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# Tehran Noir by Salar Abdoh

Read by Lameece Issaq

10 hours, 46 minutes

Anthology of fifteen crime stories by authors who, for the most part, still live in Tehran. Provides insider's explorations of the different neighborhoods in one of the world's most volatile cities. Translated from Persian. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

 [Download from BARD: Tehran Noir](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.80245)

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# The Keeper of Lost Causes a Department Q Novel by Jussi Adler-Olsen

Read by Mark Ashby

12 hour, 25 minutes

After a traumatizing assignment, Copenhagen homicide detective Carl Mrck is shunted to the newly developed department Q to work on cold cases. Mrck searches for long-missing politician Merete Lynggaard, who disappeared from a ferry, leaving behind her mute brother. Translated from Danish. Violence and strong language. 2011.

 [Download from BARD: The Keeper of Lost Causes a Department Q Novel](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.77366)

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# Missing by Karin Alvtegen

Read by Erin Jones

6 hours, 17 minutes

Sweden. Sibylla Forsenström, an heiress living anonymously on Stockholm's streets, cons a businessman for an evening at the Grand Hotel. When he is found dead the next morning, Sibylla faces murder charges. Running from the law, Sibylla confronts her former life. Translated from the Swedish. Strong language. Edgar finalist. 2000.

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# Murder in the Marais; Murder in Belleville; Murder in the Sentier; Murder in the Bastille by Cara Black

Read byJil Fox

41 hours, 4 minutes

Books one through four, written between 1999 and 2003, in the series featuring Parisian private investigator Aimée Leduc and her business partner, René, who provide corporate tech security but get mixed up in criminal investigations. In book four, an attack on Aimee robs her of her sight. Some violence. 2003. [Download from BARD: Murder in the Marais; Murder in Belleville…](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.81217)

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# Bangkok 8 by John Burdett

Read by Rick Rohan

12 hours, 16 minutes

Buddhist detective Sonchai Jitpleecheep of the Royal Thai Police, son of a Thai prostitute and an American soldier, investigates an African American marine's murder by snakes. Teamed with FBI agent Kimberley Jones, Sonchai also seeks revenge for his partner's death during the investigation. Strong language, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2003.

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 Also available in digital cartridge DB056818

# Kingston Noir by Colin Channer

Read by John Polk

10 hours, 3 minutes

Eleven crime stories set in the Jamaican capital look beyond the tourist attractions of the island. In Ian Thompson's "A Grave Undertaking," a fifty-four-year-old New Yorker--financing his vacation to Kingston by writing an article about Afro-Caribbean funerary customs--dies there. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2012.

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# A Corpse in the Koryo by James Church

Read by Joe Peck

10 hours, 22 minutes

North Korean detective Inspector O undertakes a seemingly inconsequential surveillance mission and finds himself caught between rival military and intelligence factions. With job and life at risk, he seeks to find connections between abductions, competing smuggling operations, and a foreigner found dead in the Koryo Hotel. Some strong language. 2006.

 [Download from BARD: A Corpse in Kyoto](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.64330)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB064330

# The Coroner’s Lunch by Colin Cotterill

Read by Clive Chafer

7 hours, 29 minutes

Laos, 1975. The Communist Pathet Lao has taken over this former French colony. Dr. Siri Paiboun, a seventy-two-year-old Paris-trained doctor, is appointed national coroner. He is expected to come up with the answers the party wants, but crafty and charming Dr. Siri is immune to bureaucratic pressure. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2004.

 [Download from BARD: The Coroner’s Lunch](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.95910)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB095910

# Misterioso by Arne Dahl

Read by John Polk

12 hours, 16 minutes

Swedish police detective Paul Hjelm is assigned to the A-Unit, a task force assembled to find a killer who, after shooting high-profile business leaders, plays a tape of Thelonious Monk's "Misterioso." Originally published in Swedish in 1999. Violence and strong language. 2011.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB076617

# Haiti Noir by Edwidge Danticat

Read by John Polk

10 hours, 18 minutes

Edwidge Danticat is both editor and contributor in this anthology of eighteen stories written around the time of Haiti's devastating 2010 earthquake. In Ibi Aanu Zoboi's "The Harem" a playboy tends to his three lovers amid the destruction. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2011.

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# Ratking by Michael Dibdin

Read by Ted Stoddard

10 hours, 28 minutes

Italian police commissioner Aurelio Zen investigates the kidnapping of powerful Perugian businessman Ruggiero Miletti. Zen must deal with uncooperative local authorities and Miletti's unscrupulous family members, including his four grown children, none of whom seem to want Zen to succeed in solving the crime. Strong language. 1989.

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# The Dragon Man by Garry Disher

Read by Ray Foushee

8 hours, 19 minutes

Australia. Detective Inspector Hal Challis and the Waterloo police hunt a serial killer targeting young women along Old Peninsula Highway. Meanwhile, Challis deals with his wife--who was imprisoned for conspiring to murder him--and his attraction to a journalist. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1999.

 [Download from BARD: The Dragon Man](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.77438)

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# The Antiquarian by Gustavo Faverón Patriau

Read by Gary Tipton

6 hours, 5 minutes

Gustavo receives a call from his best friend from college, Daniel--three years after Daniel was convicted and sentenced for murdering his fiancée, Juliana. Daniel's story leads Gustavo on an unnerving trail uncovering warped secrets. Translated from the 2010 Spanish edition. Some violence. 2014.

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# Eva’s Eye by Karin Fossum

Read by Jack Fox

8 hours, 7 minutes

Inspector Sejer investigates the cases of a prostitute smothered in her bed and a man stabbed to death and found in a river. Divorced struggling artist Eva Magnus is linked to both investigations. Originally published in Norwegian in 1995. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2012.

 [Download from BARD: Eva’s Eye](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.77587)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB077587

# Chief Inspector Mario Silva Investigations Blood of the Wicked; Buried Strangers; Dying Gasp by Leighton Gage

Read by Mark Delgado

23 hours, 32 minutes

First three entries in the series featuring Mario Silva, who joined Brazil's federal police after two thugs raped his mother and murdered his father. In Blood of the Wicked Silva, now chief inspector, investigates the murder of a Catholic priest. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2010.

 [Download from BARD: Chief Inspector Mario Silva Investigations Blood…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.78242)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB078242

# Death in Dublin a Novel of Suspense by Bartholomew Gill

Read by Graeme Malcolm

7 hours, 55 minutes

A dangerous gang of criminals called the New Druids steal the ancient Book of Kells from the library at Trinity College, Dublin, and kill a guard. Chief superintendent Peter McGarr suspects an inside job and continues to investigate even after he is pulled off the case. Violence and strong language. 2003.

 [Download from BARD: Death in Dublin a Novel of Suspense](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.56143)

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# Moscow Noir; St. Petersburg Noir by Julia Goumen

Read by Ken Kliban

20 hours, 59 minutes

Two collections, each containing fourteen crime stories, set in various sections of the Russian cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg, revealing the country's dark side. Translated from Russian. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2012.

 [Download from BARD: Moscow Noir ; St. Petersburg Noir](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.78874)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB078874

# Manila Noir by Jessica Tarahata Hagedorn

Read by Erin Jones

6 hours 24 minutes

Fourteen crime stories set in the intense, teeming capital of the Philippines. In F.H. Batacan's "Comforter of the Afflicted," a priest who is helping his cop friend with a murder investigation learns that the female victim helped other women escape domestic violence. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 2013.

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# The Quiet Girl by Peter Høeg

Read by Catherine Byers

15 hours, 27 minutes

Denmark. Kasper Krone, a circus clown and music instructor facing extradition for tax evasion, discovers that his former student KlaraMaria has been kidnapped. Kasper sets out to rescue her and others from sinister businessmen seeking to exploit their psychic abilities. Translated from Danish by Nadia Christensen. Some violence. 2006.

 [Download from BARD: The Quiet Girl](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.67053)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB067053

# The Devotion of Suspect X by Keigo Higashino

Read by Alec Volz

10 hours, 2 minutes

After Yasuko accidentally kills her abusive ex-husband, Yasuko's secretly devoted neighbor, mathematics genius Ishigami, devises a complex plan to save Yasuko. But the police have an equally brilliant ally--Ishigami's former university classmate Yukawa. Originally published in Japanese in 2005. Some violence and some strong language. ALA Award. 2011.

 [Download from BARD: The Devotion of Suspect X](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.74205)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB074205

# Rome Noir by Maxim Jakubowski

Read by Barry Bernson

hours, 50 minutes

Crime stories set in the Italian city that--according to legend--owes its origin to a murder by a crown-grabbing brother. The sixteen entries include Carlo Lucarelli's "Beret," in which a cop's last minute decision to ditch his sweaty hat saves his life. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2009.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB080582

# Venice Noir by Maxim Jakubowski

Read by Alec Volz

9 hours, 31 minutes

Fourteen crime stories set in the city built on water. In Francesco Ferracin's "The Comedy Is Over," a thirty-four-year-old woman is leaving a club when she is attacked by two young men who steal her car before raping and killing her friend. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2012.

 [Download from BARD: Venice Noir](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.80583)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB080583

# The Boy in the Suitcase by Lene Kaaberbøl

Read by Jack Fox

8 hours, 16 minutes

Danish nurse Nina Borg helps her distraught friend Karin by retrieving a suitcase from a Copenhagen train-station locker. When Karin is murdered, Nina must flee to protect the little boy she found drugged and naked inside the suitcase. Originally published in Danish in 2008. Violence and strong language. 2011.

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# The Man Who Walked Like a Bear an Inspector Porfiry Rostnikov Novel by Stuart M. Kaminsky

Read by John Haag

6 hours, 48 minutes

Moscow. Detective Porfiry Rostnikov is visiting his wife in the hospital when a burly, naked man from the mental ward barges into the room and recounts a tale of a devil in a factory. The odd occurrence precedes several overlapping investigations, including an assassination plot and a bus's disappearance. 1990.

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# The Hypnotist by Lars Kepler

Read by Mark Ashby

16 hours, 21 minutes

A teenager with multiple wounds survives his family's brutal slaying. Detective Joona Linna convinces psychiatrist Erik Bark to hypnotize the boy to find information on the killer. The hypnotism unleashes a terrifying chain of events. Originally published in Swedish in 2009. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 2011.

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# Tel Aviv Noir by Etgar Keret

Read by Victor Bevine

8 hours, 49 minutes

The fourteen stories in this collection--written by Israel's contemporary writers and each set in a different neighborhood--are described in the introduction by editor and contributor Etgar Keret as revealing the concealed, scarred face of this city. Translated from Hebrew. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

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# The Ice Princess a Novel by Camilla Läckberg

Read by Barry Bernson

12 hours, 50 minutes

Fjällbacka, Sweden. When writer Erica Falck sees the body of her childhood friend, it looks like suicide. But the autopsy proves it was murder. Erica and detective Patrik Hedstrm investigate--and begin dating. Originally published in Swedish in 2003. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2009.

 [Download from BARD: The Ice Princess a Novel](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.77835)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB077835

# Easy Money by Jens Lapidus

Read by Bruce Turk

19 hours, 46 minutes

As the paths of two young drug-circuit antiheroes--a student and a Latino ex-con--intertwine in Stockholm, they find themselves mercilessly pitted against one another in a world where allegiances are hard-won, revenge is hard-fought, and a way out of it all is even harder to come by. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2006.

 [Download from BARD: Easy Money](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.79516)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB079516

# Sun Storm; The Blood Spilt; The Black Path by Asa Larsson

Read by Mark Ashby

30 hours, 31 minutes

First three titles, written between 2003 and 2008, of the series featuring Swedish attorney Rebecka Martinsson and police inspector Anna-Maria Mella. In Sun Storm, Rebecka must return to Kiruna and face her past when her friend's brother is murdered at his revivalist church. Violence and strong language. 2008.

 [Download from BARD: Sun Storm; The Blood Spilt, The Black Path](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.80283)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB080283

# The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson

Read by Mary Kane

16 hours, 32 minutes

Stockholm. Wealthy octogenarian Henrik Vanger hires disgraced journalist Mikael Blomkvist and antisocial computer hacker Lisbeth Salander to investigate the disappearance of his great-niece as a teenager forty years ago. They uncover damaging secrets about the family--and themselves. Originally published in Swedish. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2008.

 [Download from BARD: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.67759)

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# Death at La Fenice by Donna Leon

Read by Peter Ganim

9 hours, 37 minutes

Commissario Guido Brunetti of the Venice police investigates the death by cyanide of famous German conductor Maestro Helmut Wellauer at the opera house. Brunetti never imagines that he might aid and abet a criminal. 1992.

 [Download from BARD: Death at La Fenice](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.60486)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB060486

# Barcelona Noir by Adriana V. Lopez

Read by Ray Foushee

7 hours, 30 minutes

Fourteen crime stories reveal a side of Catalonia's capital never found on walking tours. In Teresa Solana's "The Offering," a young doctor at a hospital morgue discovers that a shy, unattractive, hospital secretary who committed suicide has the most beautiful organs. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 2011.

 [Download from BARD: Barcelona Noir](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.80581)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB080581

# The Bourne Identity by Robert Ludlum

Read by Conrad Feininger

18 hours, 18 minutes

An adventure thriller of espionage. Rescued from a Mediterranean storm with a head wound that has induced amnesia, the protagonist struggles to discover who he really is. His only clue is a strip of film, found sewn into his skin, bearing a Zurich bank account number under the name "Bourne." Violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 1980.

 [Download from BARD: The Bourne Identity](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.65406)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB065406 or DB015085

# Before the Frost by Henning Mankell

Read by Mark Delgado

11 hours, 37 minutes

Chief inspector Kurt Wallander's daughter Linda has the summer off before beginning her own police career. Linda is alarmed when childhood friend Anna disappears after insisting she had spotted her long-missing father. Meanwhile, Kurt investigates the acts of a violent religious fanatic. Originally published in Swedish in 2002. Violence. 2004.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB073976

# Paris Noir By Aurélien Masson

Read By Catherine Byers

9 hours, 15 minutes

Twelve crime stories that turn the City of Light into the City of Darkness. In Christophe Mercier's "Christmas," a private detective dining alone observes a man who realizes that he is about to be killed by the Mafia for a betrayal. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2008.

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# Belfast Noir by Adrian McKinty

Read by Gerard Doyle

7 hours, 55 minutes

Collection features brand-new stories by Glenn Patterson, Eoin McNamee, Garbhan Downey, Lee Child, Alex Barclay, Brian McGilloway, Ian McDonald, Arlene Hunt, Ruth Dudley Edwards, Claire McGowan, Steve Cavanagh, Lucy Caldwell, Sam Millar, and Gerard Brennan--all set in the city with a half-century-long disturbed and violent history. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB080423

# Devil’s Peak a Novel by Deon Meyer

Read by Joe Peck

14 hours, 15 minutes

South Africa. Ex-mercenary Thobela Mpayipheli becomes a vigilante to avenge his son's murder. Alcoholic detective Benny Griessel investigates Thobela's killings. A prostitute who fears her drug-lord client will harm her daughter brings them together. Originally published in Afrikaans in 2004. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2007.

 [Download from BARD: Devil’s Peak a Novel](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.75809)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB075809

# Still Midnight by Denise Mina

Read by Steven Carpenter

10 hours, 16 minutes

Three inept crooks storm the house of the Anwar family demanding to talk to "Bob." They kidnap the shopkeeper father after accidentally shooting the teenage daughter. For Glasgow police detective Alex Morrow nothing adds up--from the huge ransom demand to the Anwars' inconsistent statements. Violence and strong language. 2010.

 [Download from BARD: Still Midnight](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.72533)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB072533

# The Risk of Infidelity Index a Vincent Calvino Crime Novel by Christopher Moore

Read by Ted Stoddard

13 hours, 2 minutes

Bangkok, Thailand. American Vincent Calvino, a disbarred-lawyer-turned-PI, works for several unhappy expatriate wives who, since reading The Risk of Infidelity Index, believe their husbands are cheating on them. While pursuing the case, Vincent discovers connections to the death of another client for whom he investigated drug-piracy activity. Strong language. 2007.

 [Download from BARD: The Risk of Infidelity Index a Vincent Calvino…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.66925)

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# The Thief; Evil and the Mask by Fuminori Nakamura

Read by Mark Delgado

11 hours, 16 minutes

Two novels translated in 2012 and 2013. The Thief follows a Tokyo pickpocket, while Evil and the Mask features a young man whose father tells him he was created to be a cancer on the world. Originally published in Japanese in 2009 and 2010. Some violence, some strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2013.

 [Download from BARD: The Thief; Evil and the Mask](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.80071)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB080071

# The Ice Queen a Novel by Nele Neuhaus

Read by Faith Potts

14 hours, 10 minutes

When ninety-two-year old Holocaust survivor Jossi Goldberg is murdered, the police are shocked to discover he has a hidden tattoo reserved for Nazis. After two of Goldberg's elderly friends are killed, detectives Bodenstein and Kirchhoff turn to the remaining friend--a well-known baroness--for answers. Originally published in German in 2009. Violence, explicit descriptions of sex, and some strong language. 2014.

 [Download from BARD: The Ice Queen a Novel](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.80485)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB080485

# The Bat by Jo Nesbø

Read by Jack Fox

9 hours, 7 minutes

In this first Harry Hole novel, the Norwegian detective travels to Australia to observe the investigation of the murder of twenty-three-year-old Inger Holter, a former television host in Norway. Originally published in Norwegian in 1997. Violence and strong language. 2012.

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# A Beautiful Place to Die: a Novel by Malla Nunn

Read by Jack Fox

11 hours, 9 minutes

South Africa, 1952. Detective Emmanuel Cooper investigates the murder of Afrikaner policeman Captain Pretorius in an isolated bush town. Despite apartheid and opposition from the government’s Security Branch, whose members believe black Communist radicals committed the crime, Cooper discovers the captain’s personal secrets--and the killer’s true motive. Strong language and some violence. 2009.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB072867

# Mexico City Noir by Achy Obejas

Read by Catherine Byers

5 hours, 4 minutes

Anthology of twelve crime stories set in Mexico's capital is divided into parts: Above the Law, Dead Men Walking, and Suffocation City. Editor and contributor Paco Ignacio Taibo II's "The Corner" centers on a novelist's suggestion for dealing with a crime-ridden intersection. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2010.

 [Download from BARD: Mexico City Noir](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.80608)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB080608

# Unwanted a Novel by Kristina Ohlsson

Read by Teresa Willis

11 hours, 51 minutes

New criminologist Fredrika Bergman and her Stockholm police department colleagues are assigned the kidnapping case of a child who had been separated from her mother on a crowded train. Originally published in Swedish in 2009. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 2012.

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# The Skull Mantra by Eliot Pattison

Read by Steven Carpenter

13 hours, 31 minutes

Tibet. A penal labor crew discovers a decapitated corpse in American clothing. Authorities force one of the prisoners, Shan Tao Yun, a disgraced former Beijing inspector, to investigate. When suspicion falls on a fellow inmate and Buddhist monk, Shan attempts to prove the man's innocence. Strong language. Edgar Award. 1999.

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# Still Life by Louise Penny

Read by Anne Hancock

10 hours, 37 minutes

Shortly after elderly Jane Neal finally agrees to participate in the art show to be held in her small village outside of Montreal, she is killed by an arrow through the heart. As Chief Inspector Gamache investigates, he wonders if her unusual artwork provides a clue to her murder. 2005.

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# Linda--As In the Linda Murder: an Evert Bäckström Novel by Leif GW Persson

Read by Erik Davies

19 hours, 58 minutes

In the sleepy town of Växjö, twenty-year-old police cadet Linda Wallin is found lying face down in her mother’s apartment, brutally murdered and raped. With no clear motive or suspect in sight, the Swedish National Crime Unit sends Evert Bäckström and his team to solve the case. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

 [Download from BARD: Linda--As In the Linda Murder: an Evert…](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.83745)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB083745

# Wife of the Gods a Novel by Kwei J. Quartey

Read by Chuck Young

9 hours, 8 minutes

Ghana. Detective Inspector Darko Dawson investigates a murder in Ketanu--the same small village where his mother disappeared years ago. He probes the death of a medical student who volunteered with an AIDS prevention program, but conflict between Dawson's modern police methods and traditional customs jeopardizes the inquiry. Some violence. 2009.

 [Download from BARD: Wife of the Gods a Novel](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.71837)

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# Delhi Noir by Hirsh Sawhney

Read by Jack Fox

8 hours, 2 minutes

Fourteen tales of darkness and despair set in the capital of India. In Radhika Jha's "How I Lost My Clothes" a consultant's heroin habit leads to a life-altering night. Other contributors include Uday Prakash, Meera Nair, and Siddharth Chowdhury. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2009.

 [Download from BARD: Delhi Noir](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.78219)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB078219

# Last Rituals a Novel of Suspense by Yrsa Sigurðardóttir

Read by Jill Fox

11 hours, 59 minutes

After a German university student studying in Reykjavík, Iceland, is found ritualistically murdered, his family hires attorney Thóra Gudmundsdóttir to investigate. She and Matthew Reich look into the deceased student's obsession with Iceland's past history of torture, execution, and witch hunts. Originally published in Icelandic in 2005. Strong language and some violence. 2007.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB080360

# Martin Beck Mysteries. Roseanna; The Man Who Went Up in Smoke; The Man on the Balcony; The Laughing Policeman; The Fire Engine That Disappeared by Maj Sjöwall

Read by Jack Fox

 30 hours, 40 minutes

In Roseanna, Stockholm detective inspector Martin Beck investigates an unidentified woman's rape and murder. Also includes The Man Who Went Up in Smoke, The Man on the Balcony, The Laughing Policeman, and The Fire Engine That Disappeared. Written between 1965 and 1969. Translated from the Swedish. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1969.

 [Download from BARD: Martin Beck Mysteries. Roseanna; The Man…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.79835)

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# Child 44 by Tom Rob Smith

Read by Roy Avers

15 hours, 14 minutes

Stalinist Russia, 1953. Detective Leo Demidov is exiled to a remote village as a prison guard after his wife is accused of espionage. Demidov suspects a killer is preying on children along the Trans-Siberian Railway, but his investigation makes him an enemy of the state. Violence and strong language. 2008.

 [Download from BARD: Child 44](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.67117)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB067117

# Istanbul Noir by Amy Spangler

Read by Gary Tipton

8 hours, 52 minutes

Sixteen crime stories set in the Turkish city at the crossroads of East and West. In Ismail Güzelsoy's "Thetongueoftheflames," a man has finished serving a twelve-year prison term for burning an acrobat's girlfriend to death. The acrobat has avenged the killing with a similar murder each year. Some strong language. 2008

 [Download from BARD: Istanbul Noir](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.80579)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB080579

# The Broken Shore by Peter Temple

Read by Jim Zeiger

11 hours, 39 minutes

Homicide cop Joe Cashin, who left the city to become station commander for his small hometown on the South Australian coast, investigates a brutal attack on wealthy Charles Bourgoyne. Three Aboriginal teens are accused, but Cashin has doubts about the boys' involvement in the crime. Violence and strong language. 2007.

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# Helsinki Noir by James Thompson

Read by Judith West

9 hours, 16 minutes

Helsinki's endless fjords, bays and islands offer plenty of places to dump a body and--with less than six hours of winter daylight--hiding in dark corners is easy. These fourteen stories include Jukka Petäjä's "Snowy Sarcophagus," in which two women's bodies are discovered preserved in life-size snowmen. Translated from the Finnish. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

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# Forty Days Without Shadow by Olivier Truc

Read by Malcolm. Hillgartner

15 hours, 22 minutes

Tomorrow, thirty minutes of daylight will end the polar night in Kautokeino, a small village in northern Norway. But in the last hours of darkness, an ancient drum is stolen and one of the last reindeer herders is murdered. Officer Klemet Nango and his young partner Nina Nansen investigate. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

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# Mumbai Noir by Altaf Tyrewala

Read by Gary Telles

8 hours, 46 minutes

The most populous city in India--previously known as Bombay--is the setting for this anthology of fourteen crime stories. In "Justice," Riaz Mulla shows how an ordinary businessman can turn into a bomb-planting extremist. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 2012.

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# The Chalk Circle Man; Seeking Whom He May Devour; Have Mercy On Us All; Wash This Blood Clean From My Hand by Fred Vargas

Read by Alec Volz

44 hours, 52 minutes

The first four books, translated between 2003 and 2009, of the series featuring Commissaire Adamsberg, chief of police in Paris's seventh arrondissement. In The Chalk Circle Man, Adamsberg is the only one alarmed by the mysterious blue circles appearing around bizarre objects. Originally published in French from 1996 through 2004. Strong language and some violence. 2009.

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# The Sound of Things Falling by Juan Gabriel Vásquez

Read by Jon Huffman

9 hours, 13 minutes

A news story about a hippo escaping a former drug kingpin's estate leads lawyer Antonio Yammara to investigate the murder of a friend--which Antonio witnessed. The story behind the killing leads Antonio to the history of marijuana smuggling of the 1960s and 1970s. Translated from the Spanish. Violence and strong language. 2011.

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# The Devil’s Feather by Minette Walters

Read by Anne Flosnik

10 hours, 52 minutes

2004. Reuters correspondent Connie Burns tracks to Iraq a British mercenary she believes murdered five women in Sierra Leone two years ago. In Baghdad, Connie is kidnapped and tortured for three days. Once released she retreats to the British countryside and puzzles over a different mystery. Some violence. 2005.

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