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## DE PROFUNDIS

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Written during his time in Reading Gaol, *De Profundis* is Oscar Wilde's moving letter to Lord Alfred Douglas, whose relationship with Wilde led to the poet's imprisonment. Here Wilde repudiates Lord Alfred and reflects on his ordeal, acknowledging how the depths of his sorrow have helped liberate him towards a fuller, freer wisdom. Brimming with beautiful passages, *De Profundis* is a profound and inspiring treatise on the meaning of suffering.



**Simon Russell Beale** is one of Britain's leading actors. He is an Associate Artist of the National Theatre and RSC, and has played starring roles for both companies, most recently *King Lear* at the National. For the BBC, he has performed in *Legacy*, *Spooks* and *Henry IV Parts 1 and 2*, which won him a BAFTA for Best Supporting Actor. His films include *My Week with Marilyn*, and *The Deep Blue Sea* directed by Terence Davies.

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