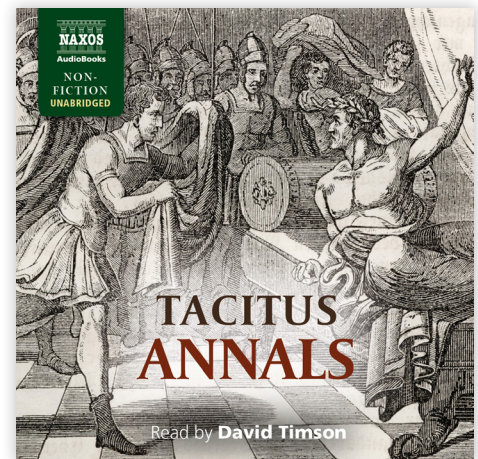


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4	As soon as he entered the entrenchments...	12:30	30	Silius had a wife, Sosia Galla, whose love of Agrippina...	15:33
5	Meantime Germanicus, while, as I have related...	13:31	31	The Senate then gave their votes that the elder...	15:35
6	'Neither wife nor son are dearer to me than my...'	15:10	32	Sejanus meanwhile, dazed by his extravagant...	14:27
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9	Having then assembled them at his headquarters...	11:24	35	Caesar, meanwhile, after dedicating the temples in...	15:28
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12	At nightfall, leaving his general's tent by a secret exit...	16:28	38	Authority was then given to the Senate to decide the...	14:07
13	Meanwhile the rumoured loss of the fleet stirred...	13:47	39	In the consulship of Servius Galba and Lucius Sulla...	15:26
14	Soon afterwards this same Piso gave an equal proof...	14:21	40	The Senate clamorously interrupted, with an...	15:33
15	King Archelaus had been in possession of Cappadocia...	14:54	41	Of the petty chiefs Mithridates was the first to...	12:07
16	A contest then arose about the election of a praetor...	15:35	42	Quintus Plautius and Sextus Papinius were the next...	11:21
17	But Germanicus also bestowed attention on other...	12:19	43	Perplexed in mind, exhausted in body, he soon left...	11:51
18	For a brief space hopes for Germanicus rose...	10:48	44	Book 11	14:48
19	Piso, too, though his first attempts were unsuccessful...	11:43	45	It was during this consulship, in the eight hundredth...	14:53
20	Book 3	15:45	46	Of the birth of Curtius Rufus, whom some affirm to...	14:46
21	Two days were then assigned for the bringing...	15:04	47	At first Callistus, of whom I have already spoken...	13:25
22	At Rome meanwhile Lepida, who beside the glory of...	13:42	48	Book 12	15:40
23	Next followed Tiberius's fourth, Drusus's second...	14:34	49	As they approached the plains, wearied with the snows...	14:44
24	Scarcely a single community was untouched by the...	14:57	50	In the consulship of Gaius Antistius and Marcus Suillius...	14:37
25	The Senate on being consulted had, without handling...	13:08	51	When he was set before the emperor's tribunal...	15:30
26	Tiberius meantime, while securing to himself the...	12:13	52	By the centurion's departure the camp prefect was...	17:25

53	In the consulship of Didius Junius and Quintus Haterius...	14:58	66	It was less of a secret that there was a design to...	13:07
54	Book 13	14:28	67	Book 15	15:10
55	Meanwhile the mother's influence was gradually...	14:29	68	Vologeses meanwhile, though he had heard that the...	17:10
56	Night was far advanced and Nero was still sitting over...	15:18	69	During the consulship of Memmius Regulus...	14:47
57	During Nero's second consulship with Lucius Piso...	15:15	70	While Nero was frequently visiting the show...	14:19
58	Meanwhile Tiridates, ashamed of seeming utterly...	16:13	71	Such indeed were the precautions of human wisdom.	14:35
59	During the same consulship a hearing was given...	14:51	72	At last they decided to carry out their design...	12:47
60	Book 14	14:40	73	In quick succession Nero added the murder of Plautius...	11:06
61	So far our accounts agree. That Nero gazed on his...	15:20	74	Throughout the conspiracy nothing, it was certain...	11:23
62	In Nero's fourth consulship with Cornelius Cossus...	15:12	75	Book 16	15:45
63	On the shore stood the opposing army...	14:16	76	A year of shame and of so many evil deeds heaven...	16:45
64	That same year two remarkable crimes were...	12:24	77	As for the impeachment of Barea Soranus...	15:56
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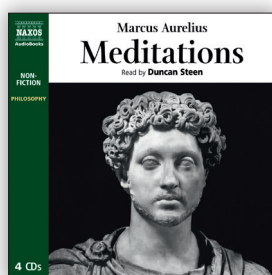
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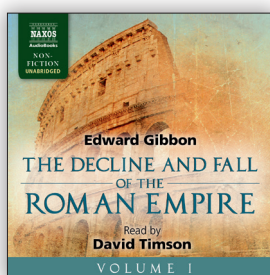
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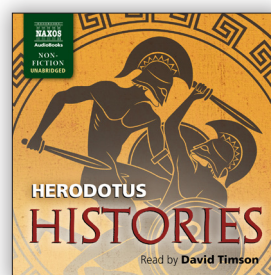
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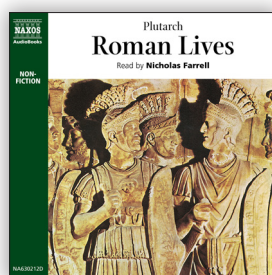
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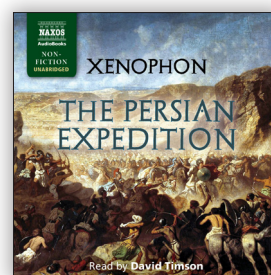
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