

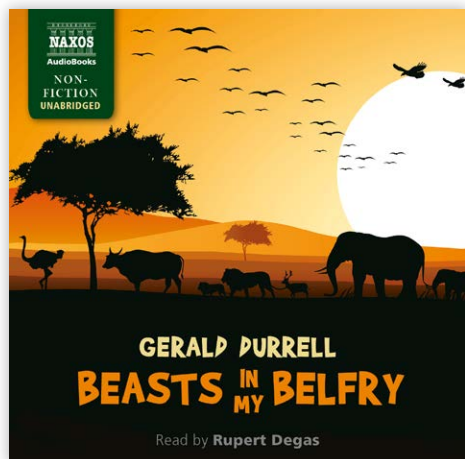
Read by **Rupert Degas**

GERALD DURRELL BEASTS IN MY BELFRY

Beasts in My Belfry is the wonderfully funny memoir about Gerald Durrell's time at Whipsnade Zoo and his experiences as a young zookeeper. Following the Second World War, Durrell joined Whipsnade Zoo as a junior keeper – an opportunity that fulfilled a lifelong dream. Thanks to Rupert Degas's brilliant voicing, which captures all of Durrell's charm and wit, the listener can enjoy being taken behind the scenes of one of the world's very first zoos. This is a delightful portrait of the animals who lived there and those who looked after them.



Rupert Degas has narrated over 150 audiobooks, including titles by Haruki Murakami, Oscar Wilde, Arthur Conan Doyle, Mervyn Peake, Bram Stoker, Cormac McCarthy and many more. He has received particular critical acclaim for his performances of *The Name of the Wind* and *The Wise Man's Fear* by Patrick Rothfuss and for *Skulduggery Pleasant* by Derek Landy. He has won eight Earphones Awards and has been nominated for several Audies. He lives in Sydney, Australia.



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| 1 | Beasts in My Belfry | 10:41 | 20 | They very soon got the hang of the idea that... | 8:31 |
| 2 | 'It's the last straw!' roared Larry... | 11:49 | 21 | As I watched our gnus posturing, rampant on... | 10:09 |
| 3 | Phil led me out to the main gate... | 11:38 | 22 | Chapter 6: A Bumble of Bears | 9:58 |
| 4 | Chapter 2: A Lusk of Lions | 12:20 | 23 | '...as he passed through the wood with...' | 9:58 |
| 5 | Albert and his wives, unlike their ancestors... | 12:10 | 24 | I was lucky enough to be still working on this... | 11:21 |
| 6 | Only once during our association did I see him... | 10:44 | 25 | Chapter 7: A Loom of Giraffe | 12:58 |
| 7 | Chapter 3: A Triumph of Tigers | 9:55 | 26 | Peter's silence was very noticeable... | 12:02 |
| 8 | Jum and Maurena fed, we would retrace our... | 8:34 | 27 | To remove the calf of a doting buffalo cow... | 10:31 |
| 9 | Then, as I watched, Maurena's walk became... | 7:58 | 28 | Chapter 8: A Superiority of Camels | 10:06 |
| 10 | 'Where are you off to?' I inquired. | 8:17 | 29 | By the time you had moved one camel... | 7:36 |
| 11 | Chapter 4: A Splash of Polars | 9:23 | 30 | As you approached the edge of the pond... | 7:48 |
| 12 | Periodically Babs would be afflicted with... | 9:04 | 31 | 'Have you?' I would inquire disinterestedly... | 6:53 |
| 13 | Babs and Sam were an amusing and interesting... | 8:57 | 32 | Chapter 9: Odd-Beast Boy | 9:37 |
| 14 | Then I tried to find out to what particular food... | 8:56 | 33 | Wandering freely about in the park, as well... | 10:27 |
| 15 | Wops, towards winter, grew a tremendously... | 7:28 | 34 | Eventually, rosy from his bath, he lumbered... | 8:34 |
| 16 | In the drawing room I found Laura, Billy's sister... | 7:09 | 35 | Chapter 10: Beasts in My Belfry | 6:51 |
| 17 | Chapter 5: A Gallivant of Gnus | 8:46 | 36 | Another point which became very obvious... | 6:44 |
| 18 | When the Europeans came to North America... | 10:17 | 37 | Epilogue | 10:43 |
| 19 | He at once wrote home to Paris, to Professor... | 8:42 | | | |

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