

## Essays

By Francis Bacon  
Unabridged  
Read by David Timson

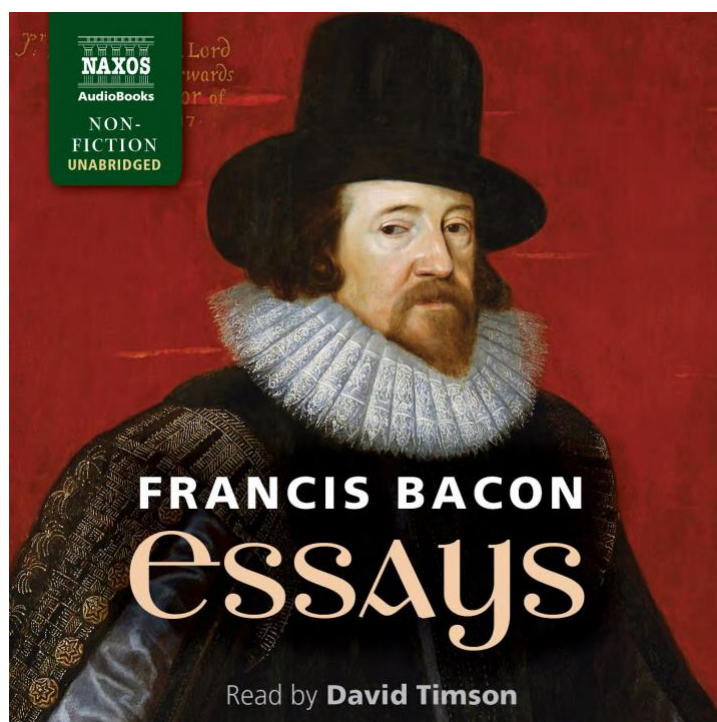
### DESCRIPTION

Sir Francis Bacon, sometimes known as the father of empiricism, was one of the major political figures of his day, his career culminating as Lord Chancellor under King James I in 1617. Bacon wrote widely, but it is the *Essays* (published in its third edition in 1625, the year before his death) for which he is best known. Deftly written and often displaying a cutting wit, they cover a wide range of subjects including death, love, marriage, ambition, and atheism.

Bacon described the *Essays* as 'recreations of my other studies' and clearly drew on the ideas of earlier thinkers and writers, particularly Aristotle and Michel de Montaigne. The work had much influence on later generations and on the development of the English essay.

### SALES AND MARKETING POINTS

- A core text from an important 17th-century thinker, politician, and Renaissance man.
- The *Essays* are read by the celebrated narrator David Timson.



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