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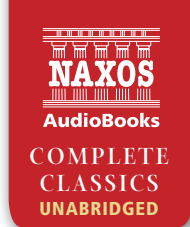
The Woodlanders

Read by **Stephen Thorne**

Set in the tiny hamlet of Little Hintock, *The Woodlanders* tells of love, deception, ambition and tragedy, all unfolding themselves against the background of the majestic forest where the simple inhabitants live in harmony with nature. Two sets of characters, the woodlanders and the sophisticated outsiders, meet and interact, and learn too late to distinguish emotional truth from falsehood. Filled with his familiar themes and characters, this is a classic Hardy novel in which human care and striving are overshadowed by the eternal rhythms of nature.



Stephen Thorne has made over 2,000 broadcasts for BBC Radio and has worked extensively in theatre and television. He has recorded over 300 audiobooks, including Simon Schama's *A History of Britain*, all the *Brother Cadfael* novels, and works by Dickens and Hardy. He received the Talkies Award for his reading of *Enigma* by Robert Harris and has won several Golden Earphone Awards from *AudioFile* magazine. For Naxos AudioBooks, he has performed in *Henry V*, *Othello* and *King Richard III*.



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