

George Eliot

ADAM BEDE

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George Eliot's first full-length novel, *Adam Bede*, is a profound rendering of 19th-century English pastoral life.

This timeless story of seduction and betrayal follows the earnest carpenter Adam Bede, who has set his heart on the all-too-beautiful Hetty Sorrell. But Hetty is attracted to the fickle squire Arthur Donnithorne, whose dalliance with the young woman precipitates a series of unforeseen events...

Eliot's gift for leisurely and lyrical prose is in full effect here and her insight into human emotion and complexity is unrivalled.

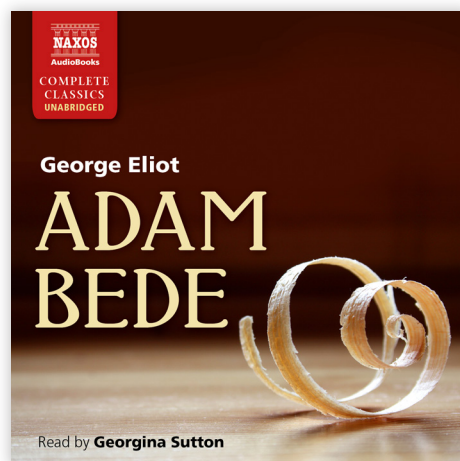


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| 2 | 1-2 | 'Come, Ben,' said Adam, rather sternly... | 5:36 |
| 3 | 1-3 | Seth looked a little conscious... | 5:06 |
| 4 | 1-4 | Chapter II: The Preaching | 6:31 |
| 5 | 1-5 | 'Well, I wish I had time to wait and see her...' | 7:52 |
| 6 | 1-6 | But both styles of wit were treated... | 8:00 |
| 7 | 1-7 | She held no book in her ungloved hands... | 9:44 |
| 8 | 1-8 | Then Dinah told how the good news... | 6:33 |
| 9 | 1-9 | There was many a responsive sigh and groan... | 6:55 |
| 10 | 1-10 | Poor Bessy's wide-open black eyes... | 5:09 |
| 11 | 1-11 | Chapter III: After the Preaching | 7:41 |
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| 14 | 2-3 | Lisbeth dared not say any more... | 7:20 |
| 15 | 2-4 | 'But, Mother, thee know'st we canna love...' | 7:31 |
| 16 | 2-5 | Those were happy days, especially when Seth... | 7:04 |
| 17 | 2-6 | 'Now, lad,' said Adam, as Seth... | 5:41 |
| 18 | 2-7 | Chapter V: The Rector | 6:52 |
| 19 | 2-8 | It is very pleasant to see some men turn round... | 8:35 |
| 20 | 2-9 | 'Ah, sir, but when he comes to church...' | 8:59 |
| 21 | 2-10 | 'Miss Irwine told Bridget to take her lunch...' | 9:57 |
| 22 | 3-1 | See the difference between the impression... | 5:48 |
| 23 | 3-2 | Chapter VI: The Hall Farm | 9:02 |
| 24 | 3-3 | The fact that it was churning day... | 7:10 |
| 25 | 3-4 | 'I don't know how, child...' | 7:04 |
| 26 | 3-5 | 'Why, sir, you can hardly miss him...' | 4:13 |
| 27 | 3-6 | Chapter VII: The Dairy | 5:48 |
| 28 | 3-7 | 'I hope you will be ready for a great holiday...' | 6:19 |
| 29 | 3-8 | Chapter VIII: A Vocation | 9:35 |
| 30 | 3-9 | 'Very quiet, sir, but I saw no signs...' | 9:02 |

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| 31 | 3-10 | Chapter IX: Hetty's World | 5:40 |
| 32 | 3-11 | These expressions, though figurative... | 7:43 |
| 33 | 4-1 | Arthur knew the rector too well... | 3:14 |
| 34 | 4-2 | Chapter X: Dinah Visits Lisbeth | 8:30 |
| 35 | 4-3 | Adam was seated on a rough bench... | 5:42 |
| 36 | 4-4 | Lisbeth had been rocking herself in this way... | 7:43 |
| 37 | 4-5 | 'What!' said Lisbeth, taking the cup... | 6:26 |
| 38 | 4-6 | Chapter XI: In the Cottage | 9:53 |
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| 40 | 4-8 | Chapter XII: In the Wood | 6:57 |
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| 42 | 4-10 | Arthur strolled along carelessly... | 5:54 |
| 43 | 4-11 | Such young unfurrowed souls... | 4:31 |
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| 46 | 5-3 | Chapter XIV: The Return Home | 7:35 |
| 47 | 5-4 | The barking had its effect in the house... | 6:57 |
| 48 | 5-5 | 'Come, Hetty,' said Martin Poyser... | 5:55 |
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| 50 | 5-7 | How pretty the little puss looks... | 9:09 |
| 51 | 5-8 | It is generally a feminine eye that first detects... | 6:53 |
| 52 | 5-9 | By the time Dinah had undressed... | 8:17 |
| 53 | 5-10 | Chapter XVI: Links | 6:11 |
| 54 | 5-11 | Towards the young squire this instinctive... | 6:35 |
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| 56 | 6-2 | Arthur winced under this speech... | 8:55 |
| 57 | 6-3 | Book Two: Chapter XVII | 6:47 |
| 58 | 6-4 | But bless us, things may be lovable... | 6:14 |
| 59 | 6-5 | 'But,' said Adam, 'I've seen pretty clear...' | 6:52 |
| 60 | 6-6 | Adam, you perceive, was a warm admirer... | 3:27 |



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| 61 | 6-7 | Chapter XVIII: Church | 5:53 |
| 62 | 6-8 | 'They'll ha' putten Thias Bede i' the ground...' | 7:28 |
| 63 | 6-9 | 'It's no use thinking o' that,' said Mrs Poyser. | 8:27 |
| 64 | 6-10 | Chad Cranage looks like quite a new... | 7:58 |
| 65 | 6-11 | I think, as Mr Irwine looked round to-day... | 8:33 |
| 66 | 7-1 | The mother and sons listened... | 7:26 |
| 67 | 7-2 | Mr Poyser paused and looked round... | 8:31 |
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| 69 | 7-4 | But it was Adam's strength... | 8:54 |
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| 71 | 7-6 | Mrs Poyser was not to be caught... | 8:17 |
| 72 | 7-7 | Hetty bending over the red bunches... | 6:14 |
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| 78 | 8-3 | Vixen returned to her hamper again... | 7:36 |
| 79 | 8-4 | 'That's likely enough, that's likely enough,'... | 5:23 |
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| 82 | 8-7 | The aged group, under care of sons... | 9:11 |
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| 87 | 9-1 | As Mr Irwine paused, Arthur jumped up... | 5:55 |
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| 89 | 9-3 | Bessy, I am sorry to say... | 9:29 |
| 90 | 9-4 | Chapter XXVI: The Dance | 7:39 |
| 91 | 9-5 | 'There's the big clock strikin' eight,'... | 9:48 |
| 92 | 9-6 | Adam had already seen where the locket fell... | 8:23 |
| 93 | 9-7 | Book Four: Chapter XXVII | 8:09 |
| 94 | 9-8 | The buildings of the Chase Farm... | 5:42 |
| 95 | 9-9 | Adam was still motionless, looking at him... | 5:40 |
| 96 | 9-10 | 'Well, Adam,' he said... | 7:12 |
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| 98 | 10-2 | Arthur wanted to go home... | 8:41 |
| 99 | 10-3 | Chapter XXIX: The Next Morning | 8:42 |
| 100 | 10-4 | No man can escape this vitiating effect... | 8:53 |
| 101 | 10-5 | Chapter XXX: The Delivery of the Letter | 7:42 |
| 102 | 10-6 | 'You've no right to say as I love him,'... | 6:11 |
| 103 | 10-7 | How busy his thoughts were... | 7:58 |
| 104 | 10-8 | 'My heart is knit to your aged mother...' | 6:34 |
| 105 | 10-9 | Chapter XXXI: In Hetty's Bed-Chamber | 8:17 |
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| 107 | 11-1 | It was seldom the old man | 6:13 |
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| 109 | 11-3 | 'And now, Poyser, as Satchell is laid up...' | 6:45 |
| 110 | 11-4 | To be thrust out of the discussion in this way... | 4:53 |
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| 119 | 12-1 | When at last she reached Stony... | 5:17 |
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| 121 | 12-3 | The good landlady was amazed... | 8:27 |
| 122 | 12-4 | At last she was among the fields... | 7:49 |
| 123 | 12-5 | Hetty trembled still worse under this real fear... | 5:15 |
| 124 | 12-6 | Chapter XXXVIII: The Quest | 8:11 |
| 125 | 12-7 | 'Is Dinah Morris at home?' said Adam. | 8:30 |
| 126 | 12-8 | At Stoniton another delay occurred... | 8:19 |
| 127 | 12-9 | Seth was pale and trembling... | 8:05 |
| 128 | 12-10 | Chapter XXXIX: The Tidings | 7:26 |
| 129 | 13-1 | During Adam's narrative, Mr Irwine... | 9:42 |
| 130 | 13-2 | Chapter XL: The Bitter Waters Spread | 6:60 |
| 131 | 13-3 | 'Don't fret so, father,' said Mrs Poyser... | 6:01 |
| 132 | 13-4 | 'Well, Bartle?' said Mr Irwine... | 6:50 |
| 133 | 13-5 | Chapter XLI: The Eve of the Trial | 5:57 |
| 134 | 13-6 | Adam's voice had been gradually sinking... | 6:00 |
| 135 | 13-7 | Chapter XLII: The Morning of the Trial | 5:36 |
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| 142 | 14-3 | 'Hetty,' she said gently, 'do you know...' | 9:17 |
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| 144 | 14-5 | Chapter XLVI: The Hours of Suspense | 7:38 |
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| 149 | 14-10 | There was silence for several minutes... | 6:56 |
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| 152 | 15-3 | Adam saw that Dinah was more disturbed... | 5:59 |
| 153 | 15-4 | Chapter L: In the Cottage | 7:37 |
| 154 | 15-5 | Dinah was moving away, but Lisbeth held... | 9:39 |
| 155 | 15-6 | This self-reproof had recurred strongly... | 9:17 |
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| 157 | 15-8 | Sunday morning was the happiest time... | 6:13 |
| 158 | 15-9 | Adam was silent, and tried to go on reading. | 7:27 |
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| 160 | 16-1 | Chapter LII: Adam and Dinah | 6:49 |
| 161 | 16-2 | 'Adam, my mind is full of questionings...' | 6:57 |
| 162 | 16-3 | 'Hey-day! There's Adam along wi' Dinah,'... | 6:30 |
| 163 | 16-4 | Chapter LIII: The Harvest Supper | 5:32 |
| 164 | 16-5 | Tom excepted, Martin Poyser had some pride... | 8:11 |
| 165 | 16-6 | To any listener outside the door... | 8:43 |
| 166 | 16-7 | 'No, Mr Massey,' said Adam. | 7:04 |
| 167 | 16-8 | Chapter LIV: The Meeting on the Hill | 5:13 |
| 168 | 16-9 | Something like this sense of enlarged being... | 7:16 |
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