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who had only begun his employment that very day, and who was looking forward to a calm life of predictability. This tongue-in-cheek humor sets the tone for the entire story, which is filled with adventure, mishaps, and humorous irony. Fogg is beset by one obstacle after another, not the least of which is Inspector Fix, who doggedly follows Fogg believing he is the notorious criminal who robbed a London bank on the very day that Phileas Fogg set out on his adventure (all of which Fogg is totally unaware). Will Phileas Fogg be able to overcome it all in time to make it back to London by 8:45 pm on December 21, the precise time at which he must appear in his club in order to win his bet? Although the characters are little more than caricatures who always show the same mood, still they are fun characters. And the reader soon becomes so swept up in Verne's highly imaginative tale that it is easy to forgive him for the lack of character development. Verne's depiction of non-English cultures will strike the modern reader as stereotypic and bigoted; still, one must consider the prevailing opinions of the times in which Verne wrote, and remember that this is, above all, a fantastic adventure story meant to be purely entertaining. Jim Dale is a fabulous narrator, giving each character a distinct voice which lends even more color to this already colorful story. He does an excellent job with the couple of American characters, something which almost no British narrator is able to do. This is one I will listen to again, and I recommend it as enjoyable, lighthearted entertainment. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun for a night or fun for eighty days.....just pure fun! By KBA great Verne classic! In particular this edition is worth every penny! The pages are of thick cardstock and the dust jacket is just fantastic! The illustrations really bring the story to life. And the story is of course riveting. A GREAT classic!! This edition is one of those books that will be an heirloom. It is hardy enough in construction (includes a bright satin ribbon as a bookmark!) to endure and the story will be relevant forever. Again a wonderful classic presented in such a way to rival the characters and plot. I would gladly recommend this book and the others in the series to others, and as a mom of five and a nanny to many this book can be appreciated and enjoyed for many, many years. A great investment to encourage reading, creative writing and most especially time with your children reading together!! The other books in this series (Sterling Illustrated Classics) are also of great quality.

In "Around the World in 80 Days" we join Michael Palin on the first of his great adventures. Following in the footsteps of the fictional Phileas Fogg, he makes real the journey which author Jules Verne imagined more than a century earlier. From the opulence of the "Orient Express" to the lurching progress of an Egyptian camel, from the hot and lively streets of Madras to the lofty heights of a hot-air balloon over Colorado, there is never a dull moment in this hilarious account of a journey full of surprises. "Around the World in 80 Days" is essential reading for every would-be traveller. Writing in his characteristically engaging and witty style, Palin paints a vivid picture of the people and places around him, reinforcing his reputation as one of the world's favourite travel writers. 'His easy-going charm and passion for discovery are captivating.' - "The Daily Express". 'Palin recounts the journey charmingly in daily diary entries. Beautifully illustrated, the book shows the programme's virtues, such as Palin's enthusiasm and naturalness.' - "The Observer".

About the Author Michael Palin established his reputation with Monty Python's Flying Circus and Ripping Yarns. His work also includes several films with Monty Python as well as The Missionary, A Private Function, an award-winning performance as Ken in A Fish Called Wanda, and Fierce Creatures.