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# Do Unto Others by Jeff Abbott

Read by Dick Collins

9 hours, 10 minutes

When Jordan Poteet leaves his editorial job in a Boston publishing firm to return home to Mirabeau, Texas, he expects a peaceful, quiet life as the town’s librarian. Serenity flees as Jordan is forced to lock horns with Miss Beta Harcher, the local religious fanatic, in a battle over book censorship. When Jordan finds her murdered body in the library, he learns that Beta is much more dangerous dead than she ever was alive -- especially to him, since he is the prime suspect in the crime. Strong language.

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# Murder with Peacocks by Donna Andrews

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Meg is knocking herself out trying to be a bridesmaid for the weddings of her brother, mother, and best friend. As she tries to help her ditzy relatives prepare for their various outrageous festivities, one of the guests is murdered, old crimes are uncovered, and she falls in love. 1999.

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# Track of the Cat by Nevada Barr

Read by Suzanne Toren

8 hours, 21 minutes

National park ranger Anna Pigeon is patrolling the West Texas backcountry when she discovers the body of a colleague apparently killed by a mountain lion. Disbelieving, Anna tracks a human killer as conflict erupts among park employees, hunters, ranchers, and conservationists. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1993.

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# The Last Mrs. Summers by Rhys Bowen

Read by Jasmine Blackborow

10 hours

Lady Georgiana Rannoch is just back from her honeymoon with dashing Darcy O'Mara when a friend in need pulls her into a twisted Gothic tale of betrayal, deception and, most definitely, murder. Some violence. Agatha Award. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

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# Naughty in Nice by Rhys Bowen

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

9 hours, 12 minutes

The French Riviera, 1933. While searching for the Queen's missing snuff box and necklace, Lady Georgiana Rannoch must also solve a murder and model for Coco Chanel. 2011.

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# Queen of Hearts by Rhys Bowen

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

9 hours, 1 minute

Accompanying her actress mother to Reno for her quickie divorce, Lady Georgiana Rannoch is caught up in the secret investigation run by her beau, Darcy, of a suspected jewel thief. Meanwhile her mother is cast by a Hollywood movie mogul--but he ends up dead. 2014.

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# The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan C. Bradley

Read by Kristin Allison

9 hours, 31 minutes

England, 1950. Eleven-year-old aspiring chemist Flavia de Luce overhears her father in a heated argument with a stranger, who turns up dead in the garden of the Luces' decaying estate. When Flavia's father is charged with murder, she seeks clues in their village and his past to exonerate him. 2009.

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# Death al Dente by Leslie Budewitz

Read by Davis Donna

9 hours, 1 minute

The town of Jewel Bay, Montana - known as a Food Lovers’ Village - is obsessed with homegrown and homemade Montana fare. When Erin Murphy takes over her family’s century-old general store, she turns it into a boutique market filled with local delicacies. But Erin’s freshly booming business might go rotten when a former employee turns up dead. Includes recipes.

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# Grime and Punishment: a Jane Jeffry Mystery by Jill Churchill

Read by Jill Fox

5 hours, 49 minutes

Jane Jeffry’s friend Shelley Nowack hires the Happy Helper Cleaning Service, who instead of sending the regular maid sends substitute Ramona Thurgood. When Ramona is found strangled with a vacuum-cleaner cord in Shelley’s house, Jane thinks the killer could be someone in the neighborhood. 1989.

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# The Long Call by Ann Cleeves

Read by Ben Aldridge

10 hours, 26 minutes

Detective Matthew Venn stands outside the North Devon church as his estranged father's funeral takes place. On the day Matthew left the strict evangelical community he grew up in, he lost his family too. But before he leaves again, he learns that a body has been found on the nearby beach. Agatha Award. Some violence and strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

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# Because I Could Not Stop for Death: an Emily Dickinson Mystery by Amanda Flower

Read by Barrie Kreinik

8 hours, 36 minutes

"January 1855 Willa Noble knew it was bad luck when it was pouring rain on the day of her ever-important job interview at the Dickinson home in Amherst, Massachusetts. When she arrived late, disheveled with her skirts sodden and filthy, she'd lost all hope of being hired for the position….What begins as tenuous employment turns to friendship as the reclusive poet takes Willa under her wing. Tragedy soon strikes and Willa's beloved brother, Henry, is killed in a tragic accident at the town stables... Viewing it first as a puzzle to piece together, Emily offers to help, only to realize that she and Willa are caught in a deadly game of cat and mouse that reveals corruption in Amherst that is generations deep...."-- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

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# A Lady’s Guide to Etiquette and Murder by Dianne Freeman

Read by Sarah Zimmerman

8 hours, 7 minutes

The police receive an anonymous letter implicating Frances Wynn--the American-born Countess of Harleigh--in her husband’s death. Frances assures them of her innocence, but must hide the scandalous circumstances of his demise. Her dashing new neighbor, George Hazelton, is one of only two other people aware of the full story. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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# Hollywood Homicide by Kellye Garrett

Read by Emily Ellet

9 hours, 32 minutes

Actress Dayna Anderson needs money: her short-lived stint in commercials is over, and her father’s illness may lead to her parents losing their house. When Dayna sees a reward poster for a hit-and-run accident, she realizes she saw the involved car that night, and begins investigating. Some strong language. Agatha Award. 2017.

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# Murder on a Girls’ Night Out by Anne George

Read by Ruth Ann Phimister

7 hours, 31 minutes

Retired Alabama schoolteacher Patricia Anne Hollowell has a mystery to solve when, shortly after her flamboyant sister Mary Alice buys a country-and-western bar, the previous owner is found dead in a wishing well. Commercial audiobook. 1996.

[Download from BARD: Murder on a Girls’ Night Out](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.76848)

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# A Great Deliverance by Elizabeth George

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

12 hours, 26 minutes

Inspector Thomas Lynley, the eighth Earl of Asherton, and Detective Sergeant Barbara Havers are investigating the murder of a Yorkshire man. Obese Roberta Teys was found sitting by the headless corpse of her father. Her first words were, "I did it. And I’m not sorry." Was it because of the incestuous abuse she and her sister endured?

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# Dead Man’s Island by Carolyn G. Hart

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

9 hours, 20 minutes

Media magnate Chase Prescott invites old flame retired reporter Henrietta O'Dwyer Collins--Henrie O--to his private South Carolina island to ferret out his would-be murderer from among the family and associates assembled there. Henrie O questions fellow guests as a ferocious hurricane draws near. Some strong language. 1993.

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# Learning to Swim by Sara J. Henry

Read by Michael J. McCullough

10 hours, 48 minutes

Freelance writer Troy Chance is on a ferry crossing Lake Champlain when she sees a small boy fall off a passing boat. Troy rescues him, then--convinced he was thrown overboard--takes the traumatized French Canadian child home with her rather than turning him over to the police. Some violence. 2011.

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Also available in digital cartridge DB076342

# Dreaming Spies: a Novel of Suspense Featuring Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes by Laurie R. King

Read by Terry Donnelly

13 hours, 33 minutes

On board a ship in 1924, Russell and Holmes encountered a blackmailing earl, his wife, and a young Japanese woman who tutored the foreigners about her country. Russell suspected that Miss Sato Haruki was not all that she seemed--and a year later, the intrigue surrounding her continues. 2015

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# Dating Dead Men by Harley Jane Kozak

Read by Gillian Green

9 hours, 29 minutes

Los Angeles greeting card artist Wollie Shelley, busy with a dating research project, dashes off to visit her institutionalized, schizophrenic brother. She finds a body on the road and fears that her sibling could be involved. As Wollie investigates, a colorful cast of characters gradually enters her life. 2004.

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# The Semester of Our Discontent: a Lila Maclean Academic Mystery by Cynthia Kuhn

Read by Pat Jonietz

7 hours, 12 minutes

English professor Lila Maclean is thrilled about her new job at prestigious Stonedale University, until she finds one of her colleagues dead. She soon learns that everyone, from the chancellor to the detective working the case, believes Lila--or someone she is protecting--may be responsible for the horrific event, so she assigns herself the task of identifying the killer.

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# One Night Gone by Tara Laskowski

Read by Brittany Pressley

10 hours, 25 minutes

One sultry summer, Maureen Haddaway arrives in the wealthy town of Opal Beach, lured by the promise of friendship, love, starry skies, and wild parties. But, before the summer is up, she vanishes. Decades later, while house sitting in Opal Beach, Allison Simpson is drawn into Maureen's mysterious disappearance. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Agatha Award. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

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# Tess Monaghan Books 1-4 by Laura Lippman

Read by Kristin Allison

37 hours, 57 minutes

The first four novels, originally published between 1997 and 1999, in the series featuring Baltimore reporter-turned-private eye Tess Monaghan. Includes Baltimore Blues, Charm City, Butchers Hill, and In Big Trouble. Tess’s first foray into private investigation involves spying on a fellow rower’s fiancée. Some violence and some strong language. 1999.

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# Death of a Cozy Writer a St. Just Mystery by G. M. Malliet

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

8 hours, 44 minutes

British mystery writer Sir Adrian Beauclerk-Fisk invites his grown children to his wedding. The four siblings are not happy about the bride and her possible threat to their inheritance. When Sir Adrian and his eldest son are both murdered, Detective Chief Inspector Arthur St. Just investigates. Some strong language. 2008.

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# Arsenic and Adobo by Mia P. Manansala

Read by Danice Cabanela

9 hours, 24 minutes

Lila Macapagal feels as though her life's a romantic comedy when she goes home after a bad breakup and is tasked with saving her Tita Rosie's failing restaurant. But when a nasty food critic--and her ex-boyfriend--drops dead, the rom-com turns into an Agatha Christie case. Agatha Award. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

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# Long Upon the Land by Margaret Maron

Read by Margaret Maron

6 hours, 47 minutes

Judge Deborah Knott’s father, Kezzie, makes a shocking discovery on a remote corner of his farm: the body of a man bludgeoned to death. Investigating this crime, Deborah’s husband, sheriff’s deputy Dwight Bryant, soon uncovers a long-simmering hostility between Kezzie and the slain man over a land dispute. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015

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# Storm Track by Margaret Maron

Read by Elisabeth Rodgers

6 hours, 45 minutes

North Carolina judge Deborah Knott helps detective Dwight Bryant investigate the murder of a Colleton County attorney’s promiscuous wife, who was found strangled in a room of a local motel. Meanwhile, a second killer, Hurricane Fran, is threatening the coast. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2000.

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# Three-Day Town by Margaret Maron

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

8hours, 19 minutes

Judge Deborah Knott and deputy sheriff Dwight Bryant arrive at a friend's New York City apartment for their honeymoon. When Deborah arranges to hand over a package she is delivering for a NYPD detective's ill grandmother, the package disappears and the building's superintendent is killed. Some strong language. 2011.

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Also available in digital cartridge DB075672

# The Mistress of Bhatia House by Sujata Massey

Read by Sneha Mathan

14 hours, 53 minutes

"India, 1922: Perveen Mistry is the only female lawyer in Bombay, a city where child mortality is high, birth control is unavailable and very few women have ever seen a doctor. Perveen is attending a lavish fundraiser for a new women's hospital specializing in maternal health issues when she witnesses an accident. The grandson of an influential Gujarati businessman catches fire-but a servant, his young ayah, Sunanda, rushes to save him.... Later, Perveen learns that Sunanda, who's still ailing from her burns, has been arrested on trumped-up charges made by a man who doesn't seem to exist... She takes Sunanda as a client, even inviting her to live at the Mistry home in Bombay's Dadar Parsi colony. But the joint family household is already full of tension… Perveen herself is going through personal turmoil as she navigates a taboo relationship with a handsome former civil service officer. When the hospital's chief donor suddenly dies, both Sunanda and a female doctor become suspects.”-- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB116865

# The Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey

Read by Soneela Nankani

14 hours, 37 minutes

Bombay, 1921. Perveen Mistry joins her father's law firm as one of India's first female lawyers. While executing the will of a wealthy Muslim mill owner who left three widows behind, Perveen is alarmed that all three have signed over their full inheritance to a charity. Agatha Award. Some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB094326

# Quaker Midwife Mysteries. Books 1-5 by Edith Maxwell

Read by Jennifer Hubbard

41 hours, 8 minutes

Five mysteries, written between 2016 and 2019, featuring Quaker midwife Rose Carroll in nineteenth-century Massachusetts. Includes Delivering the Truth, Called to Justice, Turning the Tide, Charity's Burden and Judge Thee Not, in which Rose must fight bias to clear the name of a friend when a murderer strikes. Agatha Award. 2019.

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# If I’d Killed Him When I Met Him: an Elizabeth MacPherson Novel by Sharyn McCrumb

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

7 hours, 26 minutes

Forensic anthropologist Elizabeth MacPherson helps her attorney brother, Bill, in a bigamy-murder case that echoes a long-ago arsenic poisoning in the defendant’s family. Meanwhile Bill’s partner, A.P., defends a woman who killed her arrogant ex-husband and his new wife.

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# Cheddar Off Dead by Korina Moss

Read by Erin Moon

7 hours 49 minutes

"Cheesemonger Willa Bauer is proving that sweet dreams are made of cheese. She's opened her very own French-inspired cheese shop, Curds & Whey, in the heart of the Sonoma Valley. She's determined to make it a success--starting with a visit from the local food critic. What Willa doesn't know is that this guy never gives a good review, and when he shows up, nothing goes according to plan. She doesn't think the night can get any worse...until she finds the critic's dead body, stabbed with one of her shop's cheese knives. Now a prime suspect, Willa has always believed life's problems can be solved with cheese, but she's never tried to apply it to murder..." Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB122380

# Blanche on the Lam by Barbara Neely

Read by Eleanor Crawford

6 hours, 10 minutes

Blanche White, a middle-aged African American housekeeper with plenty of street smarts and prickly opinions, again proves to be a clever sleuth when murder disrupts her employers’ wealthy North Carolina household. And she still finds time to take care of Mama, kids, and friends. Strong language and some descriptions of sex.

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# Murder at the Mena House by Erica Ruth Neubauer

Read by Sarah Zimmerman

8 hours, 37 minutes

Egypt, 1926. While staying at the Mena House during her trip abroad, fiercely independent young American widow Jane Wunderly acquires an unintentional rival in socialite Anna Stainton. When Anna is brutally murdered, Jane must clear her own name by solving the case. Agatha Award. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB100921

# The Body in the Snowdrift: A Faith Fairchild Mystery by Katherine Hall Page

Read by Barbara Caruso

8 hours, 43 minutes

Caterer Faith Fairchild and her extended family gather at a ski resort in Vermont to celebrate her father-in-law's seventieth birthday. But after Faith finds the body of a local lawyer, the chef disappears, and another corpse turns up on the slopes, the clan starts bickering. Includes recipes. 2005.

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# Rachel Goddard Books 1-3 by Sandra Parshall

Read by Kristin Allison

28 hours, 23 minutes

First three books, written between 2006 and 2010, in the series featuring veterinarian Rachel Goddard. In The Heat of the Moon, long-buried and troubling memories from Rachel’s childhood begin to emerge. Also includes Disturbing the Dead and Broken Places. Strong language and some violence. Agatha Award. 2010.

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# All the Devils Are Here by Louise Penny

Read by Robert Bathurst

14 hours, 1 minute

On their first night in Paris, the Gamache family gathers for a bistro dinner with Armand's godfather, the billionaire Stephen Horowitz. Walking home together after the meal, they watch in horror as Stephen is knocked down and critically injured in what Gamache knows is a deliberate attempt on the elderly man's life. Agatha Award. Strong language. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2020.

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# The Beautiful Mystery by Louise Penny

Read by Andy Pyle

16 hours, 17 minutes

Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and his protégé Jean-Guy Beauvoir travel to the remote monastery of Saint-Gilbert-Entre-les-Loups, where twenty-three cloistered monks mourn the recent murder of the twenty-fourth, choirmaster Brother Mathieu. Mathieu had recruited the best singers to join the monastery for its main focus--singing Gregorian chants. Some strong language. 2012.

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# A Brutal Telling by Louise Penny

Read by Anne Hancock

14 hours, 22 minutes

Québec. Chief Inspector Armand Gamache investigates the murder of an old man found bludgeoned in a bistro. At a remote cabin purportedly owned by the deceased, Gamache and his team find a cache of rare books, priceless antiquities--and blood. Some strong language. 2009.

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# Bury Your Dead by Louise Penny

Read by Anne Hancock

13 hours, 54 minutes

Chief Inspector Gamache, on leave in Quebec City, helps investigate the murder of an archaeologist who was searching for the remains of Samuel de Champlain. Meanwhile Gamache sends his colleague Jean-Guy Beauvoir to Three Pines to revisit the case described in The Brutal Telling (DB0 70226). Some strong language. 2010.

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Also available in digital cartridge DB072936

# Glass Houses by Louise Penny

Read by Louise Penny and Robert Bathurst

13 hours, 34 minutes

When a mysterious figure appears in Three Pines one cold November day, Armand Gamache and the rest of the villagers are curious but wary. Through rain and sleet, the figure stands unmoving, staring ahead. After the figure vanishes overnight, a body is discovered. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

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# A World of Curiosities by Louise Penny

Read by Robert Bathurst

13 hours, 19 minutes

"It's spring and Three Pines is reemerging after the harsh winter. But not everything buried should come alive again… As the villagers prepare for a special celebration, Armand Gamache and Jean-Guy Beauvoir find themselves increasingly worried. A young man and woman have reappeared in the Sûreté du Québec investigators' lives after many years. The two were young children when their troubled mother was murdered, leaving them damaged, shattered. Now they've arrived in the village of Three Pines. But to what end? …As Chief Inspector Gamache works to uncover answers, his alarm grows when a letter written by a long dead stone mason is discovered. In it the man describes his terror when bricking up an attic room somewhere in the village. Every word of the 160-year-old letter is filled with dread. When the room is found, the villagers decide to open it up..." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

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# The Virgin of Small Plains by Nancy Pickard

Read by Ray Childs

12 hours, 38 minutes

Small Plains, Kansas. Mitch Newquist--banished from his hometown for witnessing the cover-up of a young girl's murder--returns when his mother dies. Together with his former girlfriend, Mitch searches for the killer and uncovers disturbing secrets of the town's most prominent men. Strong language and some violence. 2006.

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# Truth be Told by Hank Phillippi Ryan

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

12 hours, 54 minutes

Boston reporter Jane Ryland is covering the removal of an evicted family's belongings when the police find a dead body in the closet. Meanwhile, one bank employee is secretly stopping foreclosures, while another is exploiting them. Detective Jake Brogan and Jane juggle these investigations with a cold-case confession. Strong language. 2014.

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# The Wrong Girl by Hank Phillippi Ryan

Read by Ray Foushee

13 hours, 5 minutes

Reporter Jane Ryland's former coworker Tuck asks Jane to investigate an adoption agency that Tuck claims reunited her with the wrong birth mother. Jane also covers the story of a mother of two young children who was killed in her kitchen. Detective Jake Brogan conducts parallel investigations. Strong language. 2013.

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# Death at Greenway: a Novel by Lori Rader-Day

Read by Moira Quirk

12 hours, 14 minutes

"Bridey Kelly has come to Greenway House-the beloved holiday home of Agatha Christie-in disgrace. A terrible mistake at St. Prisca's Hospital in London has led to her dismissal as a nurse trainee, and her only chance for redemption is a position in the countryside caring for children evacuated to safety from the Blitz. Greenway is a beautiful home full of riddles: wondrous curios not to be touched, restrictions on rooms not to be entered, and a generous library, filled with books about murder. The biggest mystery might be the other nurse, Gigi, who is like no one Bridey has ever met…." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

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# Curses, Boiled Again! By Shari Randall

Read by Tiffany Morgan

8 hours, 45 minutes

Allie Larkin was living her dream as a ballet dancer when a bad fall put her out of business. Now she's back home in Mystic Bay to heal a broken ankle while also helping her dear Aunt Gully get her Lazy Mermaid Lobster Shack off the ground. Nothing would help Gully more than winning the local food festival's Best Lobster Roll contest. The competition is sure to be killer - especially after one of the contest judges dies after eating a roll from one of Gully's biggest rivals. Unrated. Commercial Audiobook. Adult.

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# In the Bleak Midwinter by Julia Spencer-Fleming

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

10 hours, 24 minutes

Clare Fergusson, an ex-military pilot and the newly appointed Episcopal priest at St. Alban’s Church in an upstate New York village, discovers an abandoned infant on the church steps. After the baby’s mother is found murdered, Clare joins police chief Russ Van Alstyne in investigating the case. Strong language. 2002.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB061372

# Death on a Silver Tray by Rosemary Stevens

2 volumes of braille

London, 1805. George "Beau" Brummell is beseeched by his friend the duchess of York to clear a ladies’ companion, whom she had recommended, of murder charges. The dreadful old Lady Wrayburn has been poisoned and the duchess wants to avoid a scandal. 2000.

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# A Question of Honor by Charles Todd

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# Birds of a Feather by Jacqueline Winspear

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London, 1930s. Wealthy Joseph Waite hires private investigator Maisie Dobbs, a former battlefield nurse, to locate his missing thirty-two-year-old daughter, Charlotte. Maisie finds chilling links to Scotland Yard inspector Stratton's latest murder case and the Great War's terrible legacy. 2004.

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