

The Dead Secret

WILKIE COLLINS

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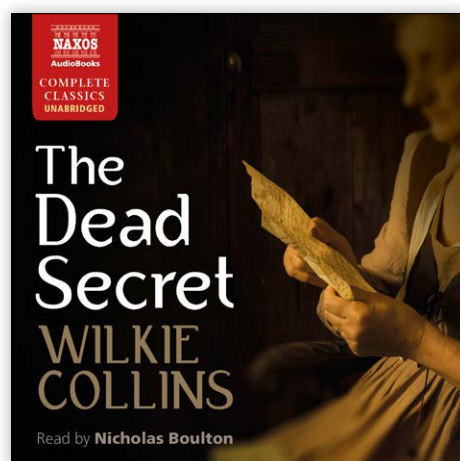
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A masterful blend of Gothic drama and romance, Wilkie Collins's mystery novel is an exploration of illegitimacy and inheritance. Set in Cornwall, the plot foreshadows *The Woman in White* with its themes of doubtful identity and deception, and involves a broad array of characters. The 'secret' of the book's title is the true parentage of the book's heroine, Rosamond Treverton, which has been written down and kept in an unused room at Porthgenna Tower. This is where, 20 years later, much of the novel's action is set.



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1	The Dead Secret	10:41	27	Chapter 6: Another Surprise	14:24
2	Mrs Treverton's bed-chamber was a large, lofty room...	11:46	28	Book 4. Chapter 1: A Plot Against the Secret	7:58
3	Sarah started to her feet with a faint scream.	12:57	29	Uncle Joseph shook his head at these last words, and...	12:21
4	Chapter 2: The Child	11:25	30	Uncle Joseph looked all round the room inquiringly...	9:03
5	Chapter 3: The Hiding of the Secret	9:49	31	'Ah! we are getting back into the straight road at last.'	8:24
6	She knelt down, putting the letter on the boards...	11:10	32	Chapter 2: Outside the House	9:32
7	Book 2. Chapter 1: Fifteen Years After	10:21	33	Throughout the whole journey, Uncle Joseph had not...	11:48
8	On the characteristic peculiarities of Miss Sturch's...	11:16	34	They proceeded down the path without another...	14:24
9	'Scarcely an accident,' said Doctor Chennerly.	9:13	35	Chapter 3: Inside the House	10:44
10	Chapter 2: The Sale of Porthgenna Tower	13:19	36	With those words, Mr Munder turned solemnly into...	14:11
11	'Captain Treverton was naturally a little astonished...'	13:59	37	The lady in the quiet dress had vanished.	14:19
12	Chapter 3: The Bride and Bridegroom	13:54	38	Chapter 4: Mr Munder on the Seat of Judgement	11:29
13	While Mrs Frankland was conferring the reward...	9:57	39	Mr Munder paused, to let that last irresistible appeal...	12:15
14	Rosamond opened the letter, drew a stool to her...	12:06	40	Uncle Joseph's ruddy cheeks suddenly deepened in...	11:01
15	Book 3. Chapter 1: Timon of London	9:30	41	Chapter 5: Mozart Plays Farewell	8:52
16	The life these two led approached as nearly to the...	10:28	42	The tears filled her eyes and shut out the view.	11:45
17	Shrowl shifted the gridiron to a clear place in the fire...	10:41	43	Uncle Joseph rose from the sofa, and walked gently...	12:15
18	Chapter 2: Will They Come?	10:12	44	Book 5. Chapter 1: An Old Friend and a New...	8:02
19	Chapter 3: Mrs Jazeph	10:41	45	Mr Frankland readily agreed to his wife's suggestion...	7:51
20	Mrs Jazeph, standing just inside the door, looked...	12:31	46	Chapter 2: The Beginning of the End	10:24
21	Chapter 4: The New Nurse	11:11	47	Before removing to another position, and contending...	8:51
22	When he first caught sight of her, her hands were...	11:45	48	Chapter 3: Approaching the Precipice	12:28
23	Fearing that she must have lost a child of her own...	12:42	49	The examination of the housekeeper and the steward...	13:07
24	At that answer, Mrs Jazeph abruptly turned away...	14:00	50	Chapter 4: Standing on the Brink	10:28
25	Chapter 5: A Council of Three	8:13	51	They went into the north garden, and there...	9:01
26	'Suppose you tell us, my dear, what led you to...'	8:05	52	Chapter 5: The Myrtle Room	12:33

53	Rosamond retraced her steps to the place where he...	11:11	63	Chapter 3: The Story of the Past	11:27
54	Rosamond ran to her husband, seeing him start...	11:51	64	'As Sarah began with me,' he said, 'so I, for my part...'	14:45
55	Chapter 6: The Telling of the Secret	10:57	65	At this point he broke the thread of the narrative...	12:42
56	'And what is your idea, Rosamond?' he asked.	12:41	66	Chapter 4: The Close of Day	11:03
57	Book 6. Chapter 1: Uncle Joseph	11:44	67	Rosamond checked the tears that were rising in her...	14:49
58	Rosamond nestled closer to her husband's side.	11:23	68	She looked across the bed at the table on the other...	13:49
59	'I pity her with my whole heart,' said Rosamond...	12:20	69	Chapter 5: Forty Thousand Pounds	8:32
60	Chapter 2: Waiting and Hoping	11:00	70	Rosamond had written the address of this second...	11:36
61	Having heard the lawyer's objections to the end...	12:44	71	Chapter 6: The Dawn of a New Life	5:20
62	The residence of the doctor was at some little...	10:50			

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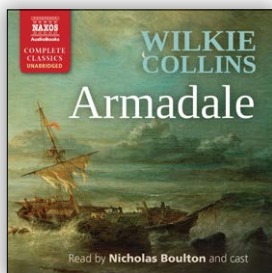
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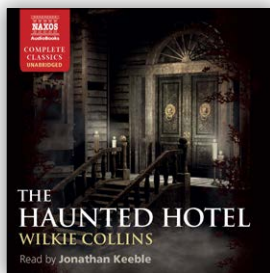
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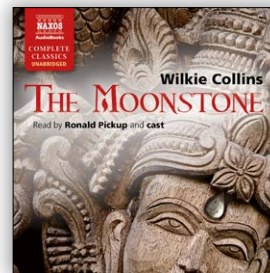


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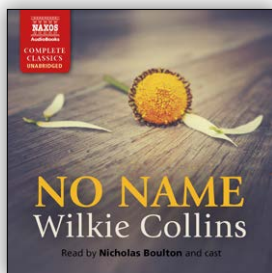
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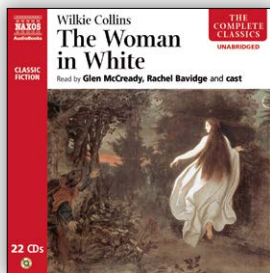


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