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The James Herriot Collection



Synopsis

James Herriot illuminated the rich and rewarding day-to-day life of a small-town veterinarian, taking hundreds of thousands of listeners on a journey with him across the dales. He introduces a cast of truly unforgettable characters: humans, dogs, horses, lambsâ •even parakeetsâ •all of them revealed with the same infinite fascination, affection and insight that made James Herriot one of the most beloved authors of our time. The stories are made all the more special by the world-renowned "voice" of Dr. Herriotâ •Christopher Timothy, whose performance warmly and evocatively brings the stories to life. Now his first three classic works, digitally remastered on CD, are brought together in a beautiful gift set sharing with even more listeners the joy of James Herriot.

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Customer Reviews

â œA great opportunity to introduce new listeners to audio.â • â •AudioFileâ œHis message is affectionate, and his four-footed creatures are irresistible.â • â •Time on James Herriotâ œHerriot's skill as a storyteller is classic.â • â •Detroit Free Press on James Herriotâ œHerriot's generous nature and honest concern coupled with Timothy's friendly style are a winning combination.â • â •AudioFile* on Dog Storiesâ œChristopher Timothy portrayed the semi-fictional Yorkshire veterinarian James Herriot in the wonderful BBC television series...he's just as good a reader as he is an actor. His cultured British voice twinkles with humor and shades into heartwarming emotion as appropriate. With his crystal articulation, he is marvelous, and so is the music from the television

series. • • AudioFile on All Creatures Great and Small
Whatever joy one found in [All Creatures Great and Small] is in [All Things Bright and Beautiful], only even more joyous; whatever laughter rippled from the throat in the reading of the first, finds even greater gusto in this one. It is funny, wry, simple in its story but as deep and perceptive of life's truths as the superlative sensitivity of the writer and his talent can make it. • • The Hartford Courant on All Things Bright and Beautiful
Christopher Timothy conveys his relish for the countryside and country folk, not to mention animals.... Herriot's generous nature and honest concern coupled with Timothy's friendly style are a winning combination. • • AudioFile on all programs read by Christopher Timothy

James Herriot was a veterinarian in Yorkshire, England for over half a century until his death in 1995. His bestselling books have sold more than twenty million copies in the English language alone; they include All Creatures Great and Small, All Things Bright and Beautiful, All Things Wise and Wonderful, The Lord God Made Them All, and Every Living Thing. Christopher Timothy starred as James Herriot in All Creatures Great and Small, the internationally renowned BBC television series based on Herriot's work. A veteran of stage, screen, and TV, Mr. Timothy is a winner of the prestigious Sir John Gielgud Scholarship and the Sir Laurence Olivier Award. He also co-produced and starred in a critically acclaimed film version of James Herriot's Yorkshire.

Without a doubt, this show was one of the most superior shows on PBS. I never missed an episode, read all the books and went into mourning when the show went off the air. Now I can go back to Yorkshire and tag along with James Herriot on his vet calls and reminisce right along with him. Christopher Timothy is the perfect choice to narrate and read these books and it's like old home week when you hear him speak and listen to the stories. This is a fantastic set for a great price. If you missed the series on television, you cannot miss these CD's. If you've never read the books, buy this set and be transported back to England and a simpler time. You will love them all as much as I do.

Purchased this collection for a long drive through New England recently because we have enjoyed the CD's from the series and thought perhaps we would enjoy this as well on our drive. The collection did not disappoint especially since it is narrated by Christopher Timothy and has the same feel of the TV series. We found ourselves chuckling along as we have with the tv series and would highly recommend if you are a Herriot fan. There are about 16 hours on each book and have almost made it through the first book of three.

Almost as good as the TV series. You can almost feel that Yorkshire air.

Perfect! These stories are wonderfully written and read..... perfect for a long cross country trip. James Herriot's storytelling ability is unparalleled. He can paint a vivid word picture, that enables the listeners to be there in the moment. Christopher Timothy IS Dr. Herriot! No one else could have put a voice to these stories with the same result; bringing me back to the first time I saw the TV series. His ability to "do" all the various voices in the story is incredible. This series is great for the whole family, providing the earthiness of the scenes such as calf-birthing, are explained to children ahead of time.

I've been a fan of James Herriot for many years and purchased this set as a gift for myself. It's wonderfully entertaining for my long commute and equally suitable for the entire family on road trips. The whimsical characters introduced in these three books are so memorable... the Yorkshire landscape clearly visible through superb writing and the narrator, Christopher Timothy, unparalleled in giving voice to this famous country vet. Highly recommended.

James Herriot is one of the great story tellers. Each one or two chapters tells a story about the animals and the people in the Yorkshire he loves. My one hour commute flies by, and I eagerly move to the next disc. Christopher Timothy brings the stories to life and gives wonderful voice to all the different characters. I read the books as an adolescent, and the audio of the stories brings me even more into the world James Herriot describes.

Years ago, after reading the books, I never missed an episode of the NPR sponsored TV program on Channel 6 in Sacramento, CA. In the early '90's, my son (USAF) and family were sent to England and my husband and I had the wonderful opportunity to visit there and actually toured the Yorkshire dales and countryside. We were able to visit the real home of this wonderful veterinarian and the one used in the making of the television series. Listening to the audio version of the books has brought back vivid memories so real it sometimes brings tears of happiness to my eyes. This is one of my all time favorites and Christopher Timothy is ABSOLUTELY one of the best readers of all times. I have not yet started watching the DVD's but I know I will feel the same. Truly I cannot say enough good things about this collection.

These stories are some of my all time favourite to listen to on long car trips. James Herriot's stories are charming, heart-warming and entertaining. The animal components of the stories are perfect for animal lovers, but the human aspects are just as wonderful! They are particularly great for long car trips because they are broken up into shorter stories which can be enjoyed individually in the event that someone in the car takes a nap, but are also woven together as a whole for the driver!

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