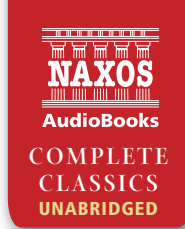


Thomas Hardy

The Return of the Native

Read by **Nicholas Rowe**



© 2014 Naxos AudioBooks Ltd.
© 2014 Naxos AudioBooks Ltd.
Made in England.

Total time
13:38:29

11 CDs
NA0168

In the remote wildness of Egdon Heath, the crossed love affairs and marriages of a small group of people are played out against the background of nature's beauty and indifference to mankind. Through a series of vivid incidents and encounters, *The Return of the Native* moves in a relentless drive towards tragedy, as the plans and dreams of the lovers miscarry, defeated by chance, or destiny or self-deception. In their unhappy stories, Hardy gives us a powerful dramatisation of his bleak philosophy, his belief in man's helplessness before the malevolence of the universe.



Nicholas Rowe's theatre credits include *The Madness of George III*, *Nation*, *Victory*, *Whipping It Up* and *See How They Run*. His television work includes *Da Vinci's Demons*, *Loving Miss Hatto*, *The Borgias*, *Beau Brummel* and *A Harlot's Progress*, and his films include *Nicholas Nickleby*, *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels* and *Young Sherlock Holmes*. He has also read *Sylvester* (Heyer) for Naxos AudioBooks.

To download the accompanying CD booklet, please visit this url: n-ab.com/native

Visit us online at naxosaudiobooks.com

