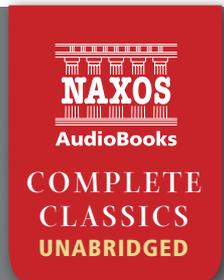




# THE COMPLETE MAPP AND LUCIA VOLUME 2 • E.F. BENSON

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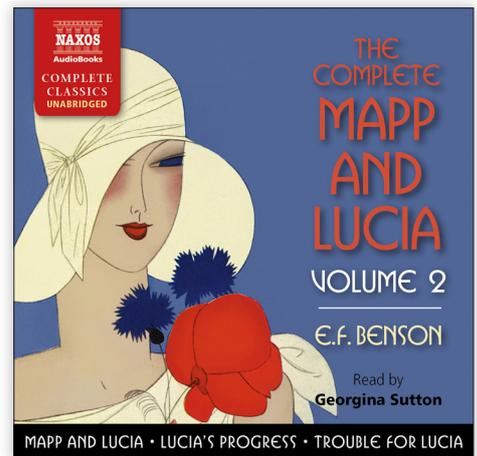
Sharply observant and wickedly funny, E.F. Benson's six 'Mapp and Lucia' novels satirise the upper-middle-class social climbers in 1920s and '30s rural England. Games of bridge and cups of tea fuel hilarious gossip and vindictive plots a-plenty. It is a masterfully sustained spotlight on the minutiae of village life – a clever and ultimately heart-warming series that seems tailor-made for audio.

**Volume 2 contains the second three books.**

**Mapp and Lucia:** When Lucia goes to stay in Tilling, Miss Mapp's social pedestal starts to wobble. Far from falling into line as Miss Mapp expects, Lucia soon manoeuvres herself – via dinners, luncheons and games of bridge – into a position of control. Behind a façade of exaggerated manners, the gloves are off!

**Lucia's Progress:** Lucia's 50th birthday is approaching and she is determined to give her life more meaning. From rumours of pregnancy and Roman remains to Tilling's Town Council elections, renewed rivalry between Lucia and Elizabeth Mapp-Flint (who has married Major Benjy) ripples irresistibly through the novel with many a laugh-out-loud moment.

**Trouble for Lucia:** Lucia is now rich, happily married, and Mayor of Tilling – but the village gossip is in full swing and Lucia's arch-rival Elizabeth is out for revenge. Will Lucia fall at the final hurdle? Delightfully witty and shamelessly entertaining, this is a fitting finale to the series – E.F. Benson's 'au reservoir'!



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<b>1</b>	<b>Book 1: Mapp and Lucia. Chapter 1</b>	12:21	<b>18</b>	The favourable audience began as soon as the ladies...	11:24
<b>2</b>	Lucia felt that it was only proper that Daisy...	13:48	<b>19</b>	<b>Chapter 5</b>	17:45
<b>3</b>	Daisy sat down on a garden-bench, and began to...	12:59	<b>20</b>	Most of the damaged objects for the jumble sale...	14:51
<b>4</b>	This Italian word, not understood of the people...	13:38	<b>21</b>	Miss Mapp had not intended to be present...	12:41
<b>5</b>	<b>Chapter 2</b>	14:22	<b>22</b>	Mr Wyse got up from the tea-table...	11:18
<b>6</b>	As soon as tea was over and the inhabitants of Tilling...	11:40	<b>23</b>	<b>Chapter 6</b>	11:16
<b>7</b>	Diva and Irene therefore hurried to the garden-room...	10:53	<b>24</b>	It was not the next week but the same week...	13:32
<b>8</b>	Georgie and Lucia had another long stroll...	11:58	<b>25</b>	She paced up and down the garden-room...	12:34
<b>9</b>	<b>Chapter 3</b>	14:50	<b>26</b>	On the fifth day of her illness new interests...	13:04
<b>10</b>	The total distance to be traversed was not more than...	12:33	<b>27</b>	The hour was a quarter to one when Lucia tripped...	12:20
<b>11</b>	Miss Mapp did a little more shopping, hung about on...	13:40	<b>28</b>	<b>Chapter 7</b>	12:47
<b>12</b>	Whatever might be the state of affairs at Tilling...	15:32	<b>29</b>	Georgie came straight to Mallards on his arrival...	13:44
<b>13</b>	For the next week Mozartino and the <i>Symposium</i> ...	9:49	<b>30</b>	Georgie's first impulse when he had written his letter...	12:54
<b>14</b>	Lucia advanced and spoke in the most ingratiating...	10:49	<b>31</b>	Diva, in an agony at not being able to hear...	10:52
<b>15</b>	<b>Chapter 4</b>	14:09	<b>32</b>	Within half an hour the whole business was...	11:56
<b>16</b>	There came a tap at the door of the garden-room.	16:06	<b>33</b>	<b>Chapter 8</b>	11:52
<b>17</b>	Lucia duly put in force her disciplinary measures...	11:15	<b>34</b>	Elizabeth, on this morning of mid-December...	14:59

35	Georgie was coming to tea with her that afternoon...	12:03	82	That was clever: Benjy ambled off in an...	12:09
36	The church clock had hardly struck half-past eleven...	16:12	83	<b>Chapter 11</b>	14:13
37	<b>Chapter 9</b>	15:17	84	The party from the bungalows, the Mapp-Flints...	16:05
38	The afternoon had been full of rather unpleasant...	11:28	85	Had Elizabeth known what that third telephone call...	13:25
39	They adjourned to the garden-room where two tables...	14:48	86	<b>Chapter 12</b>	12:19
40	But though, during these days, no act of direct...	12:07	87	The half-espoused couple had all next day to let...	10:33
41	<b>Chapter 10</b>	12:48	88	The date and manner of the wedding much exercised...	9:49
42	The raft, with legs sometimes madly waltzing...	15:46	89	<b>Chapter 13</b>	16:44
43	The whole of the next day this thick fog continued...	11:50	90	<b>Book 3: Trouble for Lucia. Chapter 1</b>	15:51
44	<b>Chapter 11</b>	19:12	91	Georgie went upstairs, feeling much vexed.	10:34
45	<b>Chapter 12</b>	12:36	92	There was an early autumnal frost in the night...	15:43
46	Tilling was beginning to awake now...	9:14	93	<b>Chapter 2</b>	13:57
47	Lucia was looking exceedingly well and much sunburnt.	13:43	94	Mrs Simpson arriving at half-past nine next morning...	13:50
48	<b>Chapter 13</b>	13:32	95	The ladies left. Major Benjy drunk off his port...	13:35
49	It was soon evident that the return of the lost...	13:52	96	<b>Chapter 3</b>	13:39
50	<b>Book 2: Lucia's Progress or The Worshipful Lucia.</b>	12:17	97	The door bell had rung while this epic was being...	13:59
51	Lucia looked at her engagement book...	15:01	98	Diva saw her off. The disappearance of the...	13:22
52	The disposition of the players was easily settled...	11:43	99	<b>Chapter 4</b>	14:08
53	The evening post had come in but there was nothing...	9:49	100	For brief bright moments one or other of them forgot...	10:37
54	<b>Chapter 2</b>	14:44	101	The approach of the election to the vacancy...	10:58
55	Next morning Tilling seethed furiously.	13:01	102	<b>Chapter 5</b>	13:49
56	Diva trundled swiftly towards her with Paddy...	15:03	103	The day came when Georgie's attendant still hovered...	13:10
57	<b>Chapter 3</b>	12:06	104	They sat in the dim ruby light for half an hour...	14:27
58	For the first time for many nights she slept beautifully...	11:35	105	<b>Chapter 6</b>	11:55
59	Lucia went up to Mallards Cottage, and found...	15:58	106	The bicycles arrived a week later...	10:41
60	Lucia made no answer, and turning, he saw that she...	15:48	107	The Mayoress alone remained scornful and aloof.	12:17
61	<b>Chapter 4</b>	13:46	108	<b>Chapter 7</b>	13:27
62	The morning had flown with equal speed for Lucia.	13:42	109	Puzzle-work began next morning.	11:02
63	It was of course quite clear to the performers that...	15:10	110	Thanks to Lucia's prudent distribution of...	13:06
64	The two ladies had sat down on the window seat...	14:07	111	As often happened in Tilling, affairs of sensational...	10:46
65	<b>Chapter 5</b>	15:50	112	She went out into the garden-room where...	13:55
66	With the restoration of the free circulation of news...	11:51	113	<b>Chapter 8</b>	12:09
67	Lucia hurried out, and Georgie, after another glance...	13:33	114	Olga was a long time getting to her table...	13:18
68	Quaint Irene had finished her window sill...	9:24	115	Lucia and Georgie, with Grosvenor as maid...	13:30
69	<b>Chapter 6</b>	12:19	116	<b>Chapter 9</b>	12:25
70	Thanks to the incessant spur and scourge of Lucia's...	13:33	117	The car rocked its way down to the High Street...	10:07
71	The rest of the party had gathered again...	9:47	118	Lucia opened the door. Georgie was sitting in...	11:38
72	Lucia and Georgie moved away from the immediate...	11:27	119	Elizabeth meantime had sighted her prey immediately...	13:00
73	<b>Chapter 7</b>	13:07	120	<b>Chapter 10</b>	17:10
74	For the rest of the afternoon the search was rewarded...	12:10	121	She announced her gift to the Town Council...	12:11
75	Grosvenor had scarcely gone back again to the house...	14:03	122	Georgie came in, bringing the evening post.	12:17
76	Georgie hurried away on this errand, and Lucia...	11:02	123	Lucia remained a moment in thought after ringing off.	11:28
77	<b>Chapter 8</b>	9:42	124	In the course of that day and the next Miss Leg...	9:33
78	Dinner was now over: Susan collected ladies' eyes...	11:55	125	<b>Chapter 11</b>	16:30
79	<b>Chapter 9</b>	15:41	126	Lucia gave up the idea of eating her sardine tartlet.	15:54
80	This flippant and deplorably immoral view of the crisis...	12:35	127	<b>Chapter 12</b>	14:59
81	<b>Chapter 10</b>	12:41	128	At that precise moment there took possession of Lucia...	16:20

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