

## New Grub Street

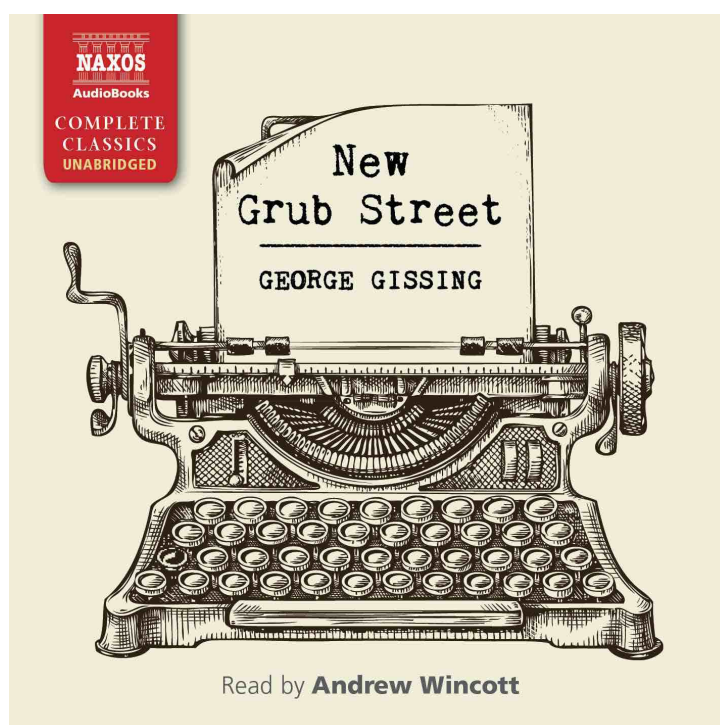
By George Gissing  
Unabridged  
Read by Andrew Wincott

### DESCRIPTION

Set in the literary and journalistic buzz of late 19th-century London, *New Grub Street* depicts a world that George Gissing knew inside out. Elements of his own experience are diffused in different characters - in particular the struggling, talented Edwin Reardon and the young, 'modern' Jasper Milvain - through which he explores the sense of crisis for writers at the time: the gulf between aesthetic integrity and commercial success. It was the first major novel to place the concept of authorship at the heart of the plot, and allowed late-Victorian readers a tantalizing glimpse behind the scenes of literary production. Written in a white heat of determination, *New Grub Street* marked a shift in Gissing's fortunes - a triumphantly readable, engaging work of fiction that opened doors to the recognition he deserved.

### SALES AND MARKETING POINTS

- Andrew Wincott draws listeners into Gissing's Victorian London, bringing to life the buzz and excitement of its world of journalism.
- George Orwell once said that Gissing was 'perhaps the best novelist England has produced' and identified *New Grub Street* and *The Odd Women*, also available on Naxos AudioBooks, as his 'real masterpieces'.



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