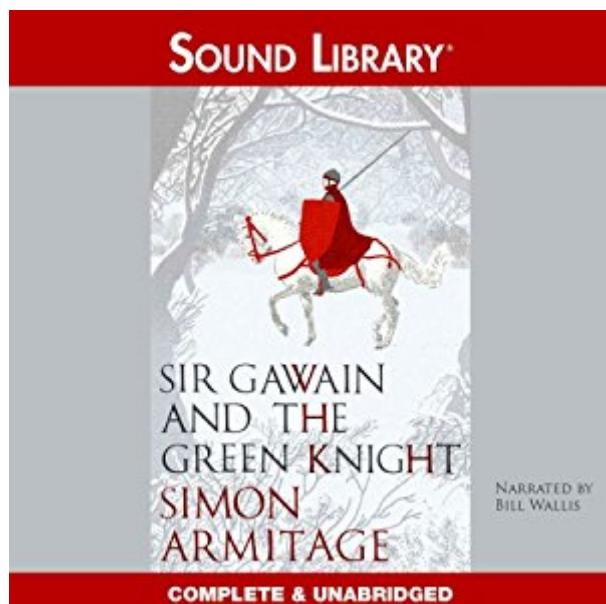


The book was found

# Sir Gawain And The Green Knight



## Synopsis

HarperCollins UK Audio Classics presents abridged and unabridged readings of the world's favorite literary masterpieces. Among the distinguished readers are Christopher Lee, Derek Jacobi, Simon Callow, Linus Roache, Elizabeth McGovern, Terry Jones, Peter Firth, and Rufus Sewell. Each package of cassettes in the Audio Classics series is beautifully packaged and shrink-wrapped.

--This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

## Book Information

Audible Audio Edition

Listening Length: 5 hoursÂ andÂ 47 minutes

Program Type: Audiobook

Version: Unabridged

Publisher: Blackstone Audio, Inc.

Audible.com Release Date: December 20, 2007

Language: English

ASIN: B0011UPARQ

Best Sellers Rank: #48 inÂ Books > Audible Audiobooks > Fiction & Literature > Poetry #152 inÂ Books > Literature & Fiction > British & Irish > Poetry #329 inÂ Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Regional & Cultural > European

## Customer Reviews

Between Tolkien's legendarium and scholarship fall his translations, which are by far the most regularly metrical translations in English. "Sir Gawain" includes 101 laisses or verse paragraphs of varying length, head-rhymed on the head-stave, each with an end-rhymed bob-and-wheel refrain; "Pearl" includes 101 12-line stanzas with regular (alternating) end-rhymes in addition to the head-rhymes, plus stanza-linking rhymes. Not even Professor Lehmann's Beowulf includes 101 bob-&-wheel refrains. Tolkien's international reputation as a scholar began with his revival of "Sir Gawain" in the early '20s, and he developed these translations over the course of some 50 years. Scholarly consensus has held that "Sir Gawain" and "Pearl," the masterworks of the 14th-century Middle English alliterative-stave revival (standing in relation to Chaucer as Marlowe to Shakespeare), were composed by a West Midlands author whose name has not survived, the authentically bereaved father of the "Pearl" herself. Tolkien's "Gawain" lecture (published in *The Monsters and the Critics*) enlarges very helpfully on the early-'50s radio preface included in this volume. "Sir Orfeo" is a mere frippery by comparison, in stichic ballad couplets, but probably

originated as a single-author work as well. Admittedly there are more authoritative sources on the Classical myth of Orpheus and Eurydice than "Sir Orfeo," but that's part of the point: the Classical elements in these translations are real-life analogues of elvish/dwarvish influence in hobbit poetry.

These three texts from the translating pen of J.R.R. Tolkien comprise an uplifting trio that give the reader a glimpse of times when literature was aimed at both beauty and the edification of proper values. This is particularly true in the first two texts. *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* presents a late Arthurian legend which was penned in a relatively obscure West-Midland dialect of early Middle English. The text, as translated by Tolkien, still maintains the auditory alliteration used to drive the poem itself. This in itself is a blessed treasure to the reader, as it is a rarely used method of poetry. The story is a gem in that it presents a fallible human, Gawain, who strives by the Grace of God to fulfill his oaths made. It is an exposition of piety, casting the Arthurian knight into a wholly Christian light. *Pearl*, written in a dialectic style of poetic meter, is a moving poem of grief and understanding in the face of the death of a two-year-old child. The imagery used in it is absolutely breathtaking, drawing heavily on the *Apocalypse of John* for its material. The discourse is a journey of enlightenment and eventual peace, marked with profound trust in God. I found this poem to be absolutely stunning in itself. *Pearl*, along with *Gawain*, exposes the existence of a great deal of Marian piety at the time of the writing. This presents an intriguing scenario which reminds Christians of the ongoing understanding of Mary's role in the Christian faith. *Sir Orfeo*, related in many ways to Classical myth, is a much more light-hearted adventure. It is a quick read that presents the reader with the brave quest of King Orfeo for his lost wife, Heurodis. The symbols used are mixed from Classical as well as English/Celtic sources.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Knights' Tales Collection: Book 1: *Sir Lancelot the Great*; Book 2: *Sir Givret the Short*; Book 3: *Sir Gawain the True*; Book 4: *Sir Balin the Ill-Fated* The Poems of the Pearl Manuscript: *Pearl*, *Cleanness*, *Patience*, *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* (Exeter Medieval Texts and Studies LUP) *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* (Penguin Classics) *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* (Signet Classics) *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* *Sir Gawain & the Green Knight: New Verse Translation* *The Adventures of Sir Gawain the True* (The Knights' Tales Series) *Sir Cumference and the Great Knight of Angleland* (A Math Adventure) *Sir Knight of the Splendid Way* (Rare Collector's Series) *Knight and Play: Knight Series, #1* *Men of the Rifles: The Reminiscences of Thomas Knight of the 95th (Rifles)* by Thomas Knight; *Henry Curling's Anecdotes* by Henry Curling & LEED GA MOCK EXAMS (LEED v4): *Questions, Answers, and Explanations: A Must-Have for the LEED Green*

Associate Exam, Green Building LEED Certification, ... Green Associate Exam Guide Series (Volume 2) LEED v4 Green Associate Exam Guide (LEED GA): Comprehensive Study Materials, Sample Questions, Green Building LEED Certification, and Sustainability (Green Associate Exam Guide Series) (Volume 1) Creative Visualization Meditations (Gawain, Shakti) Augie and the Green Knight Camping: A Mr. and Mrs. Green Adventure (Green Light Readers Level 2) Green Smoothie Recipe Bible: 80+ Green Smoothie Recipes for Weight Loss and Wellbeing for your Bullet Style Blender LEED Green Associate Exam Guide: Comprehensive Study Materials, Sample Questions, Mock Exam, Green Building LEED Certification, and Sustainability, 3rd Edition Touring, Trekking, and Traveling Green: Careers in Ecotourism (Green-Collar Careers) Green Smoothies: 40 Best Green Smoothie Recipes to Lose Weight and Detox Your Body

[Dmca](#)