



AUDIBLE EXCLUSIVELY RELEASES H.R.F. KEATING'S UNDISCOVERED MANUSCRIPT *A KIND OF LIGHT*

Conrad inspired novel discovered and narrated by his widow, Sheila Mitchell

London, 6th September 2016 – Audible, the world's largest retailer and producer of spoken-word audio programming, exclusively debuts *A Kind Of Light*, an undiscovered novel from legendary crime writer H.R.F. Keating. Found by his widow, Sheila Mitchell, five years after the author's death, this last manuscript has been beautifully brought to life as an audio-only story narrated by Ms Mitchell herself.

Best known for his *Inspector Ghote* series, Keating won two CWA Gold Daggers and a CWA Diamond Dagger for his writing. During his lifetime he also served as Chairman of the Crime Writers Association, President of the Detection Club and Chairman of the Society of Authors. The text, complete with handwritten notes from the author, was found by Ms Mitchell whilst she was clearing out her late husband's writing desk.

Sheila Mitchell, who started reading books and short stories for BBC Radio in the 1950s, said: "Harry had quite an impish sense of humour so possibly he planned a posthumous discovery to give us a final mystery to solve – why an unpublished script? It's a wonderful, multi-layered story and the brilliant characterisation and dialogue make it ideal for audio. I can't wait to share it with old fans and new listeners alike."

Shaped by the preoccupations and stereotypes of its day, *A Kind of Light* draws significantly from Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* – the manuscript's title is borrowed from Marlow's description of his journey into the heart of the Congo. As with Conrad's story the central action of Keating's fiction takes place deep in the jungles of central Africa. Two narratives – one, a series of diary entries from Victorian gentlewoman Thomasina le Mesurier; the other, a filming expedition by David Teigh and Teresa Olivia Mountjoy – densely intertwine throughout, mirroring the thick jungle of their setting.



Tracey Markham, UK Country Manager at Audible, said: “A hidden manuscript, unearthed from some secret corner of the author’s study half a decade after his death; it’s a story Keating himself would be proud of. We can’t wait to share this work with listeners as an audio-exclusive.”

A Kind Of Light is available worldwide now. New listeners can enjoy *A Kind Of Light* for free by signing up for Audible’s 30-day trial.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-41hLpXHXWQ>

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