

ANTHONY TROLLOPE

THE WAY WE LIVE NOW

Read by **David Shaw-Parker**

The Way We Live Now is a complex and compulsive tale that traces the career of Augustus Melmotte, a strange and mysterious financier who bursts into London society like a guided missile. In setting up a dubious scheme based on speculative money and stock market gambles, Melmotte manages to lure in several members of the English aristocracy, for whom money is the *summum bonum*. The world is at his feet, until the corruption catches up with him. Considered one of Trollope's greatest works, *The Way We Live Now* leaves the listener questioning whether much has changed in the last century, or whether this is, after all, the way we live now.



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