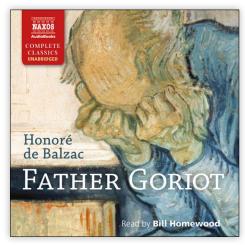


Impoverished young aristocrat Eugène de Rastignac is determined to climb the social ladder and impress himself on Parisian high society. While staying at the Maison Vauquer, a boarding house in Paris's rue Neuve-Sainte-Geneviève, he encounters Jean-Joachim Goriot, a retired vermicelli maker who has spent his entire fortune supporting his two daughters. The boarders strike up a friendship and Goriot learns of Rastignac's feelings for his daughter Delphine. He begins to see Rastignac as the ideal son-in-law, and the perfect substitute for Delphine's domineering husband. But Rastignac has other opportunities too, as the notorious criminal Vautrin, 'The Death Dodger', offers to murder the brother of a wealthy woman, giving the ambitious young lawyer a clear path to her fortune... Profound and realistic, *Father Goriot* is a startling glimpse into the vanity and selfishness of 19th-century Paris. It is considered one of the finest works of Balzac's *La Comédie Humaine*.



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1	☐ III Father Goriot	12:17	21 43 An idea, of course, gains in force by the energy	13:47
2	The first room exhales an odour for which	13:27	44 He stopped for a moment and looked at Eugène.	12:12
3	Mlle Michonneau, that elderly young lady	13:03	²³ ⁴⁵ 'Well, then, if you mean to make a fortune'	12:57
4	Mlle Taillefer felt attracted, perhaps unconscious	sly11:19	²⁴ ⁴⁶ 'How frightful!' said Eugène.	10:54
5	For three months from that day Mme Veuve	11:59	25 'How could you think that Mme de Restaud'	12:37
6	Unluckily, towards the end of the second year	10:45	26 5-2 A few moments later he was sitting beside	13:00
7	One evening after dinner Mme Vauquer said	10:41	27 Fastignac did not leave Mme de Nucingen	15:28
8	It so happened that Christophe took a look	10:42	Ever after this conference	11:41
9	The next morning Paris was wrapped	10:42	29 5-5 Eugène lingered over his toilette	10:45
10] 2-4 When everything was ready	14:59	30 5-6 Eugène took the dainty little purse	10:32
11	At four o'clock that evening	10:57	31 Eugène's maiden conscience resisted	9:04
12	The next day Rastignac dressed himself	15:32	32 6-2 The next day Rastignac went at the appointed	12:57
13	3-1 She rose to her feet and signed to Maxime	10:56	33 Mme de Nucingen might love him	7:40
14	3:2 The innumerable thoughts that surged through.	12:42	34 Mme Vauquer followed the two ladies	9:21
15	333 Eugène was beginning to feel very uncomfortab	le10:00	For some days the Countess had paid more	12:50
16] 3-4 Mme de Beauséant began to laugh outright	11:41	36 'But none of all this explains why'	10:12
17	3-5 She raised her head like the great lady	14:03	37 Victorine fled. Her heart was more full	10:46
18	He rose without waiting for Goriot's answer	13:42	38 7-1 Eugène stared at his neighbour	12:23
19	After seven years of unclouded happiness	10:16	39 T-2 Eugène heard all this, and could not answer	14:50
20	By the time Eugène had finished the letter	13:46	[40] [7-3] That evening's merry-making	12:26

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41 74 Father Goriot caught the student's hand	9:23	52 9-2 The Countess stood motionless and speechless	10:14
Rastignac's battle with himself	14:12	53 9-3 That evening at the opera	9:54
But before the chief had time to answer	9:35	⁵⁴ 'How they will enjoy themselves tomorrow,'	11:40
44 8-1 A messenger came in at that moment	11:01	⁵⁵ He went to his rooms and dressed	9:09
45 (Have we guessed your wishes rightly?'	12:17	⁵⁶ Rastignac went. He asked for the Marquis	10:37
[8-3] It was midnight. Mme de Nucingen's carriage	9:38	57 97 At two o'clock in the afternoon	10:15
47 84 Love in Paris is a thing distinct and apart	9:45	⁵⁸ They will come before long'	11:27
48 8-5 Next day, Goriot and Rastignac were ready	10:18	⁵⁹ The next day I went to Delphine for comfort'	12:35
49 8-6 'Oh! Father dear, be careful how you set about it!'	10:50	60 10-3 'Christophe!' shouted Eugène	11:36
50 8-7 Anastasie bowed her head	7:15	61 10-4 Eugène bowed to the husband and wife	12:35
[51] [9-1] 'That is not all, father,' said Anastasie	10:18	[62] [10-5] There was something awful and appalling	16:01

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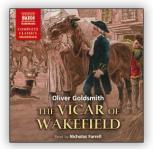
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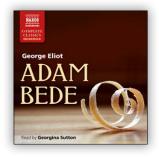
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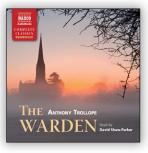
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