

Colonel Chabert

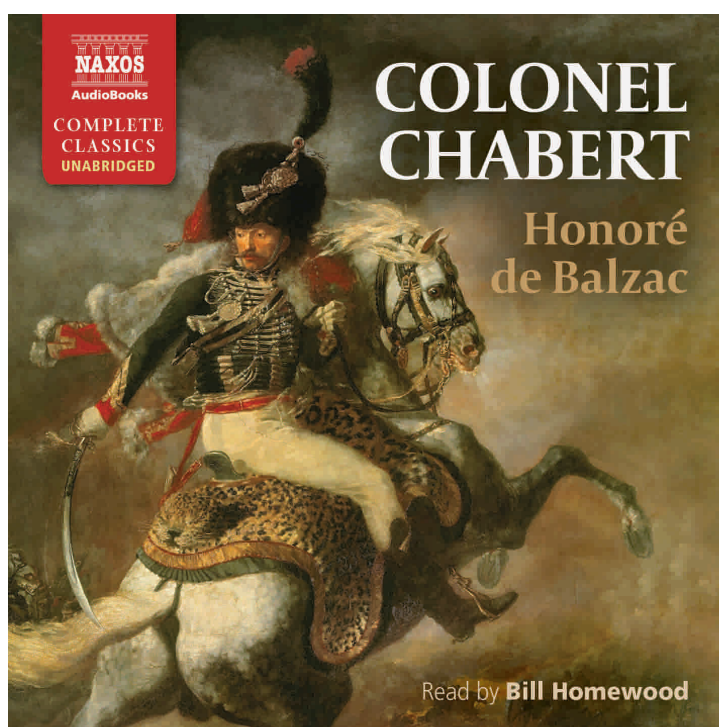
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DESCRIPTION

In the brutal Prussian winter of 1807, Emperor Napoléon Bonaparte's Grande Armée suffered massive losses to the Russians in the Battle of Eylau. Many thousands died. Young Colonel Chabert falls heroically, his actions having turned the tide of the battle, but he is buried anonymously on the battlefield in a mass grave. Incredibly he is alive but severely injured, and digs himself out. On his eventual return to Paris, he finds his wife, the beautiful and ambitious Rosine, now remarried, his fortune gone. Chabert's relentless, passionate pursuit of justice, supported by the determined young lawyer Derville, is gripping to the last page. This exquisitely written story has it all: love, hatred, treachery, hope and courage.

SALES AND MARKETING POINTS

- An excellent introduction to Balzac's *La Comédie humaine* series.
- Known through the 1994 French film starring Gérard Depardieu as Balzac's troubled hero.
- *Father Goriot* and *La Rabouilleuse*, read by Bill Homewood, are also available.
- Bill Homewood gives a moving and sympathetic reading.



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