

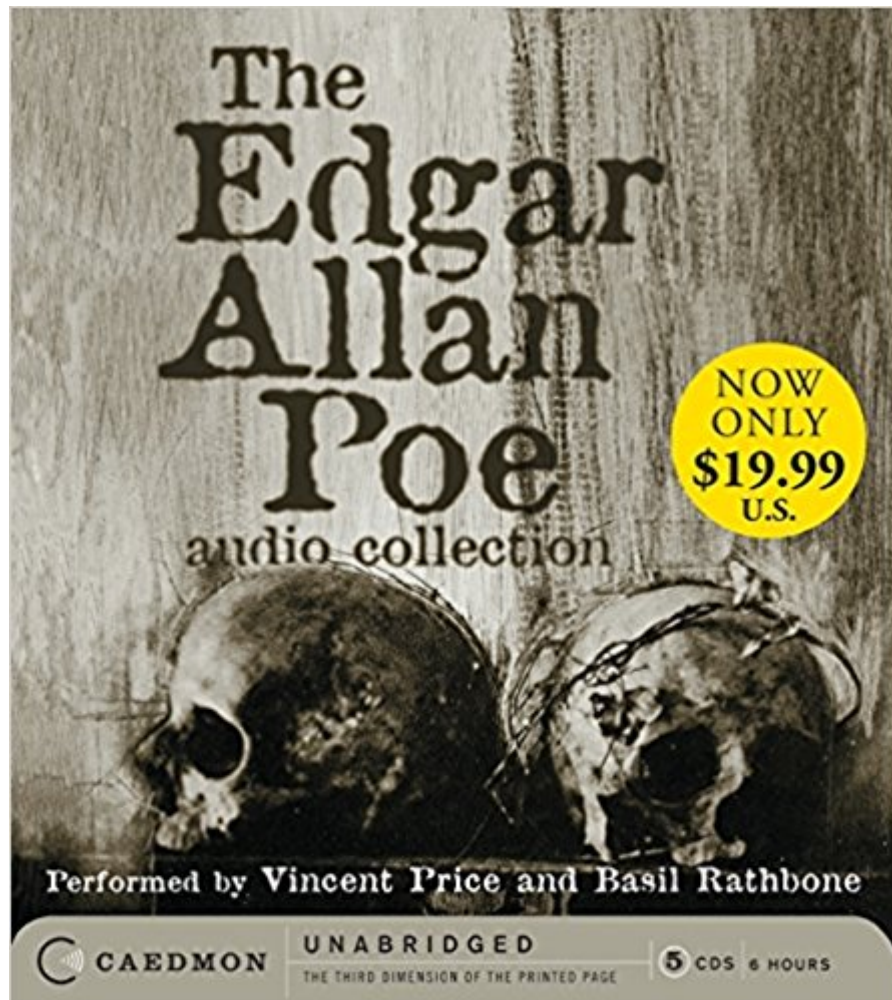


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Universally acclaimed as the maestro of horror and the morbid, Edgar Allan Poe's dark gift has for more than a century and a half set the standard for the genre. Now, Caedmon Audio presents a classic collection of Poe's most terrifying tales performed by two of the most brilliant interpreters of his work, Vincent Price and Basil Rathbone. Between them, they perform 20 of Poe's chilling stories and poems, creating an unforgettably intense listening experience. Includes: • The Gold Bug • The Imp of the Perverse • Ligeia Performed by Vincent Price • The Tell-Tale Heart • The Pit and the Pendulum • The Raven Performed by Basil Rathbone

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Customer Reviews

Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) reigned unrivaled in his mastery of mystery. Born in Boston, he was orphaned at age three, expelled from West Point for gambling and became an alcoholic. In 1836 he secretly wed his thirteen-year-old cousin. The Raven, published in 1845, made Poe famous. He died in 1849 under what remain suspicious circumstances. Vincent Price's film career included such classics as Tower of London, Laura, The Fall of the House of Usher, The Tomb of Ligeia and Tales of Terror. Basil Rathbone appeared in over eighty films including Captain Blood, The Adventures of Robin Hood, and The Comedy of Terrors, and made thirteen appearances in the tremendously popular Sherlock Holmes series.

As a devoted reader of Poe, I've seen numerous Hollywood versions of his tales on film over the past 50 years. Most disappoint a true lover of Edgar Allan Poe's timeless, terrifying, and fascinating

gothic horror stories. After listening to a generous number of his poems and stories, as brought to horrifying life by Basil Rathbone and Vincent Price, you will never enjoy them more! These actors were childhood favorites of mine as I always enjoyed the more Macabre entertainments. Their performances, on these reasonably priced CD's, are flawless. I felt as though Poe himself was reading and delightfully scaring the hell out of me! You won't need chainsaw murders, blood, and screaming adolescents, if you give these incredible recordings a chance. Nevermore! will be the theme of my next Halloween Party (for adults only) complete with fog from a machine, low lights, stuffed Ravens, and Basil Rathbone's amazing reading of the poem on the stereo.

How can you beat Vincent Price and Basil Rathbone reading Edgar Allan Poe? I don't think they can be beat. I love this disc. My son took it from me because he also loves it. These guys know how to read. A proper reader adds so much to the presentation and the stories and poetry. These are powerful presentations!

I have always been a huge fan of E. Poe. Its nice to be able to listen to his work while on my daily commute. The narrator's voice is very calming yet he still expresses the emotions of the characters in the stories. The price was great and the shipping was fast. If your a fan of Poe and don't have time to sit and read all of his works try these cd's its worth it.

Classic Poe read by Vincent Price and Basil Rathbone. If you don't know either of those names, start Googling. You won't appreciate how completely perfect the Poe/Price/Rathbone combo is without knowing who all these people are. Rathbone's The Bells is perfect; by the end I really did have chills. The poetry is beautiful. The performances are romantically haunting. This is the best way to experience Poe.

This is narrated by Vincent Price and Basil Rathbone. These guys are the greats. This set has all of Poe's best including the House of Usher, Tell Tale Heart, a Cask of Amontillado , the Raven....say never more.

I want to like this but it's recorded at such a low volume, even turned up on the highest setting is near impossible to hear. Frustrating.

Great if you like Poe as I do, however the one flaw I heard is the recording level. It seems rather soft

at times, more with Rathbone than with Price, and I have to turn up the sound quite a bit to hear it a short distance away from the speakers.

This CD is a big hit. Unabridged Poe and magnificently spellbinding. Brilliantly retold by masterfully storytellers. It will not disappoint!

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