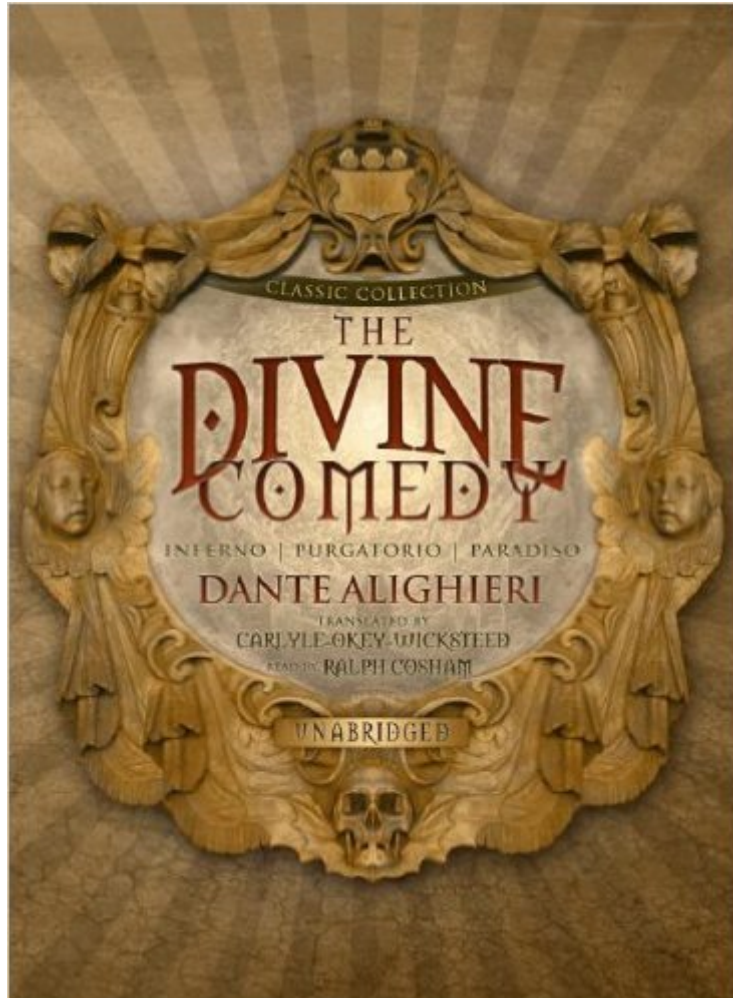


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Customer Reviews

These CDs were great- the price is very low compared with other audio books, and each Canto is summarized before being read, which is helpful if you're not already extremely familiar with the story. The reading was well executed and clear. I would recommend this to anyone who is familiar with it and wants to hear the work aloud or who has never read it before.

Very satisfying rendition. Excellent narration, but a dated translation, full of "thous" and "would'st", etc., but elegant nevertheless. I recommend it.

Every year I drive to the big medieval conference at Kalamazoo Michigan. This was just the thing to enjoy on the way there, and back. I hit Gary IN in the very depths of the last circle, and there's this giant quarry you drive through where it really felt like I was in the deepest vaults of the pit. The beauty of Dante's poetry is very nicely captured with the translation, even if it is filled with all those thous and wouldsts. There's a big big difference between reading Dante and hearing it read to you!

It is understandable, but before each canto, there is a brief summary of the canto, and then there is no warning that the narrator will start reading the canto making it sometimes difficult to discern when the canto starts. The summaries are good, but the producer/editor should have required the narrator to say something similar to "And now Canto 7....".

A really good deal on the CD collection of Dante's best known work. Very heavy listening and I am still listening to it in parts. Not a book to try to do as a read through - needs a lot of time for reflecting on it!

This book is written in the ancient tongue. That being said it's kind of hard to concentrate on interpreting the phrases while driving in the car. Overall, I did enjoy this audio book more now than I did when I first read it. This would be a great selection to add to your collection of books!

Great book/story
Read well
The commentary/explanations don't say when they start or stop but if you are actually paying attention you'll notice when he switches back to reading the next part that he just explained

Very enjoyable, especially the explanations preceding each canto. The cantos themselves are difficult to follow, not because of the quality of recording, but because of the poet's language. Likewise, it's difficult to follow the "who's who" of personalities. This is where a printed version of the poem, with bibliography, would be beneficial. Having said that, I intend listening to the entire series repeatedly until I gain a better grasp of the smaller details.

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