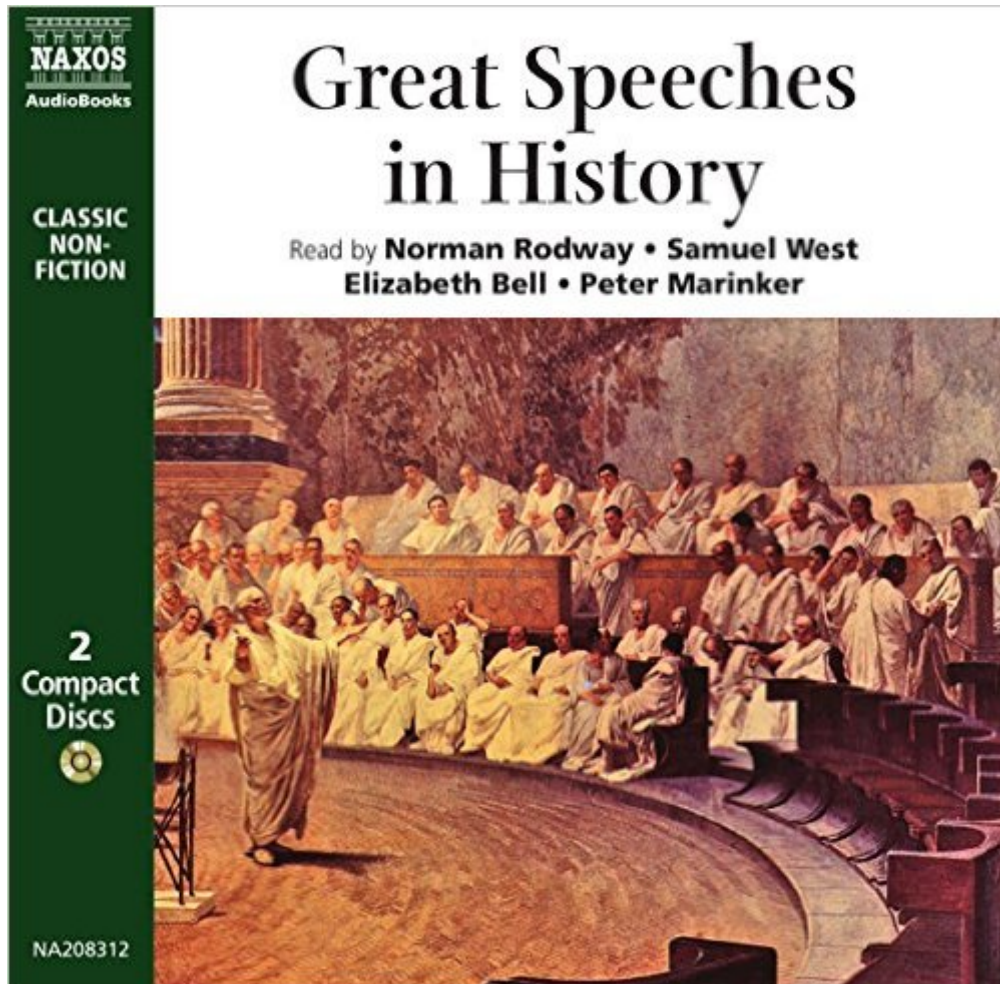


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I ordered this CD hoping to satisfy my thirst for great rhetoric and lofty ideals contained in the great speeches of history. But be aware that unless you are an Anglophile, this may seem a bit England-obsessed. Well more than half of the speeches are out of English history, and many of these seem to be about somewhat obscure events. I realize that just being an American doesn't entitle me to some kind of monopoly on great speeches from my compatriots, I would be the first to admit that England has a long and storied tradition of fine and noble oratory. But it seems like the producers of this CD spent a great deal of time representing people and periods of English history that one might be hard pressed to find analogous to anything contemporary, or discover "universal" themes recognizable to us in the rest of the world. In the 1700's and 1800's for example, there are 15 minutes devoted to three American speakers and 55 minutes to many, many speakers from the British Isles (and only 8 minutes for everywhere else). Oddly, there are no speeches by the likes of Churchill, Disraeli, or Gandhi (or even Wilberforce). If you're American and looking for the likes of Washington, Frederick Douglas, JFK, TR, FDR, Lou Gehrig, MacArthur, Martin Luther King Jr.,

(even Lincoln gets only 2 minutes for the Gettysburg address), I suggest you look for another label.

Excellent, interesting speeches that I have listened to over and over already. These are classic speeches by Socrates, etc. Some lovely speeches by people I did not know about who were also given death sentences.

Product in good shape and in correct packaging. Orators are speak with British accents so be prepared for that. Use it during 2 + hour commute on the way to work. One of those things I will need to listen to a dozen times or more to fully appreciate.

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