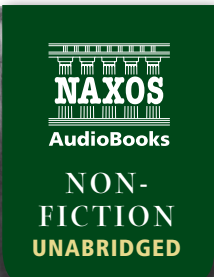


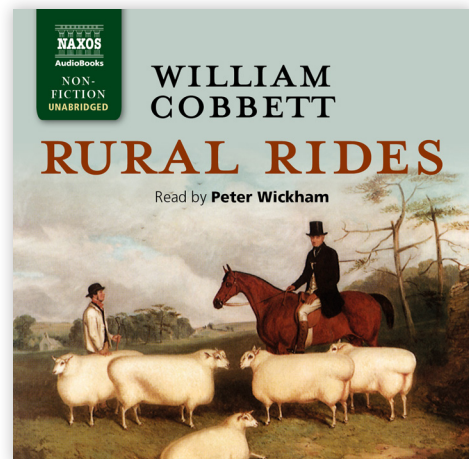
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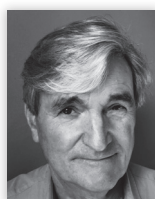
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Between 1821 and 1826, the prolific writer and journalist William Cobbett travelled the countryside of the South of England on foot and horseback. *Rural Rides* is a fascinating account of his journeys, and depicts a way of life in transition, juxtaposing lyrical descriptions of the countryside with criticism of the poverty of agricultural workers. A man of radical politics who encouraged the rural rising of 1830, Cobbett went on to become MP for Oldham and sought to represent the interests of both industrial and agricultural workers. Above all, *Rural Rides* celebrates agrarian England.



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1 Rural Rides	0:09	19 8th November	0:09
2 Rural Ride of a Hundred and Four Miles...	16:57	20 9th November	5:15
3 Lea, near Godalming, Surrey, Thursday, 26th September	7:33	21 10th November	1:51
4 Odiham, Hampshire, Friday, 27th September	9:13	22 11th November	2:09
5 Winchester, Saturday, 28th September	7:19	23 17th November	10:31
6 Winchester, Sunday Morning, 29th September	30:53	24 November 18th	8:33
7 Uphusband, Sunday Evening, 29th September 1822	4:14	25 November 19th to 23rd	2:19
8 Through Hampshire, Berkshire, Surrey...	0:48	26 November 24th, Sunday	5:46
9 11th October	3:12	27 November 24th	24:27
10 12th to 16th of October	0:49	28 Thursley (Surrey), November 25th	10:17
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12 18th to 20th October	0:13	30 November 29th	0:47
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14 22nd October	5:30	32 Reigate, December 1st	6:15
15 23rd to 26th October	5:03	33 Worth (Sussex), December 2nd	9:16
16 27th to 29th October	1:20	34 From the London Wen across Surrey...	5:01
17 30th October	4:39	35 Worth (Sussex), Wednesday, 30 July	9:31
18 31st October	6:15	36 Horsham (Sussex), Thursday, 31st July	3:40

37	Billingshurst (Sussex), Friday Morning, 1st August	2:26	75	From Kensington to East Everley	7:26
38	Petworth (Sussex), Friday Evening, 1st August	17:49	76	Uphusband (Hampshire), Thursday, 24th August 1826	5:29
39	Singleton (Sussex), Saturday, 2nd August	22:08	77	East Everley (Wiltshire), Sunday, 27th August, Evening	9:29
40	Fareham (Hampshire), Saturday, 2nd August	10:47	78	East Everley, Monday Morning, 5 o'clock...	1:59
41	Through the South-East of Hampshire...	7:37	79	Down the Valley of the Avon in Wiltshire	13:09
42	Easton (Hampshire), Wednesday Evening, 6th August	17:02	80	Amesbury, Tuesday, 29th August	0:28
43	Selborne (Hampshire), Thursday, 7th August, Noon	35:16	81	Salisbury, Wednesday, 30th August	58:22
44	Thursley (Surrey), Thursday, 7th August	14:54	82	From Salisbury to Warminster, from Warminster...	23:19
45	Reigate (Surrey), Friday, 8th August	12:36	83	Warminster (Wiltshire), Friday, 1st September	19:55
46	Wen, Sunday, 10th August	13:35	84	Saturday, September 2nd	9:08
47	Through the North-East Part of Sussex...	4:22	85	Devizes, (Wiltshire), Sunday Morning, 3rd September	13:45
48	Tonbridge Wells (Kent), Saturday, 30th August	10:44	86	Highworth (Wiltshire), Monday, 4th September	0:52
49	Tenterden (Kent), Sunday, 31st August	39:30	87	From Highworth to Cricklade and Thence...	18:35
50	Folkestone (Kent), Monday (Noon), 1st September	16:26	88	Highworth, Wednesday, 6th September	19:10
51	Dover, Monday, September 1st, Evening	1:19	89	Highworth, Friday, 8th September	2:21
52	From Dover, through the Isle of Thanet...	18:48	90	Malmsbury (Wiltshire), Monday, 11th September	21:31
53	Sandwich, Wednesday, 3rd September Night	4:57	91	From Malmsbury, in Wiltshire, through...	15:01
54	Canterbury, Thursday Afternoon, 4th September	13:09	92	Huntley, between Gloucester and Ross	2:47
55	Elverton Farm, near Faversham, Friday Morning...	2:41	93	Bollitree, Wednesday, 13th September	1:05
56	Merryworth, Friday Evening, 5th September	6:32	94	Bollitree, Saturday, 23rd September	16:40
57	Tonbridge, Saturday Morning, 6th September	3:05	95	Ryall, near Upton on Severn (Worcestershire)...	13:41
58	Westerham, Saturday, Noon, 6th September	4:20	96	Worcester, Tuesday, 26th September	7:27
59	Kensington, Saturday Night, 6th September	30:09	97	Stanford Park, Wednesday, 27th September (Morning)	6:18
60	From Kensington, across Surrey, and along...	1:01	98	Ryall, Wednesday Night, 27th September	0:30
61	Reigate, Thursday Evening, 20th October 1825	35:23	99	From Ryall, in Worcestershire, to Burghclere...	19:22
62	Chilworth, Friday Evening, 21st October	1:07	100	Fairford (Gloucestershire), Saturday Morning...	0:19
63	From Chilworth, in Surrey, to Winchester	2:20	101	Hayden, Saturday Night, 30th September	21:30
64	Thursley, Wednesday, 26th October	22:31	102	Burghclere (Hampshire), Monday, 2nd October	27:36
65	Farnham, Surrey, Thursday, October 27th	7:20	103	Burghclere, Sunday, 8th October	4:10
66	Winchester, Sunday Noon, October 30th	9:57	104	From Burghclere to Lyndhurst, in the New Forest	56:16
67	From Winchester to Burghclere	43:56	105	Andover, Sunday, 15th October	14:54
68	Burghclere, Sunday Morning, 6th November	17:45	106	Rumsey (Hampshire), Monday Noon, 16th October	2:37
69	From Burghclere to Petersfield	4:35	107	Lyndhurst (New Forest), Monday Evening, 16th October	2:26
70	Easton, near Winchester, Wednesday Evening...	11:09	108	From Lyndhurst (New Forest) to Beaulieu Abbey	44:25
71	Petersfield, Friday Evening, 11th November	12:06	109	From Weston, near Southampton, to Kensington	37:01
72	From Petersfield to Kensington	17:08	110	Hambledon, Sunday, 22nd October 1826	16:06
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