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# Horace Walpole

# The Castle of Otranto

Read by **Neville Jason**

*The Castle of Otranto* is regarded as the first Gothic novel. The son of Manfred, Prince of Otranto, is mysteriously killed on his wedding day by a huge helmet. The event leads to a fast-paced story of jealous passion, intrigue, murder and supernatural phenomena unfolding in an atmosphere of thunderclaps, moonlight, and dark castle walls – mirroring the inner turmoils of the characters themselves. Horace Walpole's tale, an immediate success when it first appeared in 1764, is a classic of its genre.



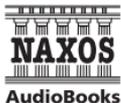
**Neville Jason** trained at RADA and has appeared with the English Stage Company, the Old Vic Company and the RSC, as well as with repertory theatres and in West End musicals. His many television roles include Lapointe in *Maigret*, Horatio in *Hamlet* and Prince Reynart in *Dr. Who*. Formerly a member of the BBC Radio Drama Company, he is frequently to be heard in radio plays and readings. Neville Jason also reads *War and Peace* for Naxos AudioBooks.

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