

**Thomas Hardy**

# FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD

Read by **Jamie Parker**

In a remote corner of early-Victorian England, where traditional practices remain untouched by time, Bathsheba Everdene stands out as a beacon of feminine independence and self-reliance. However, when confronted with three suitors, among them the dashing Captain Troy, she shows a reckless capriciousness that threatens the stability of the whole community.

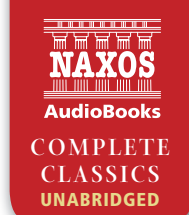
Published in 1847, and an immediate best-seller, *Far From the Madding Crowd* established Thomas Hardy as one of Britain's foremost novelists.



**Jamie Parker** is best known for his roles in the films *The History Boys* and *Valkyrie* and the television drama *Van Gogh: Painted with Words*. He has also performed in the television series *Foyle's War*, *The Hour*, *Parade's End*, *The Politician's Husband*, *Silent Witness* and *Silk*. His theatre credits include *Henry IV Parts I & II* and *Henry V* at Shakespeare's Globe and *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead* at the Haymarket Theatre.

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