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From the New York Times bestselling creator of the Iron Druid Chronicles comes the highly anticipated sequel to *A Plague of Giants*: A world-breaking war—an invasion of giant warriors—inspires a movement to fight back. **SOLDIER AND AVENGER** Daryck is from a city that was devastated by the war with the Bone Giants, and now he and a band of warriors seek revenge against the giants for the loved ones they've lost. But will vengeance be enough to salve their grief? **DREAMER AND LEADER** Hanima is part of a new generation with extraordinary magical talents: She can speak to fantastical animals. But when this gift becomes a threat to the powers-that-be, Hanima becomes the leader of a movement to use this magic to bring power to the people. **SISTER AND SEEKER** Koesha is the captain of an all-female crew on a perilous voyage to explore unknown waters. Though her crew is seeking a path around the globe, Koesha is also looking for her sister, lost at sea two years ago. But what lies beyond the edges of the map is far more dangerous than storms and sea monsters. . . . In this sequel to *A Plague of Giants*, these characters and more will become the voices of a new generation bringing hope and revolution to a war-torn world. Don't miss any of Kevin Hearne's action-packed *Seven Kennings* series **A PLAGUE OF GIANTS • A BLIGHT OF BLACKWINGS • A CURSE OF KRAKENS** (Coming Later!)

At first, only a few things are known about the celestial object that has arrived in the galaxy and has been dubbed Rama by the astronomers observing it. It is a huge cylindrical object, weighing more than ten trillion tons. And it is hurtling through the solar system at inconceivable speed. Then a space probe

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confirms the unthinkable: Rama is no natural object. It is, incredibly, an interstellar spacecraft. Space explorers and planet-bound scientists alike prepare for mankind's first encounter with alien intelligence. It will kindle their wildest dreams ... and fan their darkest fears. For no one knows who the Ramans are or why they have come. And now the moment of rendezvous awaits - just behind a Raman airlock door.

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Rama is a vast alien spacecraft that enters the Solar System, A perfect cylinder some fifty kilometres long, spinning rapidly, racing through space, Rama is a technological marvel, a mysterious and deeply enigmatic alien artifact. It is Mankind's first visitor from the stars and must be investigated . . .

In the sequel to "Rendezvous with Rama," a second Raman spacecraft is discovered approaching Earth in 2196, an event of potentially devastating consequences for humankind A volume containing all 18 short stories written by Arthur C. Clarke in the 1960s. They depict a future in which technologies are beginning to dictate man's lifestyle - even to demand life for themselves.

Only Rama: The Official Strategy Guide can unlock the cosmic secrets. Inside are: • Solutions to every puzzle—and the thought process behind them • The keys to decoding alien number systems • An in-depth interview with Rama

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novelists Arthur C. Clarke and Gentry Lee About the Author Rick Barba is the author of numerous electronic entertainment books, including *Myst: The Official Strategy Guide*, *DOOM Battlebook*, and *Under a Killing Moon: The Official Strategy Guide* (all from Prima).

Arthur C Clarke is without question the world's best-known science fiction writer, enjoying a career of unequalled success. Clarke has always been celebrated for his prophetic vision, which is fully on display in this audiobook, but there are also many stories which show his imagination in full flight. This is the fifth and final volume in the collection, and includes some of Clarke's most accomplished work, including *Dog Star*, *The Light of Darkness* and *The Hammer of Gods*. Track Listing: CD 1: *Dog Star* read by Mike Grady Track 2 to 5, 16' 34 *Maelstrom II* read by Nick Boulton Track 6 to 13, 35' 54 *An Ape About the House* read by Buffy Davis Track 14 to end of Disc 1, 20' 48 CD 2: *The Shining Ones* read by Roger May Track 1 to 11, 45' 30 *The Secret* read by Mike Grady Track 13 to 14, 14' 45 *Dial F for Frankenstein* read by Nick Boulton Track 15 to end of Disc 2, 15' 08 CD 3: *The Wind From the Sun* read by Sean Barrett Track 1 to 13, 49' 00 *The Food of the Gods* read by Roger May Track 14 to 16, 12' 56 *The Last Command* read by Mike Grady Track 17 to end of Disc 3, 6' 20 CD 4: *The Light of Darkness* read by Nick Boulton Track 1 to 4, 14' 47 *The Longest Science-Fiction Story Ever Told* read by Sean Barrett Track 5, 1' 36 *Playback* read by Roger May Track 6 to 7, 7' 52 *The Cruel Sky* read by Mike Grady Track 8 to end of Disc 4, 48' 52 CD 5 and 6: *Herbert George Morley Roberts Wells, Esq* read by Nick Boulton Track 1 to 2, 5' 29 *Crusade* read by Sean Barrett Track 3 to 5, 13' 00 *Neutron Tide* read by Roger May Track 6, 4' 52 *Reunion* read by Mike Grady Track 7, 4' 46 *Transit of Earth* read by Nick Boulton Track 8 to 15, 33' 52 *A Meeting With Medusa* read by Sean Barrett Track 16 to Track 6 of Disc 7, 108' 32 CD 7:

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A story of the future, about a specially designed air vessel that sinks with its human cargo into a sea of dust in one of the craters of the moon.

In the year ten billion A.D., Diaspar is the last city on Earth. Ageless and unchanging, the inhabitants see no reason to be curious about the outside world. But one child, Alvin - only seventeen and the last person to be born in Diaspar - finds that he is increasingly drawn to what lies outside the city walls. Even though he knows the Invaders, who devastated the world, may still be out there... Later rewritten, expanded and republished as *The City and the Stars*, this early novella by one of the greats of science fiction remains a powerful and evocative depiction of the future of humanity...

A man discovers the planet's destiny in the ocean's depths in this near-future novel by one of the twentieth century's greatest science fiction authors. In the very near future, humanity has fully harnessed the sea's immense potential, employing advanced sonar technology to control and harvest untold resources for human consumption. It is a world

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where gigantic whale herds are tended by submariners and vast plankton farms stave off the threat of hunger. Former space engineer Walter Franklin has been assigned to a submarine patrol. Initially indifferent to his new station, if not bored by his daily routines, Walter soon becomes fascinated by the sea's mysteries. The more his explorations deepen, the more he comes to understand man's true place in nature—and the unique role he will soon play in humanity's future. A lasting testament to Arthur C. Clarke's prescient and powerful imagination, *The Deep Range* is a classic work of science fiction that remains deeply relevant to our times.

After twelve years trapped aboard a labyrinthine Raman vessel, three human cosmonauts learn their true destination and face a rendezvous with a Raman base. Reprint.

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Earth refugees threaten a peaceful space settlement in this influential novel from the Golden Age science fiction author of *2001: A Space Odyssey*. More than two thousand years in the future, a small human colony thrives on the ocean paradise of Thalassa—sent there centuries ago to continue the human race before Earth's destruction. Thalassa's resources are vast—and the human colony has lived a bucolic life there. But their existence is threatened when the spaceship *Magellan* arrives on their

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world—carrying one million refugees from Earth, fleeing the dying planet. Reputed to be Arthur C. Clarke’s favorite novel, *The Songs of Distant Earth* addresses several fascinating scientific questions unresolved in their time—including the question of why so few neutrinos from the sun have been measured on Earth. In addition, Clarke presents an inventive depiction of the use of vacuum energy to power spacecraft—and the technical logistics of space travel near the speed of light. “Clarke’s simple, musical style never falters in this sobering yet far from bleak commentary on humanity’s longing for the stars. Highly recommended.” —Library Journal

Short stories from the science fiction master—including the tale that inspired *2001: A Space Odyssey*. These stories present a brilliant showcase of Arthur C. Clarke’s many-layered approach to the moral dilemmas of scientific advancement—from the thrilling and brutal “*Breaking Strain*” to the more poetic and thoughtful “*Second Dawn*.” Also included is “*The Sentinel*”—the basis for the classic Stanley Kubrick film *2001: A Space Odyssey*. This outstanding collection reminds us that the author of *Childhood’s End* was not only a giant in the world of science fiction, a recipient of multiple Nebula and Hugo Awards, and an incomparable storyteller, but also a “skilled literary artist” (*Hartford Courant*). “I do not know of any short story that has

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moved me more than Arthur C. Clarke's 'If I Forget Thee, Oh Earth.'" —The Christian Science Monitor "Bantam Spectra science fiction"--Spine.

This "marvelous lunar espionage thriller" by the science fiction grandmaster and author of 2001: A Space Odyssey "packs plenty of punch" (SFReviews.net). Two hundred years after landing on the Moon, mankind has moved further out into the solar system. With permanent settlements now established on the Moon, Venus, and Mars, the inhabitants of these colonies have formed a political alliance called the Federation. On the Moon, a government agent from Earth is tracking a suspected spy at a prominent observatory. His mission is complicated by the rise in tensions between Earth's government and the Federation over access to rare heavy metals. As the agent finds himself locked in a battle for life and death on the eerie, lunar landscape, the larger conflict explodes across space, leaving mankind's future in doubt. First published in 1955, this suspense-filled space opera by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame inductee was a significant forerunner of television hits like Star Trek and The Expanse.

The Heinemann Plays series offers contemporary drama and classic plays in durable classroom editions. Many have large casts and an equal mix of boy and girl parts. This play is a dramatization of Daniel Keyes's story about a retarded adult who

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desperately wants to be able to read and write. A fast-moving mystery adventure by one of the world's greatest ever SF writers It is 2010. In two years' time it will be the centennial of the sinking of the Titanic. Two of the world's most powerful corporations race to raise the vessel but there are other powers at work, and chaos theory comes into play as plans progress - and six preserved bodies are found. This novel incorporates two of Arthur C. Clarke's passions - deep sea exploration and future technology - in a fast-moving tale of mystery and adventure. As operations proceed, the perfectly preserved body of a beautiful girl is found. She was not on the ship's passenger lists. The quest to uncover the secrets of the wreck and reclaim her becomes an obsession ... and for some, a fatal one. A science-fiction classic, *Rendezvous with Rama* is one of Arthur C. Clarke's best novels and a winner of the Hugo and Nebula awards.

"(Clarke) remains a master at describing the wonders of the material universe in sentences that combine a respect for scientific accuracy with an often startling lyricism".--"The New York Times Book Review". Here is one of his out-of-print classics now available in a new trade paperback edition.

Six classic science fiction stories and commentary that illustrate and explain key algorithms or principles of artificial intelligence. This book presents six classic science fiction stories and commentary that

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illustrate and explain key algorithms or principles of artificial intelligence. Even though all the stories were originally published before 1973, they help readers grapple with two questions that stir debate even today: how are intelligent robots programmed? and what are the limits of autonomous robots? The stories—by Isaac Asimov, Vernor Vinge, Brian Aldiss, and Philip K. Dick—cover telepresence, behavior-based robotics, deliberation, testing, human-robot interaction, the “uncanny valley,” natural language understanding, machine learning, and ethics. Each story is preceded by an introductory note, “As You Read the Story,” and followed by a discussion of its implications, “After You Have Read the Story.” Together with the commentary, the stories offer a nontechnical introduction to robotics. The stories can also be considered as a set of—admittedly fanciful—case studies to be read in conjunction with more serious study.

Contents “Stranger in Paradise” by Isaac Asimov, 1973 “Runaround” by Isaac Asimov, 1942 “Long Shot” by Vernor Vinge, 1972 “Catch That Rabbit” by Isaac Asimov, 1944 “Super-Toys Last All Summer Long” by Brian Aldiss, 1969 “Second Variety” by Philip K. Dick, 1953

The Ship has traveled the universe for longer than any of the near-immortal crew can recall, its true purpose and origins unknown. It is larger than many planets, housing thousands of alien races and just as many secrets. Now one of those secrets has

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been discovered: at the center of the Ship is . . . a planet. Marrow. But when a team of the Ship's best and brightest are sent down to investigate, will they return with the origins of the Ship--or will they bring doom to everyone on board? Robert Reed, whose fantastic stories have been filling all the major SF magazines for the past several years, spins a captivating tale of adventure and wonder on an incredible scale in this novel based on his acclaimed novella. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Hunter Blake, an inexperienced young colonist living in an off-world settlement in the twenty-fifth century, is kidnapped by "space pirates" and must decide whether his captors are ruthless bandits or freedom fighters. Reprint.

Cameron Leon is a newly-hired worker for the Forster Foundation, a world-wide charitable organization led by a reclusive billionaire. To get the job, Cameron has to join a church. However, Cameron, still mourning the recent death of his brother Peter, decides he will only pretend to get saved. In the process, he impersonates not only a Christian, but on occasion his brother. Cameron continues to receive tearful phone calls from Peters widow, Cecelia, who wants to hear her late husbands voice. Cameron, a born mimic like his brother, flawlessly impersonates him but feels the

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need for a personal kind of cleansing. In the end, Cameron discovers not only how many faces he has, but how many there are among the people around him. In the end, he finds he has been impersonating someone - or Someone - all along. According to Thornton, BRILLIANT DISGUISES grew from a longing to see the inner life of a Christian in a fictional setting. But the only way to make such a familiar setting appear unfamiliar to Christian readers was to have the story told by someone posing as one. Thornton says, Probably anyone who has attended an evangelical church, or any church for that matter, has a story of someone who volunteers for everything, is there for every service, has been a model of prayer and devotion for what seems like generations. It could be the Sunday School director or the lady who helps out in the kitchen or the organist. Then one Sunday, they come forward during the dedication and announce that they've never felt they were saved. I wondered how that could happen, and I figured it would help if we were dealing with a character who was a born mimic. Years after the appearance in the solar system of the immense, deserted spaceship named by its discoverers Rama, a second craft arrived, destined to become home for a group of human colonists. But now the colony has become a brutal dictatorship, committing genocide against its peaceful alien neighbours and terrorizing its own inhabitants. Nicole

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Wakefield, condemned to death for treason, has escaped and crossed the Cylindrical Sea to the island of mysterious skyscrapers which the humans call New York. There she is reunited with her husband, and soon they are joined by others of their family and friends. But pursuit is not far behind and they are forced to flee to the subterranean corridors of New York inhabited by the menacing octospiders.

From the author of *The Iron Druid Chronicles*, a thrilling novel that kicks off a fantasy series with an entirely new mythology—complete with shape-shifting bards, fire-wielding giants, and children who can speak to astonishing beasts “A spectacular work of epic fantasy . . . an absolute delight.”—Shelf Awareness

**MOTHER AND WARRIOR** Tallynd is a soldier who has already survived her toughest battle: losing her husband. But now she finds herself on the front lines of an invasion of giants, intent on wiping out the entire kingdom, including Tallynd’s two sons—all that she has left. The stakes have never been higher. If Tallynd fails, her boys may never become men.

**SCHOLAR AND SPY** Dervan is an historian who longs for a simple, quiet life. But he’s drawn into intrigue when he’s hired to record the tales of a mysterious bard who may be a spy or even an assassin for a rival kingdom. As the bard shares his fantastical stories, Dervan makes a shocking discovery: He may have a connection to the tales,

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one that will bring his own secrets to light. REBEL AND HERO Abhi's family have always been hunters, but Abhi wants to choose a different life for himself. Embarking on a journey of self-discovery, Abhi soon learns that his destiny is far greater than he imagined: a powerful new magic thrust upon him may hold the key to defeating the giants once and for all—if it doesn't destroy him first. Set in a magical world of terror and wonder, this novel is a deeply felt epic of courage and war, in which the fates of these characters intertwine—and where ordinary people become heroes, and their lives become legend. Don't miss any of Kevin Hearne's action-packed Seven Kennings series A PLAGUE OF GIANTS • A BLIGHT OF BLACKWINGS • A CURSE OF KRAKENS (Coming Later!)

In the year 2130 a mysterious spaceship, Rama, arrived in the solar system. It was huge - big enough to contain a city and a sea - and empty, apparently abandoned. By the time Rama departed for its next, unknown, destination many wonders had been uncovered, but few mysteries solved. Only one thing was clear: everything the enigmatic builders of Rama did, they did in threes. Eighty years later the second alien craft arrived in the solar system. This time, Earth had been waiting. But all the years of preparation were not enough to unlock the Raman enigma. Now Rama II is on its way out of the solar system. Aboard it are three humans, two men and a

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woman, left behind when the expedition departed. Ahead of them lies the unknown, a voyage no human has ever experienced. And at the end of it - and who could tell how many years away that might be? - may lie the truth about Rama...

A massive alien starship carries its human passengers to the end of their generations-long odyssey and toward an epic confrontation with the mysterious Ramans. Reprint.

Clarke's short story upon which the movie was based is presented together with stills from the film, critical reviews, and notes on its production

The technologically groundbreaking novel of space exploration from the only science fiction author nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. Roy Malcolm has always been fascinated by space travel. And when he wins a voyage to the Inner Space Station as a game show prize, he's sure it's the trip of a lifetime. Before long, Roy is taken in by the young crew—and shares their adventures and lives. One of Arthur C. Clarke's earliest novels, *Islands in the Sky* is particularly noteworthy for its description of geostationary communications satellites. While this technology was nonexistent during the writing of this book, it later became commonplace—and Clarke is credited with the first practical descriptions of such technology. This book is compelling not just as a fictional tale, but as an example of the prescient power of Clarke's vision. “[Clarke is] one of the truly

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prophetic figures of the space age.” —The New Yorker

I want someone to love all of me, even my secrets... Abby works as a receptionist at a clinic for an orthopedic surgeon named Ethan. Being betrayed by a former lover has given her a distrust towards men, but for some reason, Ethan also holds a disgust towards women. One day, he asks her to accompany her on a trip...and offers to pay her to pretend to be his lover. Without thinking, she instinctively turns him down. However, something unforeseen happens. Her beloved teacher is the victim of a robbery and has lost a huge sum of money. Her desire to help leads her to her decision. She will accept Ethan's offer. She never thought that she would have her heart stolen once again...

Magic exists beneath our feet, if we only know where to look ... Growing up in a New York orphanage, Ayla has no idea who her family is. It is not until she comes to Ireland that she finds out just how deep her roots really are. Then her past rises up to haunt her and seeks to destroy her as Ayla is abducted and buried alive in the bowels of the earth. Above ground, her three best friends set out to find and save her from a fate that has been lying in wait for centuries. Guided by Ayla's uncles, they must make a treacherous journey that takes them down among the very roots of time.

Six decades of fascinating stories from the legendary “colossus of science fiction” and creator of 2001: A Space Odyssey gathered in one compendium (The New

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Yorker). Arthur C. Clarke, along with H. G. Wells, Isaac Asimov, and Robert A. Heinlein, was a definitive voice in twentieth century science fiction. A prophetic thinker, undersea explorer, and “one of the true geniuses of our time,” Clarke not only won the highest science fiction honors, the Nebula and Hugo Awards, but also received nominations for an Academy Award and the Nobel Peace Prize, and was knighted for his services to literature (Ray Bradbury). Now, more than one hundred works of the sci-fi master’s short fiction are available in the “single-author collection of the decade” (Booklist, starred review). This definitive edition includes early work such as “Rescue Party” and “The Lion of Comarre,” classics like “The Nine Billion Names of God” and “The Sentinel” (which was the kernel of the later novel and movie, 2001: A Space Odyssey), and later works including “A Meeting with Medusa” and “The Hammer of God.” Encapsulating one of the great science fiction careers of all time, this immense volume “displays the author’s fertile imagination and irrepressible enthusiasm for both good storytelling and impeccable science” (Library Journal). “One of the most astounding imaginations ever encountered in print.” —The New York Times “As his Collected Stories helps to demonstrate, there has been no popular writer since the days of C S Lewis and Charles Williams whose disposition is more nakedly apocalyptic, who takes greater pleasure in cradling eternity in the palm of his hand.” —The Guardian In the Retro Hugo Award–nominated novel that inspired the Syfy miniseries, alien invaders bring peace to Earth—at a grave price: “A first-rate tour de force” (The

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New York Times). In the near future, enormous silver spaceships appear without warning over mankind's largest cities. They belong to the Overlords, an alien race far superior to humanity in technological development. Their purpose is to dominate Earth. Their demands, however, are surprisingly benevolent: end war, poverty, and cruelty. Their presence, rather than signaling the end of humanity, ushers in a golden age . . . or so it seems. Without conflict, human culture and progress stagnate. As the years pass, it becomes clear that the Overlords have a hidden agenda for the evolution of the human race that may not be as benevolent as it seems. "Frighteningly logical, believable, and grimly prophetic . . . Clarke is a master." —Los Angeles Times

A mysterious glowing orb appears over Central Asia, ripping the Earth into conflicting eras of the past, present, and future, mingling UN peacekeepers from the year 2037 with military forces from past eras.

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