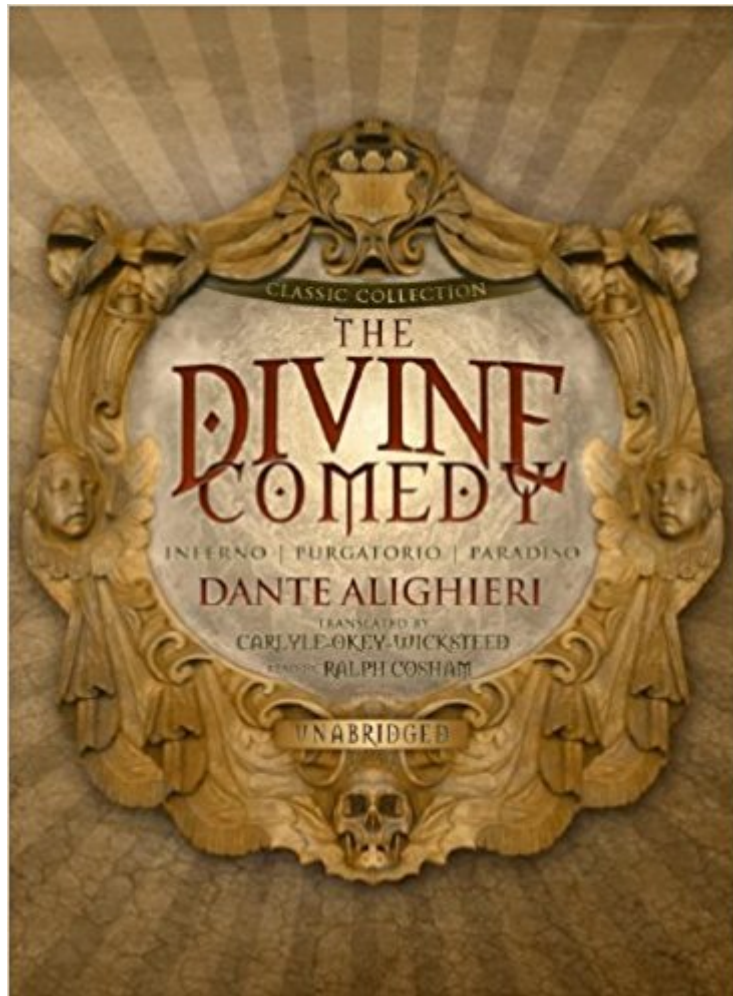




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# **The Divine Comedy (Dante Alighieri's Divine Comedy)**



## Synopsis

One of the greatest works in literature, Dante's story-poem is an allegory that represents mankind as it exposes itself, by its merits or demerits, to the rewards or the punishments of justice. A single listening will reveal Dante's visual imagination and uncanny power to make the spiritual visible.

## Book Information

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"A modern reader, uninformed, could peruse the whole Commedia, satisfied with the mere literal story and entranced by its unparalleled beauty of language and imagery, but he would miss the inspiration of that higher message which so clearly merits the name of divine." --C. H. Grandgent

Dante Alighieri (1265-1321), one of the greatest poets in the Italian language, was born in Florence and later banished from there for his political activities. His philosophical-political poem *La Commedia*, later called *La Divina Commedia*, is considered a masterpiece of world literature.

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....".

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

I have both the book and the book on audio CD. With the audio CD I have found it much better to get the whole picture when it is read aloud and at the same time I can visualize the journey that was taken from the depths of Hell through Purgatory and to the heights of Heaven. It really gives the listener a understanding of the darkness of spiritual depths to the spiritual heights. It's a real classic.

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.

Audio book reader speaks a little too fast for me to grasp full meaning of a great piece of literature. CDS are not individually labeled to distinguish between the three works, so I had to listen to Inferno, when I was primarily interested in Purgatorio.

Excellent audio book but intense and not easily listened to while driving. Everything was as described and excellent shape- thank-you

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