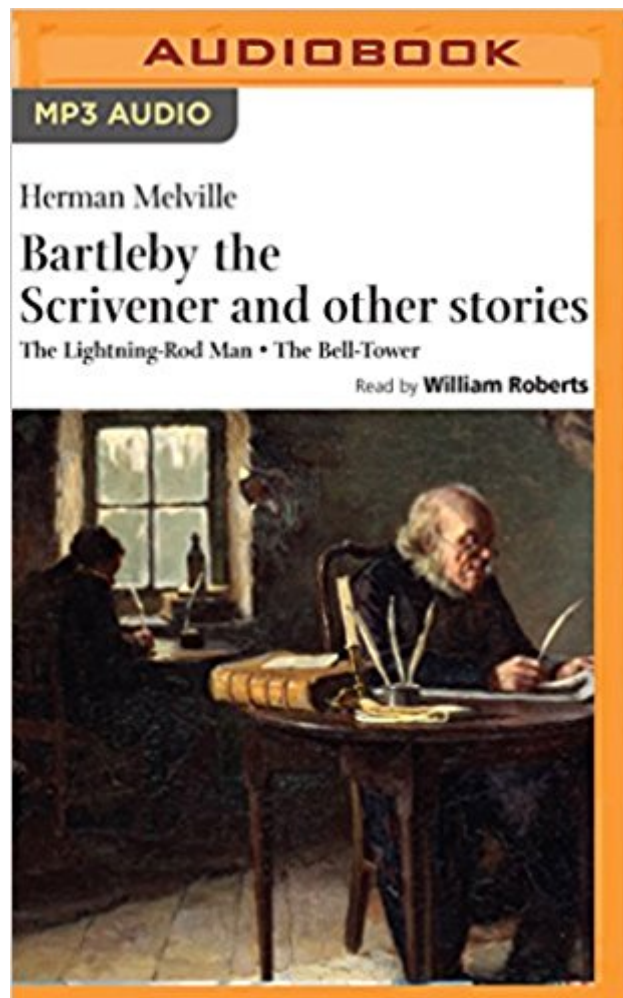




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Customer Reviews

Herman Melville (1819–1863) is one of America's greatest writers. During his lifetime, Melville published nine novels, a collection of tales, and four volumes of poetry, along with various uncollected tales, poems, and reviews. Peter Coviello (introduction and notes) is a professor of American literature and queer studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago. His books include *Intimacy in America: Dreams of Affiliation in Antebellum Literature* and, most recently, *Tomorrow's Parties: Sex and the Untimely in Nineteenth-Century America*, which was a finalist for a 2013 Lambda Award in LGBT Studies. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Nice MP3 book on disc, for a very low price.

I remember having to read *Billy Budd* as a high school student many decades ago and not really enjoying the experience. At that point, we were assigned this novel, rather than *Moby Dick*, I'm sure because it was so much shorter. Coming back to *Billy Budd* in my 60s, I found myself really drawn into this epic confrontation of moral purity and moral corruption. In fact, I even went back and watched the Peter Ustinov and Terence Stamp classic film, based on the novel, which I can also

recommend:Ã Â Billy BuddWhat I want to say in this review is that: In selecting a new version of the novel to read, I spent a lot of time looking over various versions available to me. And I'm very pleased with this edition and its supplements. If you're similarly searching around for a good edition, you'll do very well with this Penguin Classics edition. Because these reviews sometimes migrate to other pages for other versions of the same book, I'll specify here that I'm talking about the edition listed as ASIN: B00Y9HIMLY

I've only read Bartleby, and didn't know Melville was such a satirist (or maybe a visionary). Really good to journey with Melville, and you don't have to go whaling on a rainy day!

Great read ...

good book

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