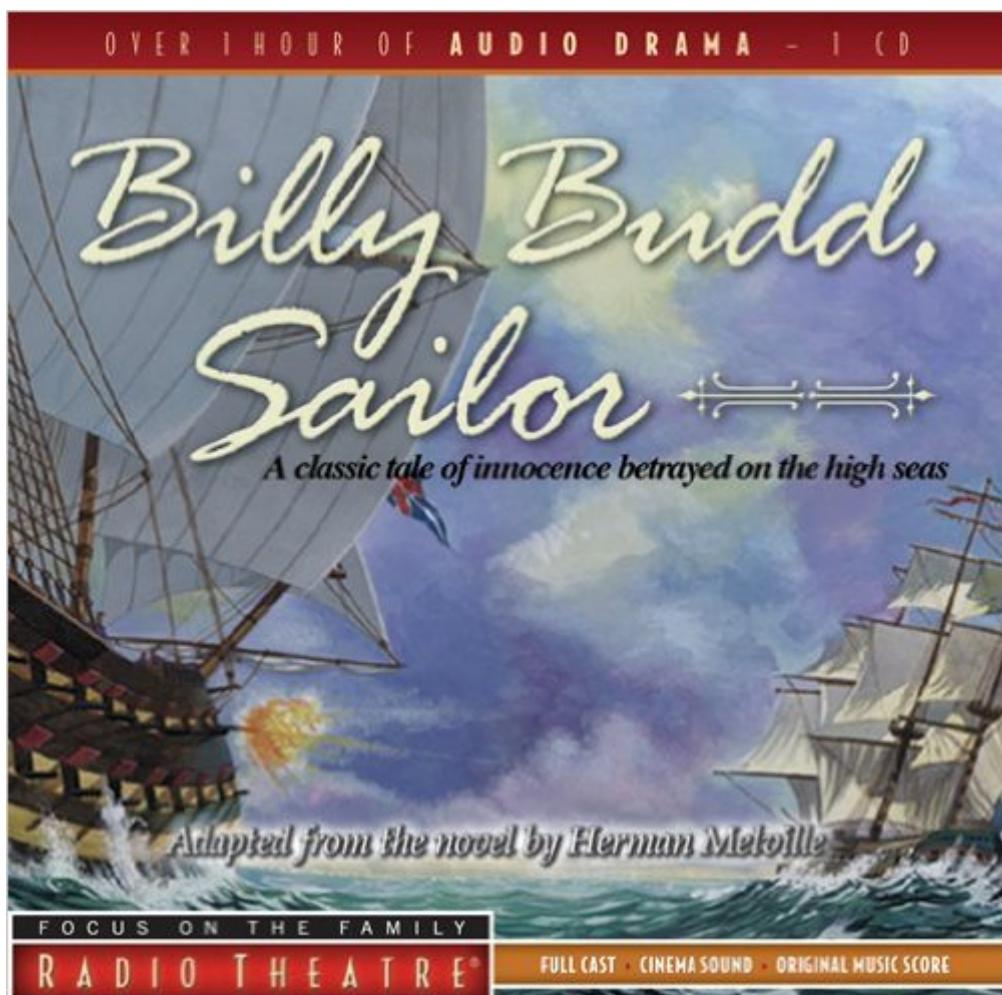


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# Billy Budd, Sailor (Radio Theatre)



## **Synopsis**

Listeners will be captivated by this moving tale of good versus evil through the life of winsome young sailor Billy Budd. Aboard a 1700s British warship, virtuous Billy is unfairly accused of treason by the villainous Master of Arms—a cold-blooded superior officer intent on Billy's destruction. Adapted from Herman Melville's famous novel and presented by Focus on the Family's Peabody Award-winning Radio Theatre team, Billy Budd will remind listeners of another man, perfectly just, who suffered and died a criminal's death.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 and up

Grade Level: 3 and up

## **Customer Reviews**

This cd is very well done ,however I would warn anyone who is going to purchase the story (especially with children listening) that the ending is very sad and does not seem very redeeming. Our family was expecting a happy, or at least, redemptive ending...so the abrupt and unhappy ending was disappointing to us. That doesn't mean it's a bad story, of course, but had I known beforehand I would have chosen a different audio story for our car trip.

This edition of Billy Budd, written by Herman Melville, is another literary classic set to dramatized audio by Focus on the Family. As usual, they do a wonderful job of stirring the imagination and bringing out the themes of the book. I'd highly recommend this production.

I bought this audio dramatization solely on the strength of the fact that it was done by Focus on the Family Radio Theatre. Having listened to several of their productions I know that they are always first-rate. And in terms of production and performance this one was no exception. The disappointment was in the story itself. When I opened the package I was a bit dismayed to see it was only one CD -- I guess I should have checked closer before purchasing. Had I known it was only one CD I probably wouldn't have bought it, knowing that such a short story would necessarily be lacking in development. And so it was. The story of Billy Budd, a young man apparently without flaw, was not only lacking in development but was pointless. Pressed into service on a British warship during the Napoleonic wars, Billy endeared himself to almost everyone with his pleasant disposition, honesty and integrity. There were a few on board, however, who hated him for reasons unknown; he suffered persecution at their hands and ultimately,..... well to say anymore would be a spoiler. Focus on the Family generally chooses stories that are based on issues of right, wrong, injustice, and that have some redemptive quality. Billy Budd, Sailor was lacking in all of these, in spite of Dave Arnold's attempt at the end of the story to draw parallels between the story of Billy and that of Adam or even Jesus. I just didn't see the parallel and I think this was a disappointing choice of a book for them to dramatize.

One disc audio book, that was wonderfully dramatized by the Focus on the Family Radio cast. The story itself is a touching and character building adventure about a young man who is drafted into the Queen's Navy during Napoleon's tirades on Europe. His sweet and humble spirit brings joy to his fellow men, and the people listening to this tale. Well done and a great gift for any child ages 8-14.

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