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Doctor Who: The New Series: The Diary Of River Song



Synopsis

An epic four-hour adventure that takes River Song across space and time, seeking out the secret rulers of the universe. 1. THE BOUNDLESS SEA by Jenny T Colgan. Drawn out of self-imposed academic exile by an archaeological dig, River crosses paths with British Consul Bertie Potts - leading to a secret buried in a lost tomb...2. I WENT TO A MARVELLOUS PARTY by Justin Richards. River is invited to the most exclusive gathering; right in the middle of Hyperspace! Hosts Gifford and Isabella hold a connection to the mysterious Rulers of the Universe; but with a murderer on board, is River too late to discover the truth? 3. SIGNS by James Goss. River is on the trail of mysterious, planet-killing SporeShips. Her only aid is a handsome time-travelling stranger with a connection to her future - her husband, Mr Song. 4. THE RULERS OF THE UNIVERSE by Matt Fitton. The Eighth Doctor is drawn into events, as River must contend with a secret society and a face-off with an ancient alien force - with her future husband caught in the middle! Long awaited by fans of Doctor Who both old and new, Big Finish are delighted to welcome Alex Kingston back to reprise her River Song character first seen in 2008 on TV. She was seen as the Doctor's wife in TV episode The Wedding of River Song, but her twisted timeline means she and the Doctor rarely see events from the same perspective! Aside from her iconic turn in Doctor Who, Alex Kingston's well known in both the UK and US for her regular roles in E.R., Arrow, Upstairs Downstairs, and The Knock. Guest actor Alexander Vlahos is best known to Big Finish listeners as Dorian Gray, and was recently on Broadway in Kenneth Branagh's production of Macbeth. CAST: Alex Kingston (River Song), Paul McGann (The Doctor), Alexander Vlahos (Bertie Potts), Alexander Siddig (Marcus Gifford), Imogen Stubbs (Isabella Clerkwel), Gbemisola Ikumelo (Prim), Charlotte Christie (Daphne Garsington), Alisdair Simpson (Colonel Lifford), Oliver Dimsdale (Archie Ferrers), John Banks (Professor Straiton), Letty Butler (Spritz), John Voce (Jenkins), Aaron Neil.

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Customer Reviews

The audio adventures of River Song has just begun, and it's a tremendous beginning. This first series consists of four stories not exactly from River's diary (although I'm sure they are later written in it after the events unfold), but the diary itself is vital to the plot. I love River's character, and Alex Kingston's performance shined especially on audio recording. I usually end up buying anything that's River Song included, but I was really looking forward to the combination of Alex Kingston and Paul McGann recording together. I like to read the writer's notes before diving into the audio of each CD, but what had me initially confused was Matt Fitton's ("The Rulers of the Universe") explanation that River "knows their [the Doctor and River's] shared history can only begin with his Tenth incarnation..." which is something she has not experienced yet (being still alive and all) so how can she know this? The only reasonable explanation that I can think of is that she was told, perhaps accidentally by the Doctor or by stories she heard similar to her situation on Darillium in "The Husbands of River Song". I'm looking forward to future (or is it past) interactions between the Eighth Doctor and River in Doom Coalition 2. In THE BOUNDLESS SEA, River has to stop a zombie apocalypse (sort of) in the early 20th century; in I WENT TO A MARVELOUS PARTY, River tries to solve a murder mystery while trapped on a spaceship with a bunch of megalomaniacs; in SIGNS, River joins up with her husband, Mr. Song, in trying to stop some planet-killing ships; and in THE RULERS OF THE UNIVERSE, River aids the Eighth Doctor in facing off against the original owners of the planet-killing ships as well as the megalomaniacs who orchestrated most of these events. I feel like there are still some holes left in the story, such as the origin of Bertie Potts, but I suspect we'll be able to explore those more when series 2 comes out. Overall, this series is a must have for all fans of Doctor Who.

This audio spin-off from the Doctor Who series begins blandly, but gains depth and interest over the course of the four episodes. The series plays like old-style radio theater, with minimal sound effects and much left to the listener's imagination. Little would make sense here for listeners not already steeped in the Doctor's universe. Fans of River Song will enjoy another glimpse of her operating on her own, as well as the return of the Eighth Doctor. Plot twists don't match the best of the televised episodes, but the "Diary of River Song" does provide some surprises.

I'm without words on how to review this other than I absolutely loved it, and find it one of the best Audio books I have listened to. River was spot on River, and it was so good to follow her with another adventure. I've been wanting River to meet the Eighth Doctor for so long, and I never thought they'd do it, but here it happened and it was perfect, and I was so happy they met! Can't wait to listen to the next River Song adventure from Big Finish.

Very good stories, but if she isn't with the Dr., most of the beings she is surrounded by are a bit boring and dull which takes away from her sparkle.

This is a set of three radio plays centered around River Song, a character from Doctor Who. Why the autogenerated review questions imply it's an audiobook is beyond me. Well produced, well acted, very engrossing. I am a River fan, so am very partial, but I will listen to more of the Big Finish works based on this set. The depth of sound and effect is stunning.

Honestly. It was really great! I am a big fan of River Song so I was very excited about this purchase. River Song is perfect in this series. She is at her best here without the Doctor, which was bound to happen once her character was created, she holds herself high in all her high heels and emotional depth, in these stories, it explores the character's depth of her morals of what was missing in the TV series, which made the angle of the decisions more interesting in play. Overall it's worth getting the audio set, but I'm not giving it full stars because some of the characters in the stories weren't as strong or memorable in evolving much of plots if it weren't for River. Like they are there but you won't have the need of acknowledgement to hold them long to not forget them.

I haven't really been a huge fan of radio type audio books, but this one was extremely good. Also loved the extras cd at the end, it was great to hear some of the behind the scenes sort of stuff that goes on with a project like this. I really hope they do some more of these stories with River Song, and maybe also Clara, that would be great.

Fantastic story. Loved River and the 8th Doctor together.

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