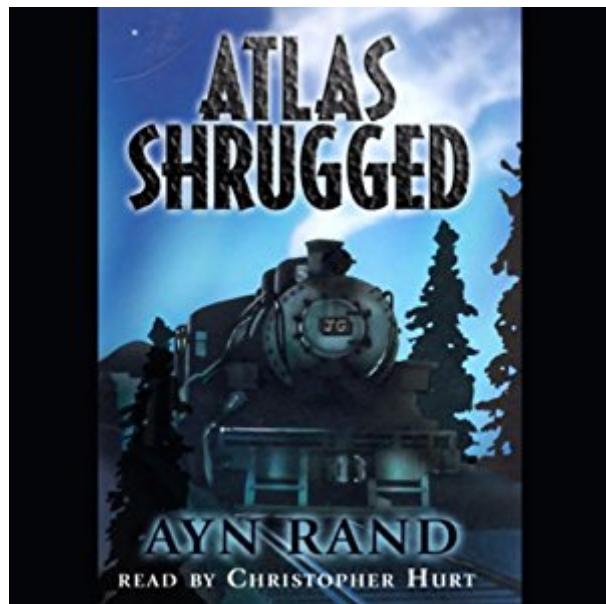


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# Atlas Shrugged



## **Synopsis**

[This is the Complete Library Edition Audiobook CD (50 cds) in vinyl case.] A new reading of the ultra-popular novel by Ayn Rand featuring Audie Award winning narrator Scott Brick. In a scrap heap within an abandoned factory, the greatest invention in history lies dormant and unused. By what fatal error of judgment has its value gone unrecognized, its brilliant inventor punished rather than rewarded for his efforts? In defense of those greatest of human qualities that have made civilization possible, one man sets out to show what would happen to the world if all the heroes of innovation and industry went on strike. Is he a destroyer or a liberator? And why does he fight his hardest battle not against his enemies but against the woman he loves? Tremendous in scope and breathtaking in its suspense, *Atlas Shrugged* is Ayn Rand's magnum opus, an electrifying moral defense of capitalism and free enterprise which launched an ideological movement and gained millions of loyal fans around the world. *Atlas Shrugged* is the "second most influential book for Americans today" after the Bible, according to a joint survey conducted by the Library of Congress and the Book of the Month Club. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

A deep writing on production and self interest; the basics of economics and how to grow one. It is a long book with rather be-laboured descriptions that can be exhaustive. If you can overlook this then it is a insightful book that is thoughtfully written.

Ayn Rand is a genius

Epic novel by Ayn Rand, founder of the philosophy of Objectivism. She put something like 15 years into condensing it into this novel. A classic!

As my all-time favorite book it was the perfect gift to my neighbor's daughter who is entering college this fall. Entertaining, fast-paced, enlightening, inspires the mind and one of the best descriptions of the United States' deplorable condition today. Conditions brought about by the same characters who inhabit Ayn Rand's masterpiece.

Atlas Shrugged is a philosophical book written about the concept of Objectivism in the eyes of Ayn Rand. It does an excellent job of portraying the concept through the story line of a railroad tycoon, explaining productivity and the creation of wealth as well as how wealth can disappear. It is heavily biased against social concepts, so readers should keep an open mind when reading the book. Many things do not match up with reality. Ayn Rand's experiences stems from her interaction with communism in Russia, which she was heavily against, but I get that there are certain social behaviors that she could not comprehend when I read her works.

"Atlas Shrugged" is a complex book combining politics, philosophy, and economics in fiction about the lives of idealized men and women of particular moral character and ability. A person may take either a liberal or conservative perspective on the story, and both may come away deeply offended. Rand occasionally cuts too close to the philosophical bone rendering many of her premises in the book nonsensical (later refined and restated more reasonably in her philosophical works). Not a book for the feeble minded who quote it as though it were guide or even holy book on politics, philosophy, and economics. It is fiction! It is meant to make the reader think about their nature and our society. One wonders what effect cell phones, the internet, and embedded microprocessors would have had on the society she builds and if our world today might follow the story line.

Great book. However it could have been done in 600 pages instead of 1200. Gets a little preachy in spots. I would recommend it but it takes dedication to get through it.

The font was WAYYY to small and hurt the eyes. The book is good, but get a different copy...

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