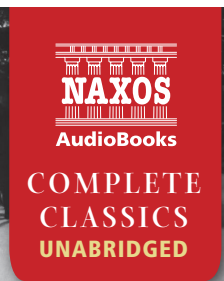


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The Forsyte Saga



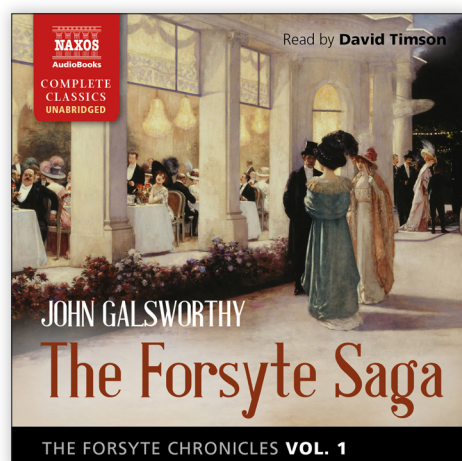
THE FORSYTE CHRONICLES **VOL. 1**

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John Galsworthy's magnificent trilogy of power and passion chronicles the wealthy Forsyte family. As the disintegrating values of the Victorian era progress to World War I and the political uncertainty of the 1930s, the family's material and emotional struggles are set within the dwindling status of the affluent middle-classes. Infused with warmth, compassion and engaging characters, the complete *Chronicles* are divided into three volumes, containing nine books and four interludes in total.

In Volume 1, *The Forsyte Saga*, Soames Forsyte – the 'man of property' – is desperate to uphold values and conventions that are becoming out of step with the time. His most prized possession is his strikingly beautiful wife Irene, but she is profoundly unhappy; the bitterness only builds, and the events that follow are set to ripple through the next generation of Forsytes.

The Forsyte Saga contains Book 1: *The Man of Property*, Interlude: *Indian Summer of a Forsyte*, Book 2: *In Chancery*, Interlude: *Awakening* and Book 3: *To Let*.



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1 The Forsyte Chronicles	11:49	18 Chapter 7: Old Jolyon's Peccadillo	11:59
2 George, on hearing the story, grinned. The hat had...	12:06	19 Old Jolyon had little Holly on his knee; she had taken...	9:20
3 He stretched out his hand to meet that of a dapper...	10:31	20 Chapter 8: Plans of the House	9:57
4 'They tell me Jolyon's bought another house,'...	11:49	21 As he expected, Bosinney had come round to fetch...	10:46
5 Chapter 2: Old Jolyon Goes to the Opera	10:26	22 Chapter 9: Death of Aunt Ann	11:48
6 The butler came to the ring of his bell – a large man...	10:27	23 Entering the scarlet and green drawing-room...	11:39
7 From the curl of silver over his ear to the pose of...	10:40	24 Part 2: Chapter 1: Progress of the House	9:09
8 'June's not here,' said his father hastily: 'went off...'	7:09	25 'Introduce me, please,' said Soames.	9:20
9 Chapter 3: Dinner at Swithin's	12:09	26 Chapter 2: June's Treat	9:21
10 Soames stood behind, his eyes fastened on his wife's...	11:47	27 'It's awfully hot here!' said the girl; 'I should like to go...'	8:05
11 'Why don't you go into the country?' repeated June...	12:59	28 Chapter 3: Drive with Swithin	9:17
12 Chapter 4: Projection of the House	12:32	29 Long before they reached Robin Hill, however...	9:00
13 That evening, on his return from the City, he called at...	11:54	30 He looked intently at their faces, with his pale...	9:43
14 Chapter 5: A Forsyte Ménage	7:52	31 Chapter 4: James Goes to See for Himself	13:14
15 She was ever silent, passive, gracefully averse...	8:34	32 In life, however, there were many occasions when...	13:22
16 Chapter 6: James at Large	12:15	33 Chapter 5: Soames and Bosinney correspond	12:12
17 When he went to Soames's that evening he felt that...	11:11	34 On one occasion, old Jolyon being present, Soames...	12:57

35	Irene's visit to the house – but there was nothing...	10:08	86	At Timothy's it was whispered sadly that poor Roger...	13:46
36	Chapter 6: Old Jolyon at the Zoo	7:19	87	Chapter 2: Exit a Man of the World	11:46
37	It was not until they were leaving the gardens...	7:54	88	He stole upstairs. Not daring to have a bath or shave...	10:39
38	Chapter 7: Afternoon at Timothy's	11:35	89	He found his 'tutor', not indeed at the Oxford...	9:21
39	With the true instinct of her breed, Francie had made...	9:24	90	Chapter 3: Soames Prepares to Take Steps	13:25
40	Then Mrs Small, twisting her fingers and gazing round...	8:39	91	Chapter 4: Soho	8:21
41	Chapter 8: Dance at Roger's	10:07	92	Turning into Malta Street on this evening of early...	8:43
42	A young couple close by flirted a fan by turns...	11:04	93	Chapter 5: James Sees Visions	14:58
43	Chapter 9: Evening at Richmond	12:58	94	Chapter 6: No-Longer-Young Jolyon at Home	12:48
44	He left them to Winifred, however, and busied himself...	13:04	95	Portraiture was not Jolyon's forte, but he had already...	12:46
45	Chapter 10: Diagnosis of a Forsyte	10:31	96	Chapter 7: The Colt and the Filly	12:16
46	'You talk of them,' said Bosinney, 'as if they were half...'	11:34	97	Chapter 8: Jolyon Prosecutes Trusteeship	7:47
47	Chapter 11: Bosinney on Parole	12:08	98	Jolyon looked hard into her face. 'Unless –' he said.	10:08
48	Chapter 12: June Pays Some Calls	10:19	99	Chapter 9: Val Hears the News	10:03
49	She had been hoping for this visit for some time past.	12:01	100	In spite of himself, Val was impressed...	10:22
50	Chapter 13: Perfection of the House	9:18	101	Chapter 10: Soames Entertains the Future	10:53
51	The bright hot morning had changed slowly to a grey...	9:39	102	Chapter 11: And Visits the Past	14:00
52	Chapter 14: Soames Sits on the Stairs	10:44	103	Chapter 12: On Forsyte Change	9:53
53	Part 3: Chapter 1: Mrs Macander's Evidence	9:14	104	He stood on the landing outside his parents' bed...	9:01
54	He knew very well that he had no intention of taking...	9:22	105	'Well! Why can't we leave them alone?' said June...	8:14
55	And it so happened that she was dining that very...	9:02	106	Chapter 13: Jolyon Finds Out Where He Is	14:00
56	Chapter 2: Night in the Park	11:27	107	Chapter 14: Soames Discovers What He Wants	8:58
57	Chapter 3: Meeting at the Botanical	11:45	108	Part 2: Chapter 1: The Third Generation	11:04
58	At the end of July old Jolyon had taken his...	12:14	109	'Oh!' said Jolly in the Christ Church meadows...	11:30
59	On the other side of the green baize door old Jolyon...	11:36	110	Chapter 2: Soames Puts It to the Touch	10:49
60	Chapter 4: Voyage into the Inferno	13:10	111	In the King's Road a man came slithering out of...	12:16
61	It is now to George Forsyte that the mind must turn...	13:43	112	Chapter 3: Visit to Irene	14:28
62	Chapter 5: The Trial	9:53	113	Chapter 4: Where Forsytes Fear to Tread	9:08
63	Young Chankery began nervously; he was placed by...	11:59	114	Dear Montague, I have received your letter with...	9:34
64	Chapter 6: Soames Breaks the News	9:13	115	Chapter 5: Jolyon Sits in Judgement	10:02
65	He entered, pale, his hands moist with perspiration...	8:06	116	The next day he went 'down', and travelled through...	11:15
66	James began walking up and down; he looked...	9:47	117	Chapter 6: Jolyon in Two Minds	11:07
67	Chapter 7: June's Victory	9:54	118	Chapter 7: Dartie Versus Dartie	11:54
68	He had made up his mind to tell her that he was...	10:53	119	Soames gave him the sideway look which had...	13:57
69	Chapter 8: Bosinney's Departure	11:53	120	Chapter 8: The Challenge	12:42
70	He had the carriage closed now; he had no heart...	12:09	121	Chapter 9: Dinner at James's	6:50
71	Chapter 9: Irene's Return	11:57	122	His grandfather's voice travelled to him thinly.	8:11
72	Interlude: Indian Summer of a Forsyte	12:46	123	Chapter 10: Death of the Dog Balthasar	10:54
73	Slowly, as was their wont, they crossed among...	11:02	124	Chapter 11: Timothy Stays the Rot	6:58
74	She was standing very still, her eyes roaming through...	10:30	125	Francie alone had the hardihood to observe...	8:45
75	The light was just failing when they went back into...	10:10	126	Chapter 12: Progress of the Chase	13:00
76	II: Two days of rain, and summer set in bland and sunny.	8:21	127	Chapter 13: 'Here We Are Again!'	12:08
77	They took two chairs beneath a chestnut tree whose...	8:29	128	'Mr Soames? In his room? I'll go up; don't say I'm here.'	12:08
78	III: The little spirits of the past which throng an old...	12:13	129	Chapter 14: Outlandish Night	6:45
79	Through the flower and fruit garden, against whose...	9:53	130	Part 3: Chapter 1: Soames in Paris	9:08
80	IV: He woke at halfpast two, an hour which long...	7:05	131	'I didn't want to startle you; is this one of your haunts?'	8:23
81	When the lift stopped he had to hold firmly to the...	7:16	132	Chapter 2: In the Web	8:41
82	V: How should an old man live his days if not in...	12:22	133	Chapter 3: Richmond Park	8:36
83	He sought his room slowly. They never gave him...	11:03	134	He stood still, counting the sounds – a carriage...	9:08
84	His tea grew cold, his cigar remained unlit...	12:12	135	Chapter 4: Over the River	4:03
85	Book 2: In Chancery	10:29	136	Chapter 5: Soames Acts	7:10

137	Chapter 6: A Summer Day	8:07	177	Her father had turned from his picture, and was...	12:04
138	London had already begun to disgorge its workers...	8:52	178	Part 2: Chapter 1: Mother and Son	13:08
139	Chapter 7: A Summer Night	9:24	179	Chapter 2: Fathers and Daughters	10:41
140	Chapter 8: James in Waiting	8:33	180	And that was all she got from him; but the matter...	12:27
141	Chapter 9: Out of the Web	11:33	181	After taking her elderly cousin across, Fleur did not...	12:12
142	Soames found her with a letter in her hand.	11:23	182	Chapter 3: Meetings	11:54
143	Chapter 10: Passing of an Age	7:37	183	He had jotted a stanza, and was searching the grass...	11:37
144	Out in the crowd against the railings, with his arm...	9:46	184	Chapter 4: In Green Street	14:23
145	'Don't you ever tell me where I'm buried,' he said...	9:48	185	Chapter 5: Purely Forsyte Affairs	8:18
146	Chapter 11: Suspended Animation	8:37	186	'Gradman! I don't like the condition of the country...'	9:36
147	There was, of course, a better world. 'In my Father's...'	7:42	187	Chapter 6: Soames's Private Life	13:18
148	Chapter 12: Birth of a Forsyte	7:43	188	When the storm was over, he left his retreat and went...	10:42
149	He was still standing sullenly at the sideboard when...	10:09	189	Chapter 7: June Takes a Hand	12:13
150	Chapter 13: James Is Told	12:29	190	Chapter 8: The Bit Between the Teeth	8:07
151	Chapter 14: His	9:52	191	She was sitting on one of the two rush-seated chairs...	7:00
152	Interlude: Awakening	9:15	192	Chapter 9: The Fat in the Fire	11:33
153	The next thing had been to sit on a humble-bee...	10:26	193	It was hot that night. Both she and her mother...	9:24
154	'Auntie' June, who had been left in charge...	9:36	194	Chapter 10: Decision	9:44
155	When tea was over his father wanted him to walk...	10:25	195	Chapter 11: Timothy Prophecies	8:52
156	'You won't shut the door any more than that, will you?'	10:51	196	Winifred said: 'That's too bad, Prosper.'	10:25
157	Book 3: To Let	8:51	197	On the second floor, he paused, and tapped.	9:20
158	He began to walk on again towards Hyde Park Corner.	10:06	198	Part 3: Chapter 1: Old Jolyon Walks	12:27
159	'Jargon!' growled Soames to himself.	11:14	199	To go on with the story. After three years of effort...	11:45
160	June looked back at him. 'Oh! You Forsyte!' she said...	12:49	200	Chapter 2: Confession	9:03
161	Chapter 2: Fine Fleur Forsyte	8:00	201	Jolyon, who knew that he was beaten, thrust his hand...	9:15
162	She had been changing her frock, and was still...	8:37	202	Chapter 3: Irene!	13:16
163	Chapter 3: At Robin Hill	10:10	203	Chapter 4: Soames Cogitates	8:09
164	From where he sat he could see a cluster of apple...	10:08	204	The theatricality in that thought was repulsive...	8:55
165	Chapter 4: The Mausoleum	10:41	205	Chapter 5: The Fixed Idea	10:33
166	Well, there they were! Ann, Juley, Hester, Susan...	13:04	206	Chapter 6: Desperate	9:47
167	Chapter 5: The Native Heath	10:23	207	She had put her two hands on his shoulder...	11:25
168	Val remained gazing at the Mayfly filly.	10:29	208	Chapter 7: Embassy	10:13
169	Chapter 6: Jon	11:42	209	He did not see Fleur again that night.	11:09
170	Chapter 7: Fleur	13:58	210	Chapter 8: The Dark Tune	14:57
171	Chapter 8: Idyll on Grass	8:06	211	Chapter 9: Under the Oak Tree	6:21
172	Chapter 9: Goya	12:41	212	Chapter 10: Fleur's Wedding	12:39
173	Confronted with the results of his expansiveness...	13:31	213	The room was full of the bubble and the squeak...	13:03
174	Chapter 10: Trio	14:59	214	Chapter 11: The Last of the Old Forsytes	10:39
175	Chapter 11: Duet	14:19	215	Soames said dryly: 'Anything may happen.'	10:07
176	Chapter 12: Caprice	10:50	216	This cemetery was full, they said – of people with...	9:24

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