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When the Green Woods Laugh

Read by **Philip Franks**

A year has passed and in this third novel of the Pop Larkin series, Pop Larkin is preparing to build the bungalow he promised Charley and Mariette upon their engagement. He buys a country home slated for demolition, intending to convert it for the two, but it is not long before a London couple persuade him to sell it. Pop, ever the trickster, sells it for an extortionate price as the two social climbers know little about country life. Party-throwing and cocktail-mixing abound until a rocky boat and a misplaced pair of hands have Pop before the local magistrate...



Philip Franks performed alongside Catherine Zeta-Jones and David Jason in the television series *The Darling Buds of May*. His extensive theatre credits encompass a range of roles, as he has worked variously with the Royal Shakespeare Company, the Old Vic Theatre, and the Whitehall Theatre. He is regularly heard on BBC Radio in such programmes as *Poetry Please*, *With Great Pleasure* and *Words and Music*.

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