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The Collectors by David Baldacci

Read by L.J. Ganser

12 hours, 28 minutes

When someone murders the head of the rare book room of the Library of Congress, eccentric colleague Caleb Shaw rounds up his buddies from The Camel Club (RC 60678) to investigate. Soon con artist Annabelle Conroy crosses their path. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 2006.

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The Midnight House by Alex Berenson

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

11 hours, 49 minutes

When someone guns down retired CIA operatives, agency supervisors summon vacationing agent John Wells, from The Silent Man (RC 68782), to headquarters. Wells searches for the killer who is targeting members of the now-disbanded Task Force 673, a terrorists interrogation team. Some violence and some strong language. 2010.

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Agent X by Noah Boyd

Read by Ray Childs

14 hours, 18 minutes

The FBI turns again to former agent Steve Vail, from *The Bricklayer* (DB 72269). A Russian selling the names of American traitors is called home before the agency can get the list. Vail and assistant director Kate Bannon--his on-and-off lover--race to identify the turncoats. Violence and some strong language. 2011.

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Restless: a Novel by William Boyd

Read by Erin Jones

10 hours, 35 minutes

England, 1976. Fearing for her life, Sally Gilmartin reveals her true identity as Eva Delectorskaya, a WWII British spy, to her adult daughter, Ruth. As Ruth pieces together the past, her mother asks for help with one final mission. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2006.

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Strike Force by Dale Brown

Read by Jim Zeiger

15 hours, 34 minutes

With Russia helping Iran develop nuclear weapon technology, U.S. presidential adviser Lieutenant General Patrick McLanahan assists Iranian rebel leader Major-General Hesarak al-Kan Buzhazi by employing newly developed spaceplanes. But political enemies who want to prevent McLanahan's plan from succeeding leak information. Violence and strong language. 2007.

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The Man Who was Thursday a Nightmare by G. K. Chesterton

Read by George Rose

6 hours, 13 minutes

An allegorical fantasy-mystery first published in 1908. A club of anarchists, each named for a day of the week, plot to destroy the world. Though they seem to be united in purpose, each man's real identity and motives are unknown to the group. 1908.

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Dead or Alive by Tom Clancy

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

25 hours, 14 minutes

Jack Ryan Jr., son of the former president, and his cousins, from *The Teeth of the Tiger* (DB 56873), belong to a covert intelligence group. Their mission is to capture an Islamic militant, known as the Emir, who is planning an attack inside America. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

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The Manchurian Candidate by Richard Condon

Read by Peter Johnson

9 hours, 44 minutes

An American soldier captured during the Korean War is brainwashed by his communist captors and hypnotized to commit crimes on command. When he returns home he is hailed as a hero, but immediately becomes the center of political intrigue.

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The Traitor by Stephen Coonts

Read by Fred Major

11 hours, 24 minutes

Jake Grafton meets CIA operative Tommy Carmellini in Paris to investigate investments in the Bank of Palestine and secure the city for a G-8 summit meeting. They also track a turncoat who has murdered several agents. Sequel to Liars and Thieves (RC 59563). Strong language and some violence. 2006.

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A Foreign Country by Charles Cumming

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

11 hours, 9 minutes

Disgraced spy Thomas Kell is shocked to be given a high-priority case: find Amelia Levene, set to become the first female MI6 chief, who vanished during a mysterious vacation. Kell's discovery of Levene's whereabouts leads to an elaborate rescue mission. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2012.

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Carte Blanche 007 the New James Bond Novel by Jeffery Deaver

Read by Jim Zeiger

15 hours, 11 minutes

2010s. After Agent James Bond is alerted to a potential terrorist attack targeting thousands, his new boss, the Special Operations Executive, instructs him to use any means necessary to thwart the threat. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 2011.

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Berlin Game by Len Deighton

Read by Merwin Smith

9 hours, 30 minutes

Bernard Samson, a forty-year-old British Secret Service agent relegated to a desk job, returns to East Berlin to rescue a fellow agent who had once saved his life. But even before he sets out on his mission, he finds that there is a traitor among his colleagues--a traitor planted by Moscow Center. Some strong language.

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The Charm School by Nelson DeMille

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

23 hours, 7 minutes

Twenty-four-year-old Gregory Fisher is driving through Russia in a glorious Pontiac Trans Am roaring with Janis Joplin and Bruce Springsteen, when he is accosted by an American fighter pilot. The pilot says he has escaped after ten years' internment in a nearby secret Russian POW camp called the Charm School and tells Fisher about a planned attack on the U.S. Strong language and descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

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The Firefly by Peter T. Deutermann

Read by Jim Zeiger

17 hours 48 minutes

Before the upcoming presidential inauguration, retired but reactivated secret service agent "Swamp" Morgan investigates arson at a Washington, D.C., cosmetic surgery clinic serving mysterious foreigners late at night. An unknown patient undergoing an identity change survives the fire, but disappears. Morgan fears an imminent terrorist bombing. Violence and some strong language.

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Red to Black by Alex Dryden

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

11 hours, 47 minutes

Russian spy Anna falls for her British counterpart Finn. Finn goes rogue after becoming disillusioned with his mission of ferreting out a plan hatched in 1960s East Germany. Anna agrees to accompany him, which forces her to become a double agent. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2009.

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Free Agent by Jeremy Duns

Read by Mark Ashby

8 hours, 49 minutes

Nigeria, 1969. Defecting KGB agent Vladimir Slavin reveals information that could expose British operative Paul Dark's identity as a WWII-era double agent. Paul sets out to confront--and possibly kill--Slavin and to find the Russian nurse he once loved but thought was dead. Some violence and some strong language. 2009.

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The Amateur Spy by Dan Fesperman

Read by Phil Gigante

14 hours, 19 minutes

Freeman Lockhart, a dispirited international-aid worker, retires to a Greek island. But Lockhart is kidnapped and blackmailed into spying on a former colleague, Palestinian Omar al-Baroodi, in Jordan. Meanwhile, an Arab American woman has her own agenda. Commercial audiobook. 2008.

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Paranoia by Joseph Finder

Read by Fred Major

12 hours 53 minutes

When Adam Cassidy, a low-level employee of Wyatt Telecommunications, is caught rerouting funds, he receives two options--face embezzlement charges or become a spy at Trion Systems, Wyatt's largest competitor. Risking exposure, Adam infiltrates Trion but ultimately finds his loyalties tested. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence.

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Moonraker 007 a James Bond Novel by Ian Fleming

Read by Jim Zeiger

8 hours, 4 minutes

Secret agent James Bond investigates the activities of Sir Hugo Drax--card player, notorious cheat, and head of England's new missile defense system, Moonraker. Aided by Gala, a beautiful fellow agent disguised as Drax's private secretary, Bond uncovers trouble just before the project's scheduled test launch. 1955.

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Extreme Measures by Vince Flynn

Read by Jack Fox

11 hours, 22 minutes

Using harsh methods, CIA agent Mitch Rapp interrogates two Taliban prisoners in Afghanistan and learns of an impending attack on America. But back in the United States someone leaks the information about Rapp's techniques. A politically correct senator censures Rapp--and an attack occurs. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2008.

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Eye of the Needle: a Novel by Ken Follett

Read by Merwin Smith

10 hours, 43 minutes

His code name is "Die Nadel," The Needle, after his favorite weapon the stiletto, and he is the only Nazi spy who knows of the phony plans for the D-Day Normandy invasion. As he moves quickly across England, he is traced down by a former history professor and once retired agent. A murderous duel of ingenuity and endurance results. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Violence. Bestseller.

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The Day of the Jackal by Frederick Forsyth

Read by Guy Sorel

13 hours, 47 minutes

A secret group of French right-wing leaders, plotting to overthrow the government, hires a professional assassin, known as the Jackal, to kill President de Gaulle. The novel concerns the attempts of the police to identify and stop the brilliant criminal who is a master at eluding detection. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

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Spies of the Balkans by Alan Furst

Read by Alexander Strain

9 hours, 24 minutes

1940. When Italy attacks northern Greece, senior police official Constantine Zannis helps a German woman smuggle Jews to safety. As the war heats up in the Balkans, Zannis is recruited by the British secret service. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2010.

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Six Days of the Condor by James Grady

Read by Erik Sandvold

8 hours, 50 minutes

CIA operative Malcolm, codenamed Condor, returns to his office to find his colleagues murdered. He contacts headquarters only to discover that he can trust no one. He fights to stay one step ahead of the killers long enough to unmask them. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1974.

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Even by Andrew Grant

Read by Alexander Strain

10 hours, 12 minutes

When British operative David Trevelyan comes upon a dead man in a New York alley, he is framed for the murder by a false tip and turned over to the FBI. The victim was an undercover agent tracking a new breed of serial killers. Violence and strong language. 2009.

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The Mammoth Book of Short Spy Novels edited by Martin Henry Greenberg

Read by Alexander Strain

17 hours, 43 minutes

Twelve novellas published in America and England between 1927 and 1972. Includes Erle Stanley Gardner's *The Danger Zone*, about a game of international intrigue; Ian Fleming's *Octopussy*, featuring James Bond; Cornell Woolrich's *Tokyo, 1941*, concerning a captured American; and a Sherlock Holmes tale by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. 1986.

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Our Man in Havana by Graham Greene

Read by John Horton

6 hours, 48 minutes

A spy story about an unsuccessful English vacuum cleaner salesman who accepts a job as a secret agent with no intention of actually doing the job. But when the reports he makes up begin to come true, he is suddenly involved in frightening intrigue.

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Black Ops by W.E.B. Griffin

Read by Mark Ashby

18 hours, 30 minutes

U.S. Army special forces lieutenant colonel Carlos Castillo is assigned to investigate the assassinations of American agents--and he may be the next target. Russian defectors also come to Castillo seeking asylum in exchange for divulging the location of weapons of mass destruction in Africa. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2008.

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The Broker by John Grisham

Read by Roy Avers

11 hours 5 minutes.

The CIA pressures lame-duck president Arthur Morgan into releasing jailed lobbyist Joel Backman, who obtained stolen satellite software six years before. The Agency spirits Backman to Italy to use him for bait, leaks his whereabouts--and waits to see who kills him. Some violence and some strong language.

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Bloodmoney a Novel By David Ignatius

Read by Jim Zeiger

14 hours, 14 minutes

Young CIA agent Sophie Marx works for a secret unit based in L.A. that was created after September 11, 2001, and uses London hedge funds as cover. When agents in Pakistan are systematically murdered, Marx must find the cause--and decide who to trust. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2011.

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Istanbul Passage a Novel by Joseph Kanon

Read by Ray Foushee

14 hours, 46 minutes

Istanbul, 1945. Expat Leon Bauer is dismayed to hear the U.S. spies he has been working for are leaving town, because he has no desire to move his hospitalized wife. Then his last assignment turns nightmarish. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2012.

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Absolute Friends by John Le Carré

Read by Fred Major

13 hours 43 minutes.

Unassuming Bavarian tour guide Ted Mundy is actually a retired British double agent. After September 11, 2001, old friend and former colleague Sasha contacts him with a new mission: to stop an impending war in Iraq and become very rich in the process. Strong language and some violence.

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A Delicate Truth by John Le Carré

Read by Ray Foushee

10 hours, 5 minutes

A British government employee is knighted for his part in an anti-terrorism operation in Gibraltar. But three years later he and the secretary to the member of Parliament who orchestrated the mission find evidence of a cover-up and investigate. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller. 2013.

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The Company: A Novel of the CIA by Robert Littell

Read by Richard Hauenstein

38 hours 45 minutes.

In 1950, Yale graduate Jack McAuliffe is recruited by Harvey "the Sorcerer" Torriti to join the CIA along with attorney "Ebby" Ebbitt and Leo Kritzky. Jack sees action in East Germany, Hungary, Cuba, Afghanistan, and Russia while searching for a treasonous mole. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex.

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The Bourne Identity by Robert Ludlum

Read by Conrad Feininger

18 hours, 18 minutes

Rescued wounded and amnesic from the Mediterranean, the protagonist struggles to discover his identity--and that of his would-be assassins. His only clue: microfilm, surgically implanted in his skin, bearing the number of a Zurich bank account under the name "Bourne." Violence, some descriptions of sex, and some strong language. 1980.

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The Sigma Protocol by Robert Ludlum

Read by Fred Major

20 hours 42 minutes.

International financier Ben Hartman is investigating the murder of his twin brother when Anna Navarro of the U.S. Justice Department saves him from an assassin. The two team up to uncover the secrets behind the Sigma Corporation, founded in 1945 by German capitalists for unknown purposes. Violence and strong language.

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Sweet Tooth a Novel by Ian McEwan

Read by Erik Sandvold

12 hours, 6 minutes

England, 1970s. Cambridge student Serena Frome's affair with a professor leads to a job with MI5. Serena is assigned to Operation Sweet Tooth, which secretly funds writers with MI5-sanctioned views. Problems arise when she falls for one of the authors. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex.

Bestseller. 2012.

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Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell: Conviction by David Michaels

Read by Jim Zeiger

10 hours, 49 minutes

The Third Echelon targets mercenary Sam Fisher, a rogue Splinter Cell operative, as a mole. With former fellow agents and newly trained recruits closing in, Fisher evades capture and investigates a few people of interest.

Violence. Bestseller. 2009.

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Damascus Countdown by Joel C. Rosenberg

Read by Christopher Lane

15 hours, 36 minutes

American president William Jackson condemns Israel when it attacks Iran and destroys the country's warheads. But CIA spy David Shirazi discovers that Iran still has two nuclear weapons--and the Twelfth Imam, from The Tehran Initiative (DB 73759), plans to use them. Violence. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

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Portrait of a Spy by Daniel Silva

Read by John Polk

14 hours, 1 minute

In London, retired Israeli agent Gabriel Allon spots a Muslim suicide bomber, but police prevent Gabriel from stopping the attack. Then Gabriel is summoned to Washington to help the CIA find an American-born cleric in Yemen who is plotting mass carnage. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 2011.

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Gorky Park by Martin Cruz Smith

Read by Merwin Smith

15 hours, 8 minutes

Hard-boiled detective novel in which three mutilated bodies are found frozen in the middle of Moscow's popular Gorky Park. Chief homicide investigator Arkady Renko, a disgruntled cynic, is reluctant to get involved in a case of interest to the KGB. His situation becomes more complicated when he falls in love with a Siberian dissident. Some strong language.

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Blindfold Game by Dana Stabenow

Read by Bernadette Dunn

9 hours 31 minutes

A hijacked Russian freighter sails into the Bering Sea, where it is intercepted by the Coast Guard cutter USS Sojourner Truth. A CIA analyst investigating sales of black market plutonium realizes that a terrorist attack is underway in Alaska. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex.

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Money for Nothing by Donald E. Westlake

Read by Barry Bernson

7 hours 26 minutes

After cashing mysterious \$1,000 monthly checks for seven years, New York ad executive Josh Redmont discovers that he's a sleeper spy for the former Soviet Union. When ordered to assassinate an eastern European politician, Josh tries to find an escape from his predicament and to save his family. Some violence.

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