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THE ILIAD

Read by **Anton Lesser**

A new translation by **Ian Johnston**

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One of the greatest poems of the Western world, *The Iliad* tells the story of fifty critical days towards the end of the Trojan war. Achilles has quarrelled with Agamemnon and sulks in his tent while Hector brings his Trojans to the brink of victory; but fate will have the last word. While the heroes fight before the walls of Troy, the gods have also drawn up battle lines, and it is their disagreements as much as the heroes' efforts which will decide the conflict. Despite the poem's antiquity, the very real, human qualities of the protagonists and their dilemmas make *The Iliad* immediately accessible, especially in the hands of a master story-teller such as Anton Lesser.

This abridged version retains the great moments of the full epic.



Anton Lesser is one of Britain's leading classical actors. His television appearances include roles in *Vanity Fair* and *Dickens*. He is a familiar voice on radio, and has become particularly associated with his award-winning readings of Dickens for Naxos AudioBooks. He has also read *Tristram Shandy* for Naxos AudioBooks.

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