

Henry Fielding

Joseph Andrews

Read by **John Telfer**

In one of the first novels in the English language, we follow the picaresque adventures of Joseph Andrews, a virtuous young man who is keen to maintain his innocence, despite being coerced into bed by nearly every woman he encounters.

The episodic journey sees him head home to London with his tutor, Parson Adams, with the aim of finding his sweetheart, Fanny. Much mayhem ensues along the way as they become embroiled in a series of escapades and slapstick brawls.

Fielding is an expert satirist and through the many twists and turns of narration, he combines high and low literature with high and low humour to create a witty novel that he aptly named a 'comic epic poem in prose'.



John Telfer has worked extensively in theatre, performing on many occasions for the Bristol Old Vic and Royal National Theatre companies. His numerous television credits include co-presenting *Let's Pretend* and five years as sidekick Willy Pettit in *Bergerac*. In addition to many BBC Radio dramas and short stories, he has played the Reverend Alan Franks in *The Archers* since 2003, and has read for *Poetry Please* and *Word of Mouth*; he can be heard on dozens of audiobooks. A trained musician, he also narrates with the Brodsky Quartet and The Bristol Ensemble.

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