

James Boswell

A Life of Johnson

Read by **Billy Hartman**

Boswell's biography of his friend and hero Samuel Johnson is an acknowledged classic, full of humorous anecdote and rich characterisation. Johnson's complex humanity (his depression, fear of death, intellectual brilliance and rough humour) is set within a vivid picture of 18th century London peopled by personalities of the time such as Sir Joshua Reynolds, John Wilkes, Oliver Goldsmith and David Garrick.



Billy Hartman trained in Edinburgh and has enjoyed unusually wide stage and TV experience. He played *Elvis* in the musical, *Bill Sykes* in *Oliver* as well as appearing in opera (including *Don Giovanni*) and the central Shakespearean repertoire. His numerous film and TV credits include *Highlander*, *Minder* and *Inspector Morse*.

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