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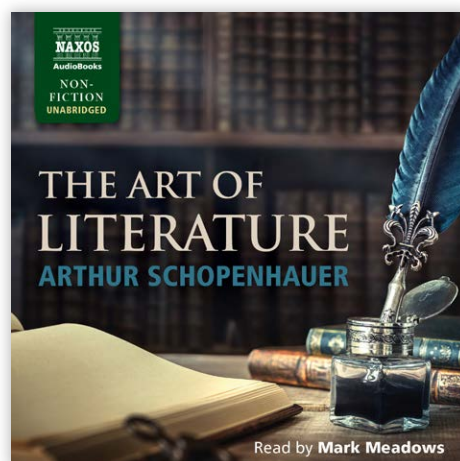
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Arthur Schopenhauer's *The Art of Literature* is a lively, illuminating and brutally honest collection of essays on literary style and values, writers and critics, and the nature of genius. The volume is comprised of eight chapters: On Authorship, On Style, On the Study of Latin, On Men of Learning, On Thinking for Oneself, On Criticism, On Reputation and On Genius. Schopenhauer advises seclusion and independent thought, criticises Pliny's reading habits, and explains the pitfalls of certain schools of thought and even virtues like modesty. His thought-provoking arguments, caustic wit and accessible style make this a must for any aspiring writer.



Mark Meadows has recorded over 80 audiobook titles, for a large number of publishers, and can be heard frequently on BBC Radio, with shows including *Book at Bedtime*. He is a former musical director of the Swingle Singers and has various theatre and recording credits as composer and arranger, in addition to his numerous stage-acting credits. For Naxos AudioBooks he has read Kierkegaard's *Fear and Trembling*, More's *Utopia* and *The Confessions of St Augustine*.



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1	The Art of Literature	10:54	11	Those who are so zealous and eager to settle...	11:01
2	The reader should study, if he can, the real authors...	9:01	12	History, which I like to think of as the contrary...	11:52
3	On Style	8:24	13	On Criticism	13:58
4	But those authors I have named are like certain...	8:40	14	The source of all pleasure and delight is the feeling...	12:45
5	I have alluded to the tediousness which marks...	9:24	15	On Reputation	11:45
6	For the same reason Goethe's naïve poetry...	14:13	16	Contrarily, a reputation that is to last a long time...	13:24
7	On the Study of Latin	9:08	17	This being so, it is a prime condition for doing...	13:15
8	On Men of Learning	14:14	18	On Genius	10:54
9	On Thinking for Oneself	10:34	19	By itself, genius can produce original thoughts...	14:10
10	Those who have spent their lives in reading...	9:03	20	If the listener will consider the extent to which...	12:15

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