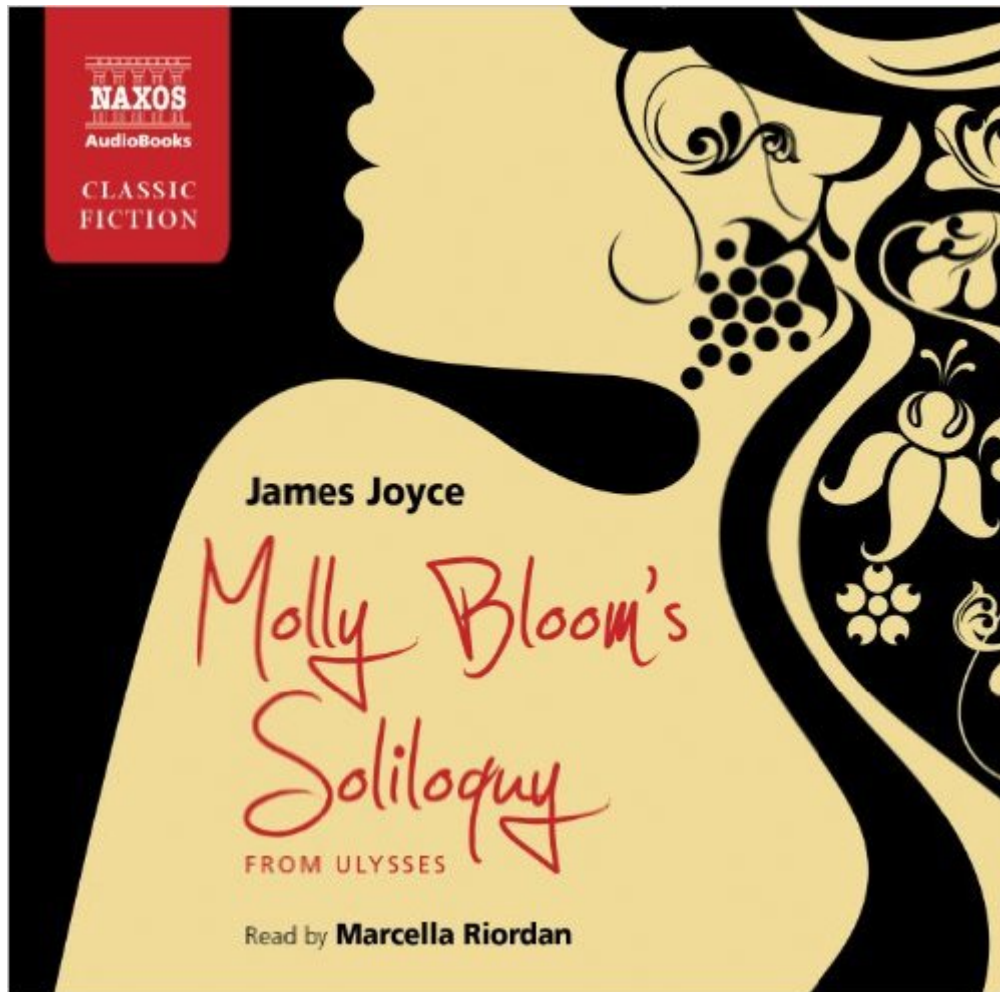


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Molly Bloom's Soliloquy, the remarkable climactic conclusion to *Ulysses*, remains, nearly a century after its first publication, one of the most remarkable chapters in world literature. It is night, the end of a long day (16 June 1904) for Leopold Bloom's wife, Molly. She lies in bed, muses on the events of the day, her life with her husband, her affair with Blazes Boylan, and drifts towards sleep. Joyce tried to document a woman's thoughts in an unexpurgated stream of consciousness: subjects, memories, fantasies interweave among the incomplete sentences. Regarded as scandalous and brilliant in its intimacy, the soliloquy is captivating and engrossing, especially when read so convincingly by the Irish actress Marcella Riordan. For those who have found it difficult to get to the end of *Ulysses*, here, unabridged, is the soliloquy on its own - and curiously it works almost as an extended poem, with a rhythm and an intimate power that are unforgettable.

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Customer Reviews

Marcella Riordan's reading of Molly Bloom's soliloquy will take your breathe away. If anything will make you anticipate the pleasure of next year's Bloomsday, this CD will hook you on the beauty of James Joyce's great novel. Here are my idiosyncratic thoughts on the subject:"Stately, plumb Buck Mulligan came from the stairhead, bearing a bowl of lather on which a mirror and a razor lay crossed."This is the first sentence of *Ulysses*, James Joyce's novel, first published in 1922 and for 15 years banned in the United States as obscene.U.S. Postal Authorities prevented its distribution in one instance burning 500 copies.The Committee on College Reading, endorsed by the National

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