

The Barchester Chronicles

author: Anthony Trollope

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Synopsis

Author: Anthony

Read By: Hattie Morahan, Blake Ritson, Iain Glen, Maggie Steed, Tim Pigott-Smith, full cast, Una Stubbs, Pippa Haywood, Pip Carter, Douglas Booth

Language: english

Six lavish BBC Radio 4 full-cast dramatisations of Anthony Trollope's much-loved novels, plus a bonus documentary about Trollope himself. Anthony Trollope's series of witty, gently satirical stories of provincial life are set in the fictional town of Barchester and the surrounding county of Barsetshire. With a focus on the lives, loves and tribulations of the local clergy and rural gentry, the canvas is broad and colourful, with a set of iconic characters in whose lives we become intimately involved as they grow up, grow old, and fall in or out of love and friendship across the years.

The Warden - The gentle Mr Harding finds his peaceful life disrupted, when his would-be son-in-law calls into question the large income he receives as warden of Barchester alms house. Starring Tim Pigott-Smith and Maggie Steed.

Barchester Towers - The cathedral town is changing again, with the arrival of a new Bishop, his wife and his Chaplain from London throwing all Barchester into disarray. Starring Tim Pigott-Smith and Una Stubbs.

Dr Thorne - When young heir Frank Gresham expresses his desire to marry Mary, her uncle Dr Thorne realises that a secret he has concealed for so long can no longer stay secret. Starring Iain Glenn, Pippa Haywood and Douglas Booth.

Framley Parsonage - Mark Robarts, the young vicar of Framley, cannot resist the lure of celebrity beyond his own village. But his ambitious pursuits will lead him to risk his devoted wife and children, as well as his sister's happiness. Starring Pip Carter, Hattie Morahan and Kate Buffrey.

The Small House at Allington - The arrival of the handsome Adolphus Crosbie causes quite a stir at Allington. There is concern for Lily Dale in her fight against scarlet fever, and Dr Crofts is a frequent visitor to the Small House. Starring Scarlett Alice Johnson and Blake Ritson.

The Last Chronicle of Barset - Henry Grantley has fallen in love again, Lily's past returns to

haunt her, and Mr Crawley must reckon with an angry butcher. Johnny traverses Europe trying to save Mr Crawley and meets an unexpected new friend. Starring Adam Kotz and Samuel Barnett.

Also included is the documentary *Trollope*, in which poet Michael Symmons Roberts, who dramatised several of the books in this release, sets out to visit the places that inspired Trollope's writing—interrupted at times by Trollope (voiced by Hamilton Berstock) himself.

Cast and credits:

Written by Anthony Trollope.

The Warden

Dramatised by Michael Symmons Roberts.

Directed by Susan Roberts.

Produced by Charlotte Riches.

First broadcast BBC Radio 4, 26th January 2014.

Barchester Towers

Dramatised by Nick Warburton.

Directed by Marion Nancarrow.

Music composed by David Tobin, Jeff Meegan and Julian Gallant.

First broadcast BBC Radio 4, 2nd - 16th February 2014.

Dr Thorne

Dramatised by Michael Symmons Roberts.

Directed by Susan Roberts.

Produced by Charlotte Riches.

Music composed by David Tobin, Jeff Meegan and Julian Gallant.

First broadcast BBC Radio 4, 4th - 18th May 2014.

Framley Parsonage

Dramatised by Nick Warburton.

Directed and produced by Marion Nancarrow.

Music composed by David Robin, Jeff Meegan and Julian Gallant.

First broadcast BBC Radio 4, 31st August - 14th September 2014.

The Small House at Allington

Dramatised by Michael Symmons Roberts.

Directed by Gary Brown.

Produced by Charlotte Riches.

Music composed by David Tobin, Jeff Meegan and Julian Gallant.

First broadcast BBC Radio 4, 21st December 2014 - 4th January 2015.

The Last Chronicle of Barset

Dramatised by Nick Warburton.

Directed and produced by Marion Nancarrow.

Music composed by David Tobin, Jeff Meegan and Julian Gallant.

First broadcast BBC Radio 4, 31st May - 21st June 2015.

Trollope

Presented by Michael Symmons Roberts.

Produced by Faith Lawrence.

First broadcast BBC Radio 4, 3rd January 2014.

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