

## Three Tales

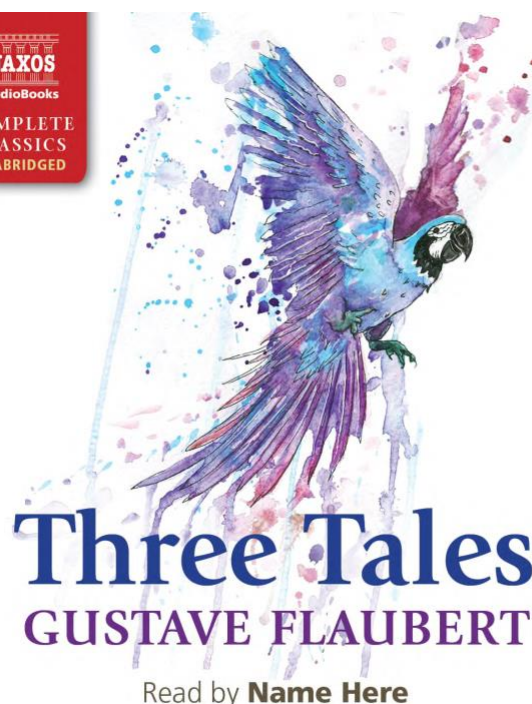
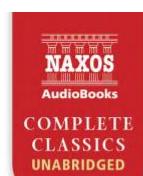
By Gustave Flaubert  
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### DESCRIPTION

Published at the end of Flaubert's career, *Three Tales* is a collection of three compelling short stories about faith, loneliness and love. In 'A Simple Heart' (the inspiration for Julian Barnes's novel *Flaubert's Parrot*), a saint-like servant girl begins to experience religious visions of her pet parrot after enduring the loss of loved ones. 'The Legend of Saint Julian the Hospitaller', based on a stained-glass window in Rouen Cathedral, presents the origin story of Julian the Hospitaller, who renounces the violence of his past and cares for the indigent. 'Hérodias', the final story, retells the beheading of St John the Baptist, and the seduction of Herod by Salome. Elegant and bracing, *Three Tales* is a rich, stylistic showcase from the writer best known for the perennial favourite *Madame Bovary*.

### SALES AND MARKETING POINTS

- 'A Simple Heart' was the inspiration for Julian Barnes's novel *Flaubert's Parrot*. Hérodias is said to have influenced Oscar Wilde's *Salome*.
- *Madame Bovary*, read by Juliet Stevenson, and *Sentimental Education*, narrated Andrew Wincott, are also available on Naxos AudioBooks.



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