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# Vivat Rex: Volume One (Dramatisation): Landmark Drama From The BBC Radio Archive



## Synopsis

Richard Burton narrates this famous dramatic chronicle of the English Crown, a treasure of the BBC radio archive published on CD for the very first time. Vivat Rex is the landmark drama series first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1977. Over the course of 26 instalments, each one narrated by Richard Burton with a full cast, the fortunes of the English Crown are followed through 225 years of British history, from Edward II's accession in 1307 to the birth of Elizabeth I. This first volume includes the first 13 instalments, beginning with John Hurt's portrayal of Edward II. The stellar cast includes John Hurt, Paul Eddington, Keith Michell, Derek Jacobi, Michael Redgrave, Maureen O'Brien, Patrick Troughton, Timothy West, Robert Hardy, Martin Jarvis, Anthony Quayle, Robert Harris, Robert Powell, June Whitfield, Roy Dotrice, Billie Whitelaw, and Colin Baker. Each drama is adapted by Martin Jenkins from the works of Shakespeare, Marlowe, and their Elizabethan contemporaries, and each includes a stirring musical score by Christopher Whelen. Also included in this collection are bonus interviews with Vivat Rex writer, producer and director, Martin Jenkins, studio manager Enyd Williams, and actor Martin Jarvis, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra.

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## Customer Reviews

Richard Burton was a Welsh actor.

These two volumes of BBC Radio dramatizations are a wonderful find! Great actors and actresses

in great plays - mostly by Shakespeare, but also by Christopher Marlowe, et al. If 26, or even 13 CD's seems like a lot, believe me, you won't want it ever to end. The story of the English crown from Edward II through the Wars of the Roses and on to the birth of Elizabeth I. Highly recommended.

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