

# Henry Fielding

# *Shamela*

Read by **Clare Corbett** and cast

*Shamela* is a bawdy, spirited and hilarious response to Samuel Richardson's hugely popular 1740 novel, *Pamela*.

In this pointed satire, *Shamela* (which transpires to be the real name of Richardson's *Pamela*) reveals the ulterior motives behind the events that took place in *Pamela*. *Shamela* is unlike the virtuous young lady portrayed in Richardson's novel and she takes command of her master, Squire Booby. Our heroine has planned it all out from the start and she is determined to entrap her master into marriage.

Fielding, most famous as the author of *Tom Jones* and *Joseph Andrews*, equated morality with expediency, and he takes advantage of the comic form to provide a multi-layered satire of contemporary politics and values. He lampoons political figures, the clergy and contemporary writers with criticisms that, most importantly, contribute to a comic tour-de-force unlike any other.

## Cast

<b>Shamela</b>	Clare Corbett
<b>Author/Conny Keyber:</b>	Neville Jason
<b>Squire Booby</b>	Tom Burke
<b>Parson Oliver/Editor</b>	David Shaw-Parker
<b>John Puff/Parson Williams</b>	Joe Marsh
<b>Henrietta Andrews/Lucretia Jervis</b>	Georgina Sutton

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