

## Sybil

By Benjamin Disraeli

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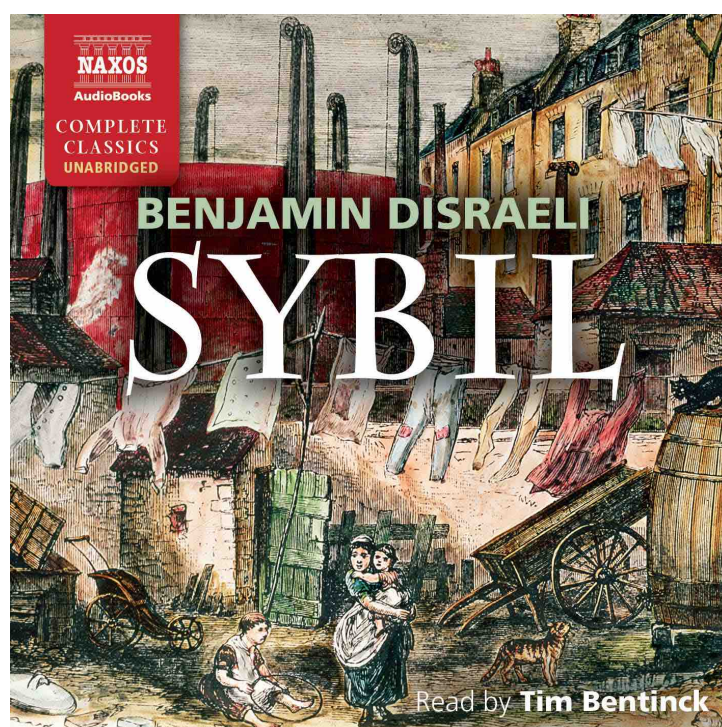
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### DESCRIPTION

In *Sybil, or The Two Nations*, social activist, political reformer and twice Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli tells the love story of a young working-class woman and a newly elected nobleman. While on a visit to the manufacturing towns of the north, aristocrat Charles Egremont encounters beautiful Sybil Gerard, singing in the grounds of Marney Abbey. Graceful and angelic, Sybil Gerard is a symbol of religious purity. He also meets her father, a working-class radical, who tells him about the division of England into two nations: the rich and the poor. Moved by the episode, Egremont investigates the conditions of the working poor and witnesses the disturbing after-effects of the Industrial Revolution. He attempts to address the deep disparity, while falling increasingly in love with Sybil; however, his courtship is pitted against growing political unrest and violence caused by the calamitous two-nation divide.

### SALES AND MARKETING POINTS

- A vivid and memorable portrait of life in a Northern manufacturing town following the industrial revolution, read with depth and sincerity by Tim Bentinck.
- Considered to have been instrumental in the development of the English political novel and to be one of the most important of the Victorian 'condition-of-England' novels.



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