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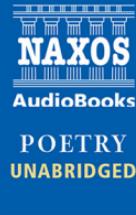
# The Flowers of Evil

Read by JONATHAN KEEBLE

Sensual, macabre, joyous and liberating, *The Flowers of Evil*, or *Les Fleurs du Mal*, is a beautifully debauched reflection on dreams, sin, life and death. With subjects ranging from travel to drugs, sex to faith, sleep to contemplation, Baudelaire finds new beauty in the most sinister and corrupt of situations. His morbid and nightmarish Romanticism was completely unique: cynical and bleak, but also inspiring, lifted by magnificent imagery and melodious language. The book was highly controversial upon its release and Napoleon III's government prosecuted Baudelaire for 'an insult to public decency'; six of the poems were banned until as recently as 1949.



**Jonathan Keeble** is an award-winning actor who combines his audio work with a busy theatre and TV career. Much in demand, his voice work ranges from the voice of God in the Sistine Chapel to the Angel of Death in the film *Hellboy 2*, with all stops in between. He has featured in over 700 radio plays for the BBC, appearing in everything from Shakespeare to Sherlock Holmes and Dr Who. He has recorded over 400 audiobooks.



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