

Walden

Henry David Thoreau

Read by **William Hope**

'If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.'

In 1845 Henry David Thoreau, one of the principal New England Transcendentalists, left the small town of Concord for the country. Beside the lake of Walden, he built himself a log cabin and returned to nature, to observe and reflect – while surviving on eight dollars a year. From this experience emerged one of the great classics of American literature, a deeply personal reaction against the commercialism and materialism that Thoreau saw as the main impulses of mid-nineteenth-century America.



Though American by birth, **William Hope** trained at RADA and has appeared in theatre on both sides of the Atlantic. His TV and film work have been similarly extensive and have included leading roles for James Cameron in *Aliens*, Clive Barker in *Hellraiser II* and for Channel 4, *Dropping the Baby*. A former member of the BBC Radio Drama Company, he is regularly heard on radio in both plays and books. He also reads *The Great Gatsby* and *The Last of the Mohicans* for Naxos AudioBooks.

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