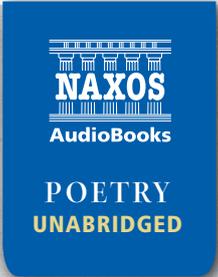




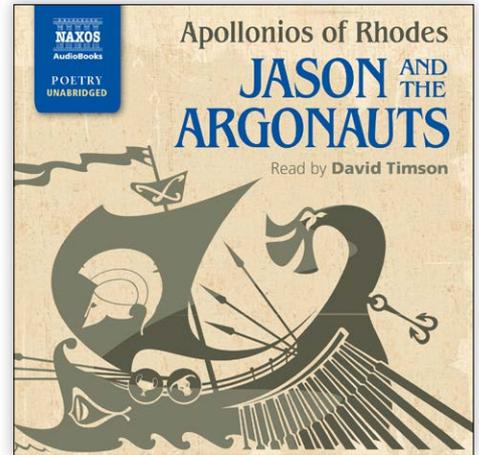
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Apollonios of Rhodes

JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS



Under the order of King Pelias, Jason embarks on a perilous journey to steal the Golden Fleece from the Land of Colchis. Far from heroic, Jason is the typical everyman. He is given to intense bouts of nervousness and anxiety, and is saved on more than one occasion by the sorceress Medea, Jason's love interest, and his band of heroes: Castor and Pollux, Heracles, the musician Orpheus and the flying brothers Zetes and Calais. They encounter clashing rocks at the Bosphorus; an all-female parliament at Lemnos, where the women have slaughtered the men; harpies who plague the prophet Phineas; King Amycus, a champion boxer; an army of men who spring from the ground; and, of course, the never-sleeping dragon who guards the Golden Fleece. Often compared with Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, *Jason and the Argonauts* is the only surviving poem from the Hellenistic period and was hugely influential on later literature, especially the Roman poetry of Virgil and Ovid.



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2 From Argos came Talaos and Areios...	7:37	22 So spoke the son of Aeakos; and Telamon's...	12:15
3 Now when all things had been made ready...	11:08	23 She spoke, making trial of her sister...	9:40
4 Now when they had carefully paid heed...	8:52	24 Now as soon as the maiden saw the light...	12:23
5 Now when gleaming dawn with bright eyes...	8:28	25 Thus he spoke, honouring her; and she...	10:33
6 Meantime from the ship the chiefs...	9:14	26 Now when Aison's son had joined his...	7:35
7 Such then were the gifts of the Tritonian...	11:10	27 Now Aison's son, as soon as his comrades...	9:08
8 From there did they row with eagerness...	10:48	28 Book 4	13:06
9 After this, fierce tempests arose...	10:36	29 Dawn was spreading over the earth...	8:34
10 Alone of his comrades the hero Polyphemos...	8:18	30 Now some of the Colchians, in a vain search...	12:54
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12 But when the sun rising from far lands...	9:59	32 Now when she had dismissed the fears...	10:56
13 Meanwhile the chiefs carefully cleansed...	10:42	33 Thus she spoke, and Thetis answered...	10:33
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15 Now when divine light has not yet come...	9:40	35 And straight away they mingled a bowl...	7:09
16 Thus all day long they revelled at the banquet.	10:40	36 Now had they left behind the gulf...	13:14
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