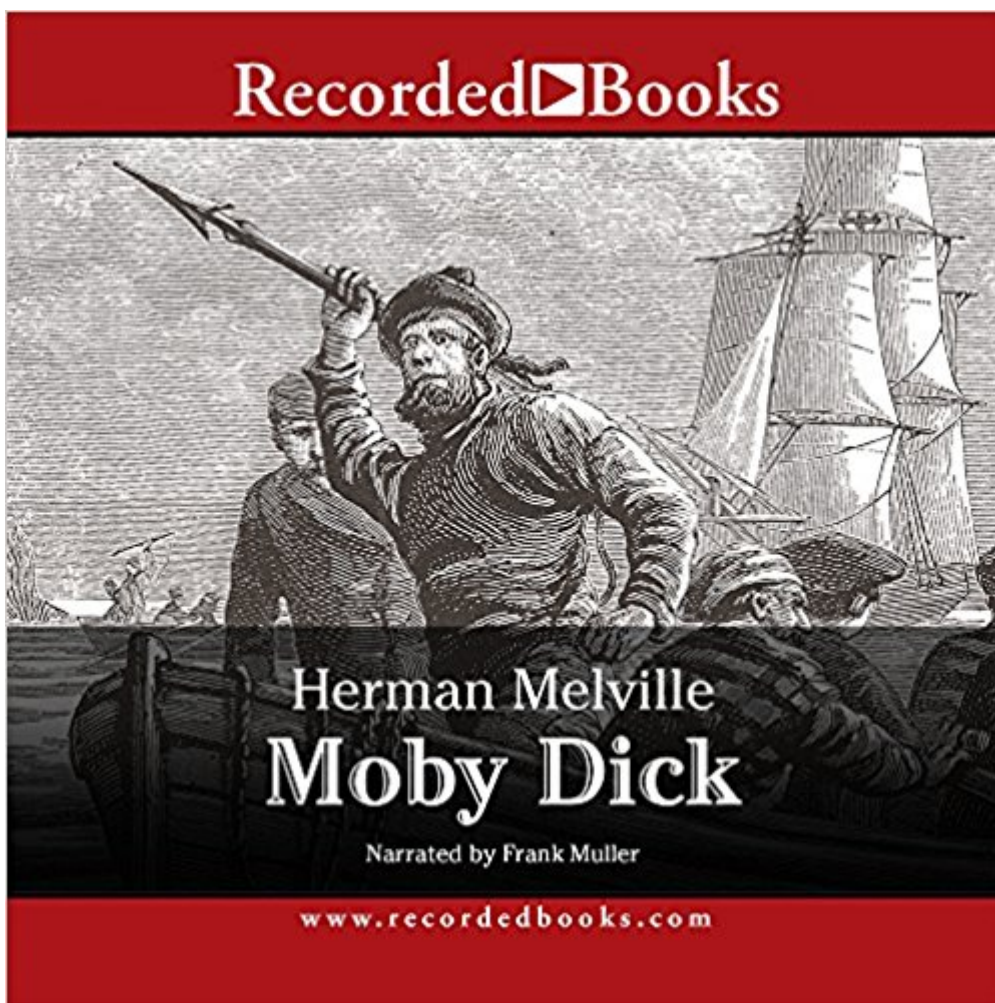




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Customer Reviews

I can understand why it was not popular in its time. What I cant understand is how it ever became popular. It is simply a turgid, unreadable slog.

I was looking forward to rereading this wonderful classic, but in never loaded onto my Kindle.

Classic!

Classic. I read it to my son at night. He is 4 months so I doubt he listened lol but I enjoyed it

Great classic story of the struggles between man and nature. The fury of an animal against the fury and revenge of man.

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