## Get in early for Christmas

Budgeting for Christmas can be a bit tricky so we've outlined some gift suggestions based on budget guidelines. Hope they help with your planning... and don't forget to keep an eye out for our monthly specials, which many people use to strategically get ahead!

An added budget bonus is our offer of free post on orders of \$50.00 and over (for delivery within Australia) until Christmas.

#### Is \$20.00 your limit for gifts?

Relieve the stress of Christmas and have a giggle with **Letters To Santa** for just \$10.00.

A month's worth of **Cactus** for just \$12.00 (download only) – choose your favourite month and go from there...

**Early Cactus** – covers the beginnings of *How Green Was My Cactus* and King Bonza's four terms in office, including the 1988 Bicentenary. \$20.00 each, although you could make it a 'team effort' and buy all five for the price of four.

**Grace Gibson Radio Classics** – Assorted Collection, Crime & Mystery or Dramas & Serials – a variety to choose from. Great gift idea for people who want a taste of their favourite shows, without having to commit to the whole series. Just \$20.00 each – click on the 'Listen' tab and get an idea of what's in each release.

# Nudging the budget up a bit to \$30.00 and under?

Perhaps a book or two at just \$25.00 each – A Theatre In My Mind; Yes, Miss Gibson, or The Makepeace Chronicle.

A short crime audio drama, **Unknown Quantity** also at a low \$25.00.

Then again a good laugh with Keith Scott may be the answer – we are lucky enough to have two of Keith's CD releases – **The Voices in My Head Won't Stop**, and Keith singing **21st Century Blues** (which comes with its own song book). \$25.00 each.

And, of course, there's **Yes, What?** a true Aussie comedy classic. Each volume has 20 episodes, and they're \$30.00 per volume. A great way to get someone started on their collecting journey!



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#### Maybe a more generous \$40.00 and under?

The **Castlereagh Line** is Grace Gibson Productions' most popular drama – and with 910 episodes to the series, it's quite a listening commitment! Available in batches of 65 episodes, most people start with a couple and then build up their collection (usually courtesy of gifts received for birthdays, Christmas, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, etc).

The multi-award winning political and social satire **How Green Was My Cactus** is Australia's longest running radio show (in ongoing production), having now exceeded 32 years worth of laughs and home truths. You can buy the 'Best Of' individual years from 1999, containing 100 tracks, for \$35.00 each. (We're finding quite a few people revisiting the year encompassing Kevin '07)

**The Passing Parade** is another perennial favourite – we currently have 20 volumes available, each containing 50 separate tales. Each release is \$35.00. Also in this genre is **Exciting Lives** – each 24 minute (approx) episode is the dramatised tale of a famous (or sometimes infamous) person. \$35.00 each.

Still on perennial favourites, word is getting out about our recently released **Life With Dexter**. So many memories, so many quotable quotes – and still very relatable for so many people. \$35.00 per volume.

Prefer to listen to self-contained stories, wherein the hero/heroine has a different adventure in each episode? The 'half hour' series may be the answer – and there are lots of multi volume ones to choose from... Address Unknown, Crime Fighters, Dangerous Assignment, Danger Is My Business, For The Defence, Hunt The Man Down, Night Beat, The Shadow, Under Arrest, and Verdict. Just go to the 'Listen' tab on the website to hear sample audio and determine which one/s appeal the most.

There's also a variety of shorter episode dramas which contain 65 x 6 minute (approx) episodes. Some of these are **The Way Of The Cat**, **Without Shame**, **My Father's House**, **Goodbye Gwynnevere**, **Heir Apparent**, **I Killed Grace Random**, **The Pecking Order** and **Forever Is A Long Time**.

52 x 12 minute (approx) dramas are another option – titles such as **Danger In Paradise**, **The Strange Life of Deacon Brodie** (think Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde), **Escape Me Never**, **The Far Country**, and **Green Dolphin Country**.

And, of course, there are our favourite 'super heroes', or 'spoof heroes' – **Chickenman** and **The Tooth Fairy**. Each volume has 65 episodes costing just \$35.00. Alternatively you may wish to consider the entire collection of each – **Chickenman Collection** is \$140.00 (meaning you get 5 volumes for the price of 4), and **The Tooth Fairy Collection** is \$85.00 (a saving of \$20.00)





#### Rounding out at \$50.00 and under?

Where do we start? There are so many dramas containing 104 or 130 episodes in this price range. Let's look them by genre...

'Crime & Mystery' is by far the most popular genre — and the **Adventures of Major Gregory Keen** is the standout series amongst these. Individually each of these adventures is \$45.00, however given their popularity we now offer a package deal of all 5 for the price of 4 (if they're all bought in one order). Author of this series, Lindsay Hardy, also wrote some other great mysteries, such as **Stranger In Paradise**, **A Mask For Alexis** and **Walk A Crooked Mile**, each \$45.00.

Other favourites in the 'Crime & Mystery' genre include **The Man From Mi5**, **Philip Marlowe Investigates**, **Undercover**, **From Paris With Love** and the Portia Manning collection which includes **The Haverlock Affair**, **Partners In Jeopardy**, **The Silent Witness** and **The Seed of Evil**, followed by those ones where Portia makes a 'guest appearance' – **Violets Are Blue**, **Thirty Days Hath September** and **Clayton Place**. A package buy of \$150.00 is available for the first four Portia titles listed here (a saving of \$35.00).

In terms of General Drama, it's hard to pinpoint a favourite, hence we'll list a few...The House of Gold, Give Me No Pity, For Infamous Conduct, A Relative Affair, Harvest Of Hate, I Christopher Macaulay, The Red Gardenia...ok, we'll stop there or we'll list half the catalogue!

We also have a following for historical and biblical dramas – **Tudor Princess/Tudor Queen**, covering the Life of Queen Elizabeth I, has evoked interest of late (perhaps due to all the coverage of the Royal family in the last year or so). Strong female characters during the Australian convict/European settlement era also has a following, with **Sara Dane** and **The Legend of Kathie Warren** topping the list there.

For those who prefer a traditional Christian approach, we have the Religious Bundle – **Judith** (a woman of vengeance in Biblical times), **The Robe** (what happened to Christ's robe following his death) and **The Big Fisherman** (the story of Peter). Individually they're \$45.00 each, or as a 'package buy', just \$90.00 for the three.

Don't forget all our shows are now also available as downloads. Because these are such large files, they tend to be best downloaded to your computer, opened and then transferred to your phone or tablet. That said, there are a number of apps that you can use which allow you to download the zipped file directly.

#### **Beyond \$50.00**

Some people prefer a 'long listen', especially if they do a lot of driving, are commuting, going on a long flight or cruise, recuperating from illness, or just a fan of a particular show.

Shows like **Cattleman**, **This Time Forever** and the aforementioned **Legend Of Kathie Warren** (which strongly fit in the Australiana genre) top the list of 208 episodes series. **Thunder In The Straight** and **Close To My Heart** are newer additions to this 'long listen' category.

Then there's the ultimate gift for a **Cactus** fan – almost 1900 tracks (yes, that's right, almost one thousand, nine hundred) for \$350.00. **The Best of Cactus' Package** covers 1999, 2001, 2002...all the way to 2018\* with the 100 best tracks of each year. \*Please note the 'Best Of' 2018 will be available mid December.



So, there you have it – our very comprehensive list of gift suggestions, via price range.

Please bear in mind there are **many more options in our catalogue** and new shows are regularly added to our line-up.

Go to the 'Listen' tab on our website to hear samples of any/all shows that interest you, or give us a call on (02) 9906-2244 to get the latest **Sample CD** sent out to you.

Happy planning – and happy shopping!

### **Order Options:**

Website: **gracegibsonradio.com** and use the Paypal secure payment system or phone us on (02) **9906-2244** with credit card details, or fax (02) 9906-2114, or send a cheque or money order to: **Grace Gibson Productions, PO Box** 7377, **Leura NSW 2780.** 

If sending a cheque or money order please ensure you nominate what you are ordering and include your address details for dispatch. If you do not wish to receive further updates, please email us at **info@gracegibsonradio.com** with REMOVE in the title line and include your details, or phone us on (02) 9906-2244 or fax on (02) 9906-2114.

#### A Few Important Notes... Please Consider Carefully Before Ordering:

mp3 Format CDs - these may not play in older CD players

Audio Quality - Whilst we go to great lengths to ensure the audio quality we offer is the best we possibly can - including processing our material through the worlds best audio processing from CEDAR Cambridge - the programs offered herein have, in many instances, been retrieved from original recordings produced on 16 inch, 12 inch and 10 inch record albums and may therefore reflect the recording and reproduction fidelity of their times. In offering these programs for sale to the general public, we cannot accept responsibility, nor offer refunds, for any disappointment with the audio quality that some of these serials may exhibit.