

Wilfred Thesiger

Arabian Sands

Read by **Laurence Kennedy**

Arabian Sands is Wilfred Thesiger's stunning account of five years spent crossing the Arabian Peninsula by foot and on camels, with nomadic Bedouin tribesmen as guides. Travelling between 1945 and 1950, the British explorer treks through Yemen, The Empty Quarter, Oman and parts of the then Trucial States, crossing and re-crossing around 250,000 miles of this most inhospitable terrain. He was the first European ever to set eyes on the dunes and wadis of these deserts. Faced with constant challenges and trials beneath the punishing sun, his journey is also spiritual and enriching, as it requires the utmost courage, patience, generosity and humour. In clear and evocative prose, Thesiger documents a journey of unimaginable hardship and startling beauty, as well as a time, place and people on the cusp of change.



Laurence Kennedy's theatre credits include *Communicating Doors*, *An Inspector Calls* and *Steptoe and Son* (West End), and various productions for the Royal Exchange, Chichester Festival, Stephen Joseph and Crucible theatres. His television credits include *The Musketeers* (BBC), *Upstairs Downstairs* (BBC), *The Hour* (BBC), *Close to the Enemy* (BBC) and *Complicit* (Channel 4), and his film work includes *Hitler: The Rise Of Evil*, *Wimbledon*, *The Rizen* and *The Imitation Game*.

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