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Blind Foundation Library—Te Whare Pukapuka a te Tūāpapa mō te Hunga Kāpō

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New Library service—BookLink Web

In addition to our existing library services, the Blind Foundation has recently launched a new service called BookLink Web. From this website, you can now download audio books in DAISY format directly from the library collection, as well as recent issues of audio magazines and newspapers. You can even play our content straight from a Web browser on your home computer. For those who are more technologically inclined, the downloaded content can also be played on other portable devices, such as the Victor Reader Stream, or the Plectalk DAISY player familiar to many of our Blind Foundation clients.

BookLink Web also lets you manage your own user profile, just like the current version of the BookLink app for Apple devices. By selecting your favourite topics and subjects from the headings in our catalogue, a list of suggested books will be updated for you in the website. This is handy when you have subjects that you like, but do not know of specific books that you want to read. You can then simply read those recommended titles without having to search, or skip them and get more suggestions.

Of course, we are also developing further resources to support people using the Library services. As well as guides in the website, available in accessible formats, we are working on creating YouTube videos and doing remote training using tools like Skype. However, it is not all about the technology, and we will be helping to grow our local book clubs and peer support networks as well.

If you would like to know more, get in touch with us on 0800 24 33 33 or email Booklink@blindfoundation.org.nz

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Special thanks to: The Freemasons New Zealand and The Freemasons Charity for sponsoring 33 audio books. One of these titles is newly available:

Dan Carter: my story by Dan Carter and Duncan Greive.

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Blind Foundation collaborates with 2degrees in technology partnership

Blind Foundation clients, who are on the 2degrees mobile network, can now download their favourite magazines and books on the BookLink app without worrying about the cost of data.

BookLink, available from the Apple app store, provides access to more than 14,800 audio books in the Blind Foundation's digital library, along with magazines, national and regional newspapers.

As a first step, 2degrees has offered free data used by Blind Foundation clients who access its BookLink app on the 2degrees' mobile network. 2degrees CEO Stewart Sherriff says it's great to be using 2degrees' national mobile network to help people in a tangible way, in this case helping the Blind Foundation's BookLink members enjoy the library. "The app's a terrific advancement that allows people to read books on demand. Allowing free access on the data used to obtain these publications seems only fair".

Blind Foundation CE Sandra Budd says, "Partnerships like this are a great example of how we can work with other organisations in an innovative way to improve services and support for New Zealanders who are blind or have low vision".

To learn more about this offer please contact the library on library@blindfoundation.org.nz

SuperSeniors newsletter

The Blind Foundation is now recording the SuperSeniors newsletter. These are available as a magazine on DAISY CD and TIS menu 65. This newsletter is emailed regularly to SuperGold cardholders and includes news for and about older New Zealanders. For example the October edition covers the International Day of the Older Person, latest data from the Business of Ageing 2017 update, a life-changing way to get around with a disability, financial advice on fraud, how to apply for a rates rebate, and more. To receive this please contact us on 0800-243-333 or email library@blindfoundation.org.nz

Sir Arthur Pearson Fund Guide

The Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Fund is a trust fund operated under the umbrella of the Blind Foundation. It was established in 1923 from the proceeds of a public appeal for funds to aid both civilian and war blinded persons. The main object of the fund is the aftercare of the blind.

The Library has available in DAISY the guidebook for members to review before making applications. It sets out the history of the fund along with relevant information about how the fund works. Book number 97239. The guidebook is also available on TIS at Menu 33.

Update on studio recordings

NZ sport compilation is being split into three separate recordings. As the studios are now recording fuller versions of the three magazines in the NZ Sports Compilation and due to member requests, we will stop recording the NZ Sports Compilation as one and split it into three new subscriptions:

- NZ Rugby World
- NZ Fishing News
- Wilderness

This change will happen at the start of 2018. Members already subscribed to this will now be subscribed to all three magazines by default. If you want to change your subscriptions please contact the library on 0800 243333 or email us at library@blindfoundation.org.nz

Feedback on narrators welcome. The Studios team welcomes feedback on any elements of their work. Some books have been found to have less functionality than expected and are currently being repaired. If you come across any, please let them know. Please contact Joe Gilfillan: audio@blindfoundation.org.nz

Christmas closing dates

The last despatch day for library books to be sent in the mail will be on Wednesday 20 December 2017. To ensure you have enough books for the Christmas break please have your requests in by Friday 15 December 2017. The magazine studio will be closed during the Christmas break with the last magazines recorded on Thursday 21 December 2017. Full library and studio service will resume on Monday 8 January 2018.

On behalf of the Library and Accessible Format Services staff, we wish you a very happy Christmas, and look forward to providing you with great reading material in 2018.

Book Discussion Scheme (BDS) book group

The Blind Foundation Library and the BDS have an arrangement where Blind Foundation members do not pay a membership fee to be part of a BDS book group.

Having poor eyesight does not mean you cannot be part of a book group, according to a Far North reader, Jean Dowson.

Jean coordinates a Book Discussion Scheme book group that has been going for 22 years and has seen one long-term member, Jenny MacMurdie, transition to using audio books as a way to maintain her involvement.

"Jenny didn't want to leave the group, because it's a friendship group as much as anything else!" says Jean.

"She's been an avid member of our book group for I can't remember how long, so this has meant she could participate so much more."

Each time a book parcel arrived from the BDS office, Jean let Jenny know what title the group was reading next. Jenny would then contact the Blind Foundation and receive an audio version to listen to, which would allow her to be familiar with the book by the next meeting of the group and join in discussions about it.

"I would highlight the books that she could get from the Blind Foundation and we put those titles as priorities on our group's booklist," explains Jean.

Her all-female book group has drawn its members from rural locations on the outskirts of Whangarei. They are all affiliated with the University of the Third Age and travel up to forty minutes to get together for their once-a-month, Thursday afternoon book discussions. Those who no longer drive, car-pool with the "younger" retirees.

"We're all widely scattered but people make the effort. We have a very, very tight friendship," says Jean.

To help book groups identify titles that BDS and the Blind Foundation have in common, the catalogues of both organisations have been cross-referenced. About 40% of BDS titles are available as audio books.

These titles are identified in the printed version of the BDS Catalogue with an ear symbol. Groups can search the online catalogue, in the Books section of the BDS website, using the category "Blind Foundation book".

If you want to join the BDS book group, please contact Megan Blakie on 033656210 or email megan@bds.org.nz

The Library would like to let all book group members know that there is a chance that you may receive the same title from the library twice. Book group reading lists are processed outside our automatic allocation system, which has an inbuilt function that stops dual allocation. We apologise if this happens.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors

We would like to express our appreciation to the people and organisations that have kindly sponsored books for the Library since the previous issue of Sound and Touch. These funds have helped to make print material accessible to people who are blind or have low vision and without their generous support, it would not be possible to add more new titles to our Library.

Many thanks to the following sponsors:

Milford Asset Management for **The wish child** by Catherine Chidgey.

Milford Asset Management for **Black ice matter** by Gina Cole.

Milford Asset Management for **Can you tolerate this?: personal essays** by Ashleigh Young.

Milford Asset Management for **The man in black** by Steffanie Holmes.

Milford Asset Management for **All the light we cannot see: a novel** by Anthony Doerr.

McCarthy & Associates for **Tears of Rangi: experiments across worlds** by Anne Salmond.

Bishopdale Burnside Rotary Club for **The petticoat men** by Barbara Ewing.

Jack and Netta Shortt Memorial Trust for **South sea vagabonds** by J.W. Wray.

Don & Mavis Mill for **Never give up** by Ian Winson.

Gordon Roberts for **Lydia Ko: Portrait of a teen golfing sensation** by Michael Donaldson.

The Library would also like to acknowledge the following Trusts and Councils for their generous contributions:

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Tasman District Council.

Timaru District Council.

New Zealand Community Trust.

Waitaki District Council.

Air Rescue Trust.

New DAISY audio

This issue contains DAISY audio books added to the collection since the last issue of Sound and Touch in September 2017.

Abbreviations:

AVH: Association Valentin-Haüy

BA: Blackstone Audio Inc.

CD: DAISY audio CD ordering number

CNIB: (formerly known as) Canadian National Institute for the Blind

MTM: Swedish Agency for Accessible Media

RNIB: Royal National Institute of Blind People

RNZFB: Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind

SALB: South African Library for the Blind

Ulv: Ulverscroft

VAALS: Vision Australia Information and Library Service

Adult non-fiction

Authors (biography)

The education of Henry Adams by Henry Adams. As a journalist, historian, and novelist born into a family that included two past presidents of the United States, Henry Adams was constantly focused on the American experiment. This is an account of his own and the country's education from 1838, the year of his birth, to 1905, incorporating the Civil War, capitalist expansion and the growth of the United States as a world power. Read by David Colacci in 19 hours, 30 minutes. BA. **CD97617**

This explains everything by Richard von Sturmer. Richard von Sturmer is one of New Zealand's most versatile artists. He has written hit pop songs, acted in a famous feature film, made his own movies, published acclaimed books of poetry and prose, and lectured and written about Zen Buddhism. In This Explains Everything von Sturmer reveals some of the origins of his creativity and restlessness by telling the stories of two members of his family. Read by John Callen in 3 hours, 13 minutes. RNZFB. **CD95800**

Blind Foundation material

Financial report 2017 by the New Zealand Foundation of the Blind. Annual report 2017. Read by synthetic voice in 3 hours, 4 minutes. RNZFB. **CD97879**

RNZFB year in review 2016-2017 by Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind. The annual report for the RNZFB for 2017. Read by synthetic voice in 1 hour, 18 minutes. RNZFB. **CD98012**

Disabilities and society

It's off to work we go by Bonnie Mosen. A blindness-specific guide to job-hunting, written by a successful blind professional. This book has practical advice, examples and anecdotes, all from a blindness perspective gathered from the author's experience of working for many years as vocational rehabilitation counsellor in the United States. Read by Heidi Mosen in 13 hours, 56 minutes. Mosen Consulting. **CD98170**

Food and beverages

My petite kitchen cookbook: simple wholefood recipes by Eleanor Ozich. Simple wholefood recipes to feed nourish and heal your family. This is a complete menu of more than 100 simple, wholefood, gluten-free recipes that feed body and soul. Replacing sugar and grains with natural, unprocessed alternatives, Eleanor's recipes show how easy it is to prepare healthy food that is bursting with flavour and goodness. Read by Natalie Beran in 4 hours, 28 minutes. RNZFB. **CD96390**

Gardening

Gardening handouts by Palmers Garden Centre. A guide to gardening from the Palmers website. Read by Ann Cooper in 40 minutes. RNZFB. **CD97509**

Great Britain

Katey: the life and loves of Dickens's artist daughter by Lucinda Hawksley.

Katey Dickens, the beautiful daughter of Charles Dickens was blessed with a privileged upbringing. In a family that moved between London, France, Switzerland and Italy, Katey pursued her love of painting, acted in her father's plays, modelled for John Everett Millais and, as the daughter of the most famous writer of the time, enjoyed a high profile in Victorian society. She refused to be eclipsed by her father and fought to establish herself as an artist in her own right. Read by Carolyn Edwards in 13 hours, 31 minutes. VisAbility. **CD97854**

Health and wellbeing

Show me the money, honey by Ian Wishart. This book asks whether our low-fat, low-salt, low-cholesterol health policy is actually killing us, as new studies challenge 50 years of conventional medical wisdom. Read by Francis Mountjoy in 9 hours, 45 minutes. RNZFB. **CD95381**

Medicine (Autobiography)

Island nurses: stories of birth, life and death on remote Great Barrier Island by Leonie Howie & Adele Robertson. A story about the simple life on an isolated island; a story about two remarkable women and how they forged their careers in a remote place; a story of community and the births and deaths that shape its ups and downs; a classic story of making do and overcoming adversity; and a story of hope and new life. Read by Donna Brookbanks in 7 hours, 6 minutes. RNZFB. **CD95796**

Nature and animals

The good, the bad and the furry: life with the world's most melancholy cat and other whiskery friends by Tom Cox. The Bear is a cat who carries the weight of the world on his furry shoulders. Like many intellectuals, The Bear would prefer a life of quiet solitude with plenty of time to gaze forlornly into space. Unfortunately, he is destined to spend his days surrounded by felines of a significantly lower IQ. Read by Mark Meadows in 5 hours, 52 minutes. Ulv. **CD97736**

New Zealand (autobiography)

Red dust over Shanghai: a Shanghai—New Zealand memoir 1937-1954 by Tyl von Randow. A German boy grows up in Shanghai's International Settlement in the shadow of World War II. He is the son of a diplomat and lives a sheltered, privileged life. However, his world is changing. It is the time of the Japanese occupation, this memoir tells of the personal loss and change, of the love and courage that help him through and of his family's new home in New Zealand. Read by the author in 11 hours, 53 minutes. RNZFB. **CD92935**

Never give up by Ian Winson; with Steve Kilgallon. Watercare engineer Ian Winson was seriously injured in a gas main explosion in Onehunga in 2011, an

incident that was a significant news event at the time. The explosion killed his colleague Philomen Gullard, cost Ian his legs, caused severe injuries to his arms and left him close to death. As tory of bravery, courage and determination to never give up. Read by Bruce Hopkins and Cheryl Lawton in 6 hours, 15 minutes. RNZFB. **CD93043**

New Zealand history

Sleeps standing Moetu: a story of the Battle of Orakau by Witi Ihimaera; with Hemi Kelly. Both fiction and fact, this book is an exploration of the Battle of Orakau from the Maori perspective—centred around the novella "Sleeps standing" and viewed through the eyes of a 16-year-old boy named Moetu. During three days in 1864, 300 Maori men, women and children fought an Imperial army and captured the imagination of the world. The battle marked the end of the Land Wars in the Waikato and resulted in vast tracts of land being confiscated for European settlement. Read by Tihema Bennett in 7 hours, 20 minutes. RNZFB. **CD95454**

New Zealand travel

South sea vagabonds by J. W. Wray. 75th anniversary edition of the timeless New Zealand classic of adventure at sea. The true story of Johnny Wray's adventures after being fired from his day job in the Great Depression, building his own boat and spending the rest of his days sailing around the Pacific, living the life of his dreams. Read by Bruce Hopkins in 9 hours, 30 minutes. RNZFB. **CD93055**

Polar regions

South light: a journey to Antarctica by Michael Parfit. One of the few writers ever to have spent a full season in Antarctica, Michael Parfit travelled by plane, icebreaker and research vessel to icy places both known and unknown. Parfit gives a personal account of the last uncharted territory. Read by Tony Morgan in 9 hours, 47 minutes. VAILS. **CD94042**

Politics

The Trump survival guide: everything you need to know about living through what you hoped would never happen by Gene Stone. A serious call-to-action for all anti-Trump dissenters. This book analyses crucial political policies, explains how Donald Trump has the power to undermine them, and provides practical solutions ordinary people can use to fight back. Read by Danny Campbell in 4 hours, 28 minutes. BA. **CD97626**

Politics (biography)

Righteous gentile: the story of Raoul Wallenberg, missing hero of the Holocaust by John Bierman. Tells the story of Swedish attaché Raoul Wallenberg's heroic mission during World War II and its subsequent tragic aftermath. Read by Bruce Webber in 9 hours, 34 minutes. VAILS. **CD94040**

Understanding Trump by Newt Gingrich; foreword by Eric Trump. This book seeks to explain the Trump phenomenon and help people understand the emerging movement and administration. The author believes that understanding Trump requires a willingness to study and learn from him. His principles grow out of five

decades of business and celebrity success. Trump behaves differently than traditional politicians because his entire life experience has been different from most traditional politicians. Read by the author, foreword read by Eric Trump in 11 hours, 43 minutes. BA. **CD97628**

Religion (Biography)

The future of the Catholic Church with Pope Francis by Garry Wills. Pope Francis offers a challenge to his church. Can he bring about significant change? Should he? In this study, the author gives seven examples of deep and serious changes that have taken place within the church in the last century. Read by Michael Kramer in 8 hours, 25 minutes. BA. **CD97620**

Science and technology

The general and the genius: Groves and Oppenheimer—the unlikely partnership that built the atom bomb by James Kunetka. In the summer of 1945, the world was changed forever. The bomb that ushered in the atomic age was the product of one of history's most improbable partnerships. This book is an account of how two extraordinary men pulled off that scientific feat. Read by Malcolm Hillgartner in 14 hours, 5 minutes. BA. **CD97622**

Social sciences

A guide for carers: He aratohu mā ngā kaitiaki by Ministry of Social Development. Practical help for people supporting family or friends who are older and need assistance, or who have a health condition, a disability, an injury or mental health, alcohol and drug issues. The resource includes the main booklet (A guide for carers) and three supplements (Are you a young carer? Are you caring for an older family member or friend?, Are you an older person caring for your partner, family member or friend?) RNZFB. **CD97508**

Sportspeople (Autobiography)

The closer: my story by Mariano Rivera; with Wayne Coffey. Mariano Rivera is listed along with Ruth, Mantle, Gehrig, and DiMaggio as a top-five Yankee of all time. He is also a man of God and family. Here he tells his story for the first time: the championships, the bosses (including the Boss), the rivalries, and the struggles of being a Latino baseball player in the United States and of maintaining Christian values in professional athletics. Read by Michael Kay in 11 hours, 44 minutes. Ulv. **CD97618**

War memories

Tho it were ten thousand mile by J. Robin Insull. This book contains Jim's colourful descriptions and feelings, while travelling to England. It then describes England's beautiful towns and villages, which he visited (often when playing rugby) near to where the RAF stationed him at various Aerodromes. Simultaneously, there is Gwen, his young and beautiful wife, an only child, from a comfortable Auckland family, learning to cope singlehandedly with two very small children, far away in Napier, with the presence of admiring American Marines and helpful neighbours.

Read by Romy Hooper and Bruce Hopkins in 10 hours, 10 minutes. RNZFB.
CD95504

Adult fiction

Adventure stories

American gods: author's preferred text: with a special introduction by the author by Neil Gaiman. In prison for three years, Shadow did his time, quietly waiting for the day when he could return home. All he wanted was to be with Laura, the wife he deeply loved, and start a new life. However, just days before his release, Laura is killed in an accident. With his life in pieces, Shadow accepts a job from a stranger he meets on the way home: Mr. Wednesday who seems to know more about him than he himself does. Performed by a full cast (Dennis Boutsikaris, George Guidall, Ron McLarty, Daniel Oreskes, and Sarah Jones) in 19 hours, 39 minutes. BA. **CD97630**

A moment's silence: stalking the stalker by Christopher Abbey. On his first OE to the United Kingdom, Martyn Percival, a middle-aged New Zealander, reports his suspicions regarding a possible link between an explosion and the whereabouts of a renegade IRA operative. Scotland Yard becomes involved when the bomber is identified as a serial killer who has embarked on a mission seeking revenge on the tourist who shopped him. Martyn returns to New Zealand. Followed by his stalker. Martyn has no alternative but to turn the tables and stalk the stalker. Read by John Leigh in 9 hours, 26 minutes. RNZFB. **CD95383**

Crime fiction

Buried by Jussi Adler-Olsen. Over three years ago, a civil servant vanished after returning from a work trip to Africa. Missing, presumed dead, the man's family still want answers. It is one of the many unsolved crimes left for Department Q, Denmark's cold case unit headed up by Detective Carl Morck. However, what Carl does not know is that the key to the investigation is in Copenhagen. Read by Steven Pacey in 17 hours, 32 minutes. Ulv. **CD97732**

Fantasy

Towers of midnight by Robert Jordan. As the seals on the Dark One's prison crumble and the armies of the Shadow boil out of the Blight, Perrin Aybara, hunted by spectres from his past, must seek answers in "Tel'aran'rhiod" and find a way to master the wolf within him—or lose himself to it forever. Read by Michael Cramer in 14 hours, 22 minutes. Series: Wheel of time: book 13. Sequel to: The gathering storm, 80088. Has sequel: A memory of light, 92391. VisAbility. **CD97889**

General fiction

The color of our sky: a novel by Amita Trasi. Mukta is a ten-year-old lower-caste girl who is to become a temple prostitute. Attempting to escape her fate, she becomes a house servant for an upper-middle-class family in Mumbai. There she discovers a friend in the family's high-spirited daughter, eight-year-old Tara, until Mukta is kidnapped and disappears. Read by Zehra Jane Naqvi and Sneha Mathan in 11 hours, 50 minutes. BA. **CD95363**

Losing you by Susan Lewis. Lauren Scott is bright, gifted and beautiful. At 18, she has her whole life ahead of her. In addition, she is everything to her mother, Emma. Oliver Lomax is a young man full of promise, despite the shadow his own, deeply troubled, mother casts over him. Both their lives are filled with hopes and dreams, their days with a determination to make something of themselves. Until one fateful night, when Oliver makes a decision that tears their worlds apart. Read by Julia Franklin in 18 hours, 6 minutes. Ulv. **CD97739**

The Nightingale girls by Donna Douglas. Three very different girls sign up as trainee nurses at a big London teaching hospital in 1934. Will they be successful? Read by Penelope Freeman in 15 hours, 28 minutes. Ulv. **CD97740**

Those who leave and those who stay by Elena Ferrante. In this third Neapolitan novel, Elena and Lila have become women. In spite of the wide choice of opportunities they face, the two childhood friends remain bound to each other by a strong, unbreakable bond. Read by Hillary Huber in 16 hours, 43 minutes. Series: The Neapolitan novels, book 3. Sequel to: The story of a new name, 92709. Has sequel: The story of the lost child, 95353. BA. **CD97623**

Historical novels

Leap of faith by Jenny Patrick. Billy, a young dreamer and Locke, a preacher running from a shady past form part of the stream of people drawn to the remote worker settlements along with miners from Denniston, young men fresh off the boat, sly-groggers, temperance campaigners, women following their menfolk, local Maori and a varied assortment of people after a new life or a quick buck. With untimely and suspicious deaths, the horrendous weather, impossible deadlines, the rugged landscape and a blossoming romance, it will take a lot more than a leap of faith for this disparate group to complete the railroad and build the magnificent Makatote Viaduct. Read by Wendy Karstens in 10 hours. RNZFB. **CD92488**

Historical romance

The greatest challenge of them all by Stephanie Laurens. A nobleman devoted to defending queen and country and a noblewoman wild enough to match his every step race to disrupt the plans of a malignant intelligence that is shaking England to its very foundations. Read by Matthew Brenher in 16 hours 22 minutes. Series: The Devil's Brood Trilogy, book 3. BA. Sequel to: An irresistible alliance, 95348. **CD97631**

Lady Anne's deception by M.C. Beaton. When Lady Anne Sinclair vowed to marry anyone as long as it meant she married before her spoilt beauty of a sister, she had no idea the "anyone" would be the Marquess of Torrance. Considered quite the confirmed bachelor—he succumbed to Annie's charms and, most magically, made her his wife. However, when in a tipsy reverie on her wedding night, she blurted out her real reason, the proud Marquess refuses even to communicate with her. Read by Karen Cass in 4 hours 30 minutes. Series: Regency royal, book 3. Sequel to: The marquis takes a bride, 97734. Ulv. **CD97735**

Modern women's fiction

Hollywood wives by Jackie Collins. Power, lust and greed in Hollywood. Fabulous beauties, famous and infamous, married to success, divorced from care, flirting with scandal. Read by Deidre Rubenstein in 17 hours, 7 minutes. VAILS. **CD97567**

The identicals: a novel by Elin Hilderbrand. Nantucket is only two and a half hours away from Martha's Vineyard by ferry. However, the two islands might as well be worlds apart for a set of identical twin sisters who have been at odds for years. When a family crisis forces them to band together, the twins slowly come to realize that the special bond that they share is more important than the sibling rivalry that has driven them apart for most of their lives. Read by Erin Bennett in 12 hours, 51 minutes. BA. **CD97632**

Scarlet secrets by Lani Young. What you cannot say—owns you. What you hide—controls you. Scarlet knows the truth of these words all too well. As the stress of a family wedding builds, her resolve to be a good daughter wears thin and toxic truths begin to take their toll. Can Jackson be the strength that helps Scarlet break through the lies? Or will her secrets destroy them? Read by Niva Retimanu in 5 hours, 21 minutes. Series: Scarlet series, book 2. Sequel to: Scarlet lies, 93783. RNZFB. **CD95462**

Mystery and detective

Before the poison by Peter Robinson. Through years of success in Hollywood composing music for Oscar-winning films, Chris Lowndes always imagined he would come full circle, home to Yorkshire with his beloved wife Laura. Now he is back in the Yorkshire Dales, but Laura is dead, and Chris needs to make a new life for himself. The isolated house he buys sight unseen should give him the space to come to terms with his grief. Kilnsgate House turns out to be rather more than he expected, however. Cosy mystery. Read by Simon Slater, Sandra Duncan and Al Senter in 13 hours, 51 minutes. Ulv. **CD97733**

Gallery whispers by Quintin Jardine. One of the world's most ruthless terrorists is on his way to Edinburgh where the world Heads of Government are to meet for a conference. Deputy Chief Constable Bob Skinner needs to pick up his trail fast to avoid a global disaster. While all eyes are focused on the terrorist threat, a terminally ill woman is found dead—an apparent suicide. However, a police officer sees the subtle marks of an assisted death—and therefore, according to the law, murder. Police procedural. Read by James Bryce in 11 hours, 32 minutes. Series: Bob Skinner, book 9. Sequel to: Murmuring the judge, 66552. Has sequel: Thursday legends, 66553. Ulv. **CD97722**

The thirst by Jo Nesbo. A woman is found murdered after an internet date. The marks left on her body show the police that they are dealing with a particularly vicious killer. Under pressure from the media to find the murderer, the force know there is only one man for the job. However, Harry Hole is reluctant to return to the place that almost took everything from him. Until he starts to suspect a connection between this killing and his one failed case. Police procedural. Read by Sean Barrett in 17 hours, 43 minutes. Series: Harry Hole, book 11. Ulv. **CD97730**

Twister by Jane Woodham. Dunedin, in the grip of an unseasonal flu, is a city under siege. Then after five damaging days of rain, a twister rips through, exposing the body of a missing schoolgirl in Ross Creek. Detective Senior Sergeant Leo Judd

is the only one who can lead the investigation despite unresolved sorrow over the disappearance of his own daughter nine years earlier. Sultry weather broods over the beleaguered city as pressure mounts for Judd to solve the crime. Read by Wendy Karstens in 10 hours, 5 minutes. RNZFB. **CD95895**

NZ and Pacific novels

Lifting by Damien Wilkins. Amy is a store detective at Cutty's, the oldest and grandest department store in the country. She is good at her job. She can read people and catch them. However, Cutty's is closing down. Amy has a young baby, an ailing mother and a large mortgage. She also has a past as an activist. Read by Janice Finn in 6 hours, 7 minutes. RNZFB. **CD95898**

Romance

Eloquent silence by Sandra Brown. A dedicated young teacher for the deaf with a past that conceals a wound still unhealed and a career that hides her loneliness. A daytime TV's most popular star with a daughter he believes may never have a normal life and the dead wife he cannot forget. A beautiful hearing-impaired child who needs them the most. Will they be able to express the deepest fears and greatest needs of their own hearts to become a family? Read by Jennifer Conroy in 6 hours. Contains sexual content. SALB. **CD97970**

The misplaced affections of Charlotte Fforbes by Catherine Robertson. When Charlotte Fforbes inadvertently falls in love with Patrick, her boss, her usually cool self-control is tested to its limit. She is willing to do anything to find a way into Patrick's heart but are her affections misplaced? Read by Jo Crichton in 10 hours, 53 minutes. RNZFB. **CD89547**

The ruthless Greek's return by Sharon Kendrick. Once Loukas Sarantos was bodyguard to the world's richest men. Now the ruthless Greek is a CEO, with bodyguards of his own. In addition, his most recent procurement means he can finally take revenge on Jessica Cartwright, the only woman ever to walk away from him. Read by Julie Stark in 5 hours, 43 minutes. SALB. **CD97973**

Romantic suspense

Seeing red by Sandra Brown. Twenty-five years ago, Major Franklin Trapper became a national icon when he was photographed leading a handful of survivors to safety after the bombing of a Dallas hotel. For years, he gave frequent speeches and interviews but then suddenly dropped out of the public eye, shunning all media. Kerra Bailey is a TV journalist willing to use any means necessary to get an exclusive with the Major, even if she has to wrangle an introduction from his estranged son, former ATF agent John Trapper. Read by Victor Slezak in 12 hours, 44 minutes. BA. **CD97629**

Science fiction

The disestablishment of Paradise: a novel in five parts plus documents by Phillip Mann. Something has gone wrong on the planet of Paradise. The human settlers, farmers and scientists, are finding that the indigenous plant life is changing unpredictably and their crops will not grow. The order is given that Paradise will be abandoned. The leader of the research team and one of the demolition workers set

off on a journey across the planet. Read by Fiona Samuel in 18 hours, 55 minutes. Contains strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. RNZFB. **CD89131**

The warrior's apprentice by Lois McMaster Bujold. After being sent to his grandmother on Beta Colony, seventeen-year-old Miles Vorkosigan must make his way home to Barrayar to stop a plot that has his father Aral under political attack. Series: Vorkosigan, book 4. Sequel to: Barrayar, 92696. Read by Grover Gardner in 11 hours, 17 minutes. BA. **CD97616**

Short stories

Black ice matter by Gina Cole. A collection of short stories that follow the themes of ice and glaciers in the heat of the South Pacific. Read by Hera Dunleavy and Francis Mountjoy in 6 hours, 25 minutes. RNZFB. **CD89531**

The stories of Bill Manhire by Bill Manhire. This book collects the stories from "The New Land: A Picture Book" and the stories added to "South Pacific" and "Songs of My Life". It includes previously uncollected and unpublished stories, the choose-your-own-adventure novella "The Brain of Katherine Mansfield" and the memoir "Under the Influence." Read by Owen Scott and Hera Dunleavy in 8 hours, 7 minutes. RNZFB. **CD88951**

Spy stories

Murderers' row: a Matt Helm novel by Donald Hamilton. Professional assassin and counteragent Matt Helm has been given a distasteful assignment. He is to assault a fellow agent, Jean, in order to help establish her cover in a top-secret operation. She is now dead and Helm must take her place on a dangerous mission. Read by Stefan Rudnicki in 5 hours, 3 minutes. Series: Matt Helm; Book 5. Sequel to: The Silencers, 88084. Has sequel: The Ambushers, 97621. BA. **CD97619**

The family

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee. Pachinko follows one Korean family through the generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea. Sunja is the prized daughter of a poor yet proud family. Her unplanned pregnancy threatens to shame them all. Deserted by her lover, Sunja is saved when a young minister offers to marry and bring her to Japan. Read by Allison Hiroto in 18 hours, 16 minutes. BA. **CD97624**

The smoke jumper by Nicholas Evans. This is a story of two best friends and the woman they both love. When a terrible mountain fire forces her to choose between them, all three lives are changed forever. Read by Barbara Reynolds in 16 hours, 41 minutes. RNZFB. **CD97666**

Thrillers

A high mortality of doves by Kate Ellis. The Derbyshire village of Wenfield is still coming to terms with the loss of so many of its sons, when the brutal murder of a young girl shatters its hard-won tranquillity. Myrtle Bligh is found stabbed, her mouth slit to accommodate a dead dove. When two more women are found murdered, Inspector Albert Lincoln is sent up from London. Read by Peter Noble in 10 hours, 8 minutes. Ulv. **CD97738**

Odessa Sea by Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler. On a NUMA mission to the Black Sea to locate the wreck of a lost Ottoman Empire ship, Dirk Pitt and his friend Al Giordino respond to an urgent Mayday from a nearby freighter. However, by the time they reach the area there's no one left alive. As they investigate the fate of the lost ship, they are plunged deep into an extraordinary series of discoveries. Read by Jeff Harding in 11 hours, 53 minutes. Series: Dirk Pitt, book 24. Ulv. **CD97728**

War stories

The wish child by Catherine Chidgey. The story of German families caught up in a nation's dream. It's 1939. Sieglinde and Erch watch their parents become immersed in the puzzling mechanisms of power in wartime Berlin. They are drawn together while all over the city people are talking of surrender. Read by Cheryl Lawton in 9 hours, 38 minutes. RNZFB. **CD92426**

Young adult fiction

Love me; love me not by Libby Gleeson. Relationships. Feelings. For the year eight students at the centre of this collection of interconnected stories, it is a time when little else matters. Putting away childish concerns, having a crush on someone beyond reach, a relationship destroyed by rumour. All these are part of being young and beginning the quest for love. Read by Tara Morice in 4 hours 38 minutes. VAILS. **CD94102**

Tomorrow, when the war began by John Marsden. While Ellie and her friends are away in the bush, the world changes. Suddenly they are in the toughest situations humans can confront, facing life and death decisions. They are thrown into a world where they find courage, initiative, spirit and wisdom, or they die ... 1-17 years. Read by Suzi Dougherty in 7 hours 23 minutes. Series: The Tomorrow series, book 1. Bolinda. **CD96498 Large print35761 Etext76664**

Sweetwater night by Alison Stewart. It was where they had camped every Easter for five years. Before the murders began. When Matt convinces his best friends to camp at Sweetwater with him and his sister, he asks them to risk more than they could possibly imagine. Read by Bill Conn in 3 hours 38 minutes. VAILS. **CD94484**

Junior fiction

The bakehouse by Joy Cowley. Bert is eleven and wants to fight in the war. However, he soon learns that the secrets and danger of war do not always stay at the front line. Read by Margaret Blay in 2 hours, 49 minutes. RNZFB. **CD92841 Braille92843 Ebraille92844 Large print92840 Etext92842**

Hold tight! By John Prater. Grandbear is busy doing the washing. Baby Bear is playing with a cardboard box. Choo-choo! Chuff-chuff! He is on a train. Does Grandbear want to come? Soon, they are off on all kinds of exciting rides, but only Grandbear can give the best ride of all ...Read by Mary Pianta in 8 minutes. VAILS. **CD94929**

Junior fiction—Large print

Farmer duck by Martin Waddell. When a kind and hardworking duck nearly collapses from overwork, while taking care of a farm because the owner is too lazy to

do so, the rest of the animals get together and chase the farmer out of town. 40 pages. Walker books. **Large print92750**

New braille and ebraille books

This issue contains braille books added to the collection since the last issue of **Sound and Touch** in September 2017. Adult braille books have a CD number as they are embossed upon request.

Abbreviations:

BR: Braille books held at Parnell Library

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

UEB: Unified English Braille code

v.: volume(s)

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

Adult non-fiction

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. This book 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 reflective of cross-disability perspectives (physical, sensory, learning, mental health, chronic medical and developmental disabilities). Embossed upon request. 6 v. UEB. CNIB. **Braille98181 Ebraille98182**

Poetry

The description of the world by Johanna Skibsrud. In this collection of poems, the author asks, is our world really, what it appears to be? How do we shape it through language? In addition, if language can create our world, can it transform or destroy it? Embossed upon request. 1 v. UEB. CNIB. **Braille98203 Ebraille98204**

Politics (autobiography)

Ford Nation: two brothers, one vision: the true story of the people's mayor by Rob Ford and Doug Ford. During his tumultuous term as mayor of Toronto, Rob Ford worked hard to cut excessive spending and to address the city's crumbling infrastructure. The media delighted in showcasing Ford's most personal struggles but not Ford—the family man, the faithful public servant, who put the people of his city above all else. This biography reveals these facets of Rob Ford and shares how

it was to be the Ford family. Embossed upon request. 3 v. UEB. CNIB. **Braille98193 Ebraille98194**

Adult fiction

The family

Songs of the humpback whale: a novel in five voices by Jodi Picoult. Jane had always lived in somebody's shadow. Escaping a childhood of abuse by marrying oceanographer Oliver Jones, she finds herself taking second place to his increasingly successful career. However, when her daughter Rebecca is similarly treated, Jane's dramatic stand takes them all by surprise. Jane and Rebecca set out to drive across America. Oliver, used to tracking male humpback whales across vast oceans, now has the task of tracking his wife across a continent. Embossed upon request. 5 v. UEB. CNIB. **Braille98212 Ebraille98213**

General fiction

Dance Gladys, dance by Cassie Stocks. 27-year-old Frieda Zweig is at an impasse. Behind her is a string of failed relationships and half-forgotten ambitions of being a painter. Then a classified ad in the local paper introduces Frieda to Gladys, an elderly woman who long, long ago gave up on her dreams of being a dancer. Frieda's uncanny connection with this kindred spirit causes her to see her life in a new way. Embossed upon request. 4 v. UEB. CNIB. **Braille98185 Ebraille98186**

Horror and supernatural

Little heaven: a novel by Nick Cutter; illustrations by Adam Gorham. A trio of mismatched mercenaries is hired by a young woman to check in on her nephew, who may have been taken against his will to a remote New Mexico backwoods settlement called Little Heaven. Shortly after they arrive, things begin to turn ominous. Stirrings in the woods and over the treetops—the brooding shape of a monolith known as the Black Rock casts its terrible pall. It is marshalling its powers, and it wants them all. Embossed upon request. 6 v. UEB. CNIB. **Braille97791 Ebraille97792**

Humour

On the shores of darkness, there is light by Cordelia Strube. Determined, resourceful, and a little reckless, Harriet tries to navigate the clueless adults around her, dumpster dives for the flotsam and jetsam that fuels her art, and attempts to fathom her complicated feelings for Irwin, who suffers from hydrocephalus. On the other hand, Irwin's love for Harriet is not conflicted at all. She is his compass. However, Irwin himself must untangle the web of the human heart. Embossed upon request. 5 v. UEB. CNIB. **Braille98197 Ebraille98198**

Mystery and detective

Dragon tears by Dean Koontz. Detectives Harry Lyon and Connie Gulliver, who are on a mission to fight corruption, encounter a respectable-looking man who enters a diner and suddenly peppers the room with bullets. While investigating, when he encounters a filthy, rag-clad denizen of the streets, who tells him he has 16 hours to

live, Harry becomes trapped in an undertow of terror and violence. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. Embossable upon request. 5 v. UEB. CNIB. **Braille98189 Ebraille98190**

The hanging valley by Peter Robinson. When a corpse is discovered in a tranquil, hidden valley above the English village of Swainshead, identifying the corpse is easy. Tracing the events which led to the victim's death is much more complicated, as Deputy Chief Inspector Banks travels from Yorkshire to Oxford University and as far away as Toronto. The clues lead back to Yorkshire, and a murder committed five years before. Some strong language. Police procedural. Series: Inspector Banks mysteries, book 4. Embossable upon request. 8 v. UEB. CNIB. **Braille98205 Ebraille98206**

Plays

Pig girl by Colleen Murphy. At 4:00 a.m. on a secluded farm, a woman fights to take her life back from a serial killer as her desperate sister and a haunted police officer reach across time and distance in an attempt to rescue her. Embossable upon request. 5 v. UEB. CNIB. **CD98199 Ebraille98200**

Science Fiction

Company town by Madeline Ashby. New Arcadia is a city-sized oil rig off the coast of the Canadian Maritimes, now owned by one very wealthy, powerful, byzantine family: Lynch Ltd. Hwa is of the few people in her community to forgo bio-engineered enhancements, but her expertise in the arts of self-defense and her record as a fighter mean that when the youngest Lynch needs training and protection, the family turns to Hwa. Can she protect against increasingly intense death threats seemingly coming from another timeline? Embossed upon request. UEB. CNIB. **Braille97793 Ebraille97794**

Young adult fiction

Sunken forest by Des Hunt. Sent to live with his grandmother in Hastings after his father is jailed, Matt becomes the victim of bad friends and false accusations. Sent off on a military-style school camp to the wilds of Lake Waikaremoana, Matt again gets in trouble for something he did not do, and is unjustly punished. RNZFB. **Braille92881 Ebraille92882 Etext92883**

Junior fiction

The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson. A hundred years ago, in the Himalayan peaks of Nanvi Dar, the daughter of an English earl, Agatha Farlingham, has been kidnapped by a yeti. She soon discovers that he is a noble beast. His family is in danger and he needs her help. 1v., UEB. RNZFB. **Braille93754 Ebraille93755 Etext93753**

Amelia Bedelia takes the cake by Herman Parish. Amelia Bedelia and her friends organize a bake sale at school and learn the importance of giving back. 1 v., UEB. RNZFB. **Braille93134 Etext93135**

George's dragon goes to school by Claire Freedman. Bring your pet to school week is approaching, and George cannot wait to show off Sparky, his pet dragon.

However, Mum is worried because Sparky is not only huge but also unbelievably clumsy. Sparky gets the school fire alarm going but then saves the day with his fire-breathing skills when the heating is off and the swimming pool freezing cold. 1 v., UEB. RNZFB. **Braille93133 TwinVision93132**

Little kiwi and the dinosaur by Bob Darroch. Little Kiwi's newly arrived sister likes playing games that involve 'girl things'—not the scary stuff that Little Kiwi likes. When Weasel arrives on the scene, the birds of the forest realise that something scary is exactly what they need. Now it's Little Sister's turn to come to the rescue. 1 v., UEB. RNZFB. **Braille95411 Etext95409**

Louis Braille by Stephen Keeler. Louis Braille became blind at the age of three. As a young boy, he went to the Institute for Blind Youth in Paris, the foremost school for the blind in the world at that time. There, he perfected his raised dot system of reading and writing which has transformed life for the blind everywhere. 1v., UEB. RNZFB. **Braille95312 Ebraille95313 Etext95311**

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