

## Miscellaneous:

- **'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' series by Jeff Kinney** (*Adapted to a film*) (*Available on Audible*) (*Upcoming TV Series*)



Things aren't going well for Greg Heffley. He's been thrust into a new school where undersize weaklings share the corridors with kids who are taller, meaner and already shaving. Along with his friend Rowley, Greg's desperate to prove his new maturity, which only going up a grade can bring.

- **Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy – Douglas Adams** (*Adapted as a film*) (*Available on Audible*) (*TV Series*)



It's an ordinary Thursday morning for Arthur Dent . . . until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly after to make way for a new hyperspace express route, and Arthur's best friend has just announced that he's an alien. After that, things get much, much worse...

- **Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency – Douglas Adams** (*Available on Audible*) (*TV Series*)



Quirky and bumbling private investigator Dirk Gently stumbles upon a ghost, millions of years old, wandering the earth and disturbing its people. Dirk soon discovers this phantom yearns for more than a good haunting: it is desperately trying to go back in time to prevent its own death. But this ghost was no ordinary person, and helping it save itself just might change the modern world as we know it. And not in a good way...

- **A Short History of Nearly Everything – Bill Bryson** (*Available on Audible*)



Quest to understand everything that has happened from the Big Bang to the rise of civilisation - how we got from there, being nothing at all, to here, being us. Learn about subjects that normally bore the pants off most of us, like geology, chemistry and particle physics, and find the joy in them.

- **Running Wild – Michael Morpurgo** (*Available on Audible*)



An epic and heart-rending jungle adventure. For Will and his mother, going to Indonesia isn't just a holiday. It's an escape, a new start, a chance to put things behind them. Oona, the elephant Will is riding on the beach, begins acting strangely, shying away from the sea. And that's when the tsunami comes crashing in...

- **The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips – Michael Morpurgo** (*Available on Audible*)



A stunning novel about friendship, war, and one girl's bravery which changes her life forever.

- **Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo** (*Upcoming Film*) (*Available on Audible*)



When Michael's parents lose their jobs, they buy a boat and decide to sail around the world with their son and their beloved dog. It's an ideal trip - until Michael is swept overboard. He's washed up on an island, where he struggles to survive but discovers that he's not alone, and meets fellow-castaway, Kensuke.

- **Time Travelling with a Hamster – Ross Welford** (*Available on Audible*)



Laugh, cry and wonder at this race-against-time story of a boy who travels back to 1984 to prevent a go-kart accident, and save his father's life

- **Millions – Frank Cottrell-Boyce** (*Adapted as a film*) (*Available on Audible*)



Two brothers, Damian and Anthony, are unwittingly caught up in a train robbery during Britain's countdown to join the Euro. Suddenly finding themselves with a vast amount of cash, the boys have just one glorious, appalling dilemma how to spend it in the few days before it becomes worthless.

- **The Unforgotten Coat – Frank Cottrell Boyce** (*Available on Audible*)



Two refugee brothers from Mongolia are determined to fit in with their Liverpool schoolmates, but bring so much of Mongolia to Bootle that their new friend and guide, Julie, is hard-pressed to know truth from fantasy as she recollects a wonderful friendship that was abruptly ended when Chingis and his family were forced to return to Mongolia.

- **The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13¾ – Sue Townsend** (*Available on Audible*)



The book is written in a diary style, focuses on the worries and regrets of a teenager who believes himself to be an intellectual.

- **Gaslight – Eloise Williams** (*Available on Audible*)



A darkly delicious romp through the backstreets of Victorian Cardiff with detectives, mystery and intrigue around every corner.

- **The Imaginary – AF Harold** (*Available on Audible*)



A funny and startling story about friendship and the ability to dream things up – and one boy's brave determination to protect both brimming with unforgettable characters and surprising twists

- **The BFG – Roald Dahl** (*Adapted as a film*) (*Available on Audible*)



On a dark, silvery moonlit night, Sophie is snatched from her bed by a giant. Luckily it is the Big Friendly Giant, the BFG, who only eats snozzcumpers and glugs frobscottle - but there are other giants in Giant Country. Fifty-foot brutes who gallop far and wide every night to find human beans to eat. Can Sophie and her friend the BFG stop them? Let's hope so

- **Matilda – Roald Dahl** (*Adapted as a film*) (*Available on Audible*)



Matilda is the world's most famous bookworm, no thanks to her ghastly parents. Her father thinks she's a little scab. Her mother spends all afternoon playing bingo. And her headmistress, Miss Trunchbull? She's the worst of all. Despite these beastly grownups trying to push her down, Matilda is an extraordinary girl with a magical mind.

- **Caging Skies – Christine Leunens** (*Adapted to a film: JoJo Rabbit*) (*Available on Audible*)



An avid member of the Hitler Youth in 1940s Vienna, Johannes Betzler discovers his parents are hiding a Jewish girl named Elsa behind a false wall in their home. His initial horror turns to interest--then love and obsession.

- **'How to Train Your Dragon' series by Cressida Cowell** (*Available on Audible*) (*TV Series*)



Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third is a smallish Viking with a longish name. Hiccup's father is chief of the Hairy Hooligan tribe which means Hiccup is the heir to the Hairy Hooligan throne - but Hiccup feels like a very ordinary boy. Can he be a hero?

- **The Call of the Wild – Jack London** (*Adapted as a film*) (*Available on Audible*)



On its face, the novel is the story of Buck, a dog stolen from his comfortable home on a California ranch and shipped to the frozen Yukon to be trained as a sled dog. But this exhilarating tale of a canine hero's fight for survival is in fact a vivid depiction of the great gold rush to the Klondike in 1897. Brutal and fierce on one hand, this iconic adventure story is also a heart-warming tale of the tenderness and loyalty between humans and animals, brilliantly told from the latter's perspective.