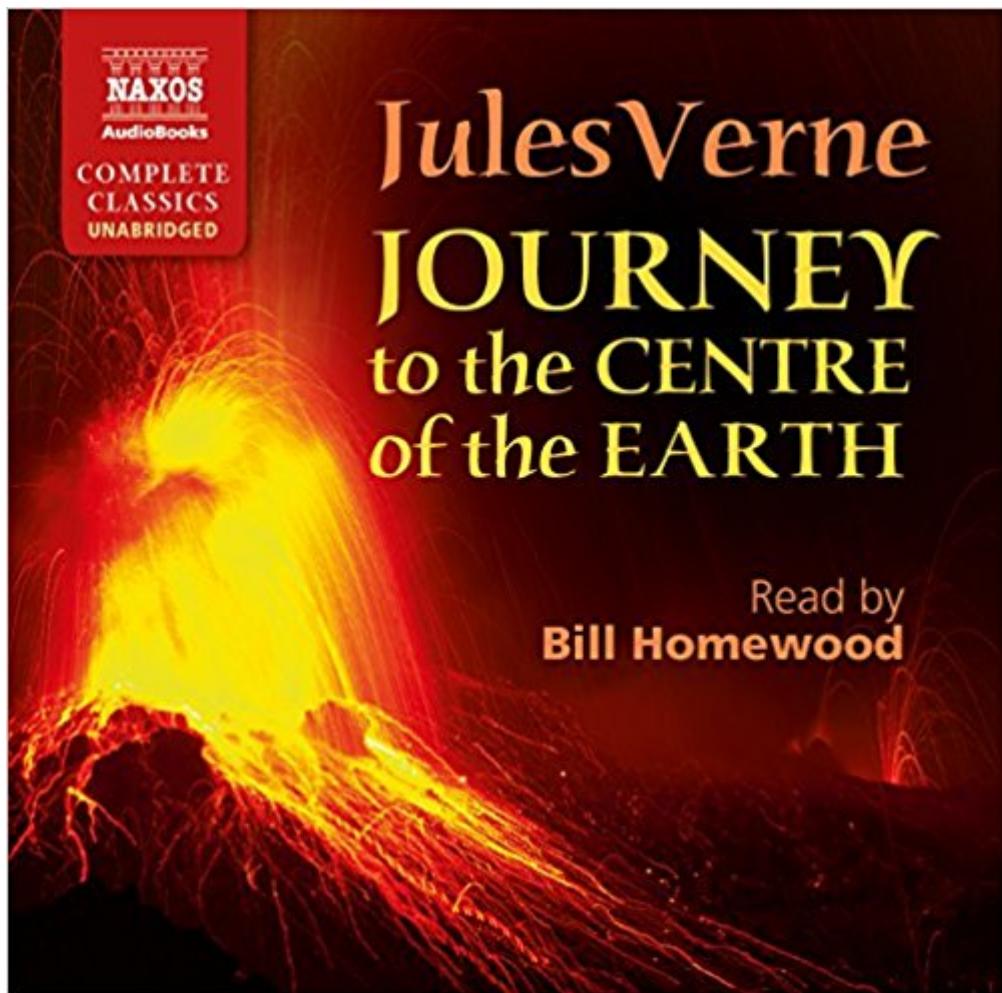


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# Journey To The Centre Of The Earth



## Synopsis

The story begins in Hamburg, 1863. The brilliant Professor Lidenbrock, inspired by an ancient, encoded manuscript, impulsively decides to take his reluctant nephew Axel on a seemingly insane mission: to travel down volcanic tunnels to the very centre of the earth. With Hans, their intrepid Icelandic guide, they descend deeper and deeper, encountering terrifying prehistoric animals and passing through unimaginably beautiful landscapes. Will Axel ever again see his beloved fiance Graben? All is revealed in the incredible drouement of this thrilling adventure.

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## Customer Reviews

I am making myself go through this, but find it really in the class with watching paint dry. The science is so outdated that it is agonizing. There are exciting moments, but you are all the way to chapter 30 before they get out of the tunnel. I am reading and listening to the Audiobook with Tim Curry as narrator. He does a fabulous job. The Main character whines a lot, but I have to say that I am totally in agreement with him most of the time. What the book captures is the human need for adventure and awe at the contemplation of the created world. And you have plenty of time for contemplation in the fifteen odd chapters you spend in a tunnel. The ending takes deus ex machina to new heights as well.

My favorite movie turns out to be a very interesting book because of what is left in and left out of the 1959 film. A lot of Verne's ideas and imagination are present in the movie which was a life changing experience for me at eight years old. I fell into a lifelong love affair with movies. Too bad television is

better than the movies now. "Interstellar" like "Journey" inspired me. Interestingly, the Pat Boone character is the narrator in the book. Well written script by Billy Wilder's former co-writer whose name I can't remember right now (Was it I. A. L. Diamond?) By all means see the movie and read the book. It's free on Netflix and James Mason is great.

A novel that takes its reader on a grand adventure from page one is sure to be a good one. Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne is just one example of such a novel. The story grabs you right from the beginning. Narrated by the main character's nephew, we are taken on a journey from beginning to end that is as exhilarating as any ride at Disneyland. Having dreamed of being an adventurer since he was a child, Mr. Verne managed to channel some of that energy into his writing, while at the same time pleasing his father and becoming a lawyer. The story opens with Professor Lidenbrock finding a book written in Icelandic. The book is not as important as what is found inside the book, however. A piece of parchment with a series of letters written in a Runic language is found tucked among the pages, setting off a frenzy for the professor (and by association, his nephew, Axel) to find out what the parchment says. Once Professor Lidenbrock and Axel translate what is written we get into the meat of the story - the journey to the center of the Earth. Their journey begins with Axel and Professor Lidenbrock going to Iceland, where they spend time trying to learn more about the person who wrote the note on the parchment. While there, they also acquire a guide who will go with them on their visit to Snafell and into the center of the Earth. He proves an excellent guide and his efforts are appreciated by the professor and his nephew. Throughout the book, the professor never gives up on getting to the center of the earth. He is bound and determined not to let anything stop him, despite the many protestations of Axel, who is ready to turn back at the first sign of trouble. I wouldn't label Axel a skeptic, but he is definitely more cautious than his uncle and tends to think something is going to go wrong. I know that those things would make the reader immediately label Axel a skeptic, but in the end he does come around to the adventure and is willing to see it through to the end. Throughout the story, the trio is faced with a variety of obstacles but they overcome all of them with grace and come out for the better on the other side. It's hard to review this book without giving anything anyway. However, I will say this (without spoilers): I wish there were a sequel and this is one of the most well-written books I've read in a long time. Mr. Verne certainly did his research (and copious amounts of it) for this novel. He crams a lot into a little space (the book, not including notes, checks in at 288 pages), but the detail is impressive. He also provides 30-plus pages of notes at the end, to explain all the people, places, and objects he refers to throughout the novel. I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I love a story that grabs me right from the

beginning and doesn't let go until the end. I give it five out of five stars and would suggest it to anyone who likes a good adventure story.

This is a nice book. I've read a few pages of it every day for years. It relaxes me and prepares me for bed. I avoid the parts where there's a lot of excitement or deadly peril. I bought a recent copy of this for a few dollars on . Nice leather-like cover and excellent condition. My other copy had become worn out. What a story!

This is a review on the Bantam Classic paperback book and the free Kindle version of Journey to The Centre of the Earth. I'm going to keep it short because everyone had already said all that needs to be said about the book's plot, it's content, and the real vs. bogus translation issue. The Bantam Classic version starts out: "It was on Sunday, the 24th of May, 1863 that my uncle, Professor Lindenbrock, came rushing suddenly back to his little house in the old part of Hamburg, No. 19, Königstrasse." It is a "Axel" version, the real translation, not the bogus. On the other hand however, the free Kindle version is the "Harry" version, the bogus translation. It starts out: "Looking back to all that has occurred to me since that eventful day, I am scarcely able to believe in the reality of my adventures. They were truly so wonderful that even now I am bewildered when I think of them." Very different, no?

I've wanted to read Journey To The Center of The Earth for quite a while now. Picked up the Dover Thrift addition, and I am very happy with it. Pretty cheap book, but only price wise. Besides the lower price, it's a great book. I really enjoyed the story, and how well it is written. I can now fully appreciate why this book is a classic.

I never got the chance to read all the good literature out there, and this was one of them. The classics are worth the read. Conan Doyle's work is still used in law enforcement today. Just because they are old does not mean that they are not pertinent to today's world.

For me, this is a timeless story of science fiction. Verne seems to use the best available science information to write a captivating and almost believable story of what a journey beneath the earth might be like. The full and expressive use of the English language is very refreshing in this modern day when we currently seem to have lost the ability to choose some of the more appropriate words in the language. I had to constantly look up definitions of words that I had long ago forgotten the

meaning of. It was also entertaining to compare the James Mason movie version of the story to the original book. Try it, I believe you will enjoy!

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