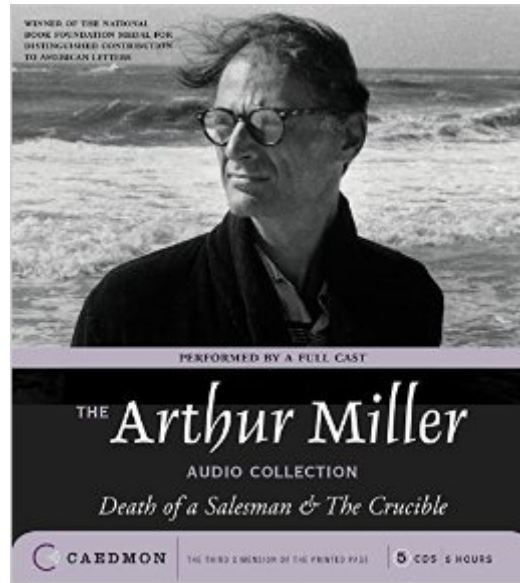


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# The Arthur Miller Audio Collection



## Synopsis

Full cast recordings of two of Arthur Miller's greatest plays: *Death of a Salesman* and *The Crucible*. Featuring Lee J. Cobb (Willy Loman), Mildred Dunnock (Linda Loman), Dustin Hoffman (Bernard) and Jerome Dempsey (Reverend Parris). Arthur Miller's Pulitzer Prize winner, *Death of a Salesman*, which he describes as "the tragedy of a man who gave his life, or sold it" in pursuit of the American Dream, is as relevant today as it was fifty years ago. Directed by Ulu Grosbard and recorded in 1965, this recording includes an introduction read by Arthur Miller. *The Crucible*, first produced in 1953, is Miller's most produced play, addressing mass hysteria, empty piety and collective evil. It is a play that is not only relentlessly suspenseful and vastly moving, but that compels listeners to gather their hearts and consciences in ways that only the greatest theater can. This production was recorded in 1972 and was directed by John Berry.

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## Customer Reviews

Here we have two recordings from 35 and forty three years ago that play as fresh now as then. I admit to finding *The Crucible* ever too grim and real to enter. Why watch this when we see it on the news every day? Cotton Mather travelling from Yale to torture and execute scared people who dared to dance, and to steal their farms under the cover of true faith; like a Yalie cheerleader invading Iraq as Opus Dei "a work of God" rather than the work of British Petroleum and Exxon. Thank God that's done with! You might also experience (I cannot say enjoy) this at *The Crucible* and study it more deeply at *The Crucible* (Viking Critical Library), anywhere but Ignatius (OMG). The main reason I purchased this set is for the 1965 Caedmon recording with, of course, Lee J. Cobb.

Interesting here is Bernard as played by the pre-The Graduate Dustin Hoffman. Further interest lies in Hoffman's later interpretation of Willy Loman himself in Death of a Salesman/ Private Conversations, a much different reading than Cobb's but perhaps more real for our day, more tragic in a small man over-reaching, burned out.

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