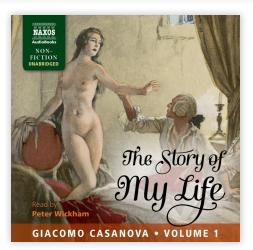


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43	6-5	How many thoughts crowded upon my mind	10:26
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48	7-2	I reached the Holy City, tired almost to death	9:46
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50	7-4	'He who goes slowly, goes safely,' said the friar	9:51
51	7-5	From Terni I went on foot to Otricoli	9:27
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62	9-2	In a moment of calm, seeing the disorder	9:36
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68	10-1	The cardinal gave me, then, the stanzas	10:21
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70	10-3	She promised to follow my instructions	10:56
71	10-4	He spoke the last words because he saw	7:59
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95	13-4	I spent a pleasant day with Yusuf	9:36
96	13-5	The threat, and the tone	11:53
97	13-6	The lady who was then most eminent	9:34
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99	14-1	As I was concluding my translation	9:28
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101	14-3	The bells begin to toll, and I proceed towards	9:47
102	14-4	One of the peasants, an elderly	10:24
103	14-5	Our dinner was nearly over, when we heard	6:14

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104	14-6	M. Foscari, the commander of the bastarda	10:40
105	14-7	Chapter 15	8:43
106	14-8	A few days afterwards, as I was entertaining	7:05
107	15-1	I put a stop to the guarrel by telling Fastidio	9:41
108	15-2	During the following days it struck me	9:31
109	15-3	As M. D R was saying the last word	10:58
110	15-4	I would often be indiscreet enough to remain	9:42
111	15-5	From the day when, by giving me her hair	8:48
112	15-6	After that conversation, in which I had enjoyed	9:59
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114	15-8	'Do we make a mystery of it?'	7:58
115	16-1	In the morning, worn out with fatigue	8:06
116	16-2	The first thing I resolved on	8:41
117	16-3	I have observed a singular thing in Corfu	9:03
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120	16-6	An hour later, two noblemen	8:58
121	16-7	'On the second day, during the festivities'	6:27
122	16-8	With all these oddities, the three friends	7:37
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125	17-3	I knew an honest widow who resided in a lane	9:56
126	17-4	I was thus engaged in a rather delicate	12:15
127	17-5	I intended to make some enquiries the next day	9:00
128	17-6	The count and his son came to dinner.	11:51
129	17-7	Now and then we recollected that the time	9:39
130	18-1	Towards dusk, the count and his son	9:47
131	18-2	Chapter 19	10:53
132	18-3	Christine did not utter a single word	9:22
133	18-4	While we were talking I kept looking	11:56
134	18-5	We had the whole evening before us	9:52
135	18-6	I spent one hour with her, fighting	9:03
136	18-7	We dined rather late, and I took care	10:43
137	19-1	A certain Countess of Tos from Treviso	6:58
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139	19-3	We were in the habit of walking to a farm	8:59
140	19-4	Declaration. I hereby declare that	10:55
141	19-5	The count had not yet arrived.	10:18
142	19-6	'That husband is indeed a sensible fellow.'	9:27
143	19-7	O'Neilan was only twenty-three years old	9:01
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145	20-1	The son then took a letter out of his pocket	9:16
146	20-2	Capitani called me, and I joined him.	8:53
147	20-3	The next morning, as soon as I was dressed	9:19
148	20-4	Chapter 22	11:08
149	20-5	Capitani took leave of me on the following day	8:41
150	20-6	When I made my appearance at Narici's house	10:55
151	20-7	The state of excitement in which I was	10:05
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154	21-2	My happiness would have been too great	7:35
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156	21-4	I felt sure that she could not refuse me	6:11
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160	21-8	We were enjoying our dessert when the hosier	8:12
161	21-9	Whilst my dear Henriette was taking her lesson	9:39

[162] [22-1] As I had nothing particular to do...

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164	22-3	Thus supremely happy, and finding in one	10:11
165	22-4	The concert began by a magnificent symphony	10:34
166	22-5	One month was gone since the great supper	9:23
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169	22-8	I was not much better either in 1768	9:00
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171	23-2	I made my friends to understand that the good	
172	23-3	Chapter 4	9:35
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180	24-3	We left Lyons in the public diligence Chapter 6	8:14
181	24-5	Baletti called on me and entreated me	10:29
182	24-5	As we were thus conversing, M. Patu	10:47
183	24-6	I was confused, I was in despair, but the stout	10:27
185	24-0		10:04
185	24-7	I felt some curiosity about the matter	10:06
186	24-0	Chapter 7	5:51
187	25-2	I took a coach and drove to Coraline's	9:52
187	25-2	In the month of August the Royal Academy	9:25
189	25-3	After this answer, given in the most serious tone.	
190	25-5	'You are stupid, my good friend.'	8:20
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205	27-6	We found the officer waiting for us	9:39
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207	27-8	The next day P— C— called on me	9:33
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215	28-5	Chapter 13	9:12
214	28-6	I had just risen at noon I returned home more dead than alive	10:02
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219	29-5	On the following Friday, as we were rising	9:34
220	29-4	She threw herself, crying bitterly, on a chair	9:40
L 44 1	29-3	Chapter 15	11:29

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222	29-6	Feeling the need of hope, and almost dead	10:02
223	29-7	'A nun, who for the last two months'	10:33
224	30-1	The next morning, being Sunday	4:40
225	30-2	Episode 8: Convent Affairs. Chapter 16	9:49
226	30-3		9:09
227	30-4	After reading this note, which stated the exact	9:52
228	30-5	'Our acquaintance,' she said, 'has begun'	9:52
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230	30-7	M had, amongst the charms	10:28
231	30-8	On St Catherine's Day, the patroness	9:18
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233	31-2	I was burning with ardent desires	5:25
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235	31-4	As soon as it was time, I repaired to the temple	11:00
236	31-5	That letter certainly took me by surprise	7:06
237	31-6	I have already stated that my mistress	8:24
238	31-7	Chapter 19	
239	31-8	My own portrait was set with rare perfection	7:51
240	31-9	Three days after Twelfth Night	9:30
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241	32-2	I was in a perspiration, and the weather	10:31
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244	32-4	'Immediately after you had gone away'	10:37
245		It did not require much argument to conquer me.	9:18
240	32-6	'Now,' said M M, 'I am going to satisfy'	9:21
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		Thus did I wittingly deprive myself of the power	
249	33-1	After midnight it was time to think	8:20
250	33-2	A look of compliance was C 'S	7:24
251	33-3	'I am certain, my own beloved, that you told'	7:45
252	33-4	Chapter 22	9:22
255		We returned together to Venice	8:56
254	33-6	The night was short, for she was obliged	9:02
255	33-7	M. Cavalli received M. Memmo with a smile	9:13
	33-9	The Abbé de Bernis was created minister	8:43
257	34-1	Chapter 23	3:56
250	34-2	It was now seven weeks since M. de Bragadin	8:59
255	34-3	I was glad to leave her in error, and swore	9:25
261		I was perfectly certain, I repeat, that the whole	7:46
262	34-4	On Tuesday morning I went to Murano	9:00
263	34-5	Chapter 24	9:59
		I then made Tonine come upstairs	10:42
264	34-7 34-8	Barberine, Tonine's younger sister, came to kiss	7:25
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267	35-2	Chapter 25	9:44
268		The surgeon had hardly gone out of the door	12:04
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277		This curious discourse made me know my man.	10:31
	36-5	I began by forbidding them to sweep	10:51
279		This unwelcome guest was a true burden to me	
280	36-7	The board was made of deal	10:49

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281	37-1 The next morning at day-break	9:20	[293] [38-5] As soon as I got through I made haste	8:39
282	³⁷⁻² Chapter 28	9:08	²⁹⁴ ^{38.6} In due course we reached Mestre.	10:00
283	37-3 Lawrence, who remained alone with me	8:53	295 38-7 Chapter 31	5:30
284	³⁷⁻⁴ I had no doubts as to his curiosity	9:07	²⁹⁶ ^{38.8} I was given an excellent supper, and I ate	7:25
285	37-5 I told Lawrence that I wanted to celebrate	8:50	[297] [39.1] I went out and walked for two hours	8:28
286	³⁷⁻⁶ 'My aim and my only aim has always been'	10:33	²⁹⁸ ³⁹⁻² As I was now alone in peace and quietness	8:03
287	37-7 Chapter 29	7:48	²⁹⁹ ³⁹⁻³ At Strassburg I rejoined Madame Rivière	6:53
288	37-8 Assuming an inspired air, I said, 'Be seated'	9:45	300 39-4 Chapter 32	8:13
289	[38-1] The rest of the day was devoted to high	10:26	³⁰¹ ³⁹⁻⁵ As soon as I found out that M. de Choiseul	8:34
290	³⁸⁻² I called my companions, and we set all	9:01	³⁰² ³⁹⁻⁶ I listened and was weary	9:24
291	38-3 Chapter 30	10:09	³⁰³ ³⁹⁻⁷ The brother was not a man of a very pleasing	8:01
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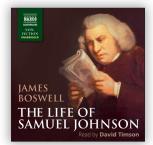
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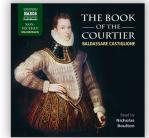
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