

Fyodor Mikhail Dostoyevsky The Idiot

Read by **Michael Sheen**

Prince Lef Nikolayevitch Muishkin is one of the great characters in Russian literature. Is he a saint or just naive, an idealist or, as many in General Yepanchin's society feel, an 'idiot'? Certainly, his return to St Petersburg after years in a Swiss clinic has a dramatic effect on the beautiful Aglaya, youngest of the Yepanchin daughters and on the charismatic but wilful Nastasia Phillipovna. As he paints a vivid picture of Russian society, Dostoyevsky shows how principles conflict with emotions – with tragic results.



Michael Sheen is one of Britain's most exciting actors. Since leaving RADA, he has played Romeo for the Royal Exchange, Manchester, appeared in the world première production of Harold Pinter's *Moonlight* and taken the title role of Peer Gynt in Ningawa's world tour production. He has also played Jimmy Porter in Osborne's *Look Back in Anger*. His film credits include *Mary Reilly*. Sheen also reads Dostoyevsky's *Crime and Punishment* and takes the role of Vicomte de Valmont in Choderlos de Laclos's *Dangerous Liaisons* for Naxos AudioBooks.

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