

Joseph Conrad

THE SECRET AGENT

Read by **David Horovitch**

Joseph Conrad's *The Secret Agent* is a tale of anarchism, espionage and terrorism. Our agent, a man named Mr Verloc, minds his own business while he keeps his shop in London's Soho, alongside his wife, who attends to her aged mother and disabled brother. Their lives are turned upside down when Verloc is reluctantly employed to plant a bomb and destroy an observatory in London. What was once the perfect bomb plot inevitably turns awry and Verloc, his family and his associates are forced to face the consequences. Conrad's later political novel bears all the hallmarks of his captivating style: *The Secret Agent* brims with melodious and poetic language, alongside crystal-clear psychological insights that could only be the work of a uniquely gifted storyteller.



David Horovitch has had a long and distinguished career. His appearances in the theatre include many in the West End, the National Theatre and the RSC. On television he is best known for his performance as Inspector Slack in *Miss Marple*. Among his many readings for Naxos AudioBooks are Lampedusa's *The Leopard*, Dickens's *Nicholas Nickleby*, Ovid's *Metamorphoses* and Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*.

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