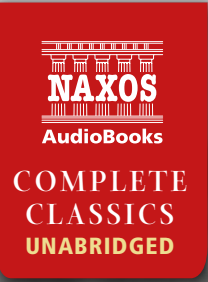


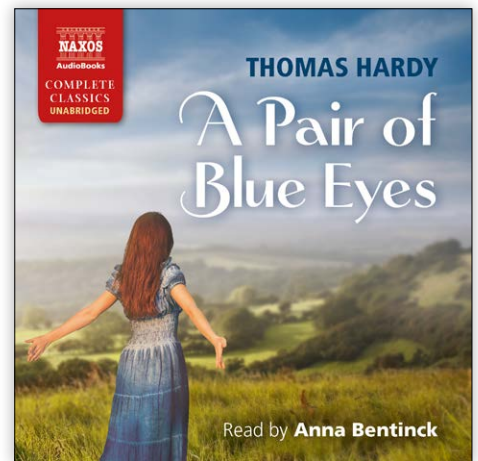
THOMAS HARDY

A Pair of Blue Eyes

Read by **Anna Bentinck**



Hardy's third novel, *A Pair of Blue Eyes*, follows the story of Elfride Swancourt. The daughter of the Rector of Endelstow, a sparse sea-swept parish in Cornwall, Elfride is caught between two suitors of very different backgrounds: Stephen Smith, a young architect restoring the old parish church, and the respectable, older man of London society, Henry Knight. The blue-eyed and high-spirited protagonist must untangle the conflicting messages of her heart and her mind.



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48	7-1	Chapter 19	8:28
49	7-2	They came out of the church...	6:59
50	7-3	She made this remark with embarrassment...	8:48
51	7-4	Chapter 20	7:54
52	7-5	Notwithstanding that he had concocted...	7:48
53	7-6	The journey was along a road by neutral green...	8:24
54	7-7	The passing of a heavy shower was the next...	6:11
55	7-8	'Do you remember, darling...?'	11:16
56	7-9	Chapter 21	9:24
57	8-1	'Over that edge,' said Knight...	13:01
58	8-2	Chapter 22	8:00
59	8-3	Such a way of thinking had been absurd...	7:28
60	8-4	Knight's upward look at Elfride was of a nature...	11:19
61	8-5	Chapter 23	8:24
62	8-6	When they had entered, and Stephen had...	6:43
63	8-7	'John digs round the roots, you know.'	8:36
64	8-8	'I do so; though 'twas a good few years ago...'	7:52
65	8-9	Chapter 24	3:56
66	9-1	He thought of the night when he had sat...	5:21
67	9-2	Chapter 25	8:23
68	9-3	Their two foreheads were close together...	5:42
69	9-4	The suddenness of Elfride's renunciation...	8:21
70	9-5	Chapter 26	8:09
71	9-6	'Tis a strange thought,' said another...	8:28
72	9-7	Chapter 27	7:49
73	9-8	The match was looked upon as made by her...	10:40
74	9-9	Stephen had read the position at a glance...	10:42
75	10-1	'I congratulate you,' Stephen whispered...	9:38
76	10-2	Chapter 28	8:04
77	10-3	'O Mrs Jethway, you do think so mistakenly!'	10:07



78	10-4	Now, though it may seem unlikely...	9:19
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80	10-6	The object of their search was soon after...	8:45
81	10-7	Elfride slept soundly that night.	8:56
82	10-8	Elfride raised herself higher and looked out...	12:20
83	11-1	So Elfride had allowed her thoughts...	7:51
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86	11-4	With a look of relief and regret combined...	10:02
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91	12-1	Chapter 33	8:13
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93	12-3	Chapter 34	9:13
94	12-4	'Will you forgive me if I tell you all?'	11:33
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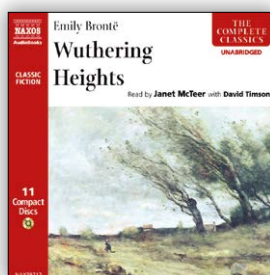
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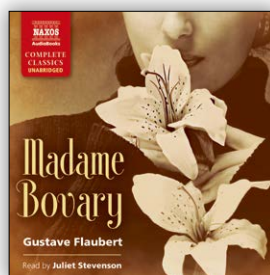
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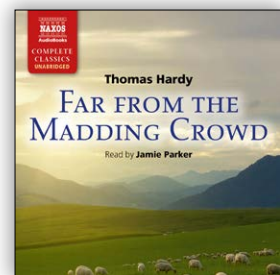
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