes love by Emily Giffin.** Fifteen years ago, sisters Meredith and Josie lost their brother. Their lives took different paths--Meredith a hardworking lawyer, wife, and mother and Josie a free spirit. The sisters clash over Josie's sudden decision to have a baby on her own. Produced by CNIB, contracted, 4 f, UEB. **Ebraille: 125485**

**The second half a novel by Lauraine Snelling.** A story of a couple who put their plans for a peaceful retirement on hold to assume guardianship of their young grandchildren. Meg and Kenneth Sorenson are approaching the best years of their life, but when they learn their son has gone MIA on a military assignment, they try to hold the family, and their retirement plans, together. The mother of their grandchildren has been long out of the picture, so the Sorensons become guardians of the two- and four-year olds. They step back into a role they thought long behind them and pray they make it work--perhaps with no peaceful second half on their horizon. Produced by CNIB, contracted, 4 f, UEB. **Ebraille: 125484**

# Junior Collection

**On the road (Chook Doolan) by James Roy.** Chook is going on holiday and he's supposed to play with his cousins. But they're still little kids! Can Chook think of something fun for everyone to do? **Available as: Braille 140220, Etext 140221**

**Unhappy camper (Chook Doolan) by James Roy.** Everybody is excited about class camp - except Chook. He's worried about snakes and getting homesick. Can Chook find the courage to go? **Available as: Braille 140224, Etext 140225**

**True stories of heroes by Paul Dowswell.** This book describes the events and lives of many men and women who have inspired others through their bravery, spirit, integrity, or resolve, many taking huge risks, and placing their lives on the line for others. **Available as: Braille 140123, Etext 140124**

**The golden scarab’s secret by Lindy Davis.** While they are on a guided tour of Egypt, Oliver Berry and his friend Jake stumble upon dark secrets within the ancient cities of Cairo and Luxor. Strange coincidences, dangerous encounters and cryptic signs soon have them wondering who they can trust. **Available as: Braille 139745, Etext 139746**

**Brave Company by David Hill.** Boy Seaman Russell Purchas is stationed on HMNZS Taupo. It's 1952, and the frigate has just entered hostile waters off the coast of Korea. Russell is determined to prove he is a hero, to shake off the shadow of his spineless uncle who died in the Second World War. Russell doesn't have to wait long to be tested. Never far from enemy fire, the waters are swarming not only with battleships and mines, but also with fleeing Korean refugees, whom Russell dismisses as too cowardly to stay and fight. But when Russell and an orphaned Korean boy are trapped in the middle of a land battle he begins to think differently. **Available as: Braille 140720, Etext 140721**

**Spaghetti Giraffe and the egg of courage by Sarah Johnson.** Spaghetti Giraffe and the other under-cooker animals are the products of Mina Cucina's culinary disasters. Normally, they live peacefully under the cooker in her kitchen, but Gorgon, Mina Cucina's oldest and best friend needs their help. He cannot find the courage to ask Mina Cucina to marry him. Meanwhile, the village baker is trying his hardest to win Mina Cucina's hand. **Available as: Braille 139868, Etext 139869**

**The beast of Harwood Forest by Dan Smith.** When Pete, Nancy and Krish arrive at Heathland Camp for a school trip, they're in for an adventure, just not the kind they were expecting. Nearby sits the abandoned Harwood Institute. The crumbling buildings reek of secrets and at night strange screams come from the surrounding forest. What could the forest be hiding? **Available as: Braille 140735, Etext 139982**

**The totally true story of Devon : the naughtiest dog in the world by Jon Katz.** Jon and his two perfectly behaved, chilled-out Labradors have always enjoyed a peaceful life. But when Jon agrees to give Devon, an abandoned little border collie, a home - things will never be the same again! From the moment mischievous Devon explodes from his cage at the airport, Jon realises that his new friend is going to be trouble. And, over the course of the next year, he finds out just how much trouble one little dog can be! **Available as: Braille 139864, Etext 139835**

**The newest pet (Chook Doolan) by James Roy.** Chook's friend Joe doesn't have a pet to bring to Pet Day. To cheer him up, Chook decides they should try to find him a pet for just a day. But Joe is so sad he can't even come up with a plan (and that's his best thing). Can Chook think of a plan to help his friend? And will he be brave enough to carry it out? **Available as: Braille 140222, Etext 140223**

**They threw us away by Daniel Kraus.** Buddy wakes up in the middle of a garbage dump, filled with a certain awareness: he's a teddy bear; he spent time at a Store waiting for his future to begin; and he is meant for the loving arms of a child. Now he knows one more thing: Something has gone terribly wrong. Soon he finds other discarded teddies, Horace, Sugar, Sunny, and Reginald. Though they aren't sure how their luck soured, they all agree that they need to get back to the Store if they're ever to fulfil their destinies. **Available as: Braille 139969, Etext 139970**

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